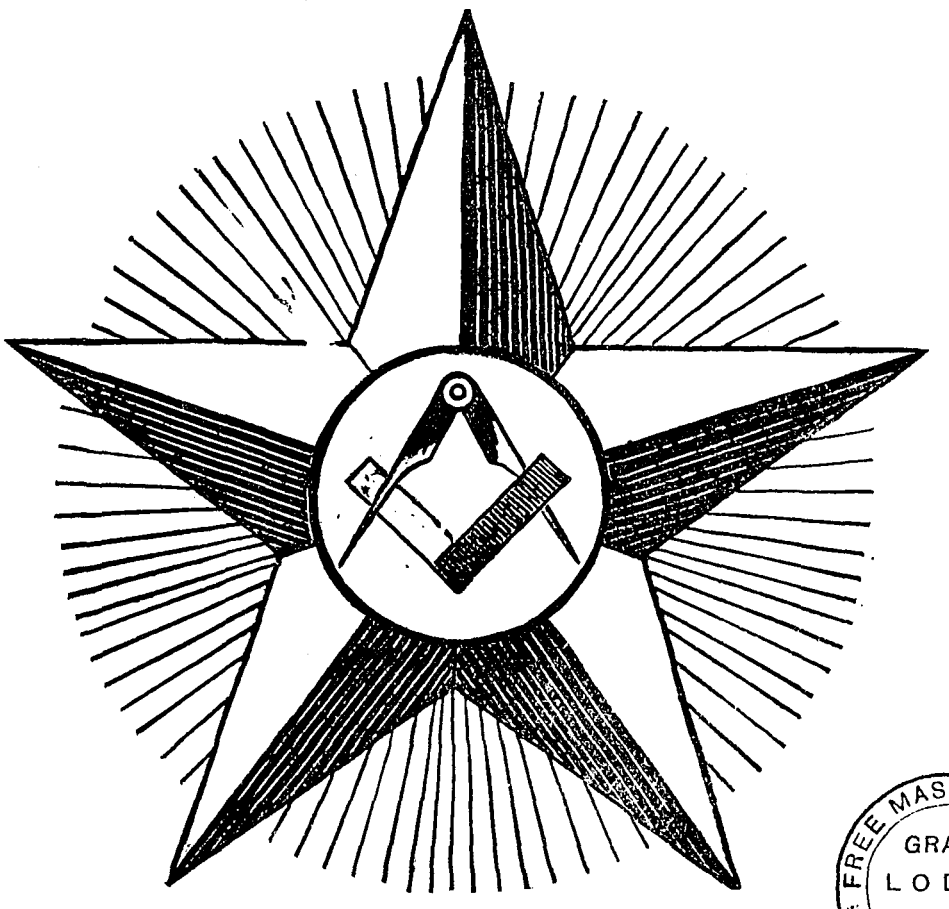
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To their subsequent volumes, there is seen
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Of things to come."

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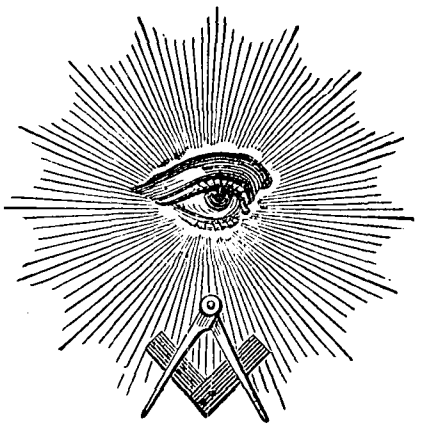
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Our Programme.

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"WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL."

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IN presenting this, the first number of a weekly journal the great aim of which will be to set before its readers all matters of interest which will affect the great Masonic Brotherhood, it cannot be otherwise than necessary that we should explain the nature of our intent, the reasons which have induced the venture, and the lines upon which we hope to raise a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders.

The English Craft has already two weekly publications which have for some years past faithfully done good service to Freemasonry; and although doubtless we may be by them considered as intruders into their presumed especial domains, it will be our earnest endeavour to avoid all things outside our own independent working which could possibly disturb the good relations ordinarily existing between journalists. Our first desire is to place within reach of those who seek to be informed of current events in Freemasonry, but object to so large a contribution to masonic journalism as has been heretofore required from them, a weekly record of interesting occurrences and communications at a price so nearly nominal that no individual member of our Order could possibly consider his outlay extravagant. We believe there is a large field for our labour in this respect, and that the addition of a third masonic organ, at a third of the cost of our larger contemporaries, will be hailed with satisfaction by thousands of our brethren who have hitherto been debarred from sharing in the gratification resulting from acquaintance with masonic doings from week to week. And in this regard we have every confidence that our venture will be pecuniarily beneficial to ourselves: that whilst we shall be making provision for a great want we shall secure adhesion to our principles and a ready sale for the medium of their expression. Thus a mutual obligation would in reality become a mere interchange of benefits, and both subscribers and proprietors would "meet on the level."

The intention of THE MASONIC STAR is to act squarely and independently of all external influences; to discuss Masonic questions temperately and with strict impartiality; to uphold in all controversy the rules and constitutions of Freemasonry; to be candid yet kind in all its reports, and where persons are concerned to give to every man his just due, and that without distinction. Whilst TEMPERANCE shall restrain us on all occasions when expressing our own opinions, FORTITUDE shall be our constant companion when strength of argument is necessary to expose a wrong; PRUDENCE shall regulate our reason and judgment when reflecting on the circumstances which may surround the actions of others; and above all, JUSTICE shall be our standard when exercising our efforts to point out the principles of equity in any given direction. We shall keep in view before us at all times those emblems which adorn our Brotherhood, and endeavour to promote to the utmost of our humble ability the best interests of the Craft we love so dearly.

Secretaries of Lodges and Scribes of Chapters, &c., will greatly oblige us by forwarding notices of forthcoming meetings, and information relating to Masonic matters of local or general interest to the Craft. Every attention shall be given to their requirements in respect of same, and we shall be happy at all times to reciprocate their favors to the full extent of our power.

N.B.—If Worshipful Masters of Lodges, or Secretaries of Lodges of Instruction, should fail to receive a copy of this number of THE MASONIC STAR, a communication to the Editor is solicited, and the omission shall be rectified.

Lodge Officers.

Their Qualifications, Duties and Responsibilities.

"DISTINCTIONS amongst men are necessary to preserve subordination." Such are the words of the Masonic Ritual in explanation of our symbol of equality the Level. At first view it seems paradoxical that where perfect equality springing out of mystic union exists, there should be such "distinction" as is expressed by the appointment or election of "rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate." But, in point of fact, there is no paradox. The constitution of our Order and its laws and regulations are of a purely democratic character, and every brother has the exercise of an equal right in respect of the manner in which, and the persons by whom, the conduct of proceedings, not only in his own Lodge, but in that higher body from which its character is derived, shall be undertaken. In the universal suffrage by which each subscribing Member of the Craft can declare his own mind as to who should in the first place rule and govern his particular Lodge and be his legitimate delegate for the purpose of subordinate appointments therein, and in the second place his representative in the election of the "Chief Head and Ruler," is to be found that equality which is one of the characteristics of our Order. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the great power which such equality confers should be not only carefully preserved but judiciously exercised, and that each and all of its possessors should know how to use it as occasion may require. We purpose to submit our views on this matter, and set before our readers, from week to week, what we hope may be valuable hints and information as to the qualifications which candidates for office should possess, the nature of the duties which devolve upon them in their respective appointments, and the responsibilities which attach to them in regard to the faithful discharge of such duties. Without further argument in support of our intention than is above written, we introduce the first of our Lodge Officers,

The Worshipful Master.

THERE are many Members of our Craft who have no conception of the symbolism connected with the important and dignified position of the Chief Ruler of a Lodge of Freemasons. Beyond the statement that his Collar of Office is the highest honour it is in the power of the Lodge to bestow, their minds are perfectly unenlightened as to the attributes which distinguish his title of "Worshipful Master." The gavel with which he has been entrusted for purposes of Order merely completes in their estimation the necessary complement of ordinary Chairmanship; for they have forgotten, if indeed they have ever heard, the solitary reference to his grand prototype, which in the course of ceremonial is, or should be, enunciated. In order that they might well consider before using their prerogative of suffrage, such Brethren should know that the occupant of the Eastern Chair is the representative of King Solomon, and is the chief of the three pillars which support a Lodge. His symbol, as such support, is the Ionic Column of Architecture, denominated by Freemasons the Pillar of Wisdom, representing which his business is to exert his judgment and penetration in contriving the most proper and efficient means for completing the intended work of whatsoever nature it may be, or, in other words, to instruct his Brethren in all matters connected with the system of Freemasonry. To qualify him for such position and business, it should be absolutely necessary, and not merely presumed, that he should possess in an enlarged degree those several excellences which are set forth in the questions addressed to him prior to his Installation. He should have evinced during the whole of his Membership and by the discharge of the duties of subordinate offices his untiring zeal on behalf of the Institution and the welfare of his Lodge, and have acquired administrative skill as well as a knowledge of the science and its landmarks. His courtesy of manner should be beyond all question, for, unless the "suaviter in modo" is combined with the "fortiter in re," offence is easily given and frequently too readily taken. There should be no reservation in the matter of firmness of principle, for any lapse in that respect cannot fail to bring discredit on Master and Lodge alike. He should be well conversant with ceremonial ritual and fully understand its meaning both in regard to symbolism and verbiage, for insufficiency in that regard excites feelings of shame and regret amongst the Brethren for the choice they have made in selecting him for supreme authority. And whilst thus referring to some few of the many qualifications for the position of Worshipful Master, we cannot refrain from condemning that departure from ancient practice by which the presentation to a Board of Installed Masters, for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting on the suitability of the candidate for the Master's Chair *prior to his election* is made void and of no effect. On this subject we shall probably dilate at greater length in future issues. As matters now stand, except as to some most honourable exceptions, the presentation of a Candidate to a duly qualified board before Installation is entirely neglected, and thereby one of the greatest safeguards to the general welfare of our Lodges removed.

The duties of the Worshipful Master during the period of his tenure of Office are at once onerous and numerous. In him, notwithstanding the share in the well-ruling and governing of the Lodge which his Wardens have, is vested the chief power and the fullest responsibility. His, therefore, should be a master mind, strong in judgment and purpose, and subject to no extraneous controlling influence which might interfere with the general good. Whilst he should not stray from beaten tracks which have led to perfect working and harmonious relaxation, there might arise opportunities for still further advancing the quality of the former and increasing the enjoyment of the latter. In such instances what his predecessors have or have not done should be no consideration of his, if otherwise certified that he thinks aright. So shall the Master mind do Master's work, and setting aside faulty stereotyped custom and dull routine make still further progress in liberal art and science. Amongst the most important of the Worshipful Master's duties is that of selecting his principal Officers, and herein he may advance or retard his Lodge, as he may prove firm, or otherwise, in his nominations. We are not alone in thinking that if Brethren have not previously made themselves fully able to discharge the obligations they are generally so ready to take when offered to them, they should not be chosen for Officers of a Lodge, rota, social position, or any other external influence notwithstanding. And this equally applies to the Offices below the Chairs, in respect of which our subsequent articles will contain remarks. For a particular duty relating to the proper record of all proceedings in his Lodge and of the financial accounts, we need only refer to the requirements of the Book of Constitutions, with the full contents of which every Worshipful Master should consider it a point of honour to be thoroughly acquainted. Amongst other responsibilities that devolve upon him is the maintenance of peace and harmony within his Lodge, for which purpose he is armed with the power to enforce strict, immediate and effective control, such as no other body or society of men on earth, no meeting or assemblage, is under; and it is distinctly his own fault if he permits the slightest departure from Masonic discipline, whilst it is equally his privilege to use the power with which he has been entrusted in the promotion of the prosperity of the Lodge and the happiness of its members.

In the matter of example following upon precept there is yet another responsibility which devolves upon the occupant of the Chair of K.S., for nothing can possibly be so injurious to the welfare of Freemasonry than that the Brethren should find in the person of their ruler and the exponent of all the moral teachings of the Order one who does not himself practice that which he professes and counsels others to pursue; and moreover, as the "profane" judge, and reasonably so, of the character and respectability of the Institution by the general demeanour of individuals connected therewith in their every day life, a more than ordinary responsibility attaches to the sayings and doings of its recognised leaders and rulers, and any lapse from the ordinary duties of morality on their part is visited with proportionate severity on the general body of Freemasons.

The Installation by the W.M. of a Lodge of his successor to the chair of K.S., although not one of the canons of Freemasonry, is nevertheless a duty which should devolve upon and be performed by him as the crowning work of his year of office. The delegation of that duty to any other Brother is tantamount to a confession of inability, which derogates from the proud title of "Past Master of the Art," and materially lessens the satisfaction with which the customary acknowledgment of *perfect* service may be regarded alike by the recipient as by those who are aware of the insufficiency of merit. The P.M.'s presentation jewel is, or should be, a mark of the fullest appreciation of the thorough discharge of all precedent duties, and an evidence that the wearer thereof can afford all necessary instruction in respect of every Craft ceremonial.

Amongst other duties and responsibilities of the W.M. may be briefly stated—(for space in this number is wanting for a fuller exposition)—the importance of observing punctuality in the opening of the Lodge, and the calculation of time so as to ensure a calm and deliberate performance of the work set out by him on each occasion of meeting; the prevention of any breach of constitutional law by the introduction of regalia or symbols, as jewels, &c., not in strict accordance with pure and ancient Masonry; the retention in his own hands of the fees for which he will have personally to account to the Grand Lodge; and the cautious exercise of any privilege arising out of custom (for there is no direct authority given him except under peculiar circumstances) for the admission of any person for initiation unless such candidate shall have been regularly proposed and seconded in accordance with the rules of the Constitution. On these points, and on others which may be of equal interest, we propose on some future occasion, and after having directed attention to the duties of other Officers, to address our readers. Our next article will introduce the Senior Warden.

We launch our venture amidst the hearty good wishes and promises of a very large number of our Masonic friends and acquaintances, who give us such encouragement as will stimulate us to the utmost exertions to make our Journal a useful and popular exponent of the Craft. Whatever former misgivings there may have been as to the proportion of *reading* Freemasons to the many thousands of Brethren connected with our Order, we indulge the hope that we shall be enabled to make our pages of great interest to all. The Masonic Star shall be *their* paper if they please to make it so, and we their faithful and zealous servants. If they will support us in our laudable undertaking—for laudable it is admitted to be on all hands—we shall shine, we hope, for many years: and it will rest with the great majority of our fellow-craftsmen to intimate the period at which our endeavours should terminate. Meanwhile, we cherish the fondest anticipations of success, and banish all apprehension of disappointment, for

> "Doubts are traitors,
> And make us lose the good we oft might win
> By fearing to attempt."

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

St. Pancras.—No. 2,271, August 4th, at Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, London, by the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Shadwell, H. Clerke. First W.M., Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart. P.G.W.: S.W., Bro. John Powdrell, M.D.; and J.W., Bro. H. R. Graham. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.S. of W. Middlesex, is the first appointed Secretary.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE LEVEL, PLUMB, AND SQUARE.

"We meet upon the Level: we part upon the Square;"
What words of glorious meaning those words Masonic are!
They fall like strains of melody upon the listening ears,
As they've sounded "Hallelujahs" through the world, three-thousand years.

We meet upon the Level, tho' from every station brought,
The monarch from his palace, the labourer from his cot;
For the one must leave his diadem outside the Mason's door,
And the other finds his true respect upon the chequered floor.

We act upon the Plumb, 'tis our MASTER'S great command;
We walk upright in virtue's ways, and turn to neither hand;
Th' All-Seeing eye, which searches hearts, can bear us witness true
That still we strive to honour God, and give each man his due.

We part upon the Square, for the world must have it's due;
And we mingle with the multitude, yet keep our secrets true;
And the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
As we long upon the Level to renew the happy scene.

There's a place where all are equal,—we are journeying to it fast;
We shall meet upon the Level there, when the gates of death are passed;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our MASTER will be there,
To try the *blocks* we offer with His own unerring square.

We shall meet upon the Level there, and never thence depart;
There's a Mansion, bright and glorious, set for the pure in heart;
There's an everlasting welcome from the hosts assembled there,
Who have met upon the Level and have parted on the Square.

Let us meet upon the Level then whilst patient labouring here;
Let us meet and let us labour, though the toil may be severe;
Already in the *western* sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools, and part upon the Square!

Hands round, ye Royal Brotherhood, close in the golden chain;
We part upon the Square below, to meet in Heaven again;
The ties which have been sundered here shall be united *there*,
And none be lost around God's Throne who've *parted on the Square!*

ROB. MORRIS, LL.D.,
Masonic Poet-Laureate.

By permission.

WE deeply regret to have to announce in the very first number of our Journal the death, on the 31st ult., of Bro. Dr. ROB. MORRIS, the author of the above poem, which we had selected as the most appropriate for our Masonic Poet's Corner. This veteran craftsman, during an active life extending over seventy years, was well known, more particularly throughout America, as a Masonic Historian, Lecturer, and Poet Laureate of the Fraternity; and a most enthusiastic member of our Order. We had the honour of his personal acquaintance and his companionship when he last visited England, and the great benefit of his advice on many literary matters even to a recent and encouraging opinion and recommendation in respect of THE MASONIC STAR. We have his full authority to utilize his several poems in aid of our pages, and trust thereby to do our part in keeping green the memory of so thorough an exemplar of Freemasonry, as well in practice as in precept.

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At the date of the first publication of our contemporary, *The Freemason*," March, 1869, there were 1,255 Craft Lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. The last warrant granted by the M.W.G. Master, and announced at the last Quarterly communication, is numbered 2,266, showing an addition of more than a thousand Lodges during 19 years, or an average increase of one Lodge per week throughout that period. Of Royal Arch Chapters there were at the former date 391; there are now 670. Mark Master Masons' Lodges numbered 101; they now number 391. Rose Croix Chapters have increased during the 19 years from 29 to 107; and Red Cross Conclaves from 14 to 150. We are emboldened by these figures to believe that there is plenty of room for THE MASONIC STAR, even as the third of English Masonic periodicals; always of course reserving to the Craft the right to judge us on our merits. We may not command business, but at least we will endeavour to deserve it.

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We are compelled to omit from this number many items of information which have been kindly forwarded to us. The limit of our space is determined *until we shall have ascertained what support the Craft will accord our paper*. In proportion to that support we shall increase the size of THE MASONIC STAR, or,——well, we don't like to suppose that English Freemasons will not keep a penny journal going, but should that prove to be the case we must abandon the enterprise. If we are assisted by a reasonable average of subscribers per Lodge we shall endeavour to shine with some amount of brilliancy.

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In our supplemental sheet will be found a Subscription Form, upon the return of which to our publisher in something like reasonable numbers will greatly depend our extension of these pages to cover the known wants of many Brethren for Masonic information.

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Original Correspondence.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I heard for the first time in the City to-day of the birth of a New Masonic Weekly Paper under the above title, to be published for one penny. I heartily wish it success, and think there is plenty of room for it as a medium of Masonic information, and that at the price named it will be readily purchased by the whole of the Craft. It is pretty well admitted as a commercial principle that cheap mediums of communication, either of news or advertisements, if conducted on sound impartial principles, will pay well, and be a boon to the public. I trust this new-born babe may shine and prosper.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours faithfully,
WALTER E. GOMPERTZ,
P.M., 869, P.Z., 141, and
Secretary, 1475.

44, Darnley Road, Hackney,
20th August, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

Dear Sir and Brother,

We are pleased to hear that the Craft is about to have the advantage of a New Journal at a low price. I write in the name of many of my Masonic acquaintances, and on their behalf, as well as for myself, give you "hearty good wishes."

By the bye, if, as we presume, your pages will be open for discussion of Masonic questions, I should like to ask you, also for self and friends, what is the law or custom in regard to the expression of "hearty good wishes" in a Lodge. Of late there seems to be a great divergence of opinion as to the propriety of such expression at the close of our respective meetings. Probably some of your readers could enlighten us if you would give them opportunity.

Promising support to THE MASONIC STAR, believe me,
Yours fraternally,
J. OLIVER, P.M.

August 18th, 1888.

Answers to Correspondents.

S.W.—Thank you for your good wishes; and many more thanks for the suggestion you have made. We shall endeavour to profit by it.

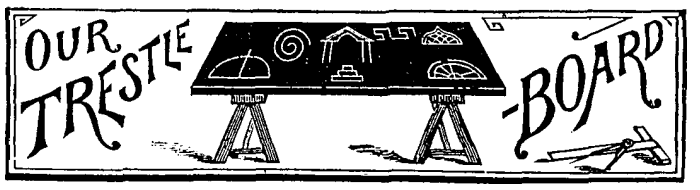
ALPHA.—Never fear! we know how far we can properly go in relation to Masonic publicity, and shall carefully observe the limit imposed upon us by our obligations.

J. SOLTO, P.M.—Your assistance in the manner you propose will be most valuable. We had arranged, prior to receipt of your letter, that the W.M. of each Lodge, and the Secretary of each Lodge of Instruction, should receive a copy of this number, so in that we have anticipated you, but the other matters of advice are open questions which we will give the fullest consideration and probably adoption. Meanwhile, thank you, very much.

J. O.—We saw the publication you refer to in a well-known weekly periodical. There is much in it that we would rather not have seen, but nothing of injurious importance to the Craft. We could show you much more in print than that article produces.

C. WOODS.—You will note that we use your esteemed contribution. Your letter shall have attention.

We have been asked to state our opinion as to the policy and propriety of permitting newly accepted members of our Order to exercise their voting power in regard to the affairs of the Lodge in which they accept membership before they shall have qualified to "take their seats in a Master Mason's Lodge." We consider it neither politic nor proper, and will give our reasons in a future issue Meanwhile the subject is worth the consideration of our readers.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

The Editor, to the English Craft:—

Brethren,

It has been said that too much publicity is given to the proceedings of Freemasonry in the present day, and that "Cowans" can gain intelligence with regard to our esoteric mysteries and hidden meanings with greater ease than in ancient times. Therefore, it is argued by some, there should be no "light" whatever communicated beyond the four walls of the Lodge itself, nor instruction afforded to any but those who seek it from the lips of qualified teachers. It is a great mistake in this age of enlightenment to suppose that it could be possible to work in darkness with impunity. The absolute necessity which arises by contact with the outer world in the discharge of the duties we undertake on behalf of many sections of the great human family prevents the possibility of shrouding from some amount of publicity the entire arcana of our Order. But there is this distinction, that whilst it is not advisable that darkness should altogether prevail, the light which is permitted should be meted out with the utmost discrimination. Let us hasten to assure our readers that such discrimination will characterise the pages of The Masonic Star. But little which has not already in some form or other passed through the press, although it may most probably be clothed in other language, "the same figure in a new dress," will appear in our columns. To those who "strain at gnats and swallow camels," who condemn Masonic writings yet use pernicious and misleading "books" to find a royal road to knowledge which never yet was made, we say in all kindness and courtesy *do not too readily misjudge our intent, but patiently await the development of our plans and designs.* If these in any degree offend against the ethics of Freemasonry, then let our condemnation be full and complete in every respect; but should they, on the contrary, be considered deserving of acceptance, we trust the contract for executing the work we shall have designed will receive the support we now solicit. THE EDITOR.

These be days of Royal Commissions and Committees of Enquiry, of doubtings and mistrusts, insinuations and charges, scrutinies and investigations, and not infrequently of "searches for needles in pottles of hay!" "Our Boys'" School is, it appears, not to escape the trouble and expense attending the catechism of certain quidnuncs, for the most part we regret to observe anonymous, who fancy that a shadow here and there in the elevation of a noble building must of necessity be purposely "dark corners" in which all sorts of evil designs can be devised and nurtured. We had intended giving expression to our own opinions on recent events relating to the School in this the first number of our journal, but the necessary self-introductions and preliminary notices of our plans and designs have lessened the space at our disposal, and we shall defer our remarks till next week.

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There is plenty of time for deliberation in respect of past and future management of the Boys' School, and the appointed enquiry need not be too greatly hurried. Meanwhile, however, it will be very regrettable if a certain resolution, passed in a Provincial Grand Lodge and having a tendency to lessen the support which the School requires should become anything more than an exception to the exercise of true Masonic feeling towards the institution now the subject of, as we believe, so much slander and misrepresentation. *Fiat justitia ruat Cœlum!* by all means, but don't let the *Boys* suffer.

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We would rather commend as an example, the action of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, as reported in another column. Such recognition of the necessity for lending a helping hand at a critical moment redounds to the honour of a province already justly famed for practical Freemasonry.

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By-the-bye, we may ask whether "Our Boys'" School is a benevolent or a charitable institution? There's a vast difference in the meaning of the respective terms! We incline to the belief that the Craft have long ceased to look upon *our* boys and girls as "objects;" and with this regard it would almost seem that the scale of *Charity* expenditure is scarcely applicable to what the Craft desires in connection with our benevolent institutions.

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Amongst other matters relating to the Boys' School, a paragraph which recently appeared in more than one London newspaper has been the subject of discussion, as well at the recent Quarterly Court of Governors as at a subsequent General Committee. It had been publicly stated that the circumstances of the nearest relative of a pupil now in the institution had considerably bettered since the date of his entry, and it was suggested that the privileges obtained by his election ought therefore to be withdrawn or, at any rate, that a more necessitous case should take his place. But that a positive denial of a statement evidently made in good faith and in a spirit of fair dealing, but without a perfect knowledge of surrounding circumstances, is advisable alike for the institution as for the parties concerned, we should not have referred to it. It may, however, be satisfactory to the general body of subscribers to know that, after the closest possible investigation and most satisfactory explanation from well-known brethren, the authorities can see no reason for disturbing present arrangements; and the supporters of the School may be assured that in respect of this case no wrong whatever has been done.

Reports of Lodge Meetings.

Our Reports and Intelligence Columns *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information. We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* The Masonic Star, 38, *Bow Lane, London.*

*** *The list of Annual Subscribers to* The Masonic Star *has been opened most satisfactorily, and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.*

Meetings, August 1st to 23rd.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

Essex.—August 9th, at the Corn Exchange, Colchester, the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., presiding. The audit reports showed satisfactory balances in favour of the general and charity funds respectively. The increase in number of Lodges in this province since 1882 has been from 19 to 28, and of members from 866 to 1,260. The Province had subscribed this year to the several Institutions £1,335. The Deputy Grand Master, V.W. Bro. F. Philbrick, Q.C., was re-appointed D.G.M., and Bro. Andrew Durrant was re-elected (for the tenth year) Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Officers for the year were invested. Ten guineas were voted to the R. M. I. Boys, and, *on consideration of the special circumstances which had interfered with the success of the recent festival of that institution, a further sum of ten guineas was voted from the general fund in support of the same school.* Ten guineas were also voted to the R. M. B. I. for the aged, and to the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots respectively. Five guineas were also voted to Bro. Sarel on his resignation of the Office of Grand Tyler, which he had held for several years. After Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed the brethren dined at the Cups Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master presiding.

Hampshire and I. of W.—August 14th, at Corn Exchange, Ringwood, the Provincial Grand Master, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presiding. Reports were highly satisfactory, and result of audit showed a balance of £454 in hand, and irrespective of invested funds. Thanks were voted by acclamation to Bro. R. J. Hooper-Rastrick on his withdrawal from the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and in his stead Bro. J. W. Gieve, Secretary of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, was elected. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., was re-appointed Deputy Provincial G.M., and Bro. Edward Goble, 309, whose recent severe domestic affliction called forth a cordial vote of condolence, was re-appointed Provincial Grand Secretary. The appointment and investment of the Provincial Grand Officers of the year completed the business of the meeting, and subsequently the Brethren dined at the Town Hall.

North and East Yorkshire.—August 8th, under the banner of the Richmond Lennox Lodge, No. 123. Bro. T. Chapman Denham W.M., at the Town Hall, Richmond, Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G. Master, presiding. The usual reports and audits were submitted and approved. A handsome sword of state was presented to the Prov. G. Lodge by the Prov. G. Master, who afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the year, amongst whom were re-appointed, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett as D.P.G.M., and Bro. M. C. Peck, G. Std. Br. Eng., as Provincial Grand Secretary. The Brethren subsequently dined at the King's Head Hotel and a pleasant evening was passed before separating.

PRIVATE LODGE MEETINGS.

August 1st to 22nd.

Gallery—No. 1928—Aug. 1st. Emergency at Brixton Hall, London, S.W. Bro. John Duckworth, W.M.—Mr. F. W. G. Glaser, London Correspondent of the *National Zeitung*, and Mr. E. L. Drogrez of the *Daily Telegraph* were initiated. Five guineas were voted on the behalf of the widow of a deceased brother, formerly a member of the Lodge. Personal donations were also made to the same fund, amongst them being one of five guineas from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Polydore de Keyser. Bro. Wallace Husk, Organist, presented the Lodge with a valuable harmonium, for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

Amherst—No. 1223—August 4th at Riverhead, Kent, Bro. Sparrowhawk, W.M. The ordinary business of the Lodge was followed by a repast at which opportunity was taken for the presentation of a testimonial of acknowledgment to Bro. J. H. Jewell, for past services as Secretary of the Lodge, and of esteem towards his wife and himself on the celebration of their golden wedding. The present to Mrs. Jewell took the form of a handsome bracelet, and that to Bro. Jewell a massive ring; and each bore a suitable inscription with special reference to the happy event thus commemmorated.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—We are requested to state that the Ceremony of Installation, Bro. B. Stewart, W.M., will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction, at the Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

We desire to call the attention of brethren in the provinces to an arrangement in our Tabulated List of Lodge and Chapter Meetings, whereby residents of and visitors to some of the most prominent Masonic centres in England can, at a glance, ascertain the date and place of the next ensuing meeting of each Lodge and Chapter respectively. This list shall be extended if desired, and circumstances will permit. Meanwhile, we ask indulgence for any trifling errors, should there be any, and solicit the assistance of those who can afford the requisite information to make the list perfect in every respect.

The collection of copies of summonses of our Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters is not only an interesting pursuit, but has an amount of usefulness connected with it which commends the practice to such of our brethren as recognise the importance of preserving for future references, and, perhaps, after very many years, Masonic records of present occurrences. Bro. Ferry, P.M., 65, has requested us to call attention to his wishes, as expressed in our advertising columns, and we do so with considerable pleasure, having been ourselves enabled to assist him a little, and being desirous of affording him further help.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings,

For the current week, compiled from the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* (G. KENNING, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R. A. C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R. X., Red Cross Conclaves; F. M. H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F. M. T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY, (4th) THURSDAY, AUGUST 23rd.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, F. M. H. AT 4.	
	No Lodge meeting	
65	Prosperity	These Lodges will resume meetings on 4th Thursday (27th) September.
507	United Pilgrims	
766	William Preston	
1421	Langthorn	
1524	Duke of Connaught	
1563	City of Westminster	
1658	Skelmersdale	
1816	Victoria Park	
2192	Highbury	
R.A.C.		
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.
	(4th) FRIDAY, AUGUST 24th.	
	No Lodge meeting	
780	Royal Alfred	Will resume on 4th Friday (28th) Sept.
R.A.C.		
1602	Sir Hugh Middelton	Cock Tavern, Highbury.
	(4th) SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th.	
1541	Alexandra Palace...	Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1329	Sphinx	Will resume on 4th Satrdy. (29th) Sept.
1679	Henry Muggeridge	
2048	Henry Levander	
2087	Electric	
R.A.C.		
1777	Royal Hanover	Town Hall, Twickenham.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) MONDAY, AUGUST 27th.	
2105	Cama	Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
79	Pythagorean	Will resume on 4th Mon. (24th) Sept.
1745	Farringdon Without	
1828	Shepherd's Bush	
	(4th) TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th.	
1580	Cranbourne	Red Lion, Hatfield.
141	Faith	Will resume on 4th Tues. (25th) Sept.
186	Industry	
1158	Southern Star	
1441	Ivy	
	(Last) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29th.	
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	8, Newby Street, Poplar.
753	Prince Frederick William ...	Will resume on last Wedy. (26th) Sept.
754	High Cross	
1056	Victoria	
1540	Chaucer	
	(Last) THURSDAY, AUGUST 30th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, F.M.H. AT 4.	
65	Prosperity	Will resume on 4th Thurs. (27th) Sept
507	United Pilgrims	
766	William Preston	
142	Langthorne	
1524	Duke of Connaught	
1563	City of Westminster	
1658	Skelmersdale	
1816	Victoria Park	
2192	Highbury	

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
	BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	5th Sept	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	11th Sept	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Oct	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	10th Sept	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	17th Sept	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Sept	Ditto
1016	Elkington	25th Sept	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	12th Sept	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Oct	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Oct	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	18th Sept	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Sept	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	28th AUG	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Sept	Ditto
	BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Sept	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	12th Sept	Ditto
221	St. John	19th Sept	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Sept	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	3rd Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	11th Sept	Ditto
	BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
302	Hope...	17th Sept	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	20th Sept	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	4th Sept	M. H., Dorley Street

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	BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS—*continued.*		
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Sept	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales	(?) 7th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
	BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	4th Sept	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia ...	25th AUG	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Sept	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Sept	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	27th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa	5th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
	BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Sept	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	4th Sept	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	29th AUG	Ditto
326	Moira	20th Sept	Ditto
610	Colston	19th Sept	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Oct	Ditto
1388	Canynges	1st Sept	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent... ...	27th Sept	Ditto
2257	Powell	(?)	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	15th Sept	Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	(?) 25th Sept	Ditto
187	Charity ...	(?) 6th Sept	Ditto

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
253	Tyrian	25th Sept	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	12th Sept	Ditto
802	Repose	20th Sept	Ditto
1085	Hartington	5th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	11th Sept	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto
DOUGLAS, I. of M.—3 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.			
1004	Athole	19th Sept	M.H., Loch Parade
1242	Tynwald	5th Sept	Ditto
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	20th Sept	Ditto
HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
57	Humber	6th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	10th Sept	M.H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Sept	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Sept	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	7th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	30th AUG	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	20th Sept	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
289	Fidelity	6th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	29th AUG	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	7th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	3rd Sept	Ditto
1221	Defence	10th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	21st Sept	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	8th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	11th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	(?)	M. H., Great George Street
LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
279	St. John's	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	20th Sept	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	31st AUG	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Oct	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.			
32	St. George's ...	26th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	20th Sept	Ditto
216	Harmonic	13th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	11th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	6th Sept	Ditto
292	Sincerity	10th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire	23rd AUG	Ditto
667	Alliance	18th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John	4th Sept	Ditto
680	Sefton	5th Oct	Ditto
724	Derby	26th Sept	Ditto
786	United Service ...	11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	19th Sept	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	5th Sept	Ditto
1094	Temple	12th Sept	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	13th Sept	Ditto
1264	Neptune	3rd Sept	Ditto
1325	Stanley	24th Sept	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	10th Sept	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	12th Sept	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	20th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	17th Sept	Ditto
1505	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	12th Sept	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Sept	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	28th AUG	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	5th Sept	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	25th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	5th Sept	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	17th Sept	Ditto
2215	Anfield	27th Sept	Eaton Hall, Bridge Road
2229	Lathom	(?)	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	4th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners	20th Sept	Ditto
292	Liverpool	27th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire	12th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	25th Sept	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	19th Sept	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Oct	Ditto
1393	Hamer	6th Sept	Ditto
1502	Israel	11th Sept	Ditto
MANCHESTER—19 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			
44	Friendship	5th Oct	Albion Hotel
62	Social	24th Sept	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th Oct	Ditto
152	Virtue	21st Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	26th Sept	Ditto
204	Caledonian	12th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability	6th Sept	Ditto
633	Yarborough ...	19th Sept	Ditto
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Oct	Ditto
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Sept	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	1st Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1052	Callender	18th Sept	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1147	St. David	13th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1170	St. George	17th Sept	Ditto
1219	Strangeways ...	26th Sept	Empire Hotel, Moreton Street
1253	Travellers	8th Oct	Queen's Hotel
1993	Wolseley	4th Sept	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Sept	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	12th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross

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MANCHESTER—19 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS—(*continued*).			
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	9th Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian	20th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Oct	Ditto
645	Humphrey Cheetham	2nd Oct	Ditto
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	6th Sept	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	5th Sept	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	10th Sept	Ditto
541	De Loraine	21st Sept	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	4th Sept	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	12th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	18th Sept	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	27th Sept	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	14th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	28th Sept	Ditto
2260	Ridley	?	?
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	20th Sept	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	18th Sept	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 52	Union	4th Sept	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	9th Oct	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	18th Sept	Ditto
807	Cabbell	30th AUG	Ditto
943	Sincerity	25th Sept	Ditto
1500	Walpole	4th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Sept	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Sept	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Oct	Ditto
NOTTINGHAM—8 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 47	Newstead	2nd Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	10th Sept	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	3rd Sept	Ditto
1435	Annesley	31st AUG	Ditto
1794	De Vere	21st Sept	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	17th Sept	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	9th Oct	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	24th Sept	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	?	Ditto
PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 70	St. John's	4th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	10th Sept	Ditto
156	Harmony	3rd Sept	Ditto
159	Brunswick	5th Sept	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	10th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	TO-DAY, 23 Aug and 25th Sept	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	18th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	6th Sept	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	11th Sept	Ditto
1205	Metham	17th Sept	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	13th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	17th Sept	Ditto
1550	Prudence	1st Sept	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	11th Sept	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	25th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	TO-DAY, 23 Aug and 22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Sept	Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	31st AUG	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	24th AUG	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	20th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES. 5 CHAPTERS,			
257	Phœnix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	13th Sept	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	9th Oct	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	14th Sept	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	20th Sept	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	25th Sept	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Sept	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	27th AUG	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	17th Sept	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	12th Sept	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	11th Sept	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	TO-DAY, 23th Aug and 22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance		Soldier's Institute, High Stree
SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
139	Britannia	13th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey Stree
296	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Sept	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	3rd Sept	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	28th AUG	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	17th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey
296	Loyalty	15th Oct	Ditto

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—*(continued)*.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	13th Sept	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	17th Sept	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	20th Sept	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	4th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	6th Sept	Ditto
359	Peace	7th Sept	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Sept	Ditto

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
80	St. John	11th Sept	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	5th Sept	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	13th Sept	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry	TO-MOR., 24 AUG, and 28th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Sept	M. H., Forward Road
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Forward Road

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

The Editor desires that the following List may be taken as only approximately correct. To ensure absolute correctness in future issues, information from the Secretaries of the Lodges not named, or imperfectly announced, is especially solicited.

THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, AUGUST 23rd.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
3	Fidelity	... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W.C.
13	Union Waterloo	... „ 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ...	... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
87	Vitruvian ...	... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's ...	... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury ...	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ...	... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ...	... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ...	... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ...	... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ...	... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts...	... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1287	Great Northern	... at 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.
1306	St. John	... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ...	... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ...	... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ...	... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy	... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden...	... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ...	... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane. [well
1677	Crusaders ...	... „ 8.30	Old Jern. Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerken-
1681	Londesborough...	... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph	... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1816	Victoria Park ...	... „ 8	Yorkshire Grey, High Street, Stratford.
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ...	... „ 8	Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canon- bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ...	... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.

(4th) FRIDAY, AUGUST 24th.

9	Albion	... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ...	... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Malden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ...	... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ...	... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	... „—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 7	F. M. H.
333	Kintore	... „ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims	... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ...	... „ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave	... „ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's ...	... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ...	... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ...	... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
933	Doric	... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1228	Beacontree ...	... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone [bury.
1298	Royal Standard	... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ...	... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty	... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ...	... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C			
65	Prosperity ...	... „ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
946	Strawberry Hill,	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ...	... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.

(4th) SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th.

179	Manchester ...	... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, Ldn. St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1364	Earl of Zetland	... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ...	... „ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick ...	... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai ...	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.

(4th) MONDAY, AUGUST 27th.

22	Loughborough ...	... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ...	... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C
174	Sincerity ...	... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ...	... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ...	... „ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton	... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ...	... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1445	Prince Leopold...	... „ 7	Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	... „ 8	Royal Edward Mare Street, Hackney.

(4th) MONDAY, AUGUST 27th—*continued*.

1507	Metropolitan ...	... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ...	... „—	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn	... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar... ...	... „ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield ...	... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn	... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ...	... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2090	Hammersmith ...	... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.			
206	Hope	... „—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.

(4th) TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th.

55	Constitutional ...	... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
140	St. George ...	... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	... „ 7	Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
554	Yarborough ...	... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ...	... „ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury... ...	... „—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ...	... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ...	... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ...	... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ...	... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	... „ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington ...	... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley	... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer	... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring ...	... „—	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex	... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ...	... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton	... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ...	... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns ...	... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
975	Metropolitan ...	... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.

(Last) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29th.

30	United Mariners	... at 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ...	... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ...	... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry	... „ 8.30	Rally. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence ...	... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength	... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ...	... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ...	... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ...	... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ...	... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East	... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne ...	... „ 7	Goose & Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard
1288	Finsbury Park ...	... at 8.30	Cock Tav. Highbury, N.
1421	Langthorne ...	... „ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham ...	... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1601	Ravensbourne (3rd Oct.)	„ 8	George Inn., Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ...	... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett ...	... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1791	Creaton	... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1922	Earl of Lathom	... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	... „ 7.30	Roch. Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
R.A.C.			
177	Domatic	... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
704	Camden	... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
933	Doric	... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road

(Last) THURSDAY, AUGUST 30th.

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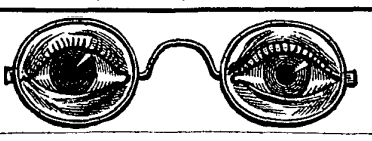
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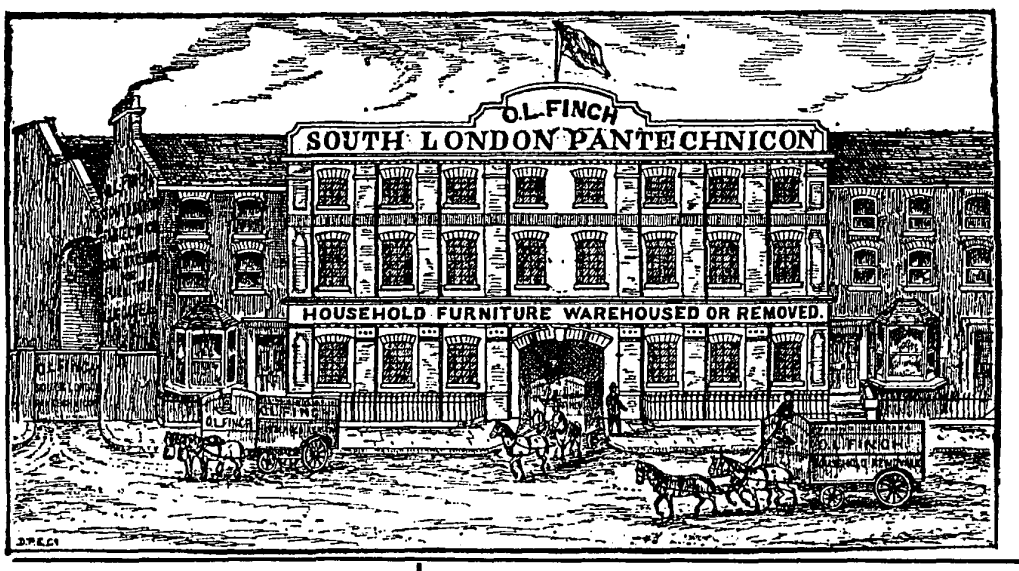
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION
OF
United Grand Lodge.

—:o:—

THE business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 5th September, will be, as is usually the case on each recurring assembly of the Parliament of the Craft at this season of the year, of but small moment; and we are not likely to see so large a gathering of distinguished Metropolitan and Provincial brethren as has of late filled the Grand Hall to overflowing.

The following Agenda of business has been issued:—

1.—The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th June for confirmation.

2.—To read a letter addressed to Her Imperial Majesty The Empress Frederick of Germany, Crown Princess of England, by His Royal Highness The Most Worshipful Grand Master, tendering to Her Imperial Majesty the Condolences and Sympathy of the Grand Lodge of England, on the recent death of Her Illustrious Consort, the late Emperor Frederick III., and also to read the gracious reply of Her Imperial Majesty thereto.

3.—To report that a complete set of the Clothing of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England had been prepared and transmitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of Grand Lodge, to His Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., Grand Master of Sweden, for the gracious acceptance of His Majesty, in commemoration of his recent appointment as Past Grand Master of England.

4.—Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, Keighley	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge Peace and Harmony, No. 60, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, No. 1958 Havant... ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Gihon Lodge, No 49, London	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Heming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Three Grand Principals, No. 208, Dewsbury	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Lodge Prudentia, No. 1859, Negapatam, E.I.	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead	50	0	0

5.—Report of the Board of General Purposes—To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6,574 1s, 9d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of Annual Allowance for Library £33 1s. 4d. (Signed) Thomas Fenn, President, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 21st August, 1888.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2267—The Laidley Lodge, Laidley, Queensland.
2268—The Hallamshire Lodge, Sheffield, West Yorkshire.
2269—The "Peace" Lodge, Wigan, West Lancashire.
2270—The Carnarvon Lodge, Bowrae, New South Wales.
2271—The St. Pancras Lodge, St. Pancras, London.
2272—The Rye Lodge, Peckham.
2273—The Natimuk Lodge, Natimuk, Victoria.
2274—The Werriger Lodge, Werracknabeal, Victoria.
2275—The St. John's Lodge, Leichhardt, New South Wales.
2276—The Barrier Lodge, Broken Hill, New South Wales.
2277—The St. Paul's Lodge, Limassol, Island of Cyprus.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed.—*Vide* Book of Constitutions, Articles 162, 167, 168, 169, 170; Edition 1884.

Lodge Officers.

Their Qualifications, Duties and Responsibilities.

The Senior Warden.

"When the Senior Warden, standing in the West,
Calls us from our Labours to partake of rest,
We unite, whilst he recites
The duties of a Mason.
On the level meet, on the square we part,
Repeats each worthy brother;
This rule in view, we thus renew
Our friendship for each other."—Webb.

Of all the appointments to office which it is in the power of a newly-installed Worshipful Master to make there is not one in any respect of so much importance as that of the Senior Warden. The choice of the probable, though not assured, successor to the exalted dignity and grave duties connected with the chair of K.S., is one that demands most careful consideration, and should not be made in any perfunctory manner. The elevation of a Brother to the position of second officer in the Lodge should not, as unfortunately is too frequently the case, depend upon mere rota unaccompanied by any evidence of zeal and earnestness in the attainment of proficiency for command and ability to teach. And that Master of a Lodge most faithfully and efficiently discharges his first duty to the Craft who has the judgment to determine where merit should receive promotion, and the courage to exert such judgment in the best interests of the Lodge notwithstanding any supposed right of prescription by service in subordinate capacities. The Senior Warden is the selection of one individual to whom has been, by the suffrages of the Brethren, entrusted a power which may tend to either make or mar their future prospects; and the Brother who looks to be the object of the W.M.'s choice should take care that he has fully qualified himself in every respect for the promotion he desires, and is able to be truly that Pillar of Strength to the Lodge which is required in the West. On the other hand, if during his service in the less important offices of the Lodge he has negligently omitted to make the requisite progress, and given reasonable cause for doubting his efficiency, he ought not to be either surprised or annoyed if the "fountain of honour" in his Lodge bars his further advancement, and the Brethren generally approve of their Master's decision. He will have failed to reap because he had not sown, and to complain of the natural result of his negligence, and to designate it as an injustice done to him, would but proclaim that, in his opinion, his self aggrandisement was of much more importance than a consideration of the best interests of Freemasonry.

We have spoken of the Senior Warden as the Pillar of Strength, the second of the Three Great Pillars which support a Lodge. His prototype is Hiram, King of Tyre, who so effectually supported King Solomon in providing materials for the building of the Holy Temple at Jerusalem. His symbol is the Doric Column of Architecture, strong and massive, and represents that as King Hiram so assisted King Solomon, the Senior Warden's duty is to support the authority of the Worshipful Master—to facilitate his designs, and to see that his commands are carried into full and permanent effect. For all purposes in relation to the ruling of the Lodge and the transaction of its business, except only in that of initiating candidates or conferring degrees, the Senior Warden in the compelled absence or incapacity of the Worshipful Master is the supreme authority, as under similar circumstances affecting the Master and himself at the same time would be the Junior Warden in the absence of both. However much it was a former custom in Freemasonry that failing the presence of the W.M. his authority reverted to the I.P.M. or Senior Past Master then attending the Lodge, it has been now settled that the governing powers of the absent W.M. devolve on the Senior, and in his absence also on the Junior Warden. It should not be forgotten that the Warrant of Constitution is granted to the Master and Wardens and their successors in office, and not to the members of a Lodge; and that therefore the Lodge cannot be legally congregated without the authority of at least one of these officers. We may, however, say, in parenthesis, that in cases where the Warden is himself an Installed Master, he can perform all ceremonies and discharge all duties ordinarily devolving on the Master, but it is generally, out of respect and courtesy, customary for that officer to resign the Chair to a Past Master of the Lodge who, however, derives his authority from the Warden. To meet any possible, though certainly most unlikely, contingency resulting in the removal or absence of all three principal officers, the Constitutions of the Order (Sec. 141) provide for the exercise of the necessary powers for congregating the Lodge, and conducting the ceremonies and business by a subscribing Past Master of or in the Lodge.

In view of the foregoing, it is not too much to say that the necessary qualifications of a Brother for the office of Senior Warden do not fall far short of those which should be absolutely possessed by the Worshipful Master. He should be perfect in ritual and ceremonial, "that the Brethren may not suffer from want of proper instruction," and should be well acquainted with the laws and constitutions of the order, "that he may be enabled to induce the Brethren to hold our ancient usages and customs in veneration." All his attainments should be directed to the support of the Master, whether it be to assist him in some portions of his ceremonial labours, or in obtaining a thorough knowledge of the ability and earnestness of those concerned in the work, and over whom he may in his turn, if found worthy, be called upon to rule. An old charge to Wardens calls upon them to be careful to instruct those whom the Master may place under their care, "neither to palliate nor aggravate their offences, but, in all cases, to judge with candour, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy." In former days, doubtless, the Senior Warden had more scope for the exercise of a governing power, more to do with the work than at present seems to be granted to him in many Lodges. In some, however, the laudable practice of permitting the Wardens to share the W.M.'s work obtains, and some of the addresses, explanations of the working tools and charges are delivered from their respective pedestals, affording to the Brethren generally a pleasing variation, to the Master himself a sometimes sorely needed relief, and above all to those who are qualifying for the chair of K.S. incitement to a perfect understanding of our symbols and allegories, and a confidence which, in the higher station, will be found of inestimable advantage.

The jewel of office of the Senior Warden indicates his duty. It is the symbol of equality, the level, the moral tendency of which, as a speculative emblem is so graphically expressed in the course of our Sectional Lectures, demonstrating our common origin as members of the same human family, "partaking of the same nature, and sharing in the same hope." It is the type of that platform upon which all Freemasons meet, "yet taking no honour from a man that he had before," and reminds him that strict impartiality, without respect of persons, should govern his distribution of that "just due" which the Master has, through him, to render unto every man engaged in the Lord's work. He stands in relation to the work of speculative Masonry in similar position to that of the overseer of the work in Operative Masonry, and that his support of the Master should be effective, a regularity of attendance at commencement of proceedings as well as a continuance of supervision until their close, is an essential part of his obligation and responsibility. His presence is required both at the rising and the setting of the sun that a full day's labour may be the result. Of the nature of most of the Senior Warden's further duties the ritual of the order itself affords information, and there are portions of the Ancient Charges particularly relating to his office with which he should make himself acquainted. We shall have occasion, most probably, to refer incidentally to some points in ritual, in respect of which the Senior Warden is more immediately concerned, and which may possibly prove interesting to that officer. Until such opportunity arises, it may suffice to suggest to those who at present occupy that station a consideration of much that they have to say as well as do in the discharge of their functions, with a view to the correction of many solecisms and contradictions which have perverted the beautiful language and expressive meaning which their portion of ceremonial originally contained.

In support of the article of our esteemed contributor on the duties and responsibilities of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, which appeared in our last number, we cull the following from "*A Century of Aphorisms*," by the late Bro. The Rev. G. Oliver, D.D., in "The Book of the Lodge":—

"Is the Master of a Lodge beloved by the Brethren? You may be sure he is a just, and clever, and amiable man."—*Aph.* 36.

"Before you pronounce a man a good Mason, let him pass the Chair. That is the test which will infallibly display both virtues and failings, mental imbecility and moral strength. If he pass through his year of honour, but real trial, creditably, he will have nobly earned the character of a worthy and intelligent Mason."—*Aph.* 59.

"In the Master of a Lodge some degree of eloquence is necessary to enable him to explain symbols, to illustrate allegories, and instruct the Brethren in the general principles of Masonry, as well as to perform the routine business of the Lodge. His manner of speaking should be clear, brief, and to the purpose. Declamation, ornaments or figures of speech, will but confuse the orator without producing any beneficial effect upon the hearers. Plain grammatical language is all that is required."—*Aph.* 74.

"When a Lodge becomes disorderly, it is lost. Would you subdue turbulence and restore harmony? Dismiss the Master."—*Aph.* 77.

We commend a consideration of the above to all whom it may concern.

A Copy of this Number of The Masonic Star has been addressed and posted to the Senior Warden of each Lodge under the English Constitution at home and abroad. If any one of those Officers fail to receive same in due course, a communication to the Editor is solicited, and the omission shall be rectified.

Secretaries of Lodges and Scribes of Chapters, &c., will greatly oblige us by forwarding notices of forthcoming meetings, and information relating to Masonic matters of local or general interest to the Craft. Every attention shall be given to their requirements in respect of same, and we shall be happy at all times to reciprocate their favors to the full extent of our power. We respectfully solicit the support of each regular Lodge and Chapter and each Lodge and Chapter of Instruction by subscription for at least one copy, to be regularly forwarded.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Doric Lodge of Instruction No. 963, at the "Duke's Head," Whitechapel Road, E., on Monday, 3rd September, at 7. Bro. B. Da Costa, S.D., No. 1349, Preceptor, presiding as W.M. The Sections will be worked in the following order:—

First Lecture.—1st Section, Bro. M. Corper, No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. A. Jacobs, I.G., 1349; 3rd, Bro. Shoesmith, W.M., 1349; 4th, Bro. L. Da Costa, S.W., 1349; 5th, Bro. J. De Casseres, J.W., 1349; 6th, Bro. J. Maloney, J.W., 1625; 7th, Bro. W. Richardson, J.W., 174.

Second Lecture.—1st Section, Bro. C. Fox, J.D., No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. L. Simmons, 185; 3rd, Bro. Oxley, J.W., 1306; 4th, Bro. D. Moss, P.M., 1275; 5th, Bro. D. Shuter, 1349.

Third Lecture.—1st Section, Bro. H. Marks, P.M., No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. W Musto, P.M., 1349; 3rd, Bro. Harris, 1349.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

IN WHITE ARRAY.

Poem, composed and respectfully inscribed to M. W. Thomas Clark, Grand Master of Masons, and read before the assembled Grand Lodge of Manitoba at Winnipeg, February 8, 1888,

by rob. morris, ll.d.,

Of La Grange, Ky., Masonic Poet Laureate.

What are these which are arrayed in white robes, and whence come they?—Rev. vii. 13.

What are these, in white array,
Gathered round yon Book of God?
While the pictured walls display
Emblems, ancient and adored:
Whence are these, whose practised skill
Waits upon the Master's hand,
Prompt to do the Master's will
And obedient to command?
What are these, in aprons white?
Whence are these, thus met to-night?

These, from many a land and clime,
These, from many a home, have met:
Age, and youth, and middle time,
Mingle here in concord sweet:
In one solemn, holy vow,
They are bound for others' good;
Heart and hand are woven now
In the world-wide Brotherhood.
Age on age has come and gone
Since this white-robed band was born.

Masons these! their Fathers built
On Moriah's Mount, their Fane;
There, in prayer devout, they knelt,
And Jehovah spoke again:
These have learned their Fathers' Faith,
These enjoy their Fathers' Hope,
And in Charity, till death
They will build *their* Temple up.
By the Level, Plumb, and Square,
All their Ashlars fashioned are!

In how many an honored tomb,
Sleep Freemasons such as these!
Plants immortal o'er them bloom,
Teaching greatest mysteries:
Waiting, waiting, till the Word
Calls them from their lowly rest,
And th' omnipotence of God
Draws them to their Father's breast.
Happy they, so sure to be
Joined in bright eternity!

So, the coming years will sweep
Us, who congregate to-night:
Low in mother earth to sleep
And await the Eastern light:
Craftsmen, let us then be true,
True to every sacred vow,
Quick to plan and prompt to do,
As our Master's will we know.
Doubtless He will give reward,
Ample wages will afford.

Under date of 22nd March, 1888, our deeply lamented friend and Brother, Rob. Morris forwarded to us, in a letter full of encouragement and good wishes, a proof slip of the above exquisite poem, which, if not the very last, is almost certainly one of the very latest of his admirable Masonic productions. "In White Array" has now, in connection with his recent decease (July 31st), an even greater interest to ourselves than it would have had under other circumstances; and we believe that many of our readers will share our feelings of deep regret for the loss of this excellent Freemason. In accordance with his permission, which in its expression was almost in the nature of a request, we shall carry out the promise contained in our first number, and week by week select from his "Poetry of Freemasonry" one of his brilliant compositions.

As our own words would inevitably fail in any attempt to record the Masonic life of our departed friend, we subjoin the following from the pages of the *New York Dispatch*:—

THE LATE BRO. ROBERT MORRIS.

Death, which comes but once, yet comes to all, has made fearful havoc in our ranks during the past year, and has taught us again and again, if we heed the lesson, what shadows we pursue. Many of our sir knights have fallen by the wayside, weary with the march of life. Life is too short, there is too little of it, to have its days or even its hours wasted in doing else than rendering to our fellows all the good we can while journeying through this earthly pilgrimage.

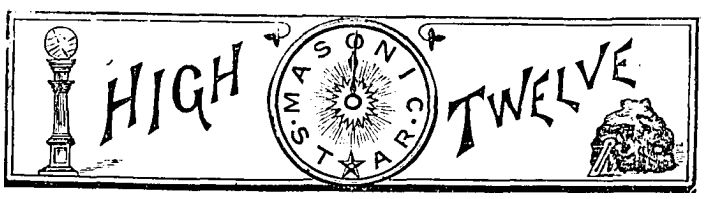
Bro. Morris was born in Oxford, Miss., Aug. 31st, 1818, and died on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at his home at La Grange, Ky., from paralysis.

Bro. Morris received a good school education, and devoted much of his early life to duties as a teacher. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1842. The system and purposes of the Institution so pleased him that he devoted the balance of his life to work as a writer and lecturer to the Order. He was a ready, graceful, and fluent writer and speaker. He established several magazines, the most successful of which is the "Voice of Masonry" now published in Chicago. He was the author of many works on Masonry and of more than 300 poems on Freemasonry and kindred subjects, some of which are of high merit, the most popular with the Fraternity being "The Level and Square." In 1858-9 he was Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, and received the Degree of Doctor of Laws in the University of Kentucky in 1860. In 1867 he was delegated by the Grand Lodge of Canada to establish a Masonic lodge in Jerusalem, which was notably successful, and again in 1884 he visited the Holy Land to explore the origin and foundation of the Craft. On his return to America he published his "Travels in the Holy Land," a remarkably interesting work, of which many thousands of copies were sold. In 1885 he was crowned "Poet Laureate of Freemasonry" in the Grand Lodge Room of the Masonic Hall, New York City, by Grand Master William A. Brodie, assisted by the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, in the presence of a large assemblage of the Fraternity from various parts of the country.

Bro. Morris has contributed an almost endless mass of writings to Masonic literature. During the past two years he devoted himself almost entirely to preparing an annotated edition on the life and poems of Robert Burns, of whom he was a great admirer. For this purpose he visited the birthplace of Burns several times, and collected numerous works on his life and writings. His work in this direction was comprehensive, and at the time of his death was unfinished.

His wife and five children survive him

"Who fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long,
Even wondered at because he dropped no sooner."



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

The glorious sun has attained its meridian lustre in the South, and declares the hour of high twelve. The Junior Wardens' column assumes the perpendicular, to continue in that position only whilst labour is suspended for the purposes of refreshment, and to be lowered at all other times. The plumb rule rests against the rough and imperfect material to await the return of the workmen to their several tasks.

Bro. Lord Herschell, in a very genial speech delivered by him on the occasion of the Installation of Bro. Sir John Somers Vine, W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge (No. 2190) a few months since, remarked that "Dinner is one of the most excellent institutions which Savages have handed down to modern times, but after-dinner speeches are perhaps one of the worst products of a mischevious civilization." We are somewhat disposed to agree with him, but not entirely so. Without some amount of talking after dinner the Junior Warden would have in charge frequently a very dull company indeed. The stereotyped style of post-prandial speechifying is certainly to be condemned: but much pleasure and instruction can be, and often is, derived from the terse and epigrammatic elocution of many of our talented brethren, particularly when called upon as Visitors.

The Albert Lodge.—No. 854—Bro. J. D. Bamford, W.M.—held its annual summer outing on the 15th instant, the members enjoying a most delightful trip in bright and cheerful weather. Leaving Oldham soon after eight by train they reached Worksop before eleven and there breakfasted. Thence they drove to the Dukeries, passing through Clumber Park, the seat of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, and Thoresby Park, the residence of Earl Manvers, to Sherwood Forest. After luncheon the drive was continued to Welbeck Abbey, and at Worksop, on the return journey, dinner was served. The Brethren separated at Oldham after a very pleasant re-union, greatly gratified with the proceedings of the day.

The Duke of Edinburgh—No. 1182—Bro. J. D. Galloway, W.M., held its annual outing on the 16th instant, visiting Rudyard for high festival, and spending a very enjoyable day in boating, races, and other sports.

The "Picnic" of the Frederick West Lodge—No. 2222.—Bro. R. T. Elsam, W.M., on the 21st instant, when the members and friends, with their wives, sisters, cousins and aunts, went tripping up the river from Kingston, was an extremely successful affair. The entire arrangements made for the comfort of the Brethren and their guests reflected the greatest credit upon the organisers of the festivity. Where so many enthusiastic Brethren afforded zealous service it would be invidious to particularise. It is sufficient for us to say that a spirit of kindly interest in the comfort and enjoyment of each and all of the pleasure-seeking party made the day a notable one in the annals of the Lodge, and we sincerely wish them many happy returns of their outing.

"How many lodges did you say your husband belonged to?" she suddenly asked. "Fifteen." "Mercy on me! But think of a man being out fifteen nights a week! I am really glad that I'm a widow!"

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QUALIFICATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was glad to learn that Bro. C. Perceval had been successful in carrying his resolution.—"That no girl should be eligible for the benefits of our Institution, whose father had not been a subscribing member of a Lodge for at least three years." As there is no rule without an exception, I would venture to suggest the addition of the following words: "Unless he shall have previously made himself a Life Governor of the Institution," and I feel sure it will be readily adopted by the Quarterly Court. This matter is also before the Committee of the Boys' School, who, I hope, will follow in the same lines.

Yours fraternally,

27th August, 1888. FAIR PLAY.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I heartily wish every success to your undertaking.

Your first number touches on a subject of great interest. If properly considered, it should be found of great importance to the Craft. I allude to the note respecting the exercise of voting power by Brethren who are not Master Masons.

Fancy an E.A. sitting in a Lodge for the first time, when everything is dark and unknown to him, naturally excited by what he has just seen and heard, and quite ignorant of Masonic rules and procedure, called upon to vote on what may probably be a matter of vital importance to the welfare of the Lodge. What can such Brethren possibly know how they should properly vote!

I am able to give you a point of fact which lately happened in a Lodge. There was a motion to exclude a Brother for using outside the Lodge unmasonic language. There were three E.A.'s and two F.C.'s and their respective proposers instructed them what to do.

Consider the subject fairly, and you will no doubt be strongly supported by the Craft, and reap ultimately great benefit.

Yours fraternally,

August 25th, 1888. S.

Answers to Correspondents.

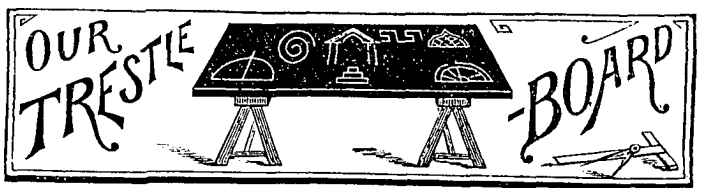
A VISITOR. We cannot possibly insert your letter; we have been "taught to be cautious," and so, we presume, have you. In our case we desire to carry out the injunction; in yours, we fear personal feeling engenders recklessness.

ASHLAR. We are greatly obliged by the promise of that support which your Masonic position will render most valuable. We utilise your suggestion in another part of this issue.

J. OLIVER. Keep your copies clean for a few weeks; probably by then we shall have arranged for the cases you suggest.

Addresses of the following Lodges wanted. Notices have been returned through post.

Townley Parker Lodge	No. 1032
Studholme	,, 1591
Strangeways	,, 1219
Wharton	,, 2045
Northern Bar	,, 1610



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

OUR first duty this week is to acknowledge the support already accorded to us, and which we at once recognise by increasing the number of our pages. This we shall continue to do as circumstances may justify, and in order that preparation may be made for extension, we must impress upon our readers and friends the importance of an early intimation to us of their intention to swell our subscription list.

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A suggestion has been offered us by a well-known Provincial Brother that we should open a column in this Journal as "A Masonic Exchange and Mart Column," restricted to matter solely Masonic, and avoiding trade advertisements. We shall consider the propriety of carrying out this suggestion in due course: and, meanwhile, should be glad to have opinions on the subject from our readers.

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W. BRO. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, on the occasion of the last Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, London, remarked:—"At the Union of the two Grand Lodges, in 1813, it was found that the so-called Modern Masons had lost, or allowed to fall into disuse, much of the ancient ritual. The Lodge of Reconciliation was therefore formed under the authority of the United Grand Lodge to arrange a ritual which might be adopted by all the Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England. Dr. Hemming was appointed the first Master of the lodge, and under him the work made considerable progress, but he was struck with mental incapacity, which made him incapable of continuing the work, which was then entrusted to Dr. Williams. Under him a great deal of the ritual which had been compiled under Dr. Hemming was simplified, shorn of a redundancy of words, completed, and afterwards adopted by the United Grand Lodge in 1816. In 1823 that Emulation Lodge of Improvement was formed by some expert Brethren who had learned their Masonry in the Lodge of Reconciliation under Dr. Williams. It was established for teaching the ritual as it was ordered to be adopted by the Grand Lodge a few years before, and as a means of preserving in its purity the authorized ritual, and transmitting it to all time by oral tradition from generation to generation. At the first meeting of that lodge there were present a large number of members of the Grand Stewards' Lodge who considered themselves the custodians of the pure ritual, the then Grand Secretary, Bro. Harper, who had acted as Secretary to the Lodge of Reconciliation, and many other distinguished Masons who expressed their unanimous approval of the proceedings. Bro. Peter Gilkes was the first president. Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson (whose son he believed was present that night) succeeded Bro. Peter Gilkes. He had the benefit of personal instruction from Bro. Peter Gilkes and from Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson. The late Bro. John Hervey, Bro. Murton, and Bro. Richards and he (Bro. Fenn) learned the ritual by personal instruction. He thought, therefore, as this tradition had only passed through three generations after Bro. Dr. Williams, namely, Bros. Gilkes, Stephen Barton Wilson, and themselves, the Emulation Lodge could claim that their ritual was the actual ritual that was ordered to be adopted by the United Grand Lodge in 1816. He had had an opportunity of hearing many versions of the ceremonies in London and in the provinces; and he had no hesitation in saying that in terseness and correctness of diction, none of those versions would bear any comparison with the work that was taught in that lodge." We are in full agreement with our distinguished brother as to the undoubted perfect on of the ritual claimed by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement as "theirs, and the actual ritual ordered to be adopted in 1816," as a result of the labours of the Lodge of Reconciliation. We should like to be equally certified that that *exact* ritual has remained intact in regard to "terseness and correctness of diction" from the date of its adoption to the present time; and it would be most satisfactory to many members of the Craft, as well as to ourselves, if it could be ascertained what has become of the 1816 M.S., for such a document must surely have been prepared and submitted for consideration before adoption by United Grand Lodge. A reference to an original MS. would settle many moot points which have arisen of late years.

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One of the appeal cases before Grand Lodge, at a recent meeting, touched the question of length of service as a Warden before installation as W.M. An objection had been made to the installation into the chair of K.S. of a lodge at Sydney, N.S.W., of a Junior Warden who had been elected as Master at the expiration of the first eleven months of his Wardenship, the regular installation meeting taking place one day earlier by the calendar than the date of his appointment as Junior Warden in the previous year. The grounds of objection were, that the brother elected had not been twelve months a Warden at the date of such election, and in the alternative that the full twelve months of service had not absolutely expired. The appeal was dismissed, and it is declared by such decision that no election is practically made until confirmation of the former vote; and that twelve months' service means the period between one regular installation meeting and another, irrespective of difference in calendar dates. Whilst referring to appeal cases we would express our surprise that so great a majority are made from our foreign and colonial lodges, and those mostly in regard of most trivial matters.

Masonic Notes and Memoranda.

"A chiel's amang ye takin' notes, and, faith, he'll prent it."—
Brother Burns.
"The bearings of this observation lays in the application on it."—
Jack Bunsby—Dickens.

We are not disposed to pass over in absolute silence a matter to which our contemporary *The Freemason's Chronicle*, called attention in its issue of 30th June last. For the sake of the reputation of the Craft for adhesion to the principles upon which the Order has been founded, and of which justice and fair dealing are not the least, we think that the whole truth should be known in relation to proceedings which, if taken as precedents and further followed, must, and that to no small extent, scandalise Freemasonry. It appears that on the 28th June there was consecrated a Metropolitan Lodge, numbered 2265, bearing the name of a gentleman, who was not then, to quote the words of our contemporary, "a Mason, and, so far as we know, has never done anything for Freemasonry, while he is equally unknown in the outside world, except as the fortunate possessor of a valuable property in the diamond fields of South Africa." It is further stated that on the date of the consecration of the Lodge bearing his name, the gentleman referred to was proposed for initiation at the ensuing meeting, was present at the Consecration Banquet, and presented each of the seven founders and the Consecrating officer with a "founders' jewel" variously estimated as valued from thirty to forty guineas each. Now if these are facts we agree with those who echo the statement that "there is an air of purchased glory surrounding the whole affair," and that those concerned in it are far from blameless.

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In reply to the statements in the foregoing paragraph, we find in subsequent pages of our contemporary lame and impotent attempts at explanation. "The Lodge has not been named after a person, but after a *diamond mine* in Kimberley." Setting aside for the moment the question of the importance of this commercial underground property, we would ask what possible good could have been done by it to Freemasonry that it should merit such honourable recognition, always excepting that it may probably have had some use in providing the brilliant ornamentation of the "founders' jewels!" "The correctness of the statement that the proposed candidate for initiation was present at the banquet is questioned"; but the writer of the article declares that he was there and saw for himself. "The value of the presentation jewels is grossly exaggerated"; but the founders themselves referred to them as being worth fifty guineas each, and the *material* has been valued by a competent jeweller at £27 10s. each. But be the value large or small that is beside the question. What concerns us as Craftsmen is the principle involved in the purchase of honourable Masonic distinction by aught but merit. We sympathise with our contemporary in the slur which was cast upon him by the suggestion that as he was not a recipient of one of the jewels his disappointment found vent in personal depreciation. *That* was not Masonic.

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We consider that our contemporary did good service to the Craft by first calling attention to this perversion of Masonic principles. If the title of the new Lodge was intended to reflect honour on a person, then we say no sufficient cause can be shown for such distinction. If on a property, it would afford much satisfaction, if indeed any satisfaction under the circumstances can be given, if we could learn the exact whereabouts of the same. We gather that it may be one of several diamond mines known as the De Beers Consolidated Mines, at Kimberley, but we do not find the particular mine named in connection with a recent report of shareholders presided over by a gentleman bearing the name of the new Lodge. And with reference to "De Beers," the interesting letters of Moses Moss to Benjamin Boss (*Truth*, August 2nd and 9th), merit the consideration of those who would desire to know the financial prospects of the "Consolidated Mines." With these prospects we have no concern beyond the grave doubt which exists whether or not the expression "purchased glory" should be changed to Freemasonry *sold*.

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It was scarcely to be expected that the discussion on the question propounded by the *Daily Telegraph*, "Is Marriage a Failure?" would be considered complete by the "young lions" who manage these 'booms' without a slap at Freemasonry, so we were not dismayed at finding in last Saturday's budget a terrible catalogue of vices attributed to a husband by a "Freemason's Wife." The letter is both illogical and untruthful. The "husband of the "Freemason type" we are told is distinguished by "unparelleled selfishness, &c.; cares not a straw for his children, but throws the responsibility of developing and training their characters upon the wife, whilst he drinks, smokes and gambles at his *clubs* (put clubs in italics please Master Printer), and eats and drinks to repletion at his lodges." And she adds (or is it a *he?*) "the money such a man squanders on his own selfish indulgence is incredible."

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We are much afraid that if "Freemason's wife" really exists, she has mated herself to a man who never was and never could be a husband of the *true* Freemason "*type*," and that she has only herself to blame for her careless selection. Repenting at leisure, she now casts about for anything—clubs, lodges, or tavern bars—upon which to vent her anger and disappointment. No such character as she represents her husband to be is a typical Freemason, and, although we must admit that of late we have not been quite so particular in respect of our introductions into Masonry as we might have been, there is no reason to believe we have such "types" in our Lodges. We think all are agreed in that respect, are we not?

Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M., Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, announces his intention to open an Exhibition of Arms, Pictures and other relics, relating to the Armada and its contemporary history, in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, on the 22nd October. Our worthy brother has been promised influential assistance, and will be grateful to any person who may be willing to assist him by loan of objects for exhibition or otherwise. We learn that the new Autumn Drury Lane Drama will be on the subject of the Spanish Armada, for which Mr. Leonard Boyne has been engaged for the part of the hero. The proposed Exhibition may therefore prove a means to an end which should be equally satisfactory to originator and contributors. We wish the affair every success.

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We have been informed that a complaint was before the Board of General Purposes on Tuesday last, the 21st, against one of our oldest Lodges, in consequence of an infringement of the regulations relating to Lodges of Emergency. If we are correctly advised, business was entertained in the Lodge which had not been announced in the Summons, and an attempt was made to confirm minutes passed at a previous regular meeting, both direct offences against Masonic law. The Board, we hear, decided against the Lodge.

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The case above referred to exemplifies the necessity of a Worshipful Master being fully acquainted with what he may and what he must not do. When Secretaries insist upon W.M's doing as bidden by them, and pledge their Masonic reputation that they are right in their advice and direction, W.M's and their Lodges must expect to suffer if the former are weak enough to submit to dictation, and the terms of such dictation be found distinctly erroneous.

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Bro. Lieut. Hall, of the Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, Battle, being *en route* for India, is to be raised to the 3rd degree at an emergency meeting of that Lodge on the 13th inst.

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From some three and twenty columns of small type in the *Glasgow Herald* in relation to the Queen's visit to Glasgow last week, we gather the following as of interest to the Craft generally:—'Her Majesty having consented to receive addresses from the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Scotland, and from the members of the Consular Corps in Glasgow, the gentlemen representing those bodies met under the dome in front of the Royal reception-room. The following is a copy of the address presented by Sir Archibald Campbell, M.P., Grand Master of Scotland, on behalf of the Freemasons: 'May it please your Majesty, we, the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, humbly avail ourselves of this opportunity, when your Majesty has been graciously pleased to specially honour our Grand Master, to offer to your Majesty the expression of our loyalty and devotion. By no community in your Majesty's wide dominions is this sentiment more deeply cherished than by the Freemasons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who are most highly honoured by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales being patron of their order. In the name and on behalf of the whole fraternity we humbly solicit permission to express our deep conviction that in your Majesty we are privileged to possess a Sovereign who through a long and eventful reign has both in public and private life given the noblest illustrations of the principles which regulate our order. We conclude by imploring the Great Architect of the Universe to long preserve your Majesty and pour down upon you His eternal blessing." Her Majesty handed her reply to the address to Sir Archibald Campbell. It was as follows: 'I receive with great pleasure the dutiful address which you have presented to me on the occasion of my visit to Glasgow. I fully recognise and readily appreciate the value of the charitable works which it is the great object of your society to promote. I thank you cordially for the expression of your loyalty and devotion."

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex, R.W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Mark Master, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Lewes, Wednesday, September 5th, at 2.45 p.m. The consecration of the Lewis Mark Lodge, No. 391, will take place at this special meeting W. Bro. C. J. Smith, the Deputy Provincial G.M.M. being the consecrating officer. The Provincial Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. W. Seymour Burrows, 62, Old Steine, Brighton, will be pleased to communicate other particulars if required.

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Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Polydore de Keyser, visited his native town, Termonde, Belgium, on the 26th inst., and received a most enthusiastic welcome from townspeople and visitors. His Lordship was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. M. de Bruyn, the Burgomaster, on behalf of the Reception Committee, delivered an address of welcome in Flemish. We congratulate our distinguished brother on the very great honour associated with his visit to his native town.

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On Saturday afternoon the 25th inst., the north-east corner-stone of the new Church of St. Luke, Dukinfield, was laid with masonic rites by Lord Egerton, R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire. There was a large gathering of Freemasons on the occasion and a still greater assemblage of members of the congregations of churches in the neighbourhood, and children from Church of England Schools. Three memorial stones were placed in the westeen wall of the building by the Rev. R. G. Bulkeley, Mrs. Boyd, and Mrs. Brereton. The church will accommodate 500 people, and its erection is estimated to cost £4,500.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE MEETINGS.

Cornwall.—23rd August, at Camborne, Bro. The Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Prov. G.M. presiding. This Province numbers thirty lodges, the whole of which were well represented, and several distinguished visitors from London and Devonshire also attended. The Prov. G. Treasurer shewed a balance in favour of the lodge of £152, compared with £127 on the previous year. He said the increase in the balance would have been much larger but for the sum of £46 which had been voted to the Truro Cathedral Fund. All the officers of the year had paid their fees and the lodges their dues.

The Prov. G. Secretary (W. Bro. T. Chirgwin) reported that during the year there had been 119 initiations, 40 joining members and an increase of 61 on the general roll of members. He also presented his report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. It announced that during 1887 the lodges had subscribed £176 17s. From the commencement of the fund in 1864, the receipts had amounted to £6,748, out of which there had been paid to male annuitants, £1,315; female annuitants, £193 10s.; grants for relief, £70; educational grants, £540; expenses of management, £280 15s.—Total, £2,399 16s.

W. Bro. G. B. Pearce, Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, reported that for the year the amount submitted to ballots was 235 guineas, subscriptions fully paid and remainders of subscriptions paid, £40.—Total, £275. The charities selected were the girls, 205 guineas; boys, 45 guineas: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 25 guineas.

W. Bro. C. Truscott submitted his annual statement as manager of the votes for Masonic charities.

The whole of these reports having been adopted, the three trustees of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund—the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and W. Bro. E. T. Carlyon—were re-elected, and to them were added W. Bros. Anderton, T. Chirgwin, and E. Milford Cock. The treasurer, secretary, assistant-secretary, auditors, and the Committee of Relief were all re-elected.

The P.G.M. announced that it had been arranged to place a brass plate on the pier of Truro Cathedral, announcing that it was the gift of the Masons of Cornwall and others; also that he had received £5 towards the Cathedral from the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, and a promise of another £5. £50 was voted to the Cornwall Mason Annuity and Benevolent Fund. £50 was voted to the three Masonic London Charities, in the following proportions:—£20 to the girls, £20 to the Benevolent, and £10 to the boys.

W. Bro. Binckes returned thanks on behalf of the London charities for the money voted to them.

During the day the lodge proceeded to church in procession, and a sermon was preached by W. Bro. the Rev. W. Reed Erskine, P.G. Chap. The collection amounted to £9 11s., which was awarded—two-fifths to the Miners' Hospital at Redruth, two-fifths to the Charity Association, and one-fifth to the vicar for parochial purposes.

The following were the officers appointed for the year:—R. W. Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. G. P. N. Glencross, 510, P.G.S.W.; H. P. Vivian, 589, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. R. Erskine, 589, and R. F. Frazer-Frizell, P.G. Chaps.; E. M. Cock, 589, P.G.T.; R. P. Edyvean, 330, P.G. Reg.; T. Chirgwin, 131, P.G. Sec.; W. Lidgey, and T. C. Polglase, 75, P.G.S. Deacons; J. W. Higman, 496, and J. Reynolds, 331, P.G.J. Deacons; W. Huthnance, 450, P.G.S. Wks.; P. Giles, 496, P.G.D.C.; H. B. Neame, 589, P.G.D.D.C.; G. M. Downing, 131, P.G.A.D.C.; Major J. J. Ross, 121, P.G.S.B.; W. A. Bennett, 699, H. C. Welch, 967, P.G. St. Bearers; — Howlett, P.G.Org.; T. Gill, 967, P. G. Assit. Sec.; H. Searle, 699, P.G. Purs.; J, Langdon, P.G.A. Purs.; J. T. Rodda, 1544, J. M. Richards, 318, W. Colenso, 121, J. A. Bersey, 893, P. H. Dawe, 967, H. Down, 2160, P.G. Stewards; Nicholls, 1544, P.G. Tyler; J. C. R. Crewes, Clerk to the Prov. G. Sec.

At the close of the business of the lodge the brethren lunched together at the Assembly Rooms. The Prov. G. Master presided.

Somerset.—22nd August, in the Town Hall, Chard, M.W. Bro. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon presiding. All lodges in the province were represented. The accounts for the past year showed a profit on the year of £62 13s. 3d. Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards was unanimously re-elected P.G.L. Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed and invested the P.G. officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., 379 (Bath), P.G.S.W.; Bro. Sumner Toms, P.M., 1,953 (Chard), P.G.J.W.; Bro. Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.M., 379 (Bath), P.G. chaplain; Bro. Rev. F. L. Bryde, P.M., 1,296 (Brislington), P.G. chaplain; Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, P.M., P.G. treasurer; Bro. T. G. Williams, P.M., 261 (Taunton), P.G. registrar; Bro. J. C. Hunt, P.M., 135 (Bridgwater), P.G. secretary; Bro. A. Wade, P.M., 446 (Wells), P.G.S.D.; Bro. A. de Courrey Lyons, P.M., 1,199 (Congresbury), P.G.J.D.; Bro. W. H. Wooler, P.M., 1,222 (Weston-super-Mare), P.G.S. Wks.; Bro. W. Ransford, P.M., 1,750 (Clevedon), P.G.D. Cer.; Bro. A. J. Gay, P.M., 1,833 (Keynsham), Assistant P.G.D.C.; Bro. B. C. Board, P.M., 291 (Highbridge), P.G.S.B.; Bro. L. A. Weatherly, P.M., 1,755 (Portishead), P.G. standard bearer; Bro. S. L. Lewis, P.M., 973 (Frome), P.G. standard bearer; Bro. A. Reynolds, P.M., 2,038 (Langport), P.G.O.; Bro. R. Knight, P.M., 1,966 (Wellington), P.G. Purst.; Bro. J. P. Green, P.M., 976 (Bruton), assistant P.G.P.; Bro. A. J. Salter, P.M., 33 (Bath), tyler; Bro. S. Bigwood, P.M., 41 (Bath), assistant tyler; Bro. T. E. Wilton, P.M., 41 (Bath), steward; Bro. T. C. Manning, W.M., 285 (Shepton Mallet), steward; Bro. H. B. Crouch, W.M., 772 (Glastonbury), steward; Bro. A. Hart, W.M., 814 (Crewkerne), steward; Bro. W. L. Dames, secretary, 52 (Bath), steward.

The report of the Charity Organisation Committee was read. The sum expended during the past year was £1,292, of which £945 was given on the occasion of the Girls' Centenary Festival. On account of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls taking place this year, the sum of 15 guineas usually granted to the brother serving the office of P.G. Steward was increased to 100 guineas, the whole forming a contribution of this P.G. Lodge towards the funds of the institution in celebration of the special occasion. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was held at the George Hotel.

PRIVATE LODGE MEETINGS.

All Souls—No. 170.—Weymouth, August 10th—Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Dorsetshire, W.M.—The alterations of the Masonic Hall belonging to this Lodge at Weymouth, and which have been carried out under the supervision and from the designs of Bro. W. Barlow Morgan, P.M., having been lately completed, the formal ceremony of re-opening took place on the above date. There was a very large gathering of Brethren of considerable local influence, as well as of distinguished visitors from the Metropolis, and the proceedings generally were of more than ordinary interest. A detailed report of greater length than we can, in our present infant state, afford space for, will be found in the pages of our contemporaries, *The Freemason* and *The Freemasons' Chronicle*, to either or both of which we refer the circle of Brethren more immediately interested.

Ethelbert Lodge—No. 2099.—14th Aug., at the Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay. Bro. C. E. Fenoulhet, W.M.—A large number of visitors honoured the lodge by their presence, and there was a very fair attendance of Members. Bro. Henry Corbet Jones, S.W. was installed by his predecessor in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed. The Officers for the year are Bro. J. S. White, S.W.; E. A. C. Larkin, J.W.; E. T. J. Adams, Treasurer; F. A. Pullen, Secretary; C. Salari, S.D.; C. W. Welby, J.D.; T. E. Dilnot, J.G.; and W. T. England, Steward. The installation banquet took place in the Town Hall, the newly installed Master presiding, and in the course of the evening presenting to Bro. Fenoulhet a handsome P.M. jewel.

Abbey—No. 1184—16th August, at the Masonic Hall, Battle, Sussex. Bro. W. T. Jordan, W.M.—A *remanet* from the previous meeting, in order to complete in a full and proper manner the introduction of Bros. Honisett and Hall, was first taken, the S.W., Bro. Davison, *M.D.*, delivering the "Charge after Initiation." The second degree was then conferred upon the newly initiated Brethren and the Lodge was closed.

Lebanon—No. 1326—18th August, at Feltham, Middlesex. Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, W.M.—There was a very fair attendance of members and visitors. Bros. T. W. Kingston and T. Thompson passed in the second degree, and Bro. G. T. Bailey was raised as M.M. Several proposals in support of charitable gifts having been discussed and approved of, the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned to the 15th inst.—Refreshment followed Labour.

Brownrigg—No. 1638—15th August, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames. Bro. George Moorman, W.M.—Two important officers failed to put in an appearance, although their services were necessary to the perfect working of two ceremonials. Their substitutes, appointed by the W.M. for the occasion, performed their tasks with the utmost fidelity, and Bros. Woodhouse and Clay were passed and Bro. Mayhew raised in a very able and effective manner. With the like able assistance Mr. Thomas Bugler was initiated. As the present S.W. Bro. W. Drewitt is also the W.M. of the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, the choice of the Brethren fell upon Bro. Humphreys, the J.W. as Master for the ensuing year. A well-merited P.M.'s jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. The Lodge was in mourning for the late Bro. Frayling, the former host, and a letter of thanks for condolences was received from Mrs. Frayling, and read. Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren "refreshed."

Kingsland—No. 1693.—22nd August, at the "Cock" Tavern, Kingsland—Emergency—Bro. James Cooper, P.M. and Treasurer, as W.M. Bros. Moore, Strudwick, White, and Wood were raised to the third degree.—Ballots were taken for eight candidates, and proved favourable. Of these the three who attended, viz., Messrs. J. S. Sunderland, jun., F. Read, and W. Gilson, were duly initiated into the Order by Bro. H. Hall, P.M. Lodge was then closed. After dinner, which was presided over by Bro. T. Caseley, the W.M. elect, a very pleasant evening was spent in social converse and harmony.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Hyde Park—No. 1425—Monday, 27th August, 1888, at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. Present—J. C. Conway, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; W. J. Hakim, S.W. 141, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543 and P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; C. G. Weizler, S.D.; W. Death, J.D.; S. Stretch, Jun., I.G. P.M., Bro. E. F. Ferris and Bro. W. C. Edwards. Lodge opened, minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, closed down to the 1st degree, and the ceremonies of Installation and Passing were rehearsed, Bros. Ferris and Edwards being candidates respectively. Bro. Hakim was elected a member, and Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for September 3rd.

Tredegar—No. 1625—At this lodge, held at the Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., the ceremony of Installation will be performed on Thursday next; Bro. Basil Stewart, W.M.

The following capital story is taken from the *Voice of Masonry*. It has been reproduced in one of our Masonic Journals, but, being too good to be lost, we present it to the readers of the "Masonic Star."

TOM'S MASONIC LESSON.

THOMAS BEAUCHAMP was a "good fellow," and, like many another such man, was a Mason, or supposed he was. He had been regularly proposed and elected, and had taken his degrees in due and ancient form. Nor had he stopped with the Lodge, but had had the pleasure of becoming a Royal Arch Mason, in name at least, and proudly wore on his watch chain the cross which is the commonly accepted emblem of a Knight Templar. Had anyone asserted in the hearing of Mr. Thomas Beauchamp, that he was not a Mason, that gentleman would have deeply resented the statement, and regarded it as a deliberate insult, yet there were some of the lessons of Fraternity which he had not learned, but which, fortunately for him and for the world, there was to be a way provided for him to learn.

Thomas Beauchamp was a lawyer; an excellently educated man, full of energy and vigour, and attentive to business. He had been so fortunate as to win in several cases of great importance; had given advice of much worth to two or three men who were rich, influential and appreciative, and by the harmonious actions of all these causes, had been rapidly winning his way to both fame and fortune. However pleasant and self-satisfying this had been to him, it was not to continue, so far as his supposition as to Masonry was concerned.

One afternoon, when Tom had been unusually busy, and was somewhat worried and annoyed, his friend James Jones entered the office. He was not a Mason, though he had a high and very just and accurate opinion of the Fraternity. He was a Member of the church where Tom attended, not as a Member, but merely as a hearer. "I want your subscription to help us purchase an organ for the church," said Mr. Jones, getting straight to the reason for his call, for he knew how busy Tom usually was, and how valuable his time must be.

"How much do you wish?" demanded Tom, equally as brief and business-like as his friend.

"I think you should give fifty dollars, at least," replied Mr. Jones.

"I cannot afford it," said Tom, shortly and rather curtly.

"I'd like to know why not. You can afford a fine house, fine horses, books, amusements, and—"

"Yes," interrupted Tom; "I know all that, but one must have those things in order to move in the circle in society to which I belong. Really, the bills I got last month would astound you. I'll give twenty-five dollars, and it is, as circumstances are, absolutely all I can afford."

"You used to be more liberal, Mr. Beauchamp," said Jones.

"I know it, and I know, too, that in those days I had fewer ways in which to spend my money. Besides I go to church so seldom now that—"

"I wish you came oftener, much oftener, as you would be welcome, and—"

"Freemasonry is good enough religion for me," stoutly said Tom.

"Is it? I do not think that Masonry is religion at all. Are you sure it is?" Jones replied.

"I am sure that any man who lives up to the teachings of Freemasonry will be as nearly perfect as it is possible for a man to be."

"I'll not dispute that. I am not a Mason, not because I am not heartily in accord with the principles I believe it inculcates, but simply because I have never yet found myself so situated financially that I thought I had the right to take the money for the purpose of joining. Not being a Mason, I am in no situation to warrant me in giving an opinion regarding what you have just said; but how many of you live up to the principles you mention?"

"I don't know. No one, I suppose, quite does, but that isn't the question. I'm very busy to-day, and cannot devote time to such a discussion. I'll subscribe the sum I mentioned, and, some time when I am not quite so busy, I'll consider the whole matter thoroughly and answer you fully." He put his name on the subscription list, wrote his cheque for twenty-five dollars, and handed it to Jones, who then withdrew.

Tom tired himself over one legal document, worried over another, nodded over a third, and was just thinking to himself how close the room was, and how sleepy and stupid he was getting, when something strange happened. A gentleman entered his office noiselessly, crossed the floor silently, and had seated himself at the table, just opposite Tom, before the latter observed him. The new comer was one of the most remarkable men Tom had ever seen. His face was long and sallow. His eyes were black as coal, but seemed full of strange and shifting light, as though there were fire in them. He had a huge moustache, as dark as hair ever was, waxed fine to a couple of upturned points. A long tuft of hair, deepening from his pointed chin, lengthened out his face more than anything else could possibly have done. He wore a tall silk hat, which he did not remove during the entire interview, yet beneath its brim Tom could not fail to see that the luxuriant growth of hair was combed into two curious little hillocks just over the temples. He was dressed in sombre black, from head to foot, and wore a long ulster, which must have swept the floor when he walked. He had on fine black kid gloves, which he retained on his hands during his call. Remarkable looking in every respect, there was nothing which one could well have honestly criticised in his appearance unless it were his feet, which, judging by the size and shape of his boots, it seemed must be deformed. The stranger placed a small valise upon Tom's table, and looked at the lawyer as though waiting for him to speak. So Tom began: "To whom am I indebted for the honour of this call?"

"Call me D.," replied the visitor very gruffly.

"And may I ask, Mr. D., what your business with me is? I am very busy and have no time to spare just now."

"Are you a Mason?" asked the gentleman in black, in a very doubtful tone.

"I am," replied Tom, proudly, and he caught at his showy watch charm, and jingled it, though I suppose he did that unconsciously.

Mr. D. drew back a little from the table, and seemed nervous and excited. "Please don't do that," he muttered; "that thing would burn me if it touched me; don't you know that? I wonder that it don't burn you."

"I don't understand you, Mr. D." Tom replied, questioningly.

"Exactly, and I don't understand you either. I came in this afternoon to see if it was possible to do so. You say you are a Mason? I am going to see whether you have lied to me or—"

"I don't believe I'm very well posted," interrupted Tom, anxiously, and a little shamefacedly. "The fact is, I have not attended Lodge very often, and—"

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Mr. D. laughed, and when he had recovered his breath, said, "You didn't take me for a Mason, did you?"

"Yes. I supposed you were, or else you would not have interested yourself in my Masonic associations and actions," said Tom.

"Oh, no indeed. I know nothing about Masonry, excepting what I've found in this little book," D. replied and he opened his valise and took out a copy of "The Freemason's Monitor," with a variety of tools, all of which he placed upon the table. He then continued: "I heard you were a Mason, but I doubted it. I had an idea that you were an eligible candidate for admission into an order to which I belong, but as no *good Mason* could belong to that, I thought I'd come and satisfy myself."

"But, Mr. D., why may not a man belong to Freemasonry and to your Order as well?"

"Because, my good fellow, it is the province of Masonry to build up, and it is the province of my Order to tear down, to destroy, to degrade, to ruin. What are the working tools of an Entered Apprentice?"

"The twenty-four-inch gauge and the common gavel."

"How do *you* use them?" Mr. D. inquired, with emphasis and significance.

"I don't think I understand you, and I cannot really say," Tom replied, not a little disconcerted.

"Shall I make a suggestion?" Tom assented. "You use the twenty-four inch gauge for ignoble and inglorious purposes. Emblematical of the day, you divide your day into *two unequal* parts. You find a half-dozen hours for the vocation by means of which you gain your living, and thrice that time for excess and luxurious living. For God and a distressed brother you find nothing?"

"Sir," said Tom, indignantly, "I protest against all this."

Mr. D. smiled. "Will you kindly let me see that document lying by your elbow?" Tom shook his head and tried to keep it from his visitor; tried to put it out of sight, but all his efforts were in vain, and Mr. D. took the document and opened it. "A mortgage, isn't it?" he asked, and something in his tone made Tom's heart sink within him. He bowed his head in silence, and doubted if he could have said anything, even if his life had depended on it. "A mortgage," continued Tom's visitor, "and securing a note at a very high rate of interest. Five hundred dollars would satisfy the debt, while the property is worth at least four times that, and yet you are going to foreclose your claim, are you not?"

"Of course I am," said Tom sullenly, and rather against his will. "What would you have a man do, if it were any of your business?"

"I may make it my business, my dear fellow, before I am done with you. This debt is one you could afford to lose, so far as that is concerned, but there is no danger of your having to lose it. The interest has always been paid promptly, and the principal will be paid eventually, if you will only wait patiently. What are the working tools of a Fellow Craft?"

"The plumb, the square, and the level," replied Tom, promptly and unhesitatingly.

"Please explain their symbolic meaning," said D. with a piercing look.

Tom opened his mouth and he heard the words spoken, but he could hardly believe that it was himself who was speaking. His heart protested, vainly, against the words he uttered, but he went relentlessly on. Never had he imagined the words could be so perverted and misused: "The plumb permits us to walk proudly, giving heed to neither God nor a humbler brother, squaring our accounts with the unfortunate by means of the pitiless square of the law, and—"

Mr. D. laughed. "You're frank, my dear fellow, to a most praiseworthy degree, though little else about you is praiseworthy. There is no doubt that you live up to what you have said. I think this mortgage is against the estate of a deceased Freemason, and for his widow to pay it, at once, would be to take food from the mouths of his orphan children, and— But enough of that? What is the use of the trowel?"

"I cannot say," stammered Tom, "and I think I never knew."

"I know you never did," said Mr. D. savagely, as he arose to his feet and leaned across the table until his hot breath fell upon Tom's face. "I know you never did. Who ever knew you to further friendship and accord when you could coin money out of men's contests? Who can think of brotherly love and of you in the same connection, you impudent, self-sufficient, time-serving fellow?" Mr. D. paused for a moment, as though to get breath. Then he reached over, caught Tom by the collar, and dragged him slowly up over the table, at the same time saying slowly and significantly, "You are no Mason, no matter how many degrees you have taken, and you never will be. The Order which pulls down and builds not up again—the Order which destroys and puts nothing in the place of that which it ruined—the Order which magnifies self, and which never heard of fraternity—that is the Order for you, and this very night you sh all be initiated therein." Tom struggled violently, cried out incoherently—*and awoke.* Mr. D. and his visit had been only a dream?

The fire was out, the room was cold, and it was already twilight—a twilight which was rapidly darkening into night. Tom put away the mortgage; wrote a letter to his debtor, generously giving her more time, and then burned, without opening and re-reading is a letter of a different tenour which he had written earlier in the day. "Thank God is was only a dream," he said, gratefully, as he hurried along the street, "but such a dream—such a dream!" he added, with a shudder. "Thank God it was only my other self, my better self, that attacked and humbled me, instead of being what it might have been! Thank God that I have not been a bad man, and that now I shall not be; thank Him that His heaven-sent vision found me at the parting of the ways—at the crisis of my life."

Tom called upon James Jones on his way home and handed him another twenty-five dollars. Mr. Jones seemed astonished. "I supposed you abided by your decisions?" said he. "What induced you to change your mind?"

Tom laughed, which spoke well for the salutary effect of the lesson he had received, and he pleasantly replied, "A little thoughtful consideration of the principles of Freemasonry."

"I've been saving money for some time," said James Jones, suddenly, "with the intention of applying for admission to the Masonic Fraternity. I am going to try to be a Mason, and I hope I can gain acceptance. Will you get me a petition and recommend me?"

"I will," said Tom, and then, as he walked slowly and thoughtfully homeward, he said to himself: "I have had an escape, to-day, which I will never forget. Jones is going to *try* to be a Mason, and so am I!"

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Ye Antiente Fraternife of Ye Rahere Almoners, a Charitable Society in the City of London, founded in 1881, and carrying out under its quaint title the practical work of benevolence and loving kindness towards the poor and distressed of the parish of St. Bartholomew the Great, held its annual meeting on St. Bartholomew's Day, the 25th inst., at the School Rooms in Cloth Fair, London. The Society is supported by a large number of Freemasons; indeed the whole plan and design of the "Almonry" has been founded on that of Freemasonry, and of all the societies we know devoted to the help of the poor, there is not one which, within the limits of its power, effects so much good. Past Prior Mr. John Hollinghurst occupied the chair: and amongst those present were: The Rev. B. Savory, M.A., Mr. T. Wildash, C.C., Mr. James Loring, F.C.O., Mr. T. Thompson, Mr. R. Griffiths, Mr. M. Green, Mr. A. Eve, and Mr. T. Sangster, C.C. (Recorder). The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and confirmed. Mr. B. Turner, C.C., was unanimously elected Prior for the second time. The grand council was reappointed, the Rev. B. Savory and Mr. R. Peck being added. Mr. T. Thompson was elected Proctor. Mr. Sangster, C.C. (the Recorder) read the report, which was of a highly satisfactory character, and for which we should have been glad to have afforded space in these columns. As we shall take further opportunities to refer to the admirable work of this Society, we shall be content for the present to say that the funds which have been entrusted to it have been most faithfully applied, have relieved a very great deal of distress, and kept many from immediate dependence on the rates. There is not a large balance in hand, and in face of approaching winter we feel assured that neither of the gentlemen above named will object to receive any addition thereto, to enable them to still further pursue the good work they have in hand.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings,

For the current week, compiled from the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* (G. Kenning, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M.C., Masonic Club; M.H., Masonic Hall; M.R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C.H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of Freemason's Hall, London, are London Lodges."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge and Chapter.	Place of Meeting.
	This Day, (Last) THURSDAY, AUGUST 30th.	
	General Committee, Girls' School, at 4.	
	No Lodge meeting	
65	Prosperity	These Lodges will resume meetings on 27th September.
507	United Pilgrims	
766	William Preston	
1421	Langthorn	
1524	Duke of Connaught	
1563	City of Westminster	
1658	Skelmersdale	
1816	Victoria Park	
2192	Highbury	
	(Last) FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st.	
	House Committee, Benevolent Institution, at 3.	
	No Lodge meeting	
780	Royal Alfred	Will resume on 28th Sept.
	(1st) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.	
	No Lodge meeting	
1329	Sphinx	Will resume on 29th Sept.
1679	Henry Muggeridge	
2048	Henry Levander	
2087	Electric	
R.A.C.		
975	Rose of Denmark...	Star and Garter, Kew.
1326	Lebanon	Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge and Chapter.	Place of Meeting.
	(1st) MONDAY, SLPTEMBER 3rd.	
144	St. Luke's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.
1625	Tredegar	Royal Hotel, Mile End Road.
1853	Caxton	F.M.H.
79	Pythagorean	Will resume on 24th Sept.
1745	Farringdon Without	
1828	Shepherd's Bush	
R.A.C.		
1891	St. Ambrose	Baron's Court Hotel, W. Kensington.
	(1st) TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th.	
	Colonial Board, at 4.	
1472	Henley	Three Crowns Hotel, N. Woolwich.
1662	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow.
141	Faith	Will resume on 25th Sept.
186	Industry	
1158	Southern Star	
1441	Ivy	
R.A.C.		
1629	United	F.M.H.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th.	
	Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge, at 7.	
753	Prince Frederick William ...	Will resume on 26th Sept.
754	High Cross	
1056	Victoria	
1540	Chaucer	
	(1st) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBBR 6th.	
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nun's Hotel, Aldgate.
1790	Old England	Mas. Hall, New Thornton Heath.
1950	Southgate	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
2128	United Northern Counties ...	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
	Birmingham—16 Lodges, 6 Chapters.		
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	5th Sept	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	11th Sept	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Oct	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	10th Sept	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	17th Sept	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Sept	Ditto
1016	Elkington	25th Sept	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	12th Sept	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Oct	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Oct	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	18th Sept	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Sept	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Sept	Ditto
	Bolton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.		
37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Sept	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	12th Sept	Ditto
221	St. John	19th Sept	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Sept	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	3rd Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	11th Sept	Ditto
	Bradford—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.		
302	Hope...	17th Sept	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	20th Sept	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	4th Sept	M. H., Dorley Street

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
	Bradford—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters—*continued.*		
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Sept	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales	(?) 7th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
	Brighton—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.		
271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	4th Sept	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	25th Sept	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Sept	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Sept	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	27th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa	5th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
	Bristol—9 Lodges, 3 Chapters.		
68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Sept	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	4th Sept	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	12th Sept	Ditto
326	Moira	20th Sept	Ditto
610	Colston	19th Sept	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Oct	Ditto
1388	Canynges	1st Sept	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	27th Sept	Ditto
2257	Powell	24th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	15th Sept	Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	25th Sept	Ditto
187	Charity ...	6th Sept	Ditto

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
Derby—4 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
253	Tyrian	25th Sept	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	12th Sept	Ditto
802	Repose	20th Sept	Ditto
1085	Hartington	5th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	11th Sept	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto
Douglas, I. of M.—3 Lodges, 1 Chapter.			
1004	Athole	19th Sept	M.H., Loch Parade
1242	Tynwald	5th Sept	Ditto
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	20th Sept	Ditto
Hull—5 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
57	Humber	6th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	10th Sept	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Sept	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Sept	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	7th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber TO-DAY,	30th Aug	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	20th Sept	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
Leeds—8 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
289	Fidelity	6th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	26th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	7th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	3rd Sept	Ditto
1221	Defence	10th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	21st Sept	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	8th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	11th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	(?)	M. H., Great George Street
Leicester—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
279	St. John's	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	20th Sept	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MOR.,	31st Aug	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Oct	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
Liverpool—34 Lodges, 15 Chapters.			
32	St. George's ...	26th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	20th Sept	Ditto
216	Harmonic	13th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	11th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	6th Sept	Ditto
292	Sincerity	10th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire	27th Sept	Ditto
667	Alliance	18th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John	4th Sept	Ditto
680	Sefton	5th Oct	Ditto
724	Derby	26th Sept	Ditto
786	United Service ...	11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	19th Sept	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	5th Sept	Ditto
1094	Temple	12th Sept	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	13th Sept	Ditto
1264	Neptune	3rd Sept	Ditto
1325	Stanley	24th Sept	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	10th Sept	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	12th Sept	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	20th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	17th Sept	Ditto
1505	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	12th Sept	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Sept	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	25th Sept	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	5th Sept	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	25th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	5th Sept	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	17th Sept	Ditto
2215	Anfield	27th Sept	Eaton Hall, Bridge Road
2229	Lathom	(?)	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	4th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners	20th Sept	Ditto
292	Liverpool	27th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire	12th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	25th Sept	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	19th Sept	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Oct	Ditto
1393	Hamer	6th Sept	Ditto
1502	Israel	11th Sept	Ditto
Manchester—19 Lodges, 6 Chapters.			
44	Friendship	5th Oct	Albion Hotel
62	Social	24th Sept	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th Oct	Ditto
152	Virtue	21st Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	26th Sept	Ditto
204	Caledonian	12th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability	6th Sept	Ditto
633	Yarborough ...	19th Sept	Ditto
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Oct	Ditto
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Sept	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	1st Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1052	Callender	18th Sept	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1147	St. David	13th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1170	St. George	17th Sept	Ditto
1219	Strangeways ...	26th Sept	(?)
1253	Travellers	8th Oct	Queen's Hotel
1993	Wolseley	4th Sept	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Sept	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	12th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross

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Manchester—19 Lodges, 6 Chapters—(*continued*).			
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	9th Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian	20th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Oct	Ditto
645	Humphrey Cheetham	2nd Oct	Ditto
Newcastle-on-Tyne—11 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	6th Sept	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	5th Sept	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	10th Sept	Ditto
541	De Loraine	21st Sept	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	4th Sept	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	12th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	18th Sept	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	27th Sept	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	14th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	28th Sept	Ditto
2260	Ridley	?	?
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	20th Sept	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	18th Sept	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
Norwich—6 Lodges, 3 Chapters.			
Lo. 52	Union	4th Sept	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	9th Oct	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	18th Sept	Ditto
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	30th Aug	Ditto
943	Sincerity	25th Sept	Ditto
1500	Walpole	4th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Sept	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Sept	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Oct	Ditto
Nottingham—8 Lodges, 5 Chapters.			
Lo. 47	Newstead	2nd Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	10th Sept	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	7th Sept	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	3rd Sept	Ditto
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	31st Aug	Ditto
1794	De Vere	21st Sept	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	17th Sept	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	9th Oct	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	24th Sept	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	?	Ditto
Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse—16 Lodges, 12 Chapters.			
Lo. 70	St. John's	4th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	10th Sept	Ditto
156	Harmony	3rd Sept	Ditto
159	Brunswick	5th Sept	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	10th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	25th Sept	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	18th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	6th Sept	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	11th Sept	Ditto
1205	Metham	17th Sept	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	13th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	17th Sept	Ditto
1550	Prudence	1st Sept	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	11th Sept	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	25th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Sept	Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR.,	31st Aug	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
Portsmouth, Landport, and Southsea—11 Lodges. 5 Chapters,			
257	Phœnix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	13th Sept	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	9th Oct	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	14th Sept	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	20th Sept	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	25th Sept	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Sept	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	24th Sept	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	17th Sept	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	12th Sept	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	11th Sept	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance		Soldier's Institute, High Street
Sheffield—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
139	Britannia	13th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Sept	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	3rd Sept	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	25th Sept	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	17th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey
296	Loyalty	15th Oct	Ditto

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—*(continued)*.

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	13th Sept	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	17th Sept	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	20th Sept	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	4th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	6th Sept	Ditto
359	Peace	7th Sept	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Sept	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
80	St. John	11th Sept	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	5th Sept	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	13th Sept	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	28th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Sept	M. H., Forward Road
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Forward Road

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

The Editor desires that the following List may be taken as only approximately correct. To ensure absolute correctness in future issues, information from the Secretaries of the Lodges not named, or imperfectly announced, is especially solicited.

THIS DAY (Last) THURSDAY, AUGUST 30th.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
3	Fidelity	at 8	Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W.C.
13	Union Waterloo ...	„ 8	Earl of Chatham, Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
87	Vitruvian	„ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's	„ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross	„ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak	„ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark	„ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ...	„ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star	„ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ...	„ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ...	„ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1287	Great Northern ...	at 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.
1306	St. John	„ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy	„ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ...	„ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ...	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar...	„ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane. [well
1677	Crusaders	„ 8.30	Old Jerm. Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerken-
1681	Londesborough... ...	„ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph	„ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1816	Victoria Park	„ 8	Yorkshire Grey, High Street, Stratford.
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	„ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„ 8	Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canon- bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.

(Last) FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st.

9	Albion	at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 7	F. M. H.
333	Kintore	„ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims ...	„ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave	„ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's	„ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ...	„ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
933	Doric	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1228	Beacontree	„ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone [bury.
1298	Royal Standard ...	„ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty	„ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ...	„ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C			
65	Prosperity	„ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
800	Hornsey...	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ...	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.

(1st) SATURDAY, SEPT. 1st.

179	Manchester	at 8	Yorkshire Grey, Ldn. St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1364	Earl of Zetland ...	„ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	„ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick	„ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.

(1st) MONDAY, SEPT. 3rd.

22	Loughborough	at 8	Ganden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C
174	Sincerity	„ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ...	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
993	Dorie	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton	„ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1445	Prince Leopold... ...	„ 7	Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ...	„ 8	Royal Edward Mare Street, Hackney.

(1st) MONDAY, SEPT. 3rd—*continued*.

1507	Metropolitan ...	at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ...	„ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„ —	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn	„ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ...	„ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar...	„ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield	„ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn	„ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2090	Hammersmith	„ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.			
206	Hope	„ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.

(1st) TUESDAY, SEPT. 4th.

55	Constitutional	at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
140	St. George	„ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„ 7	Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
554	Yarborough	„ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ...	„ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury...	„ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ...	„ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley	„ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer	„ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ...	„ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring	„ —	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex ...	„ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ...	„ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ...	„ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton	„ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
975	Metropolitan	„ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.

(1st) WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5th.

30	United Mariners ...	at 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ...	„ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry...	„ 8.30	Rally. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence	„ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength ...	„ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure...	„ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ...	„ 7.30	Silver Tav., Bardett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ...	„ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne	„ 7	Goose & Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard
1288	Finsbury Park ...	at 8.30	Cock Tav. Highbury, N.
1421	Langthorne	„ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham	„ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1601	Ravensbourne (3rd Oct.)	„ 8	George Inn., Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett	„ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1791	Creaton	„ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1922	Earl of Lathom ...	„ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ...	„ 7.30	Roch. Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
R.A.C.			
177	Domatic	„ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ...	„ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
704	Camden	„ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
933	Doric	„ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road

(1st) THURSDAY, SEPT. 6th.

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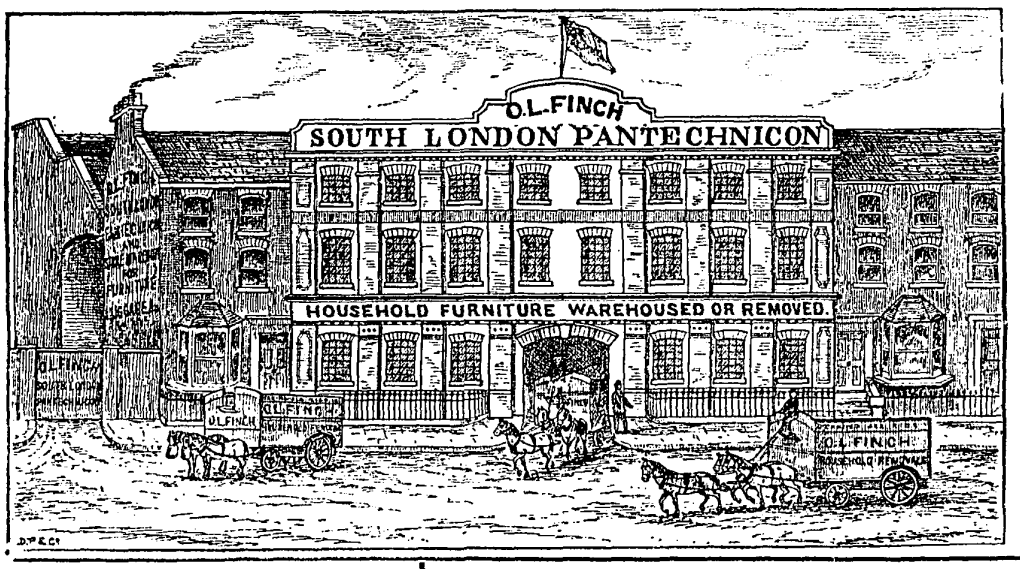
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The New Session.

WITHIN the next few weeks a large number of our Lodges will resume their pleasant labours after a recess which, we trust, will have given to their members refreshment and an increased zest for Masonic work. It is a fitting moment to urge upon the Craft generally the exercise of greater care and caution than has of late years been evinced in respect of sundry matters which materially affect the prosperity and progress of the Order. If we are somewhat venturesome thus early in our career in taking on ourselves to offer advice we do so in the dearest interests of Freemasonry; and because we believe that it is in the power of Lodge Officers to mitigate at least, if not altogether to do away with, existing evils. Amongst the foremost of those evils to which we desire to direct attention is that of indiscriminate admission of candidates into our Order. There can be no disputing the fact that the great increase in the number of our Lodges, and the strong desire of most of them to attain distinction on the score of numerical strength, have caused the introduction of men who were never fitted by social position, education or prospects to see the LIGHT. In proof of this statement we have only to refer to the lists of cases set monthly before the Board of Benevolence, and to those published by our respective Benevolent Institutions, and observe the large proportion of applicants in respect of whom neither notable Masonic service nor charitable contributions are recorded. It would be invidious to particularise, in this article at any rate, instances which must force upon the mind of any reasoning person the conviction that, notwithstanding asseverations to the contrary, the influence of mercenary and unworthy motives *has* had a great share in swelling the numbers of the Craft during the last two decades. As to the solicitation of friends against inclination, what can be said if it be a fact, as we are credibly informed it is, that credit for payment of initiation fees has been given to many so unblessed with this world's wealth that such fees were beyond their power of payment except by instalments? It is time that a check should be put upon such practices, if they really exist; and our voice will not be wanting for the purpose of denouncing what is tending greatly to injure our Order as a truthful and honorable society, and to swell the number of applicants for relief to our already greatly burdened institutions. The remedy for this evil is insistence that the law be observed in every case in respect of propositions for initiation, and that no exceptions shall be allowed by "Fiat" of the W.M. unless they be in strict accord with the regulations of the Order. The "Fiat" (let it be done!) is an innovation, and a very serious one. Probably permitted to meet cases of great emergency, it has gradually become a medium whereby introductions to Lodges are made on the very shortest possible notice and to the hindrance of the necessary inquiries before voting. The result is that men are received into Freemasonry who, had sufficient time been allowed to members, would have been reported as unfitted for the connection they sought. It is a very commendable practice in some Lodges to require from both the proposer and seconder of a candidate an unreserved statement in open Lodge of their personal acquaintance with him, and their assurance as to his moral behaviour, responsibility and fitness for admission, and it is a great pity that this practice is not universal. Before any of the members of a Lodge consent to nominate any person for Initiation let the following most excellent recommendation, contained in "*Ahiman Rezon*" as far back as 1756, be observed: "Let them (the candidates) first consider their income and family, and know that Freemasonry requires ability, attendance, and a good appearance to maintain and support its ancient and honourable grandeur." And what is still better as a recommendation, let no Brother propose a person to join the Order until after preliminary introduction to the members of his own family. The "home" is the place whereat we should first study the qualities of future associates before we connect them with our Lodges; and we may be certain our wives and daughters would soon tell us how far our intended initiates might be relied upon for fidelity to Masonic obligations.

This is but one of the many safeguards to the Order which have, during several past years, been neglected, and probably is, in fact, the most important of them. We could enlarge upon the topic to much greater extent than the limit of space allotted to our "Editorial" will permit. We shall, however, continue, at other convenient opportunities, to call the attention of the Craft generally, and particularly that of its rulers, to the subject, and meanwhile would respectfully urge upon our Brethren to give it their gravest consideration as an important factor for good or evil. The members of our private Lodges may be assured that any endeavours made by them to secure the introduction only of those who possess all the necessary qualifications for upholding the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry, and proving to the external world its beneficial effects, will be supported by the Chiefs of the Order. Let it be hoped that the new Session about to commence may be marked by an earnest resolution to prevent the entrance of bad material within our gates, so that the work to be accomplished before we are "called off" for another recess may be perfect in all its parts, and merit the approval of the MASTER BUILDER.

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Junior Warden.

"When the Junior Warden to *Refreshment* calls us,
And the Sun is at meridian height,
Let us merrily unite most cheerily,
In social harmony new joys invite.
One and all, at his call,
To the feast repairing,
All around, joys resound,
Each the pleasure sharing."—WEBB.

WE referred in our last article to the great importance of the selection by the W.M. of his first Principal Officer, and our present remarks may be applied with equal force to the choice of his second Warden. Indeed, there are some special circumstances which tend to increase the necessity for the exercise of even greater caution and circumspection in the selection of the Junior Warden, for, in his person, there is about to be constituted, as a member of Grand Lodge, a partaker in the legislative deliberations of our Masonic Parliament, and, for the first time in his masonic career, he will be called upon to exercise his judgment in expounding those laws which it has hitherto been his bounden duty to obey, and to assist in the framing of others for the future observance of the general body of the Craft. The change from a position of subservience to one of power is not unfrequently a severe trial of human nature; for the best disposed among us may often prove most excellent servants and assistants but intolerably bad masters. Nevertheless, it is from the manner in which the duties of a subordinate position have been discharged, and the zeal shewn in promoting the interests to be derived therefrom, that judgment can be best formed as to the propriety of, and the results to be expected from, promotion to the rank of ruler and lawgiver. That brother who has the most fully carried out the recommendations contained in the Charge at Initiation, and more especially that "excellence of character" to which his attention has been peculiarly and forcibly directed, *Obedience*, is the Craftsman most likely to discharge the functions of a Junior Warden with credit to himself and advantage to his Lodge, and is the best qualified, in those moments when his column is in the ascendant, to communicate happiness to his fellow-workmen.

It has frequently been the subject of remark amongst veterans of the Craft that, as a rule, the most capable Junior Deacons have proved themselves best fitted for the office of Junior Warden, and have subsequently shone in the capacity of Worshipful Master. Of the respective Deacons' duties we shall have to treat in future chapters. We note the fact now as an encouragement to brethren not to neglect the lesser work in any portion of its detail if they should desire to merit distinction. Very often the office of Senior Deacon has not to be served by the advancing brother, whilst that of the Junior is but seldom left out of the curriculum of the Office-bearer.

As the third Great Pillar supporting a Freemason's Lodge, the Junior Warden represents that of Beauty. His prototype is Hiram Abiff, our Grand Master of ancient days, whose exquisite skill and masterly workmanship beautified and adorned King Solomon's Temple. His symbol is the Corinthian Order of Architecture, beautiful to a degree, and acknowledged to be the richest of the Orders and a masterpiece of Art. Our masonic tradition as to the conception of the Capital of this Order by Calimachus, at Corinth, should be well known (although we greatly fear it is not so) by every Craftsman who has the opportunity to use the Corinthian Column or Pillar of Beauty on specified occasions whilst in discharge of his duties. These may be said to be, in figurative language, the adornment of the work of Masonry with all his powers of genius and active industry, and the promotion of regularity amongst the brethren by the sanction of his own good example, the persuasive eloquence of precept, and a discriminative encouragement of merit.

The observations we have already made in respect of the powers of the Senior Warden equally apply to the Junior Warden. Both alike have the same privileges as to the ruling of the Lodge under certain circumstances, and both the same prerogatives in the Grand Lodge. The distinction of Senior and Junior is but the accident of rota, and does not affect the control which both or either can exercise in the goverment of the Lodge. "The Master and his Wardens" is the frequent expression contained in our laws and regulations, as well as in our ritual; and to them is delegated jointly the power to rule and, in conjunction with others, to hold and make perfect our several Lodges. In these respects they are *tria juncta in uno*, and this consideration should of itself enforce on the mind of every aspirant for the chair of Hiram Abiff the necessity of a full precedent qualification for the Office, and a sense that it would be not only detrimental to the Order he professes to revere, but dishonourable in himself, to accept the position without possessing the ability to discharge its duties with that credit and advantage to which we have before alluded.

Of these qualifications there are, in addition to those which have been enumerated in connection with the Senior Warden, others relating to duties in performance of which the Junior Warden should be an adept. To him is committed the important business of examination of Visitors, "lest through his neglect any unqualified person should gain admission," and however much it has been of recent years customary to have that duty vicariously performed, the custom would be "more honoured in the breach than in the observance" if the proper official discharged it. As matters at present stand, the examination is generally of a loose and slip-shod character, and almost the slightest apparent knowledge of means of Masonic communication is allowed as sufficient for introduction. This innovation upon an ancient and important landmark should be resisted by the Junior Warden, and in all cases, when strangers seek admission, he should himself "prove and vouch." Notably we find that on this point our brethren in the provinces are more conservative and strict than those of the metropolis. To thoroughly "prove," however, and with a certainty that attempts at imposture would be detected, the Junior Warden should himself be perfect in ritual and procedure, and that he cannot become without still further enhancing his qualifications for office.

The Junior Warden is the, in these days, presumed president at refreshment. In former times there is no doubt that he was president *de facto*. The Lodge was under his charge, and his column placed perpendicular, in token of his authority, when labour had ceased at "high twelve." Then "refreshment" was taken in the Lodge itself, and the necessity for governance during the hour of rest was obvious. Now, as a rule, all work is concluded, and the Lodge closed before the "social board" is approached, and hence the office of the Junior Warden has been deprived of one of its chiefest features. Nevertheless, much opportunity yet remains in the way of preparation for supreme command; and in the South can still be found abundant opportunities for acquiring and perfecting those qualities which, exercised in a more exalted position, render a brother Mason respected and beloved. The Junior Warden's jewel of office, the plumb, whilst reminding him and those around him of the rectitude of conduct which should distinguish him and them during those hours when they are beyond the precincts of the Lodge, is also an emblem of uprightness and integrity. The moral tendency of this beautiful symbol should be known, not only to him and to all Freemasons alone, but to all men who would "walk justly and uprightly before God and man, turning neither to the right hand nor left from the paths of virtue."

Punctuality in attendance on his Lodge is a most important responsibility on the Junior Warden. He should be present before the Lodge is opened that he may be enabled to "prove" strangers seeking to share in the ceremony of opening, and, equally with the Senior Warden, is expected to give a "full day's labour." Within the Lodge the ritual of the Order itself will instruct him as to further duties and responsibilities.

FREEMASON VOLUNTEERS.

IN connection with some of our crack Volunteer Rifle Corps there have been several Masonic Lodges formed. Of these we have knowledge of three attached to Metropolitan Corps, and it might be of interest to many of our Order if we were enabled to publish a list of all the Lodges so connected with the Volunteer Force generally. As far as we can learn, the first Lodge for which a Charter was granted to members of a Volunteer Regiment, as such, is the "Fitzroy No. 569," in connection with the Hon. Artillery Company, and the second the "Macdonald, No. 1216," which was consecrated in April, 1868, and is named after the late Col. J. H. Macdonald, the commanding officer of the First Surrey Rifles, at the head-quarters of which corps at Camberwell the Lodge is established. The warrant was granted to the then Major, now retired Lt.-Col. of the Regiment, Bro. Alexander Ledwick Irvine as first Master, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., as first S.W., and Bro. Polydore de Keyser, the present Lord Mayor of London, as first I.W. During the Mastership of Bro. Stevens a very handsome Silver Challenge Cup was presented by the Lodge to the corps as a prize for shooting. The cup is of the value of fifty guineas, and a sum of five guineas is annually voted by the Lodge to the holder of the prize for the year. On the 31st ult., the 19th competition for this Cup took place at Wimbledon in favourable weather. The competitors were efficients of the corps and members of the Lodge, the conditions being seven shots at each of the ranges of 200, 500, and 600 yards. Some splendid shooting resulted, the principal scores being as follows:—

MACDONALD LODGE CHALLENGE CUP.

	200yds.	500yds.	600yds.	Total.
Bro. Private Davis	31	33	30	94
„ Colonel Nevill	30	29	30	89
„ Sergeant Burrow	27	32	27	86
„ Private Newnes	29	30	27	86
„ Corporal M'Alpin	23	28	33	84
„ Armourer-Sergeant Watkins ...	31	26	25	82
„ Private Messenger	29	26	26	81
„ Corporal Allen	31	24	26	81
„ Private Gunston	28	29	24	81

Amongst other prizes shot for on the same ranges on the same day, were the Ladies' Challenge Cup and the Sturdy Challenge Cup, and in both these several members of the Macdonald Lodge contested. A very keen contest for the first of these prizes resulted in favour of Lieutenant Lock, who made the splendid score of 99 out of a possible 105, and who also carried off the second with a total of 63 out of a possible 70.

We shall hope to be enabled to record the success of other members of the Macdonald Lodge at this meeting, which will terminate on the 8th inst., when the principal prizes to be shot for are the Irvine Challenge Trophy, value 70 guineas, the Wimbledon Series, the Pollock Challenge Cup, value 50 guineas, and the Championship.

THE EAST.

THE East is masonically styled the place of light, a figure that is too obvious to require illustration. It is in the East that "the golden doors of sunrise" open. Thence the god of day comes forth to banish the silence, coldness, and darkness of night. The benighted wanderers, chilled with night dews and melancholy with its ghostly stillness, turns his eyes longingly towards the East, and impatiently anticipates the dawn. So with those who feel the intellectual loneliness and darkness of their nature; they turn wistfully to the moral East, the heavenly East, the source of mental illumination.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

WHITE-APRONED BROTHERS.

COME, cease from your labors,
Ye white-aproned neighbours,
And answer my words—
Tell us, *Who are ye?*
"We are friends of humanity,
Hating profanity,
Spurning all vanity,
CHILDREN OF PEACE—
Men who can feel
All our *own* need of kindness,
And bless the GREAT GOD,
Who hath lightened our blindness."

Tell us, *What do ye?*
"By precept, example,
We're building a temple,
Fair, lofty and ample,
For HIM whom we serve—
Following the plans
That our MASTER doth give us,
And amply repaid
When His servants receive us."

And *What do you work with?*
"The Gauge and the Gavel,
The Plumb, Square, and Level,
And then as we travel
The Trowel we hold—
Skilfully these,
At first we're inducted—
Obediently these,
In the way we're instructed."

Your timbers, what are they?
"The blocks that we quarry,
And timbers so heavy,
Our hands shape and carry,
Those Ashlars are men;
Rough Ashlars they are—
But hewed, marked and garnished,
By precepts divine,
Our task will be finished."

Your resting, when is it?
"We look for no leisure,
We sigh for no pleasure,
We covet no treasure,
Till SATURDAY NIGHT—
Wages and joys,
And a rest without breaking,
Wait for us then,
In the home that we're seeking."

From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.

A BROTHER'S ADVICE.

EVER with Fortune's bright sunshine around you,
Think well of the hearts torn by sorrow's sad throes;
Objects of pity at times may surround you:
Aid them with comforts, to banish their woes.
The tempests of life are oft sad and appalling,
Trouble's rough seas oft engulphing the brave:
Rush to the rescue when true hearts are falling,
Ever be ready a comrade to save!

Never through life turn your back on a Brother
Whom tempests have batter'd and wreck'd on life's way;
Rather be trying his sorrows to smother,
Let prosperity's sun lend him *one* cheering ray.
Friendship's the link which in life's cable bindeth
Firmer the Anchor that Hope leans upon:
If but one faithful heart a poor slighted one findeth,
His haven of life will be cheerfully won.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M., P.P.G.R. (Kent).

August, 1880.

FRIENDSHIP.

There are some icy hearts in which the germs
Of Friendship ne'er can grow. You know them long.
Yet never would prefer your lot among
Such undeveloped manhood: for the forms
Of men, but not their souls, are their's; no terms
Which they could offer, be they rich or poor,
Could bind our hearts in friendship for an hour,
Much less for life. Little above the worms
To which we all are journeying, are they.
The friends we lose by death we can't recall,
E'en would we do so, to this earthly ball;
But yet around our path the golden ray
Of other Friendships may illume the gloom,
And cheer us in our passage to the tomb.

New Zealand Mail.

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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I should be glad to be informed whether or not it is the fact that the Principals of a Chapter can be installed into their respective chairs on the same date as that on which they are elected?

Yours fraternally,

G. B.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. SALMON, Willesden.—We are much obliged to you for the information *re* "Wharton, 2015."

J. COOKSON, Stockport.—Thanks for information *re* "Strangeways, 1219." If you can and will recommend us an Agent for the sale of our paper in your district, we will arrange with him for a sufficient supply.

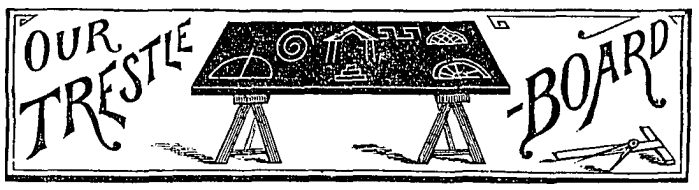
J.W. asks us for a "List of suitable *Recitations* for a Masonic Banquet, stating where to be found and by whom published?" Such a list shall be prepared presently, but for the present we cannot give the request all the attention we could desire.

A Copy of this Number of THE MASONIC STAR has been addressed and posted to the JUNIOR WARDEN of each Lodge under the English Constitution at home and abroad. If any one of those Officers fail to receive same in due course a communication to the Editor is solicited, and the omission shall be rectified.

Secretaries of Lodges and Scribes of Chapters, &c., will greatly oblige us by forwarding notices of forthcoming meetings and information relating to Masonic matters of local or general interest to the Craft. Every attention shall be given to their requirements in respect of same, and we shall be happy at all times to reciprocate their favors to the full extent of our power. We respectfully solicit the support of each regular Lodge and Chapter and each Lodge and Chapter of Instruction by subscription for at least one copy, to be regularly forwarded.

Addresses of the following Lodges wanted. Notices have been returned through post.

Townley Parker Lodge	No. 1032
Studholme	„ 1591
Northern Bar	„ 1610
Eleanor	„ 1707
Unity, Peace and Concord	„ 316
Argonaut	„ 2243
Dagmar	„ 2262



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We have communications from several brethren in favour of the proposal for opening a "Sale and Exchange Column" for Masonic students and collectors, and shall arrange for commencing same in an early number.

We shall be greatly obliged to the compilers or publishers of Provincial Calendars for the current year if they will be good enough to favour us with a copy of their respective works.

Masonic Notes and Memoranda.

"A chiel's amang ye takin' notes, and, faith, he'll prent it."—
BROTHER BURNS.

"The bearings of this observation lays in the application on it."—
Jack Bunsby—DICKENS.

The New York Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says:—Saratoga Springs is being treated to a "sensation" by George Law, an eccentric New York millionaire, who has given all his club friends presents of expensive jewels to the amount of many thousands of pounds. His passion has been to make a gift to every friend he met of a ring of the value of £100. He has an income of £50,000 per annum, one-half of which he expends in presents at his annual visits to Saratoga.

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If George Law should come this way, it is just *possible* that a recent precedent might be followed, and a new Lodge constituted bearing his name, and affording him an opportunity of indulging his passion for making gifts to friends, and perhaps founders. If objection were to be taken to his name, there need be none to the place he came from. Indeed, it is better known than some names we wot of, and, in advertisement language, "distance is no object."

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Bro. Ellman, a P.M. of Lodge No. 1303, completed his fiftieth year of Masonry on the 7th May last, and the South Saxon Lodge, No. 211, Lewes, with which Bro. Ellman is now connected, has forwarded to him a congratulatory vote, which we feel sure will not be one of the least of our veteran brother's highly cherished possessions.

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The members of the St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, Landport, have presented Bro. Harry Kimber, P.M., with a silver inkstand and fittings, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as Treasurer of the Lodge. He had been a former guarantor for £100 in respect of expenses connected with the establishment of the Lodge, and the above grateful return is alike honourable to the givers and the recipient.

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The Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, H. G. Pett, W.M., will hold its last meeting for the year this day (6th Sept.) at 5 p.m., at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will hold its next meeting at Keighley in October, under the banner of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, the centenary warrant for which Lodge has been lately granted.

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A Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at Stockport to-morrow, when the Lord Mayor of London will lay one of the foundation stones of the New Technical Schools with masonic honours. The 17th inst. is the date appointed for the Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, which is to be held at Knutsford.

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The *World* pays the following compliment to our Bro., the Lord Mayor:—"There will be no further festivity at the Mansion House till the Lord Mayor Elect is entertained on Michaelmas Day. Mr. de Keyser has had numerous difficulties to contend with during his term of office; but he has amply merited Lord Salisbury's felicitous words of commendation. He has undoubtedly 'mingled judgment with benevolence, and pursued the duties of his position with untiring industry.' The Lady Mayoress has shown herself to be an admirable hostess; and Mr. Soulsby's activity and experience have once more proved an invaluable aid to the hereditary dispensers of that civic hospitality which has almost come to be regarded as part and parcel of the constitution."

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The *Kreuzzeitung* appeals to "the officers of the German army," and to "all gentlemen of Christian and national principles," to resign their membership of Freemasonry. There are two parties growing up in Germany, those who honour and those who hate Freemasonry. The former will eventually conquer; but meanwhile bitterness will ensue, and, contrary to the designs of Freemasonry, political feud will be created. The Emperor is opposed to Freemasonry; his father was a strong partizan of it.

The Installation Meeting of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Bro. S. W. Graystone, W.M., will be held at the Forester's Hall, Whitstable, on Thursday next, the 13th inst. Bro. Saunders, S.W., is the W.M. elect.

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The Cator Lodge, No. 2226, Beckenham, is stated to be rapidly growing in numbers and in a manner almost unprecedented in a place of the size of Beckenham. Let us venture to express the hope that the brethren of this lodge will study quality before quantity and not be too ready and eager to accept whomsoever may seek the honour of Masonic connection with them.

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THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.—The Rt. Wors. Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master, The Wors. Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.P., P.P.S.G.W., Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. George Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., will hold its next annual meeting at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at twelve o'clock at noon (*see our Advertisement columns*). The business on the Agenda is of great importance, and there will doubtless be a very considerable muster of the Worcestershire brethren.

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The Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys respectively benefit to the extent of £100 each under the will of the late Bro. Colonel Edward Robert King-Harman, Parliamentary Secretary for Ireland, who died on the 10th of June last, and whose will has been proved during the past week. The personalty is sworn over £44,000. Miss King-Harman has left to her the Rockingham estates for life, with proviso that any one she may marry should take the name of King-Harman.

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On Friday last the beautiful specimen of silversmith's work, in the shape of a wreath, which was presented to Bro. Charles Wyndham by his fellow artists from the Residenz Theatre, Berlin, was stolen from the vestibule of the Criterion Theatre, where it has been on exhibition for some months past.

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Many of our brethren who have had of late years to attend Freemasons' Hall, and particularly the lodges and election meetings at the adjoining Freemasons' Tavern, will remember the smiling face of Bro. H. C. Knill, the Hall Porter, whose civility and readiness on all occasions gave general satisfaction. We are sorry to say that the result of a severe accident has rendered him permanently unable to do anything to earn his living, and he is now compelled to become a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Our brother was a member of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, and the "tongue of good report" has always been heard in his favour. Any proxies sent to us for Bro. Knill shall be faithfully applied.

THE CANDIDATE.

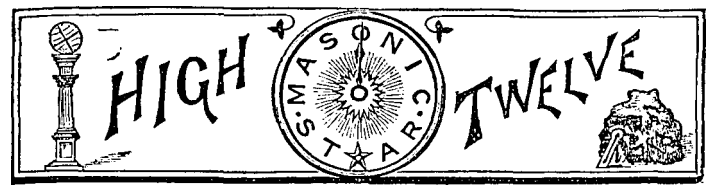
AT the present day, when so much has been said and written concerning Freemasonry, to become a member of the great fraternity is a matter of no inconsiderable moment; yet there is a touch of sadness in the thought that, out of the large number continually joining our ranks, so many are satisfied by merely coming into possession of the esoteric or secret portion of the ritual, without an endeavour, or even apparent desire, to penetrate further and discover the symbolism and true meaning that lies beneath the surface.

We see the candidate upon the threshold of our mystic temple, of his own free will, seeking admission to a society that has laboured for centuries in promoting the welfare of his fellow-men. There he stands, a man, free born, in total darkness concerning the trials he is to undergo, as weak and helpless as a babe, wholly dependent upon that Supreme Being in whom he expresses his belief. He enters into a new world, and receives a knowledge of all the virtues that expand the heart and dignify the soul. He discovers that the aim of Masonry is to introduce him to new views of life and its duties.

In due time he takes upon himself new duties and increased obligations, and by directing his attention to the wonders of nature and art he is taught that man is not to devote himself solely to physical labour. The cultivation of the mind and intellect, with which he has been endowed by his Creator, is impressed upon him, that he may be able to occupy with honour his proper station in society.

At length he attains the summit of sublime knowledge; he learns that man is born to die, and that beyond the grave there is hope of a blessed immortality. He has now passed through our solemn ceremonies and obtained possession of all the ritualistic secrets of the Craft. He has been instructed in all the details of that universal language by which he is enabled to converse with his brethren in every nation under the sun. He may to-day express his wonder and surprise that so much is contained in so small a compass; to-morrow it is forgotten.

What a theme for contemplation has been opened up before him. The ceremonies of initiation are but ripples upon the surface. Beneath lie the hidden mysteries, and to understand them requires deep and serious study. Volumes have been written upon these hidden things, yet it is a lamentable fact that few care to peruse them, or even give them a momentary thought. It is a duty the candidate owes to himself to investigate the ceremonies through which he has passed, and not content himself with the meagre explanation as given within the tyled precincts of the Lodge. Unless he does this, Masonry will soon lose its charms for him, and a few years hence he will wonder what such and such a brother, more zealous than himself, can find in Masonry to cause him to take so deep an interest in it.—*Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal.*



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

The glorious sun has attained its meridian lustre in the South, and declares the hour of high twelve. The Junior Warden's column assumes the perpendicular, to continue in that position only whilst labour is suspended for the purposes of refreshment, and to be lowered at all other times. The plumb rule rests against the rough and imperfect material to await the return of the workmen to their several tasks.

If the Junior Warden's column is perpendicular in the south at any time except when the workmen are at refreshment, whether before work is commenced or after wages are paid and "just dues" rendered, be sure that the symbol is not understood by either Warden or Tyler.

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We do not often get a good laugh out of appeal cases in Grand Lodge. Looking over some papers relating to the proceedings of a recent Quarterly Communication, we lighted on some connected with an appeal from a P.M. of a Lodge at Madras. A more frivolous complaint has never before, we presume, occupied the time of the august assembly. Yet it was made to cover some eighty-five pages of closely written matter, which, as Bro. FENN said, might have been condensed into some fifty words. Bro. PHILBRICK'S able and witty exposition of the full particulars excited more hilarity than usually accompanies our learned Grand Registrar's addresses. The trouble was all about a clock which the Lodge in question had agreed to present to the appellant, in recognition of services, and the preparation of which, "with suitable inscription," had been entrusted to a firm in England. Between the date of order and the arrival of the clock at Madras, some circumstances, of the nature of which we are quite uninformed, had arisen to cause a change of feeling on the part of the intended givers, and so the clock stopped altogether for the proposed recipient. Against this "wind-up" of his expectations the worthy P.M. appealed, but unavailingly. *High Twelve* will never sound for him on that record of the progress of time, and the "suitable inscription" has become no more to him than "such stuff as dreams are made of."

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MY LODGE AT MINE INN.—Notwithstanding that Masonic lodges have not only assembled at public-houses beyond the memory of man, and have even adopted the tavern signs as a distinctive emblem, our American brethren evince repugnance towards sanctioning gatherings of the Fraternity at even an hotel of cosmopolitan reputation. The village inn and the town tavern are among the last relics of practical chivalry During the Middle Ages, when travelling ecclesiastics found lodging places in monasteries, while bishops founded inns in large cities for accommodation of their retainers, designated by a symbol of celestial patronage, such as an angel, a saint, or, curiously enough, by a dragon, lawyers occupied inns of their own creation near the courts of law, while members of the mercantile and operative guilds sought shelter within taverns belonging to their varieties. The great barons maintained, in addition to their castles, large hostelries in the town of which they were provosts, whence they derived handsome incomes for lodging and protecting travellers, while the minor nobility kept taverns, over the doors of which they hung their shields, and where to this day we find in rural districts of England roadside taverns called the Talbot Arms, &c. Masons originally assembled at taverns, designated by the sheriffs of counties, under whose protection they were, and it is in memory of this ancient custom that lodges meet at notable public-houses, accessible to strangers.—*New Zealand Mail.*

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WE note as an interesting announcement that Bro. BENJAMIN FOLSOM, U.S. Consul at Sheffield, at a recent gathering returned thanks as a Visitor on behalf of 600,000 American Masons. This appears to be an endorsement of the statement made by Bro. T. M. WALLER, Consul-General, at the Installation meeting of the Hornsey Lodge (No. 890), who said "that he was in this country as the accredited representative of America, and in numbers he spoke for 600,000 Masons." These are big figures and worthy of our Brethren across the water.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE—No. 2068.—Bro. T. Tuffnell, W.M., arranged a picnic for the members of the Lodge, their wives, sweethearts and friends, on the 22nd ult., when a large party, occupying five four-horse brakes, left High Street, Portsmouth, for Goodwood, *via* Emsworth and Chichester. The band of the Border Regiment accompanied the party, and, as a matter of course, materially enhanced the general enjoyment. Opportunities were taken for saltatory exercise as well at Goodwood after dinner as at Westbourne after tea; and photography lent its aid to keep a pleasing record of the day's enjoyment and happiness. All were loud in their praise of the Committee who had arranged the entire proceedings, especially making "honorable mention" of Bro. R. G. Pither, the Secretary of the Lodge and the originator of the "outing."

HUMBER—No. 57.—The Brethren of the Humber Lodge held their twentieth picnic at Rise Park last week. The party, numbering just on one hundred, left Freemasons' Hall early in the morning, and on arriving, at once proceeded to enjoy themselves in various ways. Archery, dancing, rounders, &c., were all well patronised. A capital luncheon and tea were provided, to which full justice was done, and the party returned, after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, soon after eight. Bro. R. T. Watson during the afternoon secured a good photographic group of the party.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE COLUMNS *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information. We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* THE MASONIC STAR, 38, *Bow Lane, London.*

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CRAFT LODGE MEETINGS.

MECHANICS—No. 245—JERSEY, August 16th, at the Masonic Hall—Bro. G. Long, W.M.—The business was merely of a formal character, and was followed by a banquet at which Bros. James Newton, Prov. A.G. Secretary, East Lancashire, and John Kenyon, P.M. 348, were present. Bro. Newton congratulated the Jersey Lodges on their possession of a Temple in every respect suitable for the performance of masonic work. A very pleasant evening was spent in social converse and harmony.

ROYAL YORKSHIRE—No. 265—KEIGHLEY, August 23rd, at the Masonic Hall—Bro. E. Lee, P.M. 408, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M.—CENTENARY—Emergency.—To mark this important occasion, the officers of the year were at the last Installation meeting appointed from amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge. After opening his Lodge the W.M. explained the tracing board in the First Degree, and also gave an admirable exposition of the principles of Freemasonry and its teachings. Bro. the Rev. J. Room, *B.A.*, P. Prov. G. Chap., W. Yorks, and Chaplain of the Lodge, gave a very eloquent address on the Three Grand Principles of Masonry, which was listened to with great attention and was much appreciated. Both the W.M. and Bro. Room were applauded and thanked. Bros. Harrison, P.M., and J. Harrison presented a handsome frame for the Centenary Warrant, and also received thanks from the Lodge. A banquet was presided over by the W.M., and a most enjoyable evening concluded proceedings of more than ordinary interest to this old and prosperous Lodge.

LION—No. 312—WHITBY, August 20th, at the Masonic Hall—Bro. J. T. Stewart, W.M.—A good attendance of members and visitors. One initiation, to whom the "charge" was delivered by Bro. J. Stevenson, P.M., and one passing, Bro. Geo. Remmer, to whom the charge in F.C. degree was given by Bro. W. H. Falkinbridge, P.M. Refreshment followed labour.

ABERCORN—No. 1549—GREAT STANMORE, August 1st—Bro. Didsbury, W.M.—Installation—Bro. H. G. Webb was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Chas. T. Tolman was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Dr. Rogers, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. and Treasurer. Bro. Didsbury, I.P.M., was presented with a P.M. jewel. Greetings from brethren at home and abroad were received and acknowledged. The installation banquet which followed gave unqualified satisfaction.

CAMA—No. 2105—HAMPTON COURT, August 27th, at the Mitre Hotel—Bro. John Read, P.M., W.M.—Election Meeting. Bros. N. D. Fracis, S.W., Palmer, and Harrison were severally elected W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. A P.M. jewel was proposed to be given to the outgoing W.M. The Lodge was then closed.

ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE—No. 2184—August 23rd, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford—Bro. Geo. Westfield, W.M.—Bro. Walker was passed to Second Degree. Messrs. Brame, Poppy, and McHugh were initiated. The working of both ceremonies was highly creditable. At the banquet some excellent songs and recitations were given, and after a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated. Next meeting, 27th September.

REGENT'S PARK—No. 2202—September 1st. At the York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, Bro. Cama, W.M., Bro. Narotandass Indraji Vaishvav was raised to the third degree; Mr. Pranjivan Jagjivan Mehta was balloted for and initiated. Past Master's jewels were presented to Bros. Goodchild and Shepard, P.M.'s, and after routine business the Lodge was closed. At the banquet which followed Bro Cama, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," expressed his pleasure, as an Indian subject, that he should have opportunities to submit to English Freemasons that sentiment which was ever uppermost in the thoughts of their Indian brethren. The response to the toast of "The M. W. G. Master" elicited from Bro. Elmes, P.G.I.G. (I.C.) an assurance of similar loyalty to the Crown on the part of Irish Freemasons. The health of the W.M. was proposed by his uncle, Bro. D. P. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer, who complimented the Lodge on the good working of his nephew and his officers; and a very pleasing response was made by the W.M.—Bro. Mehta, the newly initiated brother, also made a telling speech, expressing his great pleasure at having received his solemn entry into Freemasonry at the hands and by the words of a fellow-countryman, and in England. He believed that such scenes as he had that evening witnessed and taken part in tended to cement the bond of union and national interest between two great nations. A very pleasurable and instructive evening was enjoyed by all present.

We have received some very neat and artistic designs suitable for Lodge Summonses and Craft Notices from Bro. WM. GILL, of Queen's Park Road, Brighton, which are well worthy the attention of Lodge Secretaries and other brethren. We believe Bro. Gill would send specimens on application.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

UPTON—No. 1227—at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., Monday, 27th August, Bro. C. J. Free, W.M.; Bro. Fenner, Preceptor.—Ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the second section assisted by Bro. Simmonds; Bro. Fenner worked the third section assisted by the Brethren. Bro. Patrick elected W.M. for ensuing week.

KENSINGTON—No. 1767.—August 28th, at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Square, W.—Bro. Wood, P.M., W.M.; Bro. G. Read, P.M., Preceptor.—Initiation rehearsed, Bro. Sidders being candidate, Ceremony of Passing rehearsed, Bro. W. C. Williams being candidate. The 2nd section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND ST. MARYLEBONE.—No. 2021.—August 27th, at the Criterion, Piccadilly—Bro. Dr. Spurgin, W.M.—Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. Preceptor; Ceremony of Initiation rehearsed, Bro. Reed being candidate. In 2nd Degree the 1st Section was worked. Ceremony of Raising rehearsed, Bro. Hill as candidate. Lodge resumed. Bro. G. S. Russell, W.M. 1399, was elected a member: Bro. Greenway was elected W.M. for ensuing week. The annual dinner is appointed to take place at the Criterion on Monday, October 1st, when Bro. Cleghorn will preside.

WANDSWORTH—No. 1044.—On Tuesday, August 28th, at the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, at 8 p.m. Present, Bros. Curtis, W.M.; Peterkin, S.W.; Welch J.W.; Higerty, P.M. Preceptor; G. J. Jones, P.M. Treasurer; Hunt, S.D.; Wyatt, J.D.; Bray, I.G.; Bros. Gilardoni, Hudson, Clay and others. The Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wyatt being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hudson; who then very ably rehearsed the Ceremony of Installation, Bro. Jones as W.M. elect; Bro. Peterkin was elected W.M. for ensuing week, and Bro. Clay was elected a member. The Lodge has been working regularly week after week for years, and the support given by the brethren and the excellence of the work done is very gratifying to the Committee of Preceptors.

THE EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD—No. 463.—Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.M., P.G.J.W. Surrey, Preceptor; Bro. W. Fox Hawes, S.W. 463, Secretary, resumed its weekly meetings on the 4th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, High Street, Croydon, at 7.45 p.m.

DORIC—No. 933.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E., Bro. B. Da Costa, S.D., No. 1349, Preceptor, presiding as W.M., the fifteen Sections were worked in the following order:—

FIRST LECTURE.—1st Section, Bro. M. Corper, No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. A. Jacobs, I.G., 1349; 3rd, Bro. Shoesmith, W.M., 1349; 4th, Bro. L. Da Costa, S.W., 1349; 5th, Bro. J. De Casseres, J.W., 1349; 6th, Bro. J. Maloney, J.W., 1625; 7th, Bro. W. Richardson, J.W., 174.

SECOND LECTURE.—1st Section, Bro. C. Fox, J.D., No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. L. Simmons, 185; 3rd, Bro. Oxley, J.W., 1306; 4th, Bro. D. Moss, P.M., 1275; 5th, Bro. D. Shuter, 1349.

THIRD LECTURE.—1st Section, Bro. H. Marks, P.M., No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. W. Musto, P.M., 1349; 3rd, Bro. Harris, 1349.

The Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622, Bro. David Rose, P.M., Preceptor, Bro. T. Grummant, P.M., Secretary, resumes its meetings at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, TO-DAY, the 6th inst., at 8 o'clock.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor, resumed its meetings on Saturday last, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, at 7.30 p.m.

The members of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891, are requested to meet at eight o'clock on Monday evening next, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, near to the station, in order to assist Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M., the Preceptor, to form plans for the ensuing session. Bro. P. Skar is the W.M. elect for the evening.

The Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, resumed its weekly meetings on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury.

ST. AUBYN ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, H.R.D.M., 20.—The annual meeting of the members was held on Wednesday, 29th ult., at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport. The M.W.S. Elect, Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, J.P., was installed. The M.W.S. of the past year, Frater W. Trevena, officiated as the installing officer, assisted by Fraters C. Watson, T. Goodall, J. Allen, P.M.W.S., St. Aubyn Chapter, 20; Rev T. W. Lemon, M.A. (21 degree); F. B. Westlake (30 degree); J. H. Keats, P.M.W.S., Huyshe Chapter, 38; and E. Aitken-Davies, M.W.S., 38, P.M.W.S., 20. The Fraters invested as the officers were Captain Quin, R.N., Prel.; F. Crouch, 1st G.; G. L. Woodland, 2nd G.; C. Watson, P.M.W. S., Treas; T. Goodall, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. H. Gillman, Raphael; W. G. Watson, G.M.; J. Austin, P.M.W.S., C.G.; C. Newton, O.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.M.W.S., Herald; S. Harvey, Equerry. I.B. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the Chapter a group of handsome photographs of the Supreme Council, 33 degree, appropriately framed. On a panel was inscribed, "Presented to the St. Aubyn Chapter S.P.R.C., of H.R.D.M., No. 20, Devonport, by the I.B. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 degree, P.M.W.S., and High Prelate, August 29th, 1888." In the evening the Fraters dined together at Williams's Restaurant, Chapel Street. The M.W.S., Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, presided.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER MEETINGS.

WEST SMITHFIELD, Chapter No. 1623.—August 23rd, at Anderton's Hotel, London, E.C. M.E. Compn. Edward Mallet, Z. The exaltation of a brother at this meeting had been anticipated, but at the last moment circumstances prevented his attendance, and the companions were deprived of the pleasure of hearing the beautiful ceremony as worked by Compns. Mallett and Patrick, both adepts in R.A. Masonry. A candidate for exaltation at ensuing meeting was proposed, and the chapter was then closed. A banquet followed, and a very agreeable evening was spent by the companions, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

CHAPTER OF INTEGRITY (No. 380), 20th August.—At the Masonic Hall, Morley, Yorks, M. E. Comp. W. H. Stewart, Z., Comp. Quartermaine was duly installed successively into the chairs of J. and H. by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z. 304, 306, and 380, and P.P. G.H. West Yorks, under the special dispensation of the Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire. Bros. T. Barron, W.M.; C. Reyner, G. Johnson, and M. H. Sykes, of 380, were then successfully ballotted for as candidates, and Bros. Sykes and Rayner, being in attendance, were exalted by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z., &c., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Verity, P.Z. The thanks of the chapter having been specially voted to Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z., for his ready and effective aid on that and many former occasions, and also a vote of congratulation to Comp. Steele, P.Z., on his recent marriage, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to supper, and spent a pleasant hour or two at the social board.

A meeting of the Belvidere Chapter, No. 503, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and was numerously attended. In addition to the usual business, Bros. R. McVicar and G. F. Baker were admitted to the Order. The members afterwards dined together at the New Inn Hotel, by kind invitation of the Principal of the chapter, Comp. C. G. Long.

MARK MASONRY.

FOREST OF DEAN—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 340.—August the 22nd, at the Speech House. Bro. J. L. Piddock, P.M. 338, approved by ballot at previous meeting, was advanced to the degree of M.M.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. Bro. M. F. Carter, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. S. W. Hardingham was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Job Webb, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

For some of the items of information in the foregoing paragraphs we are indebted to the pages of our contemporaries, *The Freemason* and the *The Freemasons' Chronicle*. We have the satisfaction of knowing that our Editor has been of some service to these excellent journals during many past years, and we have therefore not hesitated to make present use of them. In the future, and when we are grown up, we shall welcome a similar use of our pages by them, "should they so desire it."

NORTHUMBERLAND FREEMASONRY.

CONSECRATION OF THE "RIDLEY" LODGE.

THE annual provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on Friday, the 31st ulto., in the Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., presided, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. H. Holmes, P.G.D., and a large number of provincial officers and members of the various lodges in the province. The provincial lodge was held under the banner of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.

An interesting feature in the proceedings of the meeting was the consecration of a new lodge named, by permission of the Provincial Grand Master, "The Ridley Lodge," No. 2,260. The consecration ceremony took place in a most impressive manner, the principal officers who took part in the ceremony being the Prov. Grand Master (Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart.), the Deputy P.G.M. (Bro. Richard Henry Holmes, P.G.D.), the Acting Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. Rev. T. B. Nichols, M.A., P.P.S.G.W), who gave the address and prayers in a most effective manner; the Provincial Grand Secretary (Brother B. J. Thompson), the Provincial Grand Registrar (Bro. J. M. Winter), the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Adam Robertson), and the Provincial Grand Wardens and other officers. Bro. George E. Macarthy, P.M., P.P.G.R., was installed as the first W.M. of the new lodge, and he afterwards appointed the officers for the Ridley Lodge, which will meet at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, on the first Tuesday of each month.

In the course of his subsequent address to the officers and members of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master expressed how pleased he had been with the compliment that had been paid to him by the brethren who had formed the new lodge in the province. When he heard that they proposed to pay him the compliment they had done, to call the lodge by his name, he felt highly honoured, and it was impossible for him to refuse to advance the prayer of their petition, and he had had great pleasure in duly constituting the lodge in accordance with the constitutions of the Order and the charter of the Grand Lodge of England. He expressed his best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Ridley Lodge, of which, in the course of proceedings, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley was proposed as a member.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed the officers for the year, and Hexham was named as the place of next annual meeting. The ceremony of consecration was one of the most beautiful and solemn that has been witnessed in the north for some years, and the Ridley Lodge was altogether constituted under the most favorable auspices.

The musical portion of the ceremony was performed by Bros. John Nutton and G. Leatham, of Durham Cathedral Choir, and Bros. R. Ferry, P.G.O., and R. Liddle, P.G.O

MASONIC UNITY.—With reference to the Masonic Union in New South Wales, we are informed that the matter is practically accomplished, as over 160 lodges out of 180 have signified their intention of joining the United Grand Lodge.

Obituary.

BRO. LORD ALFRED PAGET.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Lord Alfred Paget, who had held the office of Clerk Marshal to Her Majesty with one or two brief interruptions since 1846 and concurrently till 1874, that of Chief Equerry as well. Our deceased brother was a great favourite with both the Queen and Prince of Wales, and was also popular in society. He was Vice-Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, and his death, which occurred suddenly on the evening of Friday, the 24th ult., took place on board his yacht, off Inverness. The deceased was the third son of the distinguished cavalry officer, the Marquess of Anglesea, who lost his leg at Waterloo, and was in his 72nd year, having been born in 1816. The funeral took place in Hampton Church on Wednesday, among those present being, in addition to the members of the family, Bros. Lord Suffield, Admirals Lord Alcester and Sir E. A. Inglefield, and others. The Hon. W. H. Carington, Equerry to the Queen, represented Her Majesty, and Major-General Arthur Ellis the Prince of Wales.

BRO. JOHN T. ALSTON, P.M.

The funeral of Bro. John T. Alston, of the firm of Messrs. J. and W. Alston, contractors, of Liverpool, took place at Everton Cemetery on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and was attended by a large gathering of the family and friends of the deceased, as well as very many members of the Masonic Fraternity, with which he had been connected for several years, being a Past Master of the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 213. Among the brethren present to show respect to Bro. Alston's memory were Bros. G. R. Ashton, W.M. 203; C. Birch, P.M., 203; E. Johnston, P.M., P.S.G.D.; J. P. Bryan, P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. May Smith, 1570; J. N. Hounsell, P.M. 203; W. McCulloch, 203; W. Gick, P.M. 203; P. Ball, P.P.G.T.; J. Casey, P.M. 1570; H. Taylor, 203; H. James, P.M., P.G.D.; J. M. Smythe, H. 203; B. Bailey, S.D. 2114; S. Dean, 203; T. Saxon, 241; J. Brotherton, P.M. 241; J. Winsor, P.M. 241; W. Thomas, 203; W. H. Martin, 203; J. Martin, 823; J. W. Baker, Sec. 203; J. Galloway, I.P.M. 203; W. Eastwood, 203; F. S. Fisher, 203; J. McEwen, Steward 203; R. Britten, P.M. 1756; J. Grierson, P.M. 1756; Bradley Pass, 477; T. S. Sergeant, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Wilson, 203; W. Heaton, 203; Phillips, 203; E. Donnelly, S.W. 203; J. G. Highfield, 203; G. J. Clough, S.D. 203; F. G. Elsworth, 241; J. B. Treasure, 1013; C. Bargery, P.M. 1756, P.G.D.; Bullen, 1756; and others.

BRO. JOSEPH E. HIRST, 823.

The remains of the late Bro. Joseph E. Hirst, of 124, Spencer Street, and 6 and 8, Rigby Street, Liverpool, were interred in the Necropolis of that city, on Saturday afternoon, the 25th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. The deceased was highly respected in his business, and by his kindly disposition had endeared himself to a large circle. Up to his death the deceased was a member of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, and the following brethren of his lodge joined in the procession: Bros. W. Maddox, W.M.; W. J. Lunt, C.C., P.M.; Robt. W. Gow, I.P.M.; J. J. Boyle, P.M.; R. T. Britten, S.W.; W. Spencer, Steward; Evan Morgan, W. J. Quine, Edward Beaven, Robert Arden, Walter Gaskill, P. Nicholson, C. H. W. Bush, G. Thomas, and others. The services in the chapel, and likewise at the grave, were conducted by the Rev. Daniel Jones, minister of Everton Road Baptist Chapel.

BROTHER HENRY JEFFS.

Bro. HENRY JEFFS, the well-known antiquary and Freemason, died at Gloucester, his native city, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The deceased gentleman, who was 69 years of age, for many years was a voluminous writer on various subjects connected with the early history of Gloucester, and particularly of the Cathedral. He for several years gratuitously edited the *Gloucester Mercury*, and was a well-known contributor to the press on archæological subjects generally. He was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of the monument to Bishop Hooper which stands near Gloucester Cathedral. As a Freemason, Bro. Jeffs was also highly respected by a very wide circle of acquaintances. He joined the Royal Lebanon Lodge, of which he filled the chair in the years 1866-7 and 1875, and on the removal of the Zetland Lodge to Gloucester he joined that, occupying the chair in 1881, 1883 and 1886. He filled the office of Provincial Grand Junior Warden of the Province of Gloucestershire in 1872 and 1873, and last year received Jubilee honours at the hands of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., by his appointment to the rank of Past P.G.S.W. He was also Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Master Mark Masons of the county of Gloucestershire. He filled the office of High Sheriff of the city of Gloucester in 1882-3. The local freemasons presented him with a handsome shrieval chair of office, which he afterwards gave to the Gloucester Corporation for the use of his successors.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY, (1st) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.	
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
1790	Old England	Mas. Hall, New Thornton Heath.
1950	Southgate	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
2128	United Northern Counties ...	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(1st) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th.	
1815	Penge	Cricket Hotel, Anerley
R.A.C.		
1489	Ezra	Met. Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th.	
869	Gresham	Cheshunt Gt. Ho., Cheshunt Park
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1607	Loyalty	London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton
1743	Perseverance	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1293	Burdett	Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
	(2nd) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th.	
1366	Highgate	Gate House Hotel, Highgate
R.A.C.		
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th.	
548	Wellington...	White Swan Tavern, Deptford
1269	Stanhope	S.M. H., Camberwell
Mark.		
22	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
223	West Smithfield	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, AT 4.	
87	Vitruvian	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
1228	Beacontree	Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1986	Honor Oak...	White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.
R.A.C.		
946	Strawberry Hill	Town Hall, Twickenham.
1260	John Hervey	Holborn Restaurant.
1446	Mount Edgcumbe	St. Botolph's Chmbrs., 191, Bishpsgte. St.
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hotel.
1549	Stanmore	Abercorn Ho., Great Stanmore.
	(2nd) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th.	
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street.
1558	Duke of Connaught	S.M.H., Camberwell.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill.
2168	Derby Allcroft	Athenæum, Camden Road, Islington.
R.A.C.		
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel.
860	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar.
898	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hotel.
907	Royal Albert	White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
	BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	3rd Oct	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	9th Oct	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Oct	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	10th Sept	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	17th Sept	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Sept	Ditto
1016	Elkington	25th Sept	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	12th Sept	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Oct	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Oct	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	18th Sept	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Sept	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto
	BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Sept	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	12th Sept	Ditto
221	St. John	19th Sept	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Sept	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	3rd Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	11th Sept	Ditto
	BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
302	Hope...	17th Sept	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	20th Sept	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	2nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Sept	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales	(?) 7th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
	BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	25th Sept	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Sept	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Sept	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	27th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa	5th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
	BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Sept	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	2nd Oct	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	12th Sept	Ditto
326	Moira	3rd Oct	Ditto
610	Colston	19th Sept	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Oct	Ditto
1388	Canynges	6th Oct	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	27th Sept	Ditto
2257	Powell	24th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	15th Sept	Ditto
103	Beaufort	25th Sept	Ditto
187	Charity	TO-DAY, 6th Sept	Ditto
	DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
253	Tyrian	25th Sept	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	12th Sept	Ditto
802	Repose	20th Sept	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	3rd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	11th Sept	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto
	DOUGLAS, I. of M.—3 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
1004	Athole	19th Sept	M. H., Loch Parade
1242	Tynwald	3rd Oct	Ditto
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	20th Sept	Ditto
	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
57	Humber ...	TO-DAY, 6th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	10th Sept	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Sept	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce	TO-MOR., 7th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	20th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	20th Sept	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
289	Fidelity ...TO-DAY, 6th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 26th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR., 7th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ... ... 20th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich ... ... 1st Oct	Ditto
1221	Defence ... ... 10th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland ... ... 21st Sept	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence ... ... 8th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.		
289	Fidelity ... ... 11th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 3rd Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ... ... 14th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ... ... (?)	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's ... ... 3rd Oct	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ... 20th Sept	Ditto
1391	Commercial ... 28th Sept	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ... 9th Oct	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ... 17th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.		
279	Fortitude ... ... 25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ... 2nd Oct	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ... 26th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ... 19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ... 20th Sept	Ditto
216	Harmonic ... ... 13th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants ... ... 11th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners ...TO-DAY, 6th Sept	Ditto
292	Sincerity ... ... 10th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire ... ... 27th Sept	Ditto
667	Alliance ... ... 18th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John ... ... 2nd Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton ... ... 5th Oct	Ditto
724	Derby ... ... 26th Sept	Ditto
786	United Service ... 11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton ... ... 19th Sept	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ... 3rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple ... ... 12th Sept	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh 13th Sept	Ditto
1264	Neptune ... ... 1st Oct	Ditto
1299	Pembroke ... ... 20th Sept	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley ... ... 24th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 10th Sept	Ditto
1356	Toxteth ... ... 12th Sept	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer ... ... 20th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel ... ... 17th Sept	Ditto
1505	Emulation ... ... 27th Sept	Ditto
1547	Liverpool ... ... 12th Sept	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ... 18th Sept	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic 25th Sept	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ... 3rd Oct	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ... 25th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo ... ... 3rd Oct	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence 17th Sept	Ditto
2215	Anfield ... ... 27th Sept	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ... ... (?)	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.		
32	Jerusalem ... ... 15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem 2nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ... 18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship ... ... 22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners ... ... 20th Sept	Ditto
292	Liverpool ... ... 27th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire ... ... 12th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John's ... ... 10th Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton ... ... 19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton ... ... 23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple ... ... 25th Sept	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 19th Sept	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon 3rd Oct	Ditto
1393	Hamer TO-DAY, 6th Sept	Ditto
1502	Israel ... ... 11th Sept	Ditto

MANCHESTER—29 LODGES, 9 CHAPTERS.

44	Friendship ... ... 5th Oct	Albion Hotel
62	Social ... ... 24th Sept	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude ... ... 12th Oct	Ditto
152	Virtue ... ... 21st Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity ... ... 26th Sept	Ditto
204	Caledonian ... ... 12th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability ..TO-DAY, 6th Sept	Ditto
581	Faith ... ... 19th Sept	Church Inn, Openshaw
633	Yarborough ... 19th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham 3rd Oct	Ditto
815	Blair ... ... 14th Sept	Town Hall, Stretford Road
992	St. Thomas... ... 3rd Oct	*Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton*
993	Alexandra ... 21st Sept	Mildmay Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ... 24th Sept	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere ... ... 1st Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1052	Callender ... ... 18th Sept	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1083	Townley Parker ... 26th Sept	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1147	St. David ... ... 13th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1170	St. George ... ... 17th Sept	Ditto
1219	Strangeways ... 26th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers ... ... 8th Oct	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth ... ... 8th Sept	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord ... ... 18th Oct	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon ... ... 26th Sept	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Chorlton
1773	Albert Victor ... 21st Sept	Town Hall, Pendleton
1993	Wolseley ... ... 2nd Oct	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ... 12th Sept	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ... 12th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick ... ... 10th Sept	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.		
62	Social ... ... 10th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue ... ... 28th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity ... ... 9th Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian ... ... 20th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability ... ... 18th Oct	Ditto
581	Rectitude ... ... 4th Oct	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham 2nd Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair... ... ... 25th Sept	Hulme
993	Alexandra ... ... 14th Sept	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne TO-DAY	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties 3rd Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ... ... 10th Sept	Ditto
541	De Loraine ... ... 21st Sept	Ditto
685	Northumberland ... 2nd Oct	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker ... ... 12th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy ... ... 18th Sept	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur ... ... 27th Sept	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ... 14th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's ... ... 28th Sept	Ditto
2260	Ridley ... ... ?	?
R.A.C.		
24	De Swinburne ... 20th Sept	Ditto
406	De Sussex ... ... 12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ... ... 21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ... 18th Sept	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union ... ... 2nd Oct	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social ... ... 9th Oct	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ... 18th Sept	Ditto
807	Cabbell ... ... 25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity ... ... 25th Sept	Ditto
1500	Walpole ... ... 4th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.		
52	Royal George ... 21st Sept	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ... 13th Sept	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell ... ... 11th Oct	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—8 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead ... ... 2nd Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ... 16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ... 10th Sept	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell... TO-MOR., 7th Sept	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ... 1st Oct	Ditto
1435	Annesley ... ... 28th Sept	Ditto
1794	De Vere ... ... 21st Sept	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ... ... 17th Sept	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland... 25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.		
47	Abbey ... ... 30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ... 9th Oct	Ditto
411	Commercial ... 24th Sept	Ditto
1435	*Annesley* ... ... ?	*Ditto*
1909	Carnarvon ... ... ?	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—

16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's ... ... 2nd Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ... ... 10th Sept	Ditto
156	Harmony ... ... 1st Oct	Ditto
159	Brunswick ... ... 3rd Oct	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ... ... 10th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ... ... 25th Sept	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity ... ... 18th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity ...TO-DAY, 6th Sept	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... ... 11th Sept	Ditto
1205	Metham ... ... 17th Sept	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's ... ... 13th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas ... ... 17th Sept	Ditto
1550	Prudence ... ... 6th Oct	Ditto
1847	Ebrington ... ... 11th Sept	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George ... ... 25th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	?	?
R.A.C.		
70	St. John's ... ... 22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ... ... 20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony ... ... 5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick ... ... 24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ... ... 22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ... ... 8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord ... ... 28th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity ... ... 23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... ... 15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott ... ... 29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas ... ... 19th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George ... ... 15th Nov	St. George's Hal., Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—

11 LODGES. 5 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix ... ... 24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ... 17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ... 13th Sept	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ... 9th Oct	*Grosvenor House, Southsea*
1428	United Service ... 14th Sept	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ... ... 20th Sept	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught 25th Sept	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Sept	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	24th Sept	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair ... ... 17th Sept	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C		
257	Friendship ... ... 12th Sept	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ... 3rd Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ... 11th Sept	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ... 16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ... 22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia ... ... 13th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ... 10th Sept	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ... 1st Oct	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe ... ... 25th Sept	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.		
139	Paradise ... ... 17th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey
296	Loyalty ... ... 15th Oct	Ditto

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	13th Sept	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	17th Sept	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	20th Sept	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	TO-DAY	Ditto
359	Peace TO-MORROW,	7th Sept	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Sept	Ditto

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
80	St. John	11th Sept	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	13th Sept	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	28th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Sept	M. H., Forward Road
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Forward Road

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, SEPT. 6th.			
3	Fidelity	... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W.C.
13	Union Waterloo	... „ 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ...	... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
87	Vitruvian ...	... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's ...	... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury ...	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ...	... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ...	... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ...	... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ...	... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ...	... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts...	... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1287	Great Northern	... at 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.
1306	St. John	... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ...	... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ...	... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ...	... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy	... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden...	... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar...	... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane. [well
1677	Crusaders ...	... „ 8.30	Old Jern. Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerken-
1681	Londesborough...	... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph	... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1816	Victoria Park ...	... „ 8	Yorkshire Grey, High Street, Stratford.
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ...	... „ 8	Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ...	... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
(1st) FRIDAY, SEPT. 7th.			
9	Albion	... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ...	... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ...	... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ...	... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	... „ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 7	F. M. H.
333	Kintore	... „ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims	... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ...	... „ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave	... „ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's ...	... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ...	... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ...	... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
933	Doric	... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1228	Beacontree ...	... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone [bury.
1298	Royal Standard	... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ...	... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty	... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ...	... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.			
65	Prosperity ...	... „ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
800	Hornsey... ...	... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ...	... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
(2nd) SATURDAY, SEPT. 8th.			
179	Manchester ...	... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, Ldn. St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1364	Earl of Zet'and	... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ...	... „ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick ...	... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai ...	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
(2nd) MONDAY, SEPT. 10th.			
22	Loughborough...	... at 8	Ganden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ...	... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C
174	Sincerity ...	... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ...	... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ...	... „ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton	... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ...	... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1445	Prince Leopold...	... „ 7	Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	... „ 8	Royal Edward Mare Street, Hackney.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
(2nd) MONDAY, SEPT. 10th—*continued*.			
1507	Metropolitan ...	... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„ —	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn	... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar... ...	... „ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield ...	... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn	... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ...	... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ...	... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.			
206	Hope	... „ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
(2nd) TUESDAY, SEPT. 11th.			
55	Constitutional ...	... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
140	St. George ...	... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	... „ 7	Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ...	... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ...	... „ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury... ...	... „ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ...	... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ...	... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ...	... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ...	... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	... „ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington ...	... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley	... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer	... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring	... „ —	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex	... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ...	... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton	... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ...	... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns ...	... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
975	Metropolitan ...	... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
(2nd) WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12th.			
30	United Mariners	... at 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ...	... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ...	... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ...	... „ 8.30	Raily. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence ...	... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength	... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ...	... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ...	... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ...	... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ...	... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East	... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne ...	... „ 7	Goose & Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard
1288	Finsbury Park ...	... at 8.30	Cock Tav. Highbury, N.
1421	Langthorne ...	... „ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham ...	... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1601	Ravensbourne (3rd Oct.)	„ 8	George Inn., Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ...	... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett ...	... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1791	Creaton	... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1922	Earl of Lathom	... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	... „ 7.30	Roch. Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
R.A.C.			
177	Domatic	... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
704	Camden	... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
933	Doric	... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
(2nd) THURSDAY, SEPT. 13th.			
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Bracebridge House, Kidderminster, Aug. 11th, 1888.

Dear Sir and Brother,—By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, I hereby give you notice that the next Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at Twelve o'clock at noon. All Master Masons are invited to attend.—Yours fraternally.

GEORGE TAYLOR, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Sec.

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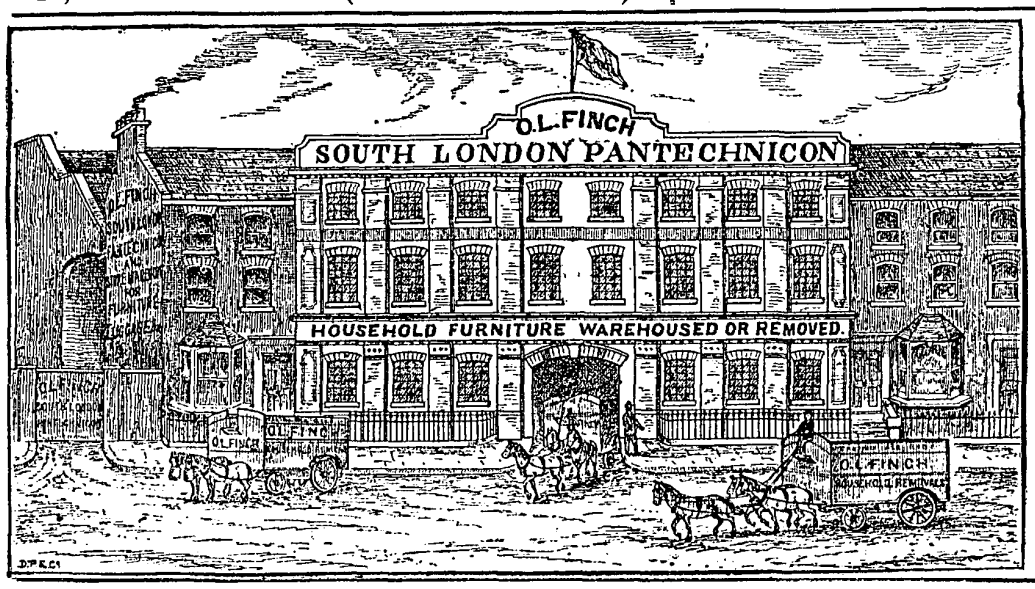
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Is Publication Injurious to Freemasonry?

WE think not! "The secrets of Freemasonry are her signs, words and tokens; these the Oath regards, and no more!" This is the dictum of a Masonic writer of many years gone by, and with which we entirely agree. It is almost intolerable to reflect on the fact that there exists a narrow-minded objection to permit mankind generally to share in the possession of the beautiful precepts of the Craft from fear that the exact nature of the obligations which bind together its several members should become universally known. Such mistaken reticence has done more harm than good to Freemasonry; and has induced a curiosity which could only be satisfied, and then but partly, by the production of presumed revelations alike untrustworthy and disingenuous. The condemnation of Freemasonry in the past as a Secret Society would probably have never been experienced had it been made patent to objectors that whatever secrecy there may be is limited solely to the means whereby we can make ourselves known to each other, and so distinguished from the rest of the world. The SILENCE enjoined upon us on our entry into Freemasonry has been misunderstood. It has distinct reference to the "signs, words and tokens," but not to the moral teachings and invaluable precepts which are contained in its ritual and ceremonial. We declare, and rightly so, that if those precepts and the principles of the Order were carried out in practice, the whole human family would be benefitted thereby. By what right, then, should we arrogate to ourselves alone the benefits of their influence? To be true to our principles we should extend our endeavours to communicate light and afford instruction to *all* our fellow-creatures, and so praise in our works the Great Architect of the Universe, whose power and goodness to ourselves we never cease to gratefully acknowledge—

"He's true to GOD who's true to *Man!* Wherever wrong is done,
To the humblest or the weakest 'neath the all-beholding sun.
That wrong is also done to us, and they are slaves most base
Whose love of *Right* is for themselves, and not for all their race!"

The secresy which surrounds our signs, words and tokens should certainly be held most sacred—as sacred as the obligations of councils, committees, corporations, or the details of family life; but results should not be withheld. If they are, doubt and distrust at once induce depreciatory comment, not infrequently followed by injurious action. On the other hand, what we expound to one another as Freemasons, distinct from all that is affected by our obligation, may beneficially be known to what we are pleased to term "the outer world." The treasures we as Freemasons possess in our beautiful rituals and ceremonials are precious jewels which we have no right to lock away from universal gaze. They have been bequeathed to us by master minds, and the influence they have for good should be comprehensive.

We are led to these remarks by finding, even in this enlightened era, still some amongst us who seem to think "there is too much publicity about Masonry and Masons, and would, if they could, put a stop to it." Now, what does this mean if it does not evidence a somewhat selfish desire to keep that which is of universal good within the narrowest possible limits? Is Freemasonry so weak in principles and practice that it cannot stand the scrutiny of inquiring minds? Certainly not! Then why seek to relegate its mysteries (which, after all said and done, are not much of mysteries now-a-days), and, what is more important, its moral philosophy to the darkness of absolute ignorance. We are pleased to think that these would-be withholders of Masonic teachings from universal knowledge and adoption are in a considerable minority in relation to the aggregate body of the Craft; and it will be our earnest endeavour, prudently and with all due regard to the preservation of what are our real secrets, to lessen their number by proving that the tenets of the order can be communicated by publication without any injury to Freemasonry in any sense.

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Secretary.

"HAIL TO THE PEN! and hail to you,
Illustrious friend, whose pen has taught
How LIGHT and TRUTH may be inwrought,
And History writ that to all time is true."—MORRIS.

IN selecting the Secretary of the Lodge as the subject of our present article, it may be remarked that we are apparently disturbing the order of precedence as set forth in the Constitutions of the Fraternity in relation to Members of Grand Lodge. Possibly so, but we have a purpose in this, resulting from a consideration of the relative duties of the respective offices of Treasurer and Secretary in connection with Private Lodges; and, believing that precedence should be given where laborious work is actual rather than virtual, we select the latter as the most important executive officer of the two. According to the Old Constitutions in the eighteenth century, "The Master of each particular lodge, or one of the Wardens, or *some other Brother by appointment of the Master*, shall keep a book, &c.," and as such appointment was an essential prelude to other business and decisions, whether of the Master himself or of his Lodge collectively, it would seem but reasonable that the order of precedence should have placed the Secretary next the Wardens. However, it is not likely now, nor perhaps to be desired, that any change will take place in the present arrangement of the order of quality amongst the members of a Society who profess, if they do not at all times practice, the exalted lessons taught by that exquisite symbol—the level. Our present business is to set forth, to the best of our ability, what manner of man the Secretary of a Freemasons' Lodge should be; what the nature of the work he has to perform; and what it behoves him to do under the authority of the W.M. who appoints him.

To our thinking, no brother should be appointed to the office of Secretary who is not, at the time of appointment, a skilled Past Master, or, at the very least, an Installed Master. By those who know the particulars connected with the Chair degree, our reasons will be as obvious as they will be appreciated, and to those who have not reached that Masonic status, it would be alike useless and improper to state them. As the former must admit so cannot the latter contradict the necessity for that particular factor in the making of a good Secretary. He should be an expert penman, careful and concise in abstracting the gist or essence of discussions, proud of his caligraphy, and desirous of transmitting to posterity, in clear characters, records of proceedings which, for aught he may know to the contrary, might become of invaluable use to future GOUGH'S, LYONS' or HUGHAN'S, in their researches into Masonic history. If our Secretaries of the present day, or at any rate the best amongst them, were to examine some of the original minute books of long-established Lodges they would be amazed to note the extreme ignorance of their predecessors, and wonder how the Order could have been raised to its present position from the materials then at its disposal. As it is, we are now enabled to point to many Lodges in which the books are kept as perfectly as ever Tim Linkinwater kept those of Cheeryble Brothers, and of which our old friend Nicholas Nickleby took charge. Would that we could say as much of all!

Kindness of disposition and courtesy of manner are also as indispensable in the wearer of the "crossed pens" as in the W.M. himself, and the welfare of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren are promoted in proportion to the exercise of those qualifications. To the foregoing may be added qualities which have endeared many of our brethren to all members of the Craft with whom they have come in contact, of which may be reckoned as not the least, self-abnegation. Some Secretaries, it is not too much to say, consider themselves as the "be all and the end all" of their respective Lodges, and rule where they should only serve. They delight in having the Lodge spoken of, not by its calendar number and name, but as Bro. So-and-So's Lodge! When this is heard, brethren may be sure that at some date, not far distant, personality will stand betwixt the Lodge and its prosperity. It is but fair to say that Secretaries of this description are in a very small minority; but here and there they are to be found and should be discouraged.

Zeal for the increase and further prosperity of his Lodge is a good quality in its Secretary: "not too much zeal but just zeal enough!" It is a mistaken zeal which induces a canvass for Initiates, and as we write we think of more than one of our Secretaries who have done much damage to the Institution by inducing any class of men who would listen to their arguments, to join their respective Lodges, greatly to the detriment thereof. Better it would be, in our opinion, if the Secretary's name was never seen in the summons as a proposer of a Candidate for Initiation than to find scarce one issued without such an announcement. Rather let him "stand by" whilst others propose, and he takes upon himself the duty of enquiry and report to the W.M., as was enjoined upon him by former custom.

The duties of the Secretary are multiplied beyond those of any other Lodge Officer. They consist of transcribing the proceedings of the respective meetings into the proper books provided for that purpose; and here we may remark, *en passant*, that minutes are not correctly recorded unless "the names of all members present at each meeting of the Lodge, together," &c. (see Sec. 172, "Book of Constitutions"), are entered therein. The words, of very recent introduction, "and others as per attendance book," are not in compliance with the law, which requires, and most properly so in case of future necessity for reference, that the record of proceedings should of itself answer every question which might arise in connection with the meetings recorded. In some Lodges "rough" minutes are read over before closing, so that any omission or error on the part of the Secretary may be rectified before transcribing into the minute book, and for this and many other reasons the practice is to be commended.

He has also to keep an exact list of the first and surnames of all the members of the Lodge, with their residences, dates of admission and advancements; and annually to send a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary, with a statement of deaths and withdrawals during the previous year. To each of the members he must send, within the time appointed by the Book of Constitutions and the bye-laws of his Lodge, a copy of the summons for ensuing meeting. In most Lodges the Secretary keeps the record of payments made by members for subscriptions and dues, and receives the same with all fees for Initiation, which he at once passes into the hands of the Treasurer for safe custody and to await the direction of the W.M. or the votes of the Lodge for distribution. For all these and several other incidental duties, the Grand Lodge has ruled that he may not be a contributing member to the Lodge funds, yet be entitled to all the privileges of a subscribing member and subject to the payment of the usual quarterage entitling to certain benefits in case of need. We know of cases in which brethren holding office as secretaries, being socially and financially in a better position than the majority of their humbler brethren, altogether decline the privilege thus accorded. We think this a great mistake, as it creates a very invidious distinction between brethren whose position of all others should be, as officers, equalised throughout the Craft. Be the Lodge large or small, the office is no whit less necessary and honourable. To decline the reasonable compliment offered to each and all is to say to others in as many words, "I am better off than you are and can afford what you cannot. I do as much as you do without reward or monetary consideration, and am therefore so much superior to you!" This is certainly the feeling in many quarters and it ought not to be permitted to increase. A remedy and a good and profitable one ought to be found in those individual cases where it is considered *infra dig* to accept the recompense for services which the Grand Lodge allows, by the Secretary directing the appropriation of the amount to one or other of the Charitable Institutions, endowing first his own chair and then those of others with Life Subscriber or Life Governorships.

We have exhausted the space at our disposal in this number, and have yet left untouched several matters relating to Secretarial duties alike interesting and instructive. If our paper succeeds in pleasing the Craft, and the encouragement we have already received in words is followed up by practical assistance and support, we shall have, and will avail ourselves of, future opportunities and larger space to treat further and generally on Official duties throughout the Lodge. Meanwhile we shall continue our introductory observations, and, in time to come, make them the text for more lengthy and, we trust, far more useful observations.

The subject of our Article for next week will be "THE TREASURER."

FREEMASON VOLUNTEERS.

Members of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216 (First Surrey Rifles), and the Queen's Westminster, No. 2021, have arranged a shooting match to take place at Caterham on the 27th inst. The distances decided upon are 200, 500 and 600 yards, and the competition between the respective teams of crack marksmen is expected to be very keen and exciting.

FREEMASON CRICKETERS.—On Monday, the 27th ult., a cricket match was played in Danny Park, Sussex, between members of the St. Cecilia and Royal Brunswick (Brighton) Lodges of Freemasons, who proceeded by road to Danny. The fielding throughout the match was decidedly non-professional. The scores were: St. Cecilia, 55 and 83; Brunswick, 157. After the match the teams and a number of Masonic friends sat down to dinner at the Clayton Park Hotel, Bro. R. Willard, W.M., Royal Brunswick, presiding. Bro. G. Rawlinson, W.M., Southdown, 1797, was present, and in replying to the toast of "The Health of Mr. Campion," said he could assure them that it was a great pleasure to Mr. Campion to be able to give them enjoyment. The park was generally considered to be a pretty spot, and Mr. Campion derived pleasure from knowing that others appreciated its beauty. As to his own connection with the toast, Bro. Rawlinson remarked that he was very pleased to comply with the request of Bro. Holland and act as umpire. Several other toasts followed. The excellent dinner provided by Host Oakes won high encomiums.

Ritualistic Nuts to Crack.

1. Was H.A.B. the principal ARCHITECT or the principal ARTIST who presided at the Building of King Solomon's Temple?
2. Does the TIDE *regularly* ebb and flow twice in every twenty-four hours?
3. Is it the voice of NATURE or the voice of REASON "which bears witness to the existence of an immortal principle," &c.?
4. Can FRAGRANCE bloom? (Note charge in Lecture 3).

Answers from our readers will receive attention.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

FREEMASON'S HYMN.

THE Robin sings as the robins did
In days when we were young;
In their downy nests so deftly hid
Where the apple blossoms hung:

And so the Mason-songs arise
Up to the Father's throne,
And blend their heart-warm melodies
As in the ages gone.

The Lily blooms as the lilies did
In meadows long ago,
And the young hearts joy the flowers amid
As the happy moments go:

And so the Emblems of the Craft
In grace and beauty stand,
As when upon the lofty shaft
They cheered the Royal band.

The Maiden loves as the maidens did
In days of ancient time,
And the heart responds as she doth bid
In every land and clime:

So is the Mason's love as true,
As when with fire divine,
In holiest place the Master drew
And blest the grand design.

Oh! thou Celestial Power, command
That Emblems, Love and Song,
We may never lose in Masons' band
But have their influence long!

And grant the needed wine and oil,
Dispense the bounteous corn,
That so thy willing Craft may toil
Until the temple's done!

[The above beautiful poem was composed by the late Bro. Dr. ROB. MORRIS, Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, and inscribed to his friend, E. H. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of New York. The author intended that it should be set to music, for which it appears to us to be most suitable; but we are not aware whether or not that has been done.]

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE September Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., in the Temple, Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, P. Dist. G.M. of the Punjab, and Dist. G.M. of Malta, presiding.

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, acted as Deputy G.M.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk, as Past G.M.; Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as S.G.W.; and Bro. Col. Sackville West, P.J.G.W., as J.G.W. There were also present several other Grand and Past Grand Officers.

The following letters were read:—

To Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland.

Madam,

Four months have scarcely elapsed since, in my capacity of Grand Master of Freemasons of England, I addressed a letter to your Imperial Majesty's late Consort, the Emperor Frederick the Third, to offer to his Imperial Majesty the condolence of our Grand Lodge on the death of his august and venerable father, the late Emperor William, together with our congratulations and good wishes on the accession of his Imperial Majesty to the Throne.

Since then your Imperial Majesty has, alas! suffered an irremediable sorrow in the untimely death of one on whom the expectations alike of his own people and of the nations of Europe were fondly set.

Not less truly have the English people, who have ever affectionately followed your Imperial Majesty's career from early childhood, entered into your Imperial Majesty's *last and greatest sorrow. His Imperial Majesty* the Emperor Frederick had for many years occupied a prominent position in the Freemasonry of the German Empire under his august father; and the Grand Lodge of England had ever looked up to his Imperial Majesty with just pride. I desire, therefore, as the head of the English Craft, to express for them their deep and heartfelt sympathy with your Imperial Majesty, and fervently to pray that the Great Architect of the Universe, who, in his unscrutable wisdom, has inflicted this grievous blow, may grant to your Imperial Majesty strength to bear the trial with which you have been visited.

I remain, Madam, your Imperial Majesty's affectionate and devoted brother,

(Signed) ALBERT EDWARD,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

London, 1st August, 1888.

Sir,—I beg your Royal Highness to do me the favour of conveying to the Freemasons of England my heartfelt and grateful thanks for their sympathy, expressed through you, for my great and irreparable loss. The Freemasons of England have had many opportunities of learning how great an interest his Majesty the late Emperor Frederick took in matters relating to the Craft of which he was a member, and knowing how his Majesty was bound by ties of fellow feeling and common interest to all those who in all countries labour for the welfare of their fellow-men, they will grieve that a life so full of noble aims has been cut short by untimely death.

It has always been a joy and pride to me to know that my beloved husband the late Emperor Frederick was appreciated in my own country, and it has been a sad pleasure to me to perceive, from numberless addresses which I have received, that my countrymen mourn with me in my deep and unutterable sorrow.

Your Royal Highness's affectionate Sister,
VICTORIA,
Empress Frederick of Germany and Queen of Prussia.

Friedrichskron, 11th August, 1888.

The reading of both these letters was received with applause.

The acting Grand Master said these interesting letters having been read, he had the honour to propose that they be entered on the minutes of this Grand Lodge. Bro. Sandeman seconded and the motion was carried *nem. con.*

The following letter was also read:—

Marlborough House, 23rd July, 1888.

To his Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c.

Sir and Most Worshipful Brother,

On the 6th June last, the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England unanimously resolved to invite your Majesty to accept the rank and position of a Past Grand Master of their body, which you were graciously pleased to accept, and your Majesty was good enough to be present on the next day at one of our Masonic Charitable Meetings in the Royal Albert Hall wearing the insignia of that office.

The Grand Lodge of England are very desirous of marking in some manner their warm appreciation of the great honour your Majesty has thus conferred upon them; they have therefore requested me, as their Grand Master, to solicit your Majesty's acceptance of the complete set of clothing and badge of a Past Grand Master of their jurisdiction which accompanies this letter, in recollection of the day which your Majesty made an auspicious one for the Freemasons of England by your gracious presence at the Centenary Festival of the daughters of their distressed brethren.

With the expression or my own personal thanks for the interest your Majesty has thus taken in the Grand Lodge over which I preside,

I have the honour to remain, your Majesty's faithful brother,

[SEAL] ALBERT EDWARD.
Grand Master Grand Lodge of England.

The acting Grand Master proposed that this letter also be entered on the minutes of the day's proceedings. Bro. Sandeman seconded and the motion was carried.

The recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed, the report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, and Grand Lodge was closed.

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*** *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.*

MASONIC EXCHANGE AND MART COLUMN.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In No. 2, you referred to the above subject. As a collector I have a few duplicates in the way of books which one cannot avoid accumulating, for sometimes I am compelled to purchase what I do not require in order to obtain what I do. Such a column would therefore be useful to me and I should think also to others. For instance, Secretaries of Lodges are often asked to dispose of regalia and jewels and sometimes books belonging to deceased Masons, and cannot at the time find a purchaser at hand, but if such offers could be circulated amongst the readers of THE MASONIC STAR, which I anticipate will in due course have a good circulation, as I know that many brethren will not pay 3d. per week for a Masonic newspaper, such a column would be appreciated by many.

Yours fraternally,
A COLLECTOR.

10th Sept., 1888.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE—*continued.*

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In answer to G. B.'s enquiry in your issue of the 6th, a Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter can be Installed the moment he is elected; but the Election must take place on the day named in the Bye-laws.

Yours fraternally,

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Upper Norwood, S.E., Sept. 7th, 1888.

J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G.S.E.Middx.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As you have no doubt a circle of readers who do not always see the *Freemason*, in which paper the Editor has this week kindly published a letter of mine on a rather important point, which came before Grand Lodge in the appeal brought by Bro. Hollar, W.M., of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, against the ruling of the District G.M. of Jamaica, *re* the exclusion of a Brother from that Lodge; and as it is probable a notice of motion will be brought before Grand Lodge to alter Rule No. 210, Book of Constitutions, in the manner indicated in my letter, I now enclose you a copy of it for the consideration of the Craft.

"To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—The able exposition of Masonic Law by the Grand Registrar, and the subsequent decision of Grand Lodge thereon in the case of the appeal of Bro. Hollar of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, against the decision of the District Grand Master of Jamaica, to which you call attention in your issue of September 1st, to my mind raises a very important point, which I think has not been before considered.

"While concurring in the decision at which Grand Lodge arrived under the present wording of Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, I am of opinion that after the word 'present' in line 10 of this Rule, the words 'who shall vote' should be added. The clause would then read as follows: 'This power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present, WHO SHALL VOTE.'

"I do not know of any assembly in the world where the presence of members who did not vote nullified the power of those who did. Suppose, for instance, in the House of Commons, of which 40 members form a quorum, 39 voted one way, and 1 the other, and the remaining 630 looked on. Is the decision of the 39 to be null and void because the 630 did not think fit to vote? Such a thing would be perfectly ridiculous. Yet this is exactly the position Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, as at present worded, places all Lodges when any motion for exclusion is brought forward. The sooner it is altered in the manner now suggested the better."

I am, your obedient Servant,

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Upper Norwood, S.E., Sept. 8th, 1888.

J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Swd. Br., Prov. G.Sec., Middx.

*** *We shall probably, space permitting, comment upon this letter in our next.*

Answers to Correspondents.

T. WEST.—Thanks for your information *re* Penge, 1815. It shall have our attention.

A. MERCER, Prestwich.—Our arrangements in respect of Agents will shortly be perfected, and the difficulty of obtaining copies, of which you complain, done away with.

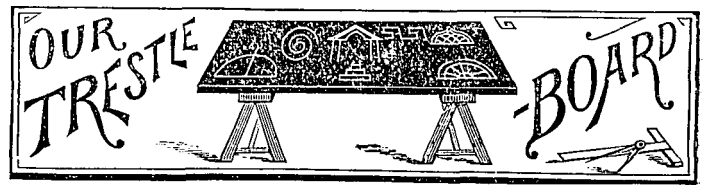
A. H. JEFFERIES.—We are greatly obliged by your letter, and thank you for the trouble you have taken. We fear, though, that we may not have fully understood your instructions. Check us and see!

A Copy of this Number of THE MASONIC STAR has been addressed and posted to the SECRETARY of each Lodge and Lodge of Instruction under the English Constitution at home and abroad. If any one of those Officers fail to receive same in due course, a communication to the Editor is solicited, and the omission shall be rectified.

Secretaries of Lodges and Scribes of Chapters, &c., will greatly oblige us by forwarding notices of forthcoming meetings and information relating to Masonic matters of local or general interest to the Craft. Every attention shall be given to their requirements in respect of same, and we shall be happy at all times to reciprocate their favors to the full extent of our power. We respectfully solicit the support of each regular Lodge and Chapter and each Lodge and Chapter of Instruction by subscription for at least one copy, to be regularly forwarded.

Addresses of the following Lodges wanted. Notices have been returned through post.

Townley Parker Lodge	No. 1032
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Northern Bar	,, 1610
Eleanor	,, 1707
Unity, Peace and Concord	,, 316
Argonaut	,, 2243
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"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We shall be greatly obliged to the compilers or publishers of Provincial Calendars for the current year if they will be good enough to favour us with a copy of their respective works.

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It is, of course, very gratifying to find that earnest labour meets with some amount of that encouragement without which all vitality would be taken from sincere effort in any direction. More especially is it satisfactory when favourable opinions are expressed in quarters whence, whilst "there is so much human nature in man," as Artemus Ward puts it, less appreciative remarks might have been suggested. We thank our contemporary, *The Freemason's Chronicle*, for its kindly criticism of our first three numbers, and shall hope to continue the "decided improvement" it refers to. If our editor can only keep the quality of the contents to a sufficient standard, there will not be much difficulty in the continued supply by our publishers of the same excellence of quality of paper for which we are complimented.

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We cannot allude to the considerate critique in *The Freemason's Chronicle* without thanking other journals, and most especially the *Western Daily Mercury* (Plymouth) for their laudatory remarks. It will be our earnest desire to continue to merit these truly masonic supports.

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All the same, we must respectfully urge upon our Lodges and their respective members that, if there be real sincerity in the often expressed wish for such a paper as the MASONIC STAR, they must also support us by their subscriptions. 'Tis but a trifling amount required, after all, to keep us going, and no great sacrifice can be involved in the outlay. Don't be offended with us, Brethren, if we say "fine words butter no parsnips," and that "an ounce of help is worth a ton of sympathy." To which we would add, in our own Masonic phraseology, "It is the hope of reward that sweetens labour!"

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The last meeting for the session of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, will be held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday, at 3 p.m. We notice with much pleasure that no less than eight brethren of this Lodge acted as stewards for the festivals of the respective Masonic institutions this year; and that already stewards are named for the festivals of 1889. The Lodge is interested in the election of a very worthy member (Bro. James Middleton Jennings, aged 61), to the advantages of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May next, and from the fact that the applicant is, himself, a Life Governor of that institution, and his fellow members have so well supported it, we hope the craft generally will look with favour upon the appeal made for assistance.

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We are asked to supply an omission in our Obituary notice last week in reference to our late Bro. Lord Alfred Paget, of whom it has been truly remarked that there was no more universally popular man in London, and whose death will be deeply deplored by a host of friends and brother Masons. Bro. Lord Paget was Initiated in the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, many years ago, and was at the time of his death an hon. member of that Lodge.

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We desire to thank several brethren for their corrections of our tabulated lists of Lodge and Chapter Meetings. They will see that we have attended to their wishes.

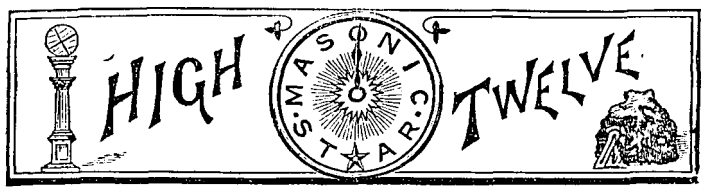
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At a meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, on Friday last, in the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, Bro. J. Houlding, Past Prov. Grand Registrar, presiding, it was decided to place eight children on the educational fund.

The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire (Bro. Lord Lathom, D.G.M.) intends holding a provincial grand lodge for the transacting of the annual business of the province, at the Winter Gardens, Southport, on Wednesday, October 3rd, at one o'clock. The banquet will be held at four o'clock, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport.

We regret, in one sense, that we have had crowded out of this number many interesting particulars of home and colonial Masonic matters, which, but for the limit of space, we should have set before our readers. The remedy for *crowding out* will rest entirely with the brethren. We can extend our paper in proportion to the support we receive, and, in the matter of ample return for subscriptions, we will "hold the scales of justice with an equal poise."



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

"The glorious sun has attained its meridian lustre in the South, and declares the hour of high twelve. The Junior Warden's column assumes the perpendicular, to continue in that position only whilst labour is suspended for the purposes of refreshment, and to be lowered at all other times. The plumb rule rests against the rough and imperfect material to await the return of the workmen to their several tasks.

The following brethren have agreed to act on the Committee of Inquiry into the discipline, expenditure and administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, under the presidency of the V.W., Bro. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, viz. :—Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Patron of the Institution; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Vice-President; and Samuel Pope, Q.C., Vice-Patron as representing London; and John C. Malcolm, of Leeds, Life Governor; Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, Wells, Life Governor; and Robert Wylie, Liverpool, Life Governor, as representing West Yorkshire, Somersetshire, and West Lancashire respectively, and the Provinces generally. The Committee is to meet at the end of October, or early in November, and notice will be previously given of the date when determined.

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The St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, Liskeard, Cornwall, has during the past year donated to the three Masonic Institutions ten guineas each, with an additional ten guineas to the Girls' School. It has also subscribed £8 to the Local Annuity and Education Fund. The Royal Arch Chapter has given ten guineas each to the Schools. Bros. Glencross, Courtney, Nettle, Stanton, and Harris have become life subscribers to one or other of the institutions, thus making a grand total of over one hundred guineas in a Lodge of some fifty members, a very good example of the practical discharge of the Grand Principles, Benevolence and Relief, which each and all of our Lodges should endeavour to emulate.

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Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., will be sworn a member of the Privy Council, in recognition of his services in connection with the International Conference on the Sugar Bounties.

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Last evening, the 12th inst., the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, were to assemble for the first time in the new premises, above the Lecture Hall, Kingston Square. This particular portion of the Old Protestant Hall has been leased for a term of years conjointly by the Kingston and the De la Pole (1605) Lodges, and will in future be the house of the brethren of both bodies. The new premises will not be consecrated till the latter part of September, when it is expected that Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master N. and E. Yorkshire, will be present to perform the ceremony; meanwhile, his lordship has granted a dispensation to the two lodges to enable them to meet in the new premises. The whole of the alterations have been carried out under the superintendence of Bro. B. S. Jacobs, architect, a Past Master of the Kingston Lodge.

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The installation of Comp. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Cheshire, has been arranged to take place at a Provincial Grand Chapter which will be held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Thursday, the 27th instant.

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Bro. James Terry, Past G.S.B., and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N., on Friday, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m. Bro. H. Hill, P.M., 1305, will act as Director of the Ceremonies, and the musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. T. Cull, P.M. 1446, Preceptor. Bro. E. Wareham, Secretary, 12, Ashmount Road, Hornsey Lane, N., will supply further particulars, if required by intending visitors.

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The first meeting of a new Masonic Benevolent Association for the purpose of providing Life Governorships in the several Benevolent Institutions of our Order was held, in connection with the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, on the 4th inst. Its officers are—Bros. W. Foulsham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, President; F. T. Ridpath, W.M., P.G. Stwd. Surrey, Vice-President; H. M. Hobbs, I.P.M., P.J.G.W. Surrey, Treas.; and Jas. Buckley, Sec. The Committee consists of Bros. H. Baber, F. C. Pascall, and W. H. Ranson, P.M.'s; all the officers of the lodge, and the following brethren from other lodges: Bros. W. Burn, S.D. 858; C. Cooke, J.D. 1851; E. E. Cooper, P.M. 1494, P.J.G.W. Middx.; C. Daniel, P.M. 65; W. G. Fenn, S.W. 538; W. Fox Hawes, S.W. 463; and H. C. Vickers, W.M. 1632. Two Life Governorships (ten guineas each) were ballotted for at this meeting. Future meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 9 p.m. Bro. James Buckley, Hon. Sec., Queen's-road, Croydon, will give further information to all brethren who may be desirous of assisting our Institutions through subscriptions to this Association.

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The Election meeting of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, Bro. Edward Fiott Ferris, W.M., Bro. G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R. Essex, Secretary, will meet at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 6.30. Subject to usual ballot, there are three initiations to be performed prior to the elections of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE COLUMNS *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information. We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* THE MASONIC STAR, *38, Bow Lane, London.*

*** *The list of Annual Subscribers to* THE MASONIC STAR *has been opened most satisfactorily, and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.*

CRAFT LODGE MEETINGS.

PRUDENCE, 2069, LEEDS.—On Saturday, 8th inst., W.M. Bro. Tudor-Trevor, P.M., received the W.M's. of the seven other Leeds Lodges prior to his retirement from the chair next November. Bro. Pratt was passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Dimery, P.M., of Lodge Eldon, Somerset, was admitted a joining member, and Messrs. E. Ellis and J. J. Wilkinson initiated into the Order. Past Master Bro. C. L. Mason, P.P. Gd. Tr., also delivered the explanation of the Second Tracing Board with his usual carefulness and lucidity. There was a good attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. At the next regular meeting the Lodge will be called upon to elect its W.M. for the ensuing year, when the suffrages of the brethren will no doubt fall upon the present S.W., Bro. William Watson, P.M., who has zealously and successfully initiated himself as the Charity Steward of the Lodge, and as the Librarian of the newly-established Masonic Library of the province.

THE PANMURE LODGE, No. 720, will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday next, the 17th inst., at 5 p.m. Bro. Frederic Purkiss, W.M.; Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., Secretary. There are candidates for each of the degrees, and the working of this Lodge being generally acknowledged as perfect, members and visitors may rely upon an interesting evening. But why "Evening Dress?" Does it not frequently interfere with a full muster? Business men cannot, as a rule, afford the time involved in the change necessary to comply with this request.

CONSECRATION OF A MARK MASTER.

MASONS' LODGE AT LEWES.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex was held at the Masonic Hall, Lewes, on the 5th inst., when the "Lewis" Mark Lodge, No. 391, was consecrated. The Lodge, in the absence of the R. W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Mark Master, was opened by the V.W. Bro. C. J. Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, assisted by the following officers: Bros. R. Pidcock, Prov. G.S.W.; Rossiter, Prov. G.J.W.; R. Paige, Prov. G.M.O.; S. Solomon, Prov. G.S.O.; H. W. G. Abell, Prov. G.J.O.; W. A. Tooth, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. G. Registrar; Seymour Burrows, Prov. G. Secretary; C. A. Smith, Prov. G.S.D.; G. Masters, Prov. G.J.D.; J. Belcher, Prov. G. Sword B.; J. C. Buckwell, Prov. G. Standard B.; F. W. Hallett, Prov. G. Organist; A. F. Lamette, Acting Prov. G.I.G.; C. Golding, Prov. G. Steward; and H. H. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler. There were also present Bros. G. R. Lockyer, P.P.G.S.O.; S. Peters, P.P.G.S.O.; S. R. Legge, P.M. Royal Sussex 75; E. Whittaker, P.M. 139; E. Histed, Steward Royal Sussex 75; T. Wickham, I.G. Scuthdown 164; G. Farncombe, Southdown 164; G. Cole and S. Shrivell, Royal Sussex 75. The following brethren were elected to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons, viz., Bros. J. Adames, J. H. Every, W. W. Turner, G. Holman, W. Wright and R. Weston. The Consecrating Officer, the V.W. Bro. C. J. Smith, Deputy Prov. G. Master, having addressed the founders of the new Lodge on the nature of the meeting, called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary, who stated the wishes of the founders, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the Lodge. The Petition and Warrant having been read and approved, the Deputy Prov. G. Master addressed the brethren. Three months, he said, had scarcely passed by since they were called together to Henfield to consecrate the "Adur" Lodge, and he trusted the foundation of the two Lodges would prove a happy augury for Mark Masonry in Sussex. Although many previous years had been passed in comparative idleness, the seeds of Mark Masonry had been sown broadcast, and they were now reaping the harvest. During that long period many good brethren had been gathered to their rest—notably Sir Cordy Burrows, Dr. Cunningham, T. J. Sabine and George Smith. The gaps had happily been filled by young Masons of great ability, of whom they were all proud. He was personally grateful to Bros. H. W. G. Abell and A. F. Lamette for the interest they had taken in the new Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was ably carried out by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, while the duty of installing the W.M. elect devolved upon Bro. H. W. G. Abell. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. H. Hallett, who presided at the organ. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: R. Pidcock, S.W.; S. R. Legg, J.W.; S. Peters, M.O.; J. Adames, S.O.; J. H. Every, J.O.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, Chaplain; H. W. G. Abell, Treasurer; W. Webb Turner, Reg. of Marks; G. Holman, Secretary; W. Wright, S.D; A. F. Lamette, J.D.; J. J. Abell, D. of C.; R. Weston, I.G.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. The Lodge, having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured and were pleasingly interspersed by songs rendered in charming style by Miss Minnie Freeman.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE—No. 147.—On Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, Bros. Leng, W.M.; Dandridge, S.W.; Penrose, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Wilson, S.D.; Emblin, J.D.; Faulkner, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; and several others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the Lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in a very efficient manner. The Lodge was resumed to the First Degree and closed.

RANELAGH LODGE—No. 834.—On Friday, 31st ult., at Six Bells Hotel, Queen Street, Hammersmith. Bros. G. E. Higginson W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; P.J. Davies, J.W.; J. Sims, Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; L. Cox, J. D.; F. W. Woodard, I.G.; J. Collings, P.M.; G. Read, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Pattison, M. Rice, F. Craggs, J. Davies, W. J. Coplestone, W. W. Williams and J. Cotton. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies being the candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. J. Collings gave the explanation of the tracing board. Bro. A. Williams, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE—No. 1471.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bros. J. Da Silva, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; Kilsby, J.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Petch, S.D.; J. G. Cobb, I.G.; Crick, and Scott. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Crick candidate. The W.M., Bro. Da Silva, was elected a member of the Lodge. Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the exceedingly able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for first time in this Lodge.—A meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association was then held, when the subscriptions were received, and a ballot was taken for the 21st Life Governorship secured through this Association.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE—No. 1614.—On Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Criteron, Piccadilly, S.W., Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; G. C. Stafford, J.W.; S. Lichtenfeld, S.D.; E. A. Morrison, J.D.; S. C. Fort, I.G.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; R. J. Harnell, Acting Sec.; G. Read, F. M. Noakes, C. B. Shemmonds, G. S. Russell, R. E. Cursons, C. Lambert and A. Samuelli. The Preceptor worked the fourth Section of the Lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of Initiation. Bro. G. Read, candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C., Bro. Lambert, candidate. Bro. J. D. Graham was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

UPTON—No. 1227.—On Monday, 3rd inst., at the Three Nuns, Aldgate, Bros. C. Patrick, W.M.; J. Stroud, S.W.; C. J. Free, J.W.; Fenner, Preceptor; E. Hill, J.D.; G. J. Bailey, I.G.; C. Schmidt, Bruly, Christel, Reifenstein, and others. Bro. Patrick worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Schmidt candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second, and Bro. Patrick the third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Reinfenstein was elected a member. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

KENSINGTON LODGE—No. 1767.—On Tuesday, 4th inst. at the Scaresdale Arms, Edwardes Square, Kensington, W.—Bros. Sims, W.M.; Higginson, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; R. H. Williams, Treas.; W. C. Williams, Sec. (pro tem.); Danby, S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; Read, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; C. Woods, Batts, Cory and Wyldes. Bro. Strudwick, S.G.W. (S.C.) Jamaica, was a visitor. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. R. H. Williams rehearsed part of the ceremony of installation, giving the customary addresses in a very impressive manner. The 1st Section of the Second lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked. Bro. Strudwick was elected a joining member. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE—No. 1791.—On Thursday, 30th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.—Bros. F. Hardinge, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; G. Higginson, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Woodard, S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Stanley, I. G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M.; T. Wood, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; F. Craggs, Arnott, Whittell, L. Cox, T. Head, Stonnill, and F. West. Visitors: Bros. D. M. Davis, P.M., 1017; Bick, 1326: and Vallentine, P.M., 1017. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. T. Wood candidate. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Vallentine, P.M., 1017; D. Davis, P.M., 1017; and Bick, 1326, were elected joining members. Bro. P. J. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE—No. 1891.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington—Bros. Dresden, W.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; James Sims, P.M., J.W.; F. Craggs, Sec.; Conway, S.D.; P. Skar, J.D.; J. Davies, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; G. Read, P.M.; Jesse Collings, and others. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. R. H. Williams. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the Second and First Degrees. Bro. S. Cochrane was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Monday, the 24th instant.

CHISWICK LODGE—No. 2012.—On Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith—Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M., S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Higginson, S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M. 834; F. Cochrane, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; E. D. Aslete, J. Fox, G. Webb and F. Craggs. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Fox being candidate. The W.M. rendered the traditional history. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cochrane, P.M., candidate. Bro. A. Williams formally tendered his resignation of the office of Secretary of the Lodge, which was accepted with deep regret.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE—No. 2021.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly—Bros. G. Greenway, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; E. H. Bellerby, J.W.; Shemmonds, S.D.; J. S. Kingston, J.D.; J. R. Harnell, I.G.; C. P. Bellerby, Sec.; T. C. Artand, J. Rowe, C. Reid, R. J. Harnell, W. Parker, C. Thompson, and Collings. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C., Bro. G. Read candidate. Bro. Cursons worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bro. R. E. Cursons was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.—The annual dinner will take place on Monday, the 1st prox., at the Criterion: Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Preceptor, in the chair.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE—No. 2030.—On Friday, the 31st ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.—Bros. Saunders, W.M.; Mann, S.W.; Stutfield, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Piper, S.D.; Badderly, J.D.; Mason, P.M., I.G.; Arnold, Blades, Dr. Harper, and Chabot. The ceremony of initiation was reheased, Bro. Chabot candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Blades being the candidate. Bro. Chabot, 2030, was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks to the W.M. was recorded in the minutes, for the very able and efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremonies of initiation and passing.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station (L. C. & D. R.)—Bros. Poole, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Esling, J.W.; Wood, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Andrews, Sec.; Folkard, King, Levett, Grover, Jones, Cowland, Alexander, and Ruffles. The 1st Section of the first Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Levett as candidate. The 1st Section of each Lecture in the Second and Third Degrees were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Russell, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The ballot for those members who have attended 15 times during the raising of £5 5s. will shortly be taken—to be devoted to one of the Charities. Members should therefore attend as often as possible.

COVENT GARDEN—No. 1614.—On Thursday, September 6th, at the Criterion, Piccadilly—Bro. J. D. Graham, W.M.; G. C. Stafford, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J W.; W. Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; S. C. Firt, S.D.; J. R. Harnell, J.D.; — Lincoln, I.G.; and R. J. Harnell, I.G. Ceremony of Initiation rehearsed, Bro. Firt being candidate. In second degree the second section was worked. Ceremony of parsing rehearsed. Bro. Shemmonds candidate. The Lodge resumed, and the first section was worked. Bro. Stafford was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Records of Masonic Services OF Provincial Grand Secretaries.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Cheshire.

BRO. RICHARD NEWHOUSE was initiated in Charity Lodge, 439, in 1852; was W.M. 1861 and 1862; took the Mark in 1857, the Arch in 1859, K. Templar in 1870, Rose Croix in 1878; has passed the Chair in all the above degrees; is a Past Provincial Officer of Craft, Mark, Arch, and K.T.; was one of the founders of the Stamford Lodge, No. 1045, in 1865; was appointed Secretary at that time, and held it continuously ever since; was one of the Founders of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge in 1875; was appointed by Lord Egerton as Prov. Grand Mark Secretary at the time, and still holds that office; and on the death of Lord De Tabley, the Pro. Grand Master, in 1887, was appointed by Lord Egerton as Prov. Grand Secretary for the Craft.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Essex.

BRO. THOMAS J. RALLING, Grand Secretary for the province of Essex, was initiated in the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, in 1869, installed W.M. in 1877, and Prov. Grand Secretary of Essex since 1877. He was exalted in the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, in 1871, and installed Z. in 1882. On the formation of the Prov. G. Chapter (Royal Arch) of Essex, Comp. Ralling was appointed Prov. G. Scribe E. He is also a P.M. of the Constantine Mark Lodge, No. 145, Colchester, and a Past Prov. S.G.O. of East Anglia. He is also Past Grand Deacon of England in this Degree, and, during his year of office, had the honour to assist, as Junior Grand Deacon, in advancing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales into the Mark Degree. He was appointed P.A.G.D.C. at the Jubilee Meeting at the Albert Hall on 13th June, 1887; and, immediately subsequent, P.G. Swd. B. in Grand Chapter. He is a member of the Provincial Charity Committee of Essex, has served a Stewardship for the Boys' School, and is a Life Subscriber to both Boys' and Girls' Schools. Bro. Ralling still continues Secretary of his mother Lodge, an office he has held since 1871, and is also Scribe E. of the Patriotic Chapter, and Secretary of the Constantine Mark Lodge, No. 145.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Herefordshire.

BRO. WILLIAM EARLE, of Castle Street, Hereford, Prov. Grand Sec. for Herefordshire, was initiated in the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, Hereford, in March, 1872, and subsequently held the following offices in that Lodge :—Sec., 1874-5; D.C., 1876; S.W., 1877; W.M., 1878, and he has also filled the following Provincial offices :—P.G.D.C., 1877 to 1881; P.G. Reg., 1882, and P.G. Sec., 1883 to the present time. In the year 1878, during his Mastership of the Palladian Lodge, he inaugurated Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association, and has since continued the Hon. Secretaryship. The Association has remitted £660 to the Masonic Institutions from the Brethren of the four Lodges (recently increased to five) of this small province.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Hertfordshire.

BRO. GEORGE E. LAKE was initiated in Watford Lodge, 404, in 1873. Served office of W.M. in that Lodge, 1879, and in same year appointed Prov. G. Registrar. Present Treasurer of the Lodge; appointed Prov. G. Sec., 1884. One of the founders and first S.W. of the Rickmansworth Lodge, 2218, consecrated last year; also member of the Centurion Lodge, 1718. M.E.Z. for the second time, of the Watford Chapter (previously in 1883), and Prov. G. Scribe E., P.M. and Treasurer of the Watford Lodge of M.M.M., 241. Past Grand Deacon, England, and Prov. G. S. Warden for this year. P.E.C. and Treasurer of the Stuart Encampment of Masonic Knights Templar, and Prior of the Order of Malta.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Leicestershire.

BRO. THE REV. CHAS. HENTON WOOD, M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, P.M. and Secretary of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, P.P.G. Chaplain, was appointed to the rank of P.P.S.G.W. in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee. He succeeded W. Bro. Partridge (D. Prov. G.M. and P.A. Grand D.C.) as Prov. G. Secretary of Leicestershire and Rutland in 1884. He is P.Z. of the R.A. Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, P.P.G. Reg. and Prov. G. Scribe E.; also P.M. of the Fowke Lodge of Mark Masons, P.P.G. Chaplain, and P.M. of the William Kelly Lodge of Ark Mariners. For several years he served as Preceptor of the Union Lodge of Instruction, meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. Having entered the Order somewhat late in life, Freemasonry has had a great charm for him ever since, but he has evinced no desire to explore the mysterious ground occupied by the Templar, Rose Croix and other orders. He is an Honorary Member of three Lodges and one Chapter and a Life Governor of the R.M.B.I. (aged).

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Lincolnshire.

BRO. BENJAMIN VICKERS, P.G. Secretary for Lincolnshire, was initiated in the Witham Lodge, No. 297, in 1868, and passing through several offices in the Lodge, was W.M. in 1878. He has in the provinces held the offices of A.D. of C. and Std. Br.; was appointed P.G. Sec. in 1882, and later on Pro. G. Scribe E.; he also acts as Charity Sec. for the province.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Middlesex.

BRO. J. F. H. WOODWARD, Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, was the first initiate in the Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, on the 13th December, 1877, at Hampton Court; he became Master in 1882. He was exalted in the Quadratic Royal Arch Chapter on the 25th July, 1881; for two years Bro. Woodward was S.E., and installed First Principal in 1885; he is the present Treasurer. Bro. Woodward was appointed a Provincial Grand Steward of Middlesex in 1884, and succeeded the late Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G.D., as Prov. Grand Secretary, and Prov. Grand Scribe E., in 1885. At the Masonic Jubilee Meeting held at the Albert Hall, on the 13th June, 1887, the M.W.G.M. conferred on Bro. Woodward the Past rank of Grand Sword Bearer of England. Bro. Woodward has been elected an Honerary Member of 21 Lodges and Chapters in the province. He is a Life Governor of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Surrey.

BRO. CHARLES GREENWOOD, Prov. Grand Secretary for Surrey, was initiated in the Grove Lodge, No. 410, held in the Spring Hotel, Ewell, on 26th May, 1877. W.M. of Grove Lodge, 1881; re-elected, 1882; Secretary of Grove Lodge, 1888, and resigned; appointed P.G. Registrar, Surrey, 1881; appointed P.G. Secretary, 1882 (on his father's appointment as P.G.S.W.); appointed P.G. Sec. again in 1886 (on his father's appointment as Deputy P.G.M.); and re-appointed each year since. Served as Steward to Benevolent Institution, 1883; Girls' School, 1883; Boys' School, 1886; Girls' School (second), 1886; honorary and subscribing member of several Lodges. *Royal Arch*—P.Z. and G.S.E., Surrey; exalted in the Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, 1878; and now J. of ditto. Joined the Grove Chapter, 1879; M.E.Z. of ditto, 1884; appointed G. Scribe E. of Surrey, 1882.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for Worcestershire.

BRO. GEORGE TAYLOR, Provincial Grand Secretary of Worcestershire, is more particularly known in the Craft outside his own district by being the collector of the magnificent Masonic Library and Museum which is now located in the City of Worcester; and also for his successful efforts on behalf of the charities which followed his originating the Masonic Charity and Organization of Worcestershire. He was initiated in the Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377, at Kidderminster, on April 26th, 1869, and became Master in 1876, was Treasurer of the Lodge four years, and in 1879 founded the Masonic Hall and Club Company, to which fine pile of buildings that Lodge removed. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter attached to the same Lodge on June 12th, 1872, and installed M.E.Z. in 1880. In 1879 joined the Vernon Lodge, 560, and became W.M. in 1881. In 1881 he was the chief founder and first master of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874. Appointed Prov. Grand Pursuivant in 1878, he became S.D., J.W., and finally P.G. Senior Warden in 1881. In the latter year he undertook the duties of Prov. Grand Secretary on the death of Bro. W. Bristow, which office he still fills. In 1881 he was also appointed P.G. Scribe E., and resigned in 1884. Installed as Prov. Grand J. in 1886. On the formation of the Prov. Charity Organization, he took the secretaryship and filled the office till 1885, when pressure of other duties compelled him to resign. Installed Knight Templar in the St. Aurand Preceptory, Worcester, in September, 1879, and as E.P. in 1884, Knight of Malta at Grand Priory, April 1880. Perfected Rose Croix in Vernon Chapter, Birmingham, in March, 1880, and installed as M.W. Sov. in 1885. Advanced to the degree of M.M.M. in the Howe Lodge, Birmingham, June 1881. Founded the Godson Mark Lodge, No. 330, at Kidderminster, and was its first Master. He became P.G.S. Warden of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge in 1886, and Deputy Prov. Grand M.M.M. for Worcestershire in 1887, which office he still holds. Elevated to the degree of Ark Mariner in 1881, he was one of the founders of Lodge, No. 89, and installed as N. in 1884. In 1884 he took the 30th degree A. and A. Rite, and in 1886 the 31st degree. Probably the most arduous work of a special nature in Bro. Taylor's Masonic career was that of undertaking the entire arrangements and management of the great Masonic Exhibition at Worcester, which has done so much in the cause of Masonic research. He has taken other Masonic degrees, and is hon. member of many Lodges. He has served ten stewardships to the Masonic charities, and is Vice-President of the Girls' School, and Life Governor of the other institutions.

The Prov. Grand Secretary for N. and E. Yorkshire.

BRO. M. C. PECK, who was appointed Grand Standard Bearer of England at the grand festival held in April last, was initiated in the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull, in 1859. In 1861 he was appointed its secretary, and was annually re-appointed till last year, when, after twenty-six years' diligent discharge of the duties, he resigned his office into other hands, and accepted the less onerous but equally responsible position of treasurer, being at the same time one of the trustees of the lodge as well as of its Benevolent and Building Funds. In 1864 he was founder and first W.M. of the Sykes Lodge, No. 1,040, Driffield, and ten years later he assisted in the foundation of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1,511, Hornsea. He is also a joining member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, and Master for the second time of the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, besides being honorary member of many lodges in North and East Yorkshire. He is also a honorary member of the *Verein Deutscher Freimaurer*, or German Society of Freemasons. In 1862 he was invested Prov. G. Supt. of Works, North and East Yorkshire, and in 1866 the late Earl of Zetland appointed him to the arduous office of Prov. G. Secretary, an honorary office, which he has continued to hold ever since, and still holds, to the very great benefit of the Craft in the province. Indeed, in 1881 his valuable services were recognised by the brethren, who presented him with a valuable testimonial of silver plate, while last year the present Earl of Zetland still more conspicuously confirmed the approval of the brethren by conferring on him the rank of a Past Prov. S.G. Warden, in connection with the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. He was exalted in 1861, and was installed M.E.Z. of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, in 1867. He is a subscribing member of the Humber, Minerva and Kingston Chapters and honorary member of several others, and since 1867 has held the honorary office of Prov. G. Scribe E., concurrently with that of Prov. G. Secretary. He was advanced in 1861, and was installed W.M. of the Minerva Mark Lodge, No. 12, in 1866. He was installed E.C. of the Ancient York Conclave of Redemption of the Order of the Temple in 1868, Prov. G. Chancellor of North and East Yorkshire in 1864, and held that office for many years. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Ancient York Chapter of Redemption in 1863, and was installed M.W.S. in 1882, having in the meantime received the 30° in 1870. He is a life governor of all our charities, is a vice-president, and has twice served as steward for the boys' school; he also acted as steward for the girls' school at the recent centenary festival; and is Hon. Secretary of the Prov. Charities' Association of North and East Yorkshire; lastly, he has done good service to Masonic literature by editing the best English edition of Mackey's "Lexicon of Freemasonry," besides many lectures and orations on Masonry. We may add that Bro. Peck is at present engaged on a history of Freemasonry in Hull, which has already been some years in preparation. Bro. M. C. Peck is greatly respected and esteemed, not only by the brethren of his own town and province, but by the members of the Craft generally throughout the country, and his sage advice on ritual and other Masonic *modus operandi* is greatly sought after and as readily accorded.

MASONIC TRIP.—The members of the "Constance" Lodge of Freemasons, at Consett, Durham, arranged for a pic-nic, on Wednesday afternoon, to Blanchland. Three brakes were hired from Mrs. Christopher and Messrs. T. C. Rawes & Co., Consett, and Mr. J. Christopher, Blackhill, to drive them to the above place, and they started away from Consett about noon. A good dinner and tea was provided for them at the Lord Crewe Arms, Blanchland, by Mrs. Imeson, and in the evening, after tea, a ball was held in a spacious room at the hotel. Throughout the day the weather was beautifully fine, and the members spent a most enjoyable day amongst the woods, &c., about the place. Amongst the holiday-seekers were Messrs. Logan, Bell, Matthews, and other men of note in the neighbourhood. The party returned at about 9.30 from Blanchland, and did not arrive in Consett until 12 p.m.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

For the current week, compiled from the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* (G. KENNING, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R. A. C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R. X., Red Cross Conclaves; F. M. H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F. M. T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P. R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(2nd) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th.	
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1558	Duke of Connaught	S.M.H., Camberwell
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
2168	Derby Allcroft	Athenæum, Camden Road, Islington
R.A.C.		
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
860	Dalhousie	Ditto
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar
907	Royal Albert	F. M. Hall
	(2nd) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th.	
1536	United Military	Lord Raglan, Plumstead
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	Agricultural Hall, N.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th.	
1767	Kensington	S. Kensington Hot., Queen's Gate Ter., W.
R.A.C.		
382	Royal Union	Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge
1556	Addiscombe	Masonic Hall, Croydon
2048	Henry Levander	Railway Hotel, Harrow Station
Mark.		
357	Chiswick	Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
	(3rd) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th.	
720	Panmure	Balham Hotel, Balham
901	City of London	Guildhall Tavern
2060	La France	Cafe Royal, Regent Street
R.A.C.		
1929	Mozart	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th.	
	BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, AT 4.	
704	Camden	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
857	Isaac Newton University ...	Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
2045	Wharton	Willesden, Middlesex
2146	Surbiton	Maple Hall, Surbiton, Surrey
2191	Anglo-American	Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A.C.		
933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1604	Wanderers	F. M. Hall
2021	Queen's Westminster	8a, Red Lion Square
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th.	
	BOARD OF BENEVOLENT, AT 6.	
1044	Wandsworth	Ta. Ho., Wandsworth
1278	Burdett-Coutts	Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1382	Corinthian	George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E.
1624	Eccleston	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
	(3rd) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.	
1227	Upton	Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex
1321	Emblematic	Horns Tavern, Kennington
1327	King Harold	Four Swans Ho., Waltham Cross
1365	Clapton	Rudolph Chambers, 191, Bshpsgt. St.
1623	West Smithfield	F.M. Hall
1963	Duke of Albany	M.H., Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A.C.		
733	Westbourne	Lords Hotel, St. John's Wood

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
	BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	3rd Oct	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	9th Oct	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Oct	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	11th Oct	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	17th Sept	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Sept	Ditto
1016	Elkington	25th Sept	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	10th Oct	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Oct	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Oct	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	18th Sept	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto
	BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope ...	8th Oct	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	10th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	19th Sept	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Sept	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	3rd Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto
	BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
302	Hope...	17th Sept	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	20th Sept	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	2nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	10th Oct	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales	(?) 5th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
	BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	TO-DAY	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	25th Sept	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Sept	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Oct	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	27th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa	5th Oct	Old Ship Hotel

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	BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence ...	8th Oct	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	2nd Oct	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	10th Oct	Ditto
326	Moira	3rd Oct	Ditto
610	Colston	19th Sept	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Oct	Ditto
1388	Canynges	6th Oct	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	27th Sept	Ditto
2257	Powell	24th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	15th Sept	Ditto
103	Beaufort	25th Sept	Ditto
187	Charity	6th Oct	Ditto
	DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
253	Tyrian	25th Sept	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	10th Oct	Ditto
802	Repose	20th Sept	Ditto
1085	Hartington	3rd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto
	DOUGLAS, I. of M.—5 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
1004	Athole	19th Sept	M. H., Loch Parade
1242	Tynwald	3rd Oct	Ditto
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	(?)	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	4th Oct	Ditto
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	20th Sept	Ditto
	HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	Jn, Jy & Au only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	6th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Oct	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Oct	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	18th Oct	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	15th Sept	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	(?)	Ditto
2087	Electric	22nd Sept	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	10th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	Jan 1889	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Oct	Ditto
	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
57	Humber	20th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	10th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Sept	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	5th Oct	Ditto

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HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—*continued*.			
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	20th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	20th Sept	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
289	Fidelity	4th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	26th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	5th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	1st Oct	Ditto
1221	Defence	8th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	21st Sept	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	13th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	11th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	14th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	(?)	M. H., Great George Street
LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
279	St. John's	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	*John of Gaunt* ...	20th Sept	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	28th Sept	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Oct	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.			
32	St. George's ...	26th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	20th Sept	Ditto
216	Harmonic TO-DAY,	13th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	9th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	4th Oct	Ditto
292	Sincerity	8th Oct	Ditto
594	Downshire	27th Sept	Ditto
667	Alliance	18th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John	2nd Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	5th Oct	Ditto
724	Derby	26th Sept	Ditto
786	United Service ...	11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	19th Sept	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	3rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	10th Oct	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	TO-DAY	Ditto
1264	Neptune	1st Oct	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	20th Sept	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	24th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	10th Oct	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	20th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	17th Sept	Ditto
1505	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	10th Oct	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Sept	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	25th Sept	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	3rd Oct	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	25th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	3rd Oct	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	17th Sept	Ditto
2215	Anfield	27th Sept	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	(?)	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	2nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners	20th Sept	Ditto
292	Liverpool	27th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	25th Sept	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	19th Sept	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Oct	Ditto
1393	Hamer	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	9th Oct	Ditto
MANCHESTER—38 LODGES, 10 CHAPTERS.			
44	Friendship	5th Oct	Albion Hotel
62	Social	24th Sept	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th Oct	Ditto
152	Virtue	21st Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	26th Sept	Ditto
204	Caledonian	10th Oct	Ditto
317	Affability	4th Oct	Ditto
325	St. John's	19th Sept	F. M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	19th Sept	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
633	Yarborough ...	19th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Oct	Ditto
815	Blair TO-MOR.,	14th Sept	*Town Hall, Hulm
852	Zetland	10th Sept	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	27th Sept	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	3rd Oct	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra ...	21st Sept	*Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Sept	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	1st Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	20th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	18th Sept	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	13th Sept	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	1st Oct	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	26th Sept	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David ...TO-DAY,	13th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Gray and Ripon	19th Sept	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	17th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	26th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers		Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	8th Sept	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	18th Oct	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	26th Sept	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	21st Sept	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	1st Oct	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	2nd Oct	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	10th Oct	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	10th Oct	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	(?)	Midland Hotel, Ardwick

* If these Lodges do not meet at M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham.

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MANCHESTER—38 LODGES, 10 CHAPTERS—*continued*.			
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	20th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Oct	Ditto
325	St. John's	4th Oct	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Oct	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	25th Sept	Hulme
935	Starkie	?	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	14th Sept	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	10th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	8th Oct	Ditto
541	De Loraine	21st Sept	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	2nd Oct	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	10th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	18th Sept	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	27th Sept	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	14th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	28th Sept	Ditto
2260	Ridley	?	?
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	20th Sept	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	18th Sept	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 52	Union	2nd Oct	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	9th Oct	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	18th Sept	Ditto
807	Cabbell	25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity	25th Sept	Ditto
1500	Walpole	4th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Sept	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance TO-DAY,	13th Sept	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Oct	Ditto
NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 47	Newstead	2nd Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	8th Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	5th Oct	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	1st Oct	Ditto
1435	Annesley	28th Sept	Ditto
1794	De Vere	21st Sept	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	17th Sept	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	9th Oct	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	24th Sept	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	?	Ditto
PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 70	St. John's	2nd Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	8th Oct	Ditto
156	Harmony	1st Oct	Ditto
159	Brunswick	3rd Oct	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	8th Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	25th Sept	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	18th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	4th Oct	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	9th Oct	Ditto
1205	Metham	17th Sept	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-DAY,	13th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	17th Sept	Ditto
1550	Prudence	6th Oct	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	9th Oct	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	25th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	28th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES. 6 CHAPTERS,			
257	Phœnix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth TO-DAY,	13th Sept	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	9th Oct	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	TO-MOR.	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	20th Sept	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	25th Sept	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Sept	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	24th Sept	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	17th Sept	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	10th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	9th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street
SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
139	Britannia TO-DAY,	13th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	1st Oct	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	25th Sept	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	17th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Oct	Ditto

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	TO-DAY	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	17th Sept	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	20th Sept	Ditto
785	Twelve *Brothers* ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	4th Oct	Ditto
359	Peace	5th Oct	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Sept	Ditto

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
80	St. John	9th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY,	13th Sept	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	28th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Sept	M. H., Forward Road
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Forward Road

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, SEPT. 13th.			
3	Fidelity	... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W.C.
13	Union Waterloo	... „ 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ...	... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
87	Vitruvian ...	... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's ...	... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury ...	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ...	... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ...	... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ...	... „ 8	*Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.*
901	City of London	... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ...	... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ...	... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts...	... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1287	Great Northern	... at 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.
1306	St. John	... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ...	... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ...	... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ...	... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy	... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden...	... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ...	... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane. [well
1677	Crusaders ...	... „ 8.30	Old Jerm. Tav., St.John's Gate, Clerken-
1681	Londesborough...	... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph	... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1816	Victoria Park ...	... „ 8	Yorkshire Grey, High Street, Stratford.
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ...	... „ 8	Northampton Hot.,St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ...	... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
(2nd) FRIDAY, SEPT. 14th.			
9	Albion	... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ...	... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ...	... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ...	... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	... „—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 7	F. M. H.
333	Kintore	... „ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims	... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ...	... „ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave... ...	... „ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's ...	... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ...	... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ...	... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
933	Doric	... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ...	... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone [bury.
1298	Royal Standard	... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ...	... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty	... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ...	... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.			
65	Prosperity ...	... „ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
800	Hornsey... ...	... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ...	... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
(3rd) SATURDAY, SEPT. 15th.			
179	Manchester ...	... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, Ldn. St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1364	Earl of Zetland	... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ...	... „ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick ...	... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai ...	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
(3rd) MONDAY, SEPT. 17th.			
22	Loughborough...	... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ...	... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C
174	Sincerity ...	... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union	... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ...	... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	... „ 8	*Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.*
1178	Perfect Ashlar ...	... „ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton	... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ...	... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1445	Prince Leopold...	... „ 7	Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	... „ 8	Royal Edward Mare Street, Hackney.

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(3rd) MONDAY, SEPT. 17th—*continued*.			
1507	Metropolitan ...	... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ...	... „ —	*Salutation, Newgate Street.*
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn	... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar... ...	... „ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield ...	... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	*Coborn*	... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ...	... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ...	... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.			
206	Hope	... „ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
(3rd) TUESDAY, SEPT. 18th.			
55	Constitutional ...	... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
140	St. George ...	... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	... „ 7	Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ...	... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ...	... „ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury... ...	... „ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ...	... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ...	... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ...	... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ...	... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	... „ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington ...	... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley	... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer	... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring ...	... „ —	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex	... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ...	... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton	... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ...	... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns ...	... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
975	Metropolitan ...	... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
(3rd) WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19th.			
30	United Mariners	... at 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ...	... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ...	... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ...	... „ 8.30	Rally. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence ...	... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength	... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ...	... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ...	... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ...	... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ...	... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East	... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne ...	... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1288	Finsbury Park ...	... at 8.30	Cock Tav. Highbury, N.
1421	Langthorne ...	... „ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham	... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1601	Ravensbourne (3rd Oct.)	„ 8	George Inn., Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ...	... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett ...	... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1791	Creaton	... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1922	Earl of Lathom	... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1950	Duke of Albany	... „ 7.30	Roch. Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
1963			
R.A.C.	Domatic	... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
177	St. James's Union	... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
180	Camden	... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
704	Doric	... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
933	Southgate ...	... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

(3rd) THURSDAY, SEPT. 20th.

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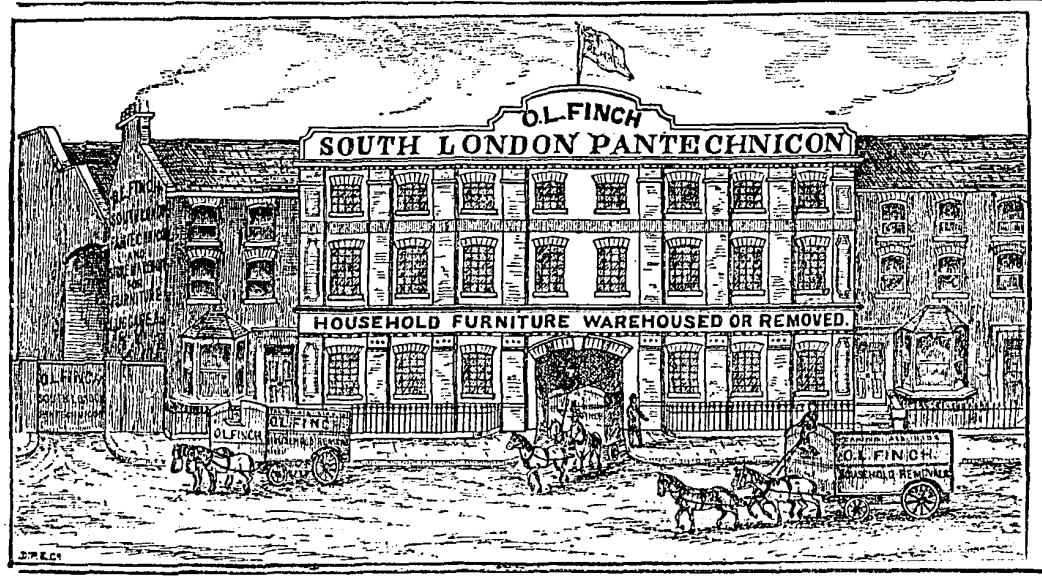
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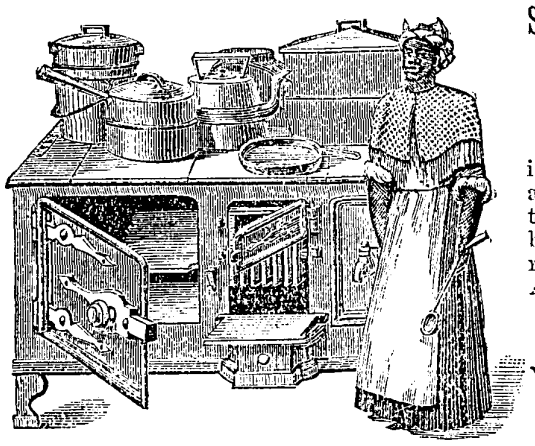
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NOT the least extraordinary consequence of the accession of Emperor William to the throne of his fathers is the interdict pronounced by the court and military authorities on the Masonic Order. Both the father and grandfather of the present Kaiser belonged to it and, in fact, ever since the days of the Great Frederick, it has, as an institution, been regarded favourably in the Prussian capital. The example of the monarch was followed by the leading members of the nobility, by the chief statesmen of the realm, and by the officers of the army. In society the order enjoyed considerable influence, and proved a bond of union between different political sections. Even during the heat of the anti-Semitic agitation, Masonry had the effect of mitigating antipathies and of diminishing the rancour of the persecution. During the struggle for German unity, the Masonic Lodges played an important part in securing the co-operation of the different nationalities, creeds, and classes. It was, doubtless, a sense of the benefits which it has conferred on their dynasty that won to the order the good wishes and active sympathies of the Hohenzollern princes. It is, therefore, looked upon as most significant of the reactionary tendencies of the present reign that it should now be put under the ban.

Various reasons are assigned for the movement. According to one account, the change in the sentiments of the Imperial family had taken place some years ago, while the late Emperor Frederick was still Crown Prince. It is said to have originated in a misunderstanding between the latter and the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge, Signor Von Dachroden, who was also a court functionary. That, however, would seem to have been simply a personal controversy, arising out of the prince's disapproval of Dachroden's appointment to a certain office. It was only one of several unpleasant incidents that owed their origin to court intrigues and jealousies. That the late Emperor, who was a man of extreme conscientiousness, and would never allow any considerations of a private nature to interfere with the discharge of his public duties, may have come to the conclusion that, in his position, it was wise to sever his connection with the organization, is a course not inconsistent with what we know of his character and conduct. But had his doing so been intended as a condemnation of the order, the fact would have been made known long ago. On the contrary, the antagonism on the part of the court is a new thing, which has only taken form quite recently. Formerly, young men were initiated in order to gain favour with their superiors. Now, to be a Freemason is a drawback to a young man's success. The true source of the reaction is by one German paper assigned to a revival of anti-Semitism. Masonry, it says, has been recognized as the bulwark of international Judaism, the furtherance of whose interests is its real mission. By the Catholic Church, we know, it has always been condemned as the enemy of Christianity, and in Catholic Bavaria a royal decree has been issued forbidding any officer of the army to belong to a lodge.

The high place occupied by the Prince of Wales in the Masonic order shows that in England Freemasonry is not considered to be the foe of social order. But some writers insist that the principles of British and Continental Masonry widely differ. Against that notion, however, may be alleged the long association with the order of the House of Hohenzollern. Whatever be the cause of the hostility of William II. and his court, his attitude towards an order to which so many of the princes of his family were pleased to lend the sanction of their names is regarded as additional evidence of the reactionary spirit of the present *régime*.

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Treasurer.

THE importance of this officer in connection with Masonic Lodges is evidenced by the fact that it is the second elective office by ballot of the members generally, and is not subject, as are all others, except that of the Tyler, to appointment by the Worshipful Master. The position is one of distinct honour, and is, more frequently than not, the reward of a long and creditable connection with the Order, and the particular section thereof with which the honoured individual is associated. In our Private Lodges the new order of things which has made the corresponding office in Grand Lodge one of annual change of person, does not apply: and there are abundant reasons why it should not. In the capacity of Treasurer to a Private Lodge the holder of that office must take upon himself the onus of many responsibilities, and, to some extent at least, be a working officer. The duties and responsibilities of a Grand Lodge Treasurer are of an entirely different and perfunctory nature, and the qualifications for that exalted office are best judged of by general services to Masonry in the fulfilment of accepted duties during an extended Masonic career, and evidence that the grand principles of the Order have been thoroughly understood and acted upon by those who seek the distinguished position. But so much is not required from the Treasurer of a Private Lodge. To what should be characteristic of every good Freemason, as kindliness of disposition, courtesy, good fellowship and love of harmony, there need only to be added reasonably good social position, a reputation for strict integrity, and a capacity for keeping correct and explicit accounts. It is a most satisfactory reflection that amongst the thousands of brethren now holding office as Treasurers of our Lodges, the whole of these qualifications can be found united in a very considerable majority of them.

The duties of a Treasurer are not set forth in the Book of Constitutions, but there can be no doubt that it is, in the first place, to receive all monies due to the Lodge, and to keep correct entries thereof. But from or through whom is he to receive the fees, dues, and other assets of the Lodge? The Book of Constitutions, rule 177, says: "All money received or paid for on account of a Lodge shall be from time to time regularly entered in proper books, which shall be the property of the Lodge." It also provides (rule 173) that "a regular list, signed by the Master and *Secretary* (italics are ours) of its contributing members, &c., shall be transmitted: and rule 173 provides for remittance of fees, &c.: but it is nowhere stated what particular officer shall discharge the duties referred to other than the Master, who is expressly mentioned and made responsible. In our last number we wrote: "In most Lodges the Secretary keeps the record of payments . . . . and receives the same . . . . which he at once passes into the hands of the Treasurer," &c., &c. To this exception has been taken, and a worthy brother and esteemed friend informs us that "Secretaries have nothing whatever to do with the money. . . . . The Treasurer sits in his proper place for the purpose of receiving and giving receipts." We join issue with our good friend, for we do not find it so stated in our laws and regulations, and it is neither, in our opinion, politic nor convenient that it should be so. We maintain that the Treasurer has no more to do than act as custodian of the funds applicable for Lodge purposes under the authority of the Lodge members. To obtain subscriptions as they become due, see that they, together with initiation and joining fees, are paid over immediately on receipt of same, and generally to keep the records, clearly form part of the Secretarial duties; which duties, however, would be materially lightened were it invariably the case that the Treasurer was in his place during Lodge work. But it has been our experience that that custom has not of late been as scrupulously observed as it should be. We go so far as to say that the Treasurer should require, if he be present at the termination of Lodge work, an account of financial business during that time; or, if absent, that the same should be forwarded to him at the earliest possible convenience of the Secretary after the meeting; but further than that we do not think his power to exercise control over "payments in" extends. He is the fiduciary agent of the Lodge, its place of safe deposit, its Treasurer and Banker, and in that capacity has more control over "payments out." As to these, the Treasurer should be cautious not to make payments without sufficient warrant; to make none unless the funds are *de facto* in his hands, and on no account permit overdrafts. Many a promising new Lodge has been placed in difficulties for years by the over-good nature of their Treasurers, who, anticipating payments which were never made, and progress which did not realise expectations, provided or guaranteed expenditures which were not justified at starting. True, after some length of time, the return of advances may have been made, but the principle is wrong in any result.

We said above that the Treasurer is "custodian of the funds applicable for Lodge purposes," and meant to imply that he was not by virtue of his election the purse-bearer in connection with those sums of money which are to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge as, familiarly speaking, Grand Lodge dues. It was, up to a very recent period, well understood that for these the Master himself was directly responsible, and that he was expected to retain in his own hands such sums until the regular period for transmission direct *to the Grand Secretary*. If the Treasurer, at the Master's request, took charge of these amounts, it was always, "on separate account." We may be in error, but as we read the revised laws of 1884, we conclude that this requirement of Grand Lodge no longer exists, and that all monies paid to the Lodge, on whatsoever account, is placed in charge of the Treasurer. As a matter of simplifying accounts, and as far as equal security is concerned, there could never have been any sufficient reason for such division of responsibility; and, to our thinking, should there be any clause which we have overlooked still requiring a divided pecuniary responsibility, although we would not counsel absolute breach of any of our laws or regulations, an application of the telescope to the blind eye would not be altogether censurable.

How much it is in the power of a Treasurer to promote the best interests of a Lodge as one of good work and progress, and the social enjoyment, happiness and comfort of its members when the hour of "high twelve" has sounded, we need hardly stay to describe. His influence is universally acknowledged, and more particularly and effectually so when it is exercised in a firm and courteous manner, neither turning to the right or to the left from the strict line of his duty. We have never yet found in any Lodge other than a good word for the Treasurer who would not hesitate, when the exchequer was low, to assert that he had no Lodge money to meet orders, and would not pledge the credit of the Lodge for the sake of present convenience; nor, on the other hand, for him who, when his money bags became plethoric, would suggest that they should be bled in the cause of good fellowship and of Charity. It is only where Treasurers assume a right to direct exactly how the Master and his brethren should dispose of that over which they have no control whatever in a personal capacity, that unpleasant "ructions" will sometimes ensue. Although we cannot say that these do not sometimes arise through arrogance and assumption of individuals, still the exceptions to the general rule are so few in number in the large aggregate of faithful brethren as not to be of any importance.

As in the case of the Officers previously treated of, we have left many matters of minor importance relating to the responsibilities of Treasurers untouched. The present omissions, consequent on pressure on our pages, shall have our attention at a future opportunity.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1889.

The following record of the Masonic services of Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., P.Z., one of the candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer, will doubtless interest our readers:—

BRO. GEORGE EVERETT, P.M., P.Z.,

was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, during the first year of its existence, on the 19th August, 1858. He joined the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, the following year, and, after passing through the various offices, was ultimately elected W.M. In 1879 the brethren elected him to the post of Treasurer, which he has held uninterruptedly ever since, to his own great credit and to the very great advantage of the lodge. It was on his proposition that the lodge agreed to present annually 25 guineas to each of the charities in turn, while his management of the lodge funds was so successful, that towards the close of 1883 the members presented him with a silver tea and coffee service, and Mrs. Everett with a gold brooch and earrings, as a mark of their esteem and respect and in token of the services he had rendered. He is a founder, P.M., and present Treasurer of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, which was established in 1872; a founder, P.M., and for the first seven years of its existence Treasurer of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, which, like the Domatic, gives 25 guineas annually to each of our charitable institutions in turn, and which, during the period of his Treasurership, raised for their purposes no less than £1,040. He also was a founder, the first W.M., and is Treasurer of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, which, though it has been constituted only five years, has already distributed upwards of £700 among our institutions. He is also a P.Z. of the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, and of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, and a founder, first Z., and present Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381. Bro. Everett was also a Special Steward at the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., in the Royal Albert Hall, in April, 1875, so that there is hardly a year during the greater part of his Masonic career in which he has not been doing good service to the craft. Nor have his labours been confined to work in Lodge and Chapter, for he has served various stewardships on behalf of our institutions, the last occasion being the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and has qualified as a Vice-President of all three charities.

We are preparing for an early issue a record of the Masonic services of Present Prov. Grand Treasurers, and shall be glad to receive information from Secretaries of Lodges interested.

Ritualistic Nuts to Crack.

Answers to Queries in No. 4.

1. It is nonsense to speak of H. A. B. as the principal artist, as if he really designed the building and superintended the execution of the work; he was an architect. An architect may have such artistic taste that we may with truth speak of him as an artist, but what there could be of artistic work in the Temple outside the architect's province I cannot see, and I shall always use the word architect when referring to H. A. B.—H. LOVEGROVE.
2. The word "regularly" might well be omitted, as the tide varies every day.—H. LOVEGROVE.

Addresses of the following Lodges wanted. Notices have been returned through post.

Studholme	No. 1591
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The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

ASK! SEEK!! KNOCK!!!

ASK, and ye shall receive;
SEEK, ye shall surely find:
KNOCK, ye shall no resistance meet,
If come with ready mind;
For all that ASK, and ask aright,
Are welcome to our Lodge to-night.

Lay down the bow and spear:
Resign the sword and shield;
Forget the arts of warfare here,
The arms of peace to wield;
For all that SEEK, and seek aright,
Are welcome to our Lodge to-night.

Bring hither thoughts of peace:
Bring hither words of love;
Diffuse the pure and holy joy
That cometh from above;
For all that KNOCK, and knock aright,
Are welcome to our Lodge to-night.

ASK help of HIM that's high:
SEEK grace of HIM that's true:
KNOCK patiently, the hand is nigh,
Will open unto you;
For all that ASK, SEEK, KNOCK aright,
Are welcome to our Lodge to-night.

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB. MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

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Original Correspondence.

*** *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.*

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A companion has kindly pointed out to me that my reply to G. B., *re* the time when a Principal Elect of a Royal Arch Chapter can be installed is not quite clear, and that after the words, "can be installed the moment he is elected." I should have added, "unless the Bye-Laws of the Chapter shall otherwise provide:" (See Rule 57, Bk. of R.A. Regulations.) I did not add these words, as I took it for granted this was understood. In a Lodge the Minutes of a Master's election must be confirmed at the next regular meeting, before he can be installed; but confirmation of the election of a Principal is *not required*.

I mention this as it does not appear to be generally known, if I may judge by the number of times I have been asked this question.

Yours fraternally,
J. F. H. WOODWARD,
P.G. Std. Br.,
Prov. G.S.E.Middx.

Sept. 14th, 1888.

FREEMASON VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

My attention has been directed to a statement in your issue of September 6, under the head of "Freemason Volunteers," that the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, which was consecrated in April, 1868, was the second Lodge to which a Charter was granted in connection with a volunteer regiment. This is not so, as the Leigh Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, in connection with the Birmingham volunteers, was consecrated in 1861, its number being 807. Although not one of its founders, I joined it almost immediately after its formation, and was a member for many years. It no longer bears a military character, and is no longer in connection with the volunteers, and is simply called The Leigh Lodge.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
J. LOXDALE WARREN.
P.M. 887, 726, 468.
P.P.S.G.W. Warwickshire.
P.P.G.N. Staffordshire.

25, Bennett's Hill, Birmingham,
13th Sept., 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

After reading your address to "The Secretary," on the 13th inst., I shall be pleased if you will quote me the authority for the Sec. directing his subscription to one of the charities. I know of none but Rule 235, Constitutions, and in that case it seems to me to require a special bye-law. If it can be done without this, I shall certainly do so.

Yours fraternally,
W. H. ROBINSON, P.M.
Sec. 148, P.G.D. Cers.

MASONIC EXCHANGE AND MART COLUMN.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Some years since I suggested that one of your contemporaries should start a column, but the proprietor naturally prefers to sell new aprons and jewels. I have used the *Bazaar, Exchange and Mart* for some years for the sale and purchase of regalia, &c.

I am sure that your effort will succeed. I will send you some advertisements when you start.

Yours fraternally,
OBSERVER.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. SHERWIN, Org. 1227, 1066, 1816.—We are greatly indebted to you for the information and your promise of help. If only one such brother can be found in each Lodge our success will soon be established. *You* certainly understand thoroughly the *second point* of fellowship.

A. H. JEFFERIES, Manchester.—Again thanks! We should like to give your important city the very fullest benefit of our tabulated list of Lodges and Meetings, and if we increase our space, as we hope, it shall be done.

R. T. O., Bath.—Are obliged for report. We must ask you to assist in starting the proposed column of which you express approval.

M. O.—You will see in our article on the "Treasurer" in this number that your courteous remarks have had our attention.

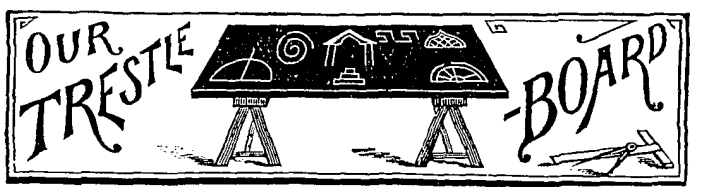
J. H. THOMPSON.—Thanks for corrections, *re* 1237 and 1707, which are noted.

W. L. WILD, Isle of Man.—We have amended our list in accordance with your esteemed request.

A Copy of this Number of THE MASONIC STAR has been addressed and posted to the TREASURER of each Lodge under the English Constitution at home and abroad. If any one of those Officers fail to receive same in due course, a communication to the Editor is solicited, and the omission shall be rectified.

Secretaries of Lodges and Scribes of Chapters, &c., will greatly oblige us by forwarding notices of forthcoming meetings and information relating to Masonic matters of local or general interest to the Craft. Every attention shall be given to their requirements in respect of same, and we shall be happy at all times to reciprocate their favors to the full extent of our power. We respectfully solicit the support of each regular Lodge and Chapter and each Lodge and Chapter of Instruction by subscription for at least one copy, to be regularly forwarded.

We regret the necessity of again crowding out some interesting communications from esteemed correspondents, which are already in type, but cannot avoid it. The remedy for disappointment in this respect rests entirely with the CRAFT. More subscribers more paper must be our rule of management.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Our worthy Brother, John Maclean, is to be entertained at a dinner to be given in his honour on the 26th inst., at the Criterion, previous to his departure with Miss Mary Anderson for their American tour.

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A correspondent, Secretary of No. 40, Hastings, in a very kind communication, in which he agrees with most of the article on the Secretary's duties published in No. 4, remarks that "In making inquiries in the capacity of Almoner, as to how business is conducted in different parts of the country, the information gained leads to the support of the writer's remarks being applicable in more instances than one, where the objectionable *system* of soliciting candidates is practised, and by others than the Secretary." We are sorry to hear this, and had no idea that what was condemned as an ill-advised proceeding and contrary to the laws and principles of the Order, had degenerated into a systematic appeal to outsiders to come amongst us. Any member who can so far forget what is dignified and proper as to canvas for initiates is an enemy to Freemasonry.

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We have to thank distinguished provincial brethren for their more than kind offers to act as our correspondents for certain large districts, and we gratefully accept their proffered services. There are several large centres where similar assistance would be advantageous to us, and we should greatly esteem communications.

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We wish it to be understood, having reference to a very proper and pertinent remark from Manchester, that "all the 'tit-bits' of Masonic news should not be confined to metropolitan Freemasonry," that we started this paper in the belief that provincial brethren needed more attention than probably they have hitherto received, and would appreciate the opportunity for extended recognition which we then determined to afford them. Keep the reports and items of information you send us condensed as much as possible, and these pages will always be open to you, brethren of the provinces.

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The Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, and the Chapter connected therewith, are greatly interested in the case of Bro. Edwin Dodson, a P.M. of the Lodge since 1870, and P.Z. of the Chapter, and now an applicant for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons. From a long personal knowledge of Bro. Dodson we can strongly recommend him to the consideration of governors and subscribers who may not at present be pledged to assist elsewhere.

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We desire to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of Calendar Directories for the respective provinces of Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, East Lancashire Cornwall and Surrey. Copies from other provinces will be esteemed.

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There is a letter in our Correspondence columns which may interest such of our brethren as are also volunteers. A perfect list of all lodges connected with the volunteer service would be of interest to many. Will brethren kindly help us to prepare one?

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Believing that it would be of far more general interest to the Craft than any lucubrations of our own might be and finding that just for the nonce and in this "silly season" the making of "bricks without straw" is a troublesome operation, we have selected for our Editorial page in this number an article from the *Montreal Gazette* of the 20th ult., on a subject in respect of which we may be assured more will be heard presently. Our contemporary will not, we hope, take offence at our action, and we therefore offer thanks by anticipation.

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Bro. Walter B. Marcus, Bow Lane, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, 1839, on the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street.

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The date for the consecration of the Chough Lodge, 2264, has been fixed for Monday, October 8th, the ceremony to be performed by the Very Worshipful Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., and other distinguished grand officers. Bros. Edwards, Marcus, and Judge are to occupy the principal chairs.

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The election meeting of the Royal Jubilee Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday last. Comp. L. S. Fountaine was elected M.E.Z.: Comp. C. S. Ackford, H.; Comp. Darch, J.: Comp. F. Dunn, Treasurer: and Comp S. Lovegrove, S,E. A jewel was voted to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. J. Smith. Owing to the holidays only nine companions attended, but it is expected that there will be several new members at the December convocation.

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Last evening the session of the new civic lodge, the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, was opened at the Cannon Street Hotel. Three gentlemen, proposed at the last regular meeting, were down for initiation. The W.M. is Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C.; the Wardens are Bro. Alderman Col. Cowan and Bro. W. T. Buck; the Treasurer is Bro. H. J. Adams, G.S.B., and the Secretary, Bro. H. Lovegrove.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE COLUMNS *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information. We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* THE MASONIC STAR, *38, Bow Lane, London.*

*** *The list of Annual Subscribers to* THE MASONIC STAR *has been opened most satisfactorily, and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

CHESHIRE.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, Acting Prov. G. Master.

A SPECIAL session of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was opened in the Mechanics' Institute, Wellington Road South, on the 8th inst. In the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Judge Horatio Lloyd, the Deputy Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by the following brethren:

Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C. Eng.; Edwin Woodhead, P.S.G.W.; Thomas E. Gibson, P.G. Treas.; Lance Bentley, P.G. Reg.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler; James Salmon, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Hodgson, P.G. Stwd.; John Liddeley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Dennis, P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. R. Brady, P.G.S.B.; George Balfe, P.S.G.D.; W. H. Vaughan, P.G. Reg., East Lancs.; J. Cookson, P.G. Stwd., East Lancs.; James Andrew, P.P.G.D.C., West Lancs.; F. Leach, P.G. Stwd.; Charles Vickers, P.G. Stwd.; J. Knott, P.G. Stwd.; J. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C., East Lancs.; T. M. Jones, P.S.G.W.; J. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C., East Lancs.; T. M. Jones, P.S.G.W.; W. Harrison, P.P.S.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Marwood, P.S.G.W.; T. Brooks, P.M., 323, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Herbert Finch, P.M., 104, P.P.G.D.C.; and many others.

The business before the Lodge was of little public interest, except that the Dep. P.G.M., in alluding to the Masonic programme prepared for the laying of the foundation stone of the Technical Schools, referred to the ready disposition on the part of the Lord Mayor of London, himself a distinguished member of the Craft, to perform the ceremony which unfortunately the Prov. Grand Master was prevented from undertaking. At the conclusion of the business the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Technical Schools was proceeded with in accordance with Masonic usage, and accompanied by the solemn prayers and dedications which form so interesting a feature of that deeply interesting ceremonial. When concluded, Mr. Thos. Kay, Hon. Treasurer of the Technical School Committee, moved a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and the Prov. Grand Lodge for their attendance, to which his lordship made reply, promising that if they applied to him for aid on behalf of the new school they would never call upon him in vain.

The D.P.G.M. then presented to the Lord Mayor, as a souvenir of the occasion, on behalf the Prov. Grand Lodge, the ebony mallet mounted in silver which his lordship had used for the ceremony.

Bro. H. Finch and W. Booth were the Directors of the Ceremonies, and the Committee who had charge of the Masonic arrangements for the day were Bros. S. Wilkinson, P.M. 322, P.P.S.G.D., President; W. Gleave, W.M. 104, Vice-President; G. R. Brady, P.M. 322, P.G.S.B., Treas.; T. Brooks, P.M. 323, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; H. Finch, P.M. 104, P.P.G.D.C., acting P.G.D.C.; W. Booth, P.M. 104, P.P.A.G.D.C., acting P.A.G.D.C.; G. Balfe, P.M. 104, P.S.G.D.; J. Bell, P.M. 104; G. M'Clelland, W.M. 287; R. C. Blakehurst, P.M. 287; A. Taylor, I.P.M. 287; D. Higson, W.M. 322; J. Gould, I.P.M. 322; W. C. Fleming, P.M. 322, P.G. Tyler; J. Breen, W.M. 323; Joseph Slack, P.M. 323, P.P.S.G.D.; and W. Pritchard, P.M. 323.

In the course of the day's proceedings Bro. Newhouse, Prov. Grand Secretary, announced that the Lord Mayor of London had contributed ten guineas to the funds of the Cheshire Educational Institute, and intimated his intention to bear a part in similar good work in the province of London in the future. The architect of the Technical School also presented the Provincial Grand Lodge with Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian lights, to be used in future ceremonials connected with the laying of foundation stones. The thanks of the brethren were unanimously voted, and a record of the gifts ordered to be inscribed in the minutes of the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTER.—On the 12th inst. an interesting ceremony took place at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, which was held at the Balsall Heath and Moseley Institute, Moseley Road, when two standards were presented to the province by Lady Lechmere. At twelve o'clock, the members of the Masefield Lodge (No. 2,034) assembled, and lodge was opened by W.M. Bro. Thomas. Subsequently the lodge was "called off," and at half-past twelve the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the lodge room; Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, presiding. Lady Lechmere, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas (wife of the W.M. of the Masefield Lodge), Mrs. Underhill, Mrs. Gallimore, and other ladies, were introduced by the Deputy Grand Master (Bro. Godson, M.P.). Lady Lechmere then, in an appropriate Masonic speech, presented two splendid standards for the use of the Provincial Grand Lodge. After the ladies had retired, the business of the province was proceeded with. The officers were appointed, and the Rt. Wrpl. Pro. Grand Master selected Stourbridge for the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In the afternoon the Provincial Grand Lodge and the whole of the Masons present to the number of about 150, attended divine service at the Moseley parish church. Amongst those who took part in the procession were Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., P.G.M.; Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Bro. C. E. Bloomer, P.G.S.W.; Bros. H. Wilson, D. Fitzgerald, W. H. Westwood, W. B.

Williamson, and S. Smith, P.G. Wardens; Rev. A. B. Turnbull and Rev. W. J. Down, P.G. Chaplains; Bro. A. Green, P.G. Treasurer: Bro. J. Joseland, P.G. Registrar; Bro. G. Taylor, P.G. Secretary: Bros. F.G. Russell and I. Foley, P.P.G. Deacons; W. E. Walker, P.G.S. Deacon; Bro. T. R. Arter, P.G. Swordbearer: Bro. W. Thomas, W.M., Masefield Lodge; Bro. J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M. of Warwickshire; Colonel Gough, Acting P.G.M. of Staffordshire; Bro. E. Worrall, P.G.S. Warden of Warwickshire; Bro. J. Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer of Staffordshire, &c. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Down, P.G.A.C., and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Knight Law, P.G.C.

PROVISIONAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.—A meeting of the Masonic Charity Committee of this province was held, on the 5th inst., at V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick's Chambers, Temple, E.C., and under his presidency, when it was resolved that after paying debts the support of the province should be given to the cases respectively of Charles William Green and Clement Siggers for the Boys' School (26th October next), and Mabel Elizabeth Bruce and Ivy Grace Towse for the Girls' School (October 27th). A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Dehave, Shedd, Clowes, and Wood for their services as representatives at the elections, and they were invited to continue to act in that capacity. The request that proxies (not filled in) should be sent to either of the above energetic brethren is one which, we doubt not, will be acceded to generally by the members of the Essex lodges. The following brethren were present at the above-named meeting, viz.:—V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M., in the chair; W. Bros. Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; A. Lucking, P.M. and Sec. 1000, P.G.P. Eng. P.G.D.C.; James Terry, W.M. 2254, P.G.Sw.B. Eng.; Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, Prov. G. Treas.; James Salmon, P.M. and Sec. 2077, P.P.G.R.; F. A. White, P.M. 1437, P.P.G.R.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D.; Chas. Hempson, P.M. 1799, P.P.GA.D.C.; C. C. Potter, I.P.M. 1343, P.G.Std.B.; Edmund Gowers, P.M. 1024, P.P.G. Org.; A. J. Dixie, I.M.P. 453, P.G.J.D.; J. A. Clarkson, W.M. 1457, P.G. Org.; Joseph Clever, Treas. 2006, P.P.G.Sw.B.; George Copus, W.M. 1312, P. G. Stwd.; Frank Quilter, W.M. 51, P.G. Stwd.; H. J. Skingley, W.M. 697, P.G. Stwd.; C. R. Walker, W.M. 2006; G. J. Westfield, W.M. 2184; and Mark Gentry, S.W. 2154. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from Bros. Clowes, Lewin, and Poppleton.

CRAFT LODGE MEETINGS.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE (No. 1743).—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, E.C., Bro. C. E. Ferry, W.M. Mr. B. G. Wilson, Mr. S. W. Fells, Mr. W. J. Lloyd, and Mr. Richd. Perry were balloted for and accepted as candidates for initiation. Mr. Wilson was unable to be present, but the other three were initiated by the W.M. The W.M., relinquished the chair in favour, of Bro. Leins, who proceeded to install Bro. Mitchell into the chair of K.S., according to ancient form, and Bro. Mitchell invested Bro. Ferry with the collar of I.P.M. The usual addresses were admirably delivered, and the ceremony brought to a close. The W.M. invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Smith, S.W.; Potts, J.W.; Leins, P.M., Treas.; Ferry, P.M., Sec.; Sater, S.D.; Lovell, J.D.; Squire, I.G.; Chamberlayne, D.C.; John Staite, Asst. D.C.; O'Brien, Stwd.; and Bro. Lane, Tyler. Three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after usual routine business the lodge was closed. A banquet was served in the Pillar Room of the Hotel, and the customary toasts were honoured, Bro. John L. Mather, A.G.D.C., responding for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. C. E. Ferry, in very genial terms, and the response of Brother Mitchell, the W.M., gave great satisfaction. Bros. Stephen Johnson, W.M. 1297: Kearner, P.M. 1541; and Harvey, P.M. 9, acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors." An interesting part of the evening's proceedings took place in connection with the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. handing to the I.P.M., Bro. Ferry, a massive silver cup, of the value of about £25, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1745, to Bro. C. E. Ferry, W.M. 1887-88, and Secretary from 1883 to 1887, as a mark of their respect and approbation of his valuable services. 8th September, 1888." This handsome present was acknowledged in a most sincere manner by the recipient, and we join the wish of all present that Bro. Ferry may live long to enjoy with his friends many a draught from so exquisite a "loving cup." It is good to hear such expressions as the W.M. was able to conscientiously use in making the presentation. "Brother Ferry," said the W.M., "had performed the multifarious duties of his office as Secretary with such accuracy and precision that no possible fault could be found with him. His books were kept in such a way and were so beautifully written that they were worthy of a place in the British Museum." We commend this example to other secretaries, and wish it could be said of all. After a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Leins and other Past Masters, and the remaining toasts were duly honoured, the evening's proceedings terminated. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Edes, 1471; H. Cooper, 1288; E. E. Kearner, P.M. 1541; F. P. Lee, S.D. 1233; Stephen Johnson, W. M. 1297; J. Roberts, P.M. 65; W. F. Packer, S.W. 1571; L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; and E. C. Massey.

KENSINGTON LODGE—No. 1767.—The installation of Bro. Arthur J. Barclay as W.M. of this lodge, took place at the Ladbrook Hall, on Saturday, the 15th. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. P.M. R. Williams. After the ceremony the lodge adjourned to the dining hall, where a first-class banquet was served by Bro. Linscote. Amongst the visitors present were Rev. Bro. Brownrigg, G.C.; Bros. Goffin, P.M., 1572; Gartley, P.M., 205; Sims, P.M., 834; Tynul, 1000; Wood, P.M., 1642; Levy, R. Dun, &c.

PROVINCIAL.

DERWENT LODGE—No. 40, Hastings.—On Monday, the 10th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Present—Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; W. H. Russell, Acting S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; J. Pearce, Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randell, J.D.; R. Walmsley, I.G.; G. H. Gaze, Steward; W. Leslie, Tyler; W. L. Glenister, P.M.; C. E. Bottley, P.M.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. J. McCormick, A. T. A'Vard, H. Boyce, G. W. Bryant, J. T. Edmed, J. B. Foord, C. Reinmann, R. J. Reed, G. F. Wood, L. J. Jukes, and H. A. Muscat, Organist. Visitors—Bros. F. W. Snook, 2086; F. Botley, P.M., 1996; Geo. Davis, P.M., 1642; and W. J. Mason, J.W., 2246. Bro. Boyce was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The announcement that Bro. Dr. Trollope was progressing towards recovery was received with much satisfaction. Bro. W. M. Glenister mentioned that the P.G. Master had conferred on him the honour of P.G. Sd. Bearer.

ROYAL UNION LODGE—No. 382.—On Monday, 17th inst., at the "Chequers" Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. J. Taplin, W.M. In the absence of the S.W., Bro. J. T. Lonsdale, P.M. occupied the western chair. All other officers were present, and a large proportion of members. Bro. F. Ford was raised to the third degree, and Mr. T. Twamley was initiated. Six candidates were proposed for admission at ensuing meeting. Refreshments followed labour.

FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, No. 452.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Croydon, Bro. W. G. Hunter, W.M.; D. R. Wise, S.W.; Chas. Ohren, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Acting J.W.; Magnus Ohren, P.M. Treas.; H. E. Frances, P.M., P.G.S.D., Sec.; Walter King, S.D.; James Waterman, J.D.; Aubrey Ohren, S.G.; A. T. Jeffery, P.M.; C. G. Scott, J.P.M.; C. E. Britton; W. R. Morgan; B. Banks Tyler, Visitor; James Stevens, P.M., 1216, 1426, &c. (*Masonic Star*); and J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org., Surrey. Bro. W. E. Morgan was ably passed by the W.M. to the degree of F.C. Bro. D. R. Wise was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Magnus Ohren was re-elected Treasurer. A P.M. Jewel was presented in open Lodge to Bro. C. G. Scott, J.P.M., who was unavoidably absent at the last Installation, the fiftieth of the existence of the Lodge. After usual routine business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to dinner. Brother Magnus Ohren responded to the toast of the Grand Officers, and Bro. Francis to that of the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Scott, I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., to which an earnest response was given. For the toast of the visitors, Bro. James Stevens replied. A very pleasant evening was enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Charles and Aubrey Ohren, and other brethren.

LODGE OF TRUTH—No. 521.—On Friday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William Street, Huddersfield, Bro. A. Graham, W.M., the following brethren were present: Bros. Dawson, as S.W.; Geo. Jackson, J.W.; Geo. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Turner, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; Crossley, S.D.; Wm. Wood, J.D.; Hardy, Tyler; Williamson, P.M., P.P., G.D.; Horsfall, P.M.; Jowitt, P.M.; Shaw, P.M.; Allen Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Armitage, P.M.; Jessop, P.M.; Matthewman, P.M.; Beaumont, Sissons, Thompson, Mallory, Brierley, Wilkinson, Clayton, Sheard, Dyson, Gledhill, Cornish and Sawden. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Marshall, 58 (Canada); Wm. Scholfield, P.M. 290, P.P.G.D.; Jno. Shoesmith, P.M. 1783; Jas. Smith, Sec. 290; A. Fillans, 2035; and Geo. Sykes, P.M. 290, P.P.G.D.C. Bro. the Rev. Jno. Dunbar having read a portion of the Scriptures, the business of the evening—a passing and a raising—was very ably performed, the passing by Bro. A. Armitage, I.P.M., Bro. Dawson presenting and explaining the working tools; the raising by Bro. Allen Jackson, P.M., Bro. Geo. Marshall, P.M., delivering the traditional history, and presenting and explaining the working tools. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from Lodges 58 (Canada), 290, 1783, and 2035, after which the lodge was closed. After a plain but substantial supper, some excellent vocal music was rendered by the following brethren: Bros. G. Sykes, J. F. Dyson, J. W. Rowley (comic), J. G. Thompson, J. Shoesmith, and A. Jackson. Bro. Sellers also rendered a humorous recitation. Bro. Ben Walker presided at the piano, and accompanied the vocalists in his usual efficient manner.

ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD LODGE—No. 906.—At Weston, near Bath, on Wednesday evening, September 12th, the regular meeting of this lodge was held, when there were present—Bros. Robert Bull, W.M.; G. H. Bartlett, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset, J.P.M.; W. H. Young, P.M.; F. Glover, P.M.; Jas. Knight, P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., Treasurer; E. L. Hill, P.M., Acting Secretary; L. Howes, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Macfarlane, P.M., Organist; A. Wadoux, S.W.; G. Strange, J.W.; T. R. Gill, J.D.; W. Gayner, S.D.; E. W. Loveless, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; T. Maslen and E. Mills, Stewards; Bros. Greene, Humphries, Edwards, T. Tucker, Copping, L. Tucker and Martin. Bros. L. Tucker and Martin were entrusted in the 1st degree. The lodge was opened F.C. by Bro. J. Knight, P.P.G., St. Br. Somerset, P.M., and Bros. Tucker and Martin were most impressively passed. Bro. Gill presented the working tools, and Bro. Knight afterwards delivered the charge to the newly-passed F.C.'s. Bro. Bull, W.M., then resumed the chair, and after the transaction of various items of Masonic business, the Lodge was closed with prayer and in perfect harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the supper room, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse and harmony.

DENISON LODGE—No. 1214, Scarborough.—On Wednesday evening, the 12th, at the regular meeting—Bro. The Rt. Hon. Viscount Raincliffe was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. There was a good attendance, and the ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M. (Bro. T. Raven); Bro. Ascough, P.M.; and Bro. Fisher, P.M., P.G.D.C. At the close of the lodge the brethren repaired to the Grand Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. De Leidi. The W.M. was supported by V.W. Bro. Earl Londesborough, P.M., P.G.W.; Bro. Lord Raincliffe; the Mayor of Scarborough (Bro. Leasowe

Walker); Bro. Captain H. Darley, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Bro. Dr. Ivor Murray, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Bro. Barlowe, W.M., 566; Bro. Harland, W.M., 643, and about 60 brethren, amongst whom were several visitors. Pritchard's band was in attendance during dinner, and performed a pleasing and varied selection of music, which was highly appreciated.

FERMOR HESKETH LODGE — No. 1,350. — The Installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, in the presence of a fairly large gathering of brethren. Bro. E. King Ellison, the W.M., was supported by the following officers:—Bros. P. Ashcroft, P.M., Dr. A. Samuels, P.M., P.P.G.D., C. B. Titherley, P.M., Thos. A. Collinson, P.M., 1,350, P.P.G.A.D.C., F. A. Staedel, S.W., R. Norris Jones, J.W., Henry B. Brown, P.M., Treas.; Charles C. Robin, S.D.; A. T. Thomas, I.G.; Rev. J. Stowell, chaplain; W. Hudson, organist; Capt. D. Conner, S.; W. Taylor, J.S.; Peter Ball, tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Eng., and Prov. Grand Sec.; J. Robinson, P.M., 249; J. Brotherton, P.M., 241; James T. Callon, P. P. G., Treas.; Thos. C. Taylor, late P.M., 304; J. Macnab, W.M., 241; Herbert Taylor, W.M., 1,473; A. C. Wylie, P.P.G.R., P.M., 1,264; H. H. Smith, P.M., 1,505, &c. The W.M.-elect, Bro. Staedell, was duly presented for installation, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Dr. Samuels, P.M., P.P.G.D. Bro. Staedell afterwards invested his officers as under:—Bros. E. King Ellison, I.P.M.; R. Norris Jones, S.W.; Ch. Coker Robin, J.W.; Dr. Samuels, P.M., D.C.; Rev. John Stowell, P.M., Chaplain; A. F. Thomas, Sec.; W. Hudson, organist; Captain D. Conner, S.D.; W. Taylor, J.D.; Rev. D. Grahame Cox, I.G.; G. M. Richardson, S.S.; Henry B. Brown, Treas. (re-elected).

THE JORDAN LODGE—No. 1402—Torquay, held its annual festival on Tuesday last, when the W.M., Bro. T. W. Morgan was installed the I.P.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Prust received a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. W. B. Blamey, P.G.J.D., received the Masonic clothing denoting the office he holds in the province. W. Bro. J. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., was appointed a representative on the Committee of Petitions. A banquet was prepared by the new proprietor, Mr. Griffin, at the Royal Hotel, over which the W.M. presided. Amongst those present, were W. Bro. J. Chapman, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Bro. J. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. Bro. J. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bro. T. Prust, I.P.M.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., P.G.J.D.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; F. S. Hex, P.M. Sec.; R. L. Mugford, W.M. 328; A. Kendrick, W.M. 248, Brixham; G. S. Bridgman, W.M. 1358, Paignton; J. Grant, P.M. 328; J. Salter, P.M., D.C. 328; and C. J. Harland, P.M. 328, P.P.G.J.D. The postprandial proceedings were of a very pleasing character. All the speeches were short and to the point, and the whole of the arrangements were made with a view to the brief time allotted to the gathering being fully occupied. After the usual loyal and personal toasts had been duly honoured, W. Bro. J. Lane gave the "Masonic Charities." He said the great charities had relieved 932 aged brethren, widows and orphans, at a cost of £38,000. That money had to be raised somewhere, and he regretted to say that Devonshire had not done much in that direction. In that province 9 men, 11 women, 7 girls and 7 boys had been relieved at a total cost of £1,300, and it would surprise them to hear that Devonshire only contributed about one-half that sum. During the past ten years the province had only paid an average of about £500 per annum, whilst it had received in return from £1,100 to £1,400. He referred to the good work being done by the Fortescue Annuity Fund and the Devon Educational Fund and pleaded for assistance. The W.M. had given a cheque for five guineas, instead of devoting that sum to the purchase of champagne—(applause). An example initiated the previous year by Bro. Prust. W. Bro. Chapman in responding to the toast, alluded in facetious terms to the fact that that was the first time he had been called upon to respond to a toast which had not been drunk, Bro. Lane having quite forgotten to propose it in his anxiety to plead for assistance—(laughter). He remarked that a serious responsibility rested on the Devonshire Lodges in only contributing one-half of the sum received from the charities. If they would all try and do a little the amount would be more than doubled. There were parts of the province in receipt of benefits which did not contribute to the funds, and severely animadverted to the lukewarm support accorded the P.G.M. at the late boys' festival. He congratulated the Jordan Lodge on the position it had taken up with regard to the charities and hoped the brethren would be stimulated to further efforts in that direction. The "Tylers' Toast" concluded the speech making. During the evening Bros. Crowe (Ashburton), Lane, G. Halls, jun., E. Pratt, and Dolbear contributed some excellent songs, accompanied by Bro. T. Brooks, organist, and a collection was made on behalf of the Devon Charities.

SOUTHWELL LODGE—No. 1,405.—On Friday, the 7th inst., the members of this lodge assembled in considerable numbers at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, to assist at the installation of Bro. G. W. Dominy, late S.W. Among the many visitors present were—Wor. Bro. R. G. Hanson, P.G.J.W.; Wor. Bro. A. Lawson, P.G.T.; and Wor. Bro. R. C. Wills, P.G.D.C. The ceremony of installation was performed by Wor. Bro. A. T. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.D. The Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows:—Wor. Bro. S. F. Beslow, I.P.M.; Bros. George Green, S.W.; Councillor Farrands, J.W.; Ald. Blackburn, Treas.; Edwin Clarke, sec.; J. Severn, S.D.; N. W. Need, J.D.; E. Griffiths, D.C.; Walter Macfarlane, organist; Henry Hallam, I.G.; G. Sollory, J. C. James, J. T. Farr, R. H. Lacey, stewards; C. H. Benham, tyler. Immediately after closing the lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet prepared by Mrs. Simpson, the stewardess of the hall, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

ELDON LODGE—No. 1755, Portishead.—On the 8th inst., in the Masonic Rooms connected with the Royal Hotel, the ceremony of installing the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, S.W., 1755, was performed by the Very Worshipful D.P.G.M., Bro. P. C. Else, in the presence of a large number of Masons. The following were the officers appointed by the W.M.:—Bros. W. H. Thomas, I.P.M. and Organist; W. Glasspole, S.W.; W. R. Shapland, J.W.; E. Davey, S.D.; G. Daltry, J.D.; W. Rich, P.M.D.C.; J. Green, A.D.C.; W. Ramsden and Billing, Standards; W. Minns, P.M., Secretary; J. Thebridge, P.M., Treasurer; J. Carey, I.G.; F. Simpkins, Tyler. The following brethren were present:—C. L. Thomas, P.M., 1755; Geo. Dando, P.M., 1755; F. G. Dimery, P.M., 1755; W. R. Maby, 1755, 1st G.H.; H. M. Appleton, P.M., 1381; Dr. L. A. Weatherly, P.M., 1755, P.G.S.B.; Brethren John Roberts, J. Sheppard, E. M. Harvey, J. Gay, G. Morgan, C. Morgan, and Charles Hazel, all 1,755; A. J. Tonkin, 1011; N. C. Hetherington, 68; T. Webley, 68; J. Stoate, 610, P.G.T., Bristol; Theo. Carrington, 1586; W. Cowlin, W.M., 326; H. Gough, P.M., 326; T. W. Stone, P.M., 326; G. T. Peckett, J.D., 326; E. Harris, J.W., 326; H. Fielding, 326; T. H. Norris, W.M., 291; E. F. Wade, P.M., Secretary, 291, P.P.G.J.W.; E. J. Grubb, P.M., 68, P.P.G.P., Bristol; J. Gard, P.M., 68, P.P.G.J.W., Bristol; A. T. Bennett; H. M. Ormsby, P.M., 950, P.G.S.D., West Lancashire; T. P. Parnall, 1199; A. J. Garwood, 1366, W B. Biggs, P.M., 1388, P.P.G.S.W., Bristol. After the ceremony, upwards of 45 brethren sat down to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, presided over by the W.M., prepared by Mrs. Boulter in her "never-to-be-beaten" style. The usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs by Dr. L. A. Weatherley and others, and violin solos by Bro. Carrington.

GRAYSTONE LODGE—No. 1915—Whitstable.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Foresters' Hall, the annual installation meeting took place, when Bro. Sibert Saunders was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed were Bro. T. W. Porter and J. Wood, Wardens; Bros. F. T. Browning and W. B. London, Deacons; Bro. A. Anderson, Treasurer; Bro. E. G. Walthew, Secretary; Bro. F. A. Johnson, Organist; Bro. B. Lightfoot, I.G.; Bro. W. W. Gammon, Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. H. Ward, P.P.G.W. for Kent. A banquet was provided in excellent style by Bro. W. Brannan, at the Bear and Key Hotel, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HENDON LODGE.—No. 2206.—On Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, there was a good attendance of brethren at this, the first installation meeting of the lodge, which was consecrated in July, 1887, and which, during its brief existence, has made rapid strides to success. The chair was occupied by the first W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S., of W., who was supported by Bros. James Thom, S.W.; H. E. Fraser, J.W.; W. M. Styles, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Scurrah, Sec.; George H. Lewis, S.D.; A. Nottingham, J.D.; A. J. Hearne, D.C.; W. B. Langley, I.G.; E. W. Wheeler, Org.; A. M. Parsons, Stwd.; M. B. Parsons, A.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; H. W. Lawrance, F. G. Anderson, J. Hudson, H. Cronin, F. W. Hearn, G. H. Stansall, M. Powell, H. Elliott, J. H. Dobbs, J. H. Gunn, A. K. Watts, S. Wright, J. H. Warden and others. The visitors included Bros. G. Ransford, S.W. 1512; Henry Styles, P.M. 1507; T. S. Edmonds, W.M. 1507; W. F. Cheesman, P.M. 1604; Dr. John Powdrall, S.W. 2271; F. J. James, 55; S. Yardley Tilley, 2098; Wm. Goodyear, 1708; H. Dickey, I.P.M. 1704; Jas. Hemming, S.W. 1287; R. Andrews, 35; J. Westerby, P.M. 1613; F. W. Levander, P.P.G.D.; G. Hume, 1305; J. Greenway, 1310; H. J. Burgess, P.M. 1472; and W. W. Lee, 1897. The audit report received and adopted. Bro. James Thom, S.W., W.M. elect, was regularly installed by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, the retiring W.M. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. H. E. Fraser, S.W; A. H. Scurrah, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M., Sec.; G. H. Lewis, S.D.; A. Nottingham, J.D.; W. B. Langley, I.G.; A. J. Hearne, D.C.; M. B. Parsons, A.D.C.; A. Parsons and A. H. Watts, Stwds.; E. W. Wheeler, Org.; F. Hearn, Asst. Org.; and Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were then effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Scurrah, I.P.M. The ritual was interspersed with appropriate music, carefully rendered under the direction of Bro. Wheeler, Organist. A Past Master's jewel was presented to W. M. Stiles, P.M., who had acted as P.P.M. in a most useful and efficient manner during the first year of the lodge's existence. After the lodge was closed a banquet was served, at which the usual toasts were duly honoured. The proceedings throughout were of a most satisfactory character, and we regret that want of space precludes a longer report. Amongst those who responded to the several toasts we may especially mention Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B.; Scurrah, I.P.M.; James Thorn, the W.M.; Levander, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Edmonds, W.M. 1507; H. Stiles, P.M., 1507, whose speeches were interesting and to the point.

MASONIC BANQUET AT BRIGHTON.—On the 13th inst., the annual autumn banquet of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, was held at the Royal Pavilion. The W.M. Bro. R. Willard presided, and among those present were Bros. W. Botting, I.P.M.; T. P. Harker, J.W.; W. Nell, P.M., Acting S.D.; H. Ledger, J.D.; W. Smith, P.M.; H. Davey, P.M.; S. H. Soper, P.M.; J. H. Smith, W. A. Field, G. Clements, W. Bennett, W. F. Booth, H. Tuff, F. Clements and J. Stonehouse; with the following visitors: Bros. W. B. Isworth, J.W. St. Cecilia 1636; F. W. Holland, Stwd. St. Cecilia 1636; F. Guy, Stwd. 1636; R. Nicholson, Royal York, 315; W. R. Wood, jun., P.M., St. Cecilia 1636; G. Cole, P.M. and Organist, St. Cecilia, 1636; and W. N. Roe, P.P.G. Organist, St. Cecilia, 1636. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. W. Botting, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the "W.M.," paid a high compliment to Bro. Willard for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties, and given the greatest satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge. During the evening some pleasing songs were sung by Bros. S. H. Soper, W. F. Booth, F. Clements, R. Nicholson, R. Willard, and G. Cole; the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe.

The Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, Bro. John Hesketh, W.M., will meet at the Masonic Rooms, Warrington, on Monday next, 24th inst., at 7 p.m.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE—No. 753.—On Tuesday, the 11th inst, at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Vale, W., Bros. J. J. Thomas, W.M.; R. Dillon, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treasurer and Preceptor; Manktelow, Secretary (pro. tem.); W. Williams, S.D.; E. Coleman (visitor), J.D.; and V. Shaw (visitor), I.G. Visitors—Bros. W. F. Dillon, H. E. C. Beaver, W. Tapping, and J. De Sola Pinto. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beaver candidate of the Second Lecture worked. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and afterwards closed down. The visitors were elected joining members. The S.W., Bro. R. Dillon, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

RANELAGH LODGE.—No. 834.—On the 7th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen Street, Hammersmith, Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; G. Swann, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; L. Cox, S.D.; M. Rice, J.D.; H. Cotton, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; Walker, Craggs, Wood, and Higginson. In the Third Degree the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. Higginson candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history in the most perfect manner, The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor and brethren. Bro. P. J. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meetiug.

HIGH CROSS—No. 754.—On Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Coach and Horses, High Road, Tottenham, Bros. Davison, P.M., W.M.; E. Holt, P.M., S.W.; Trask, J.W.; Everell, P.M., Preceptor; Garrod, P.M., Treasurer; Binnie, P.M., Secretary; Bickel, S.D., Mark; J. D. Lovell, I.D.; P.M.'s Driscoll and J. Robinson; Bros. L. E. Wilson, Bastick, Salmon, A. Bull, W. F. Bull, Rice, Knightley, Howlett, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. J. W. Robinson candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bastick candidate. Bro. J. W. Robinson, of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, was elected a joining member. Bro. L. E. Wilson was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.—A meeting of the members of the Fourth Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association was then held, and four Life Governorships were balloted for, making a total of forty-six appropriations, representing £483, since the formation of the Association in March, 1886.

JORDAN.—No. 1402, Torquay.—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Geo. West, W.M.; T. Prust, J. Dodge, J. Lane, T. J. Crossman, S. Wills, W. Hersey, V. Lauzel, J. Pratt, J. E. Newton, Tyler, W. H. Snell, W. Hill, Jno. West, John Taylor, Secretary, &c. The Lodge was opened by Bro. West. The Lodge was opened up to the Third Degree, and closed down, some instructive and interesting remarks being made by Bro. John Lane on the method of closing from the Second to the Third Degree. Bro. Lane was also requested to give a mode of testing a strange brother previous to his being admitted to a Lodge, which he kindly did to the profit of the brethren, and the Lodge closed in harmony.

HYDE PARK LODGE—No. 1425.—On Monday, the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Porchester Terrace, Paddington, W.—Bros. W. J. Hakim, W.M.; E. F. Ferris, W.W., 1543, S.W.; M. J. Green, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., 1543, P.P.S.G.D., Essex, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; J. Potter, J.D.; W. C. Edwards, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., 1425; J. H. Wood, P.M., 1642; O. W. Battley, and P. J. Davies. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Davies being candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Battley being candidate. Bro. Ferris was elected W.M., for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hakim for the able manner in which he had presided as W.M., for the first time in this lodge, which compliment was suitably acknowledged.

CHAUCER LODGE—No. 1540.—On Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough—Bros. H. J. Chapman, W.M.; W. Steele, S.W.; W. W. Block, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; F. Croaker, Treas; F. Williams, Hon. Sec.; H. G. Douglass, S.D.; J. Hattersley, J.D.; A. Wingham, I.G.; Wright, Colbrook, Harper, W. Roots, C. R. Williams and H. C. Ball. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. T. Colbrook as candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Chapman vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Block. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harper candidate. Bro. Block vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Chapman. The 2nd Section in the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. H. C. Ball. Bro. Colbrook was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. Steele, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

KENSINGTON LODGE—No. 1767.—On Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwards Square, Kensington, W.—Bros. G. E. Higginson, W.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.B., Middx., S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M. Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); A. J. Turner, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; G. Swann, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; J. Davies and J. B. Cory. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cory as candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Higgingson for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge. Bro. W. C. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CREATON LODGE—No. 1791.—On Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.—Bros. P. J. Davies, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; J. H. Wood, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; S. Cochrane, P.M., S.D.; Dresden, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. West, T. Head, Gilbert and Cotton. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gilbert candidate. The W.M. gave the charge after initiation. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked by Bro. Sims, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE—1891.—On Monday, the 10th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington—Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., W.M.; J. W. Morley, S.W.; P. Skar, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; Dresden, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; Hunt and Saunders. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Sims being candidate. Several Sections were worked by the brethren, the questions being put by the Preceptor. Bro. J. W. Morley was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Monday, the 24th instant.

CHISWICK LODGE—No. 2012.—On Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith—Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; C. Hopkins, J.W.; J. Sims, acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, acting Sec.; M. Spiegel, P.M., S.D.; H. F. Williams, D.C.; D. S. Long, I.G.; E. Ayling, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; F. Craggs, H. Cartnoll and J. Arlidge. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Third Lecture were worked, as also the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The whole of the sections were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M.; Bro. J. Brown was elected Secretary of the lodge. Thanks were voted to Bro. A. Williams for his services during the time he has held the office of Secretary.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE—No. 2030.—On Friday, the 7th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. Present—Bros. Saunders, W.M.; Molony, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Secretary; F. Purnell, S.D.; Brindley, P.M., J.D.; and Brandon, P.M., I.G. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coughlan candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brindley candidate. Bro. Molony was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Brindley was unanimously elected an honorary member.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—On Monday, the 10th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present—Bros. Russell, W.M.; Esling, S.W.; Poole, J.W.; Andrews, Secretary; Beaven, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Noble, King, Coe, Sandals, and Cowland. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Cowland candidate. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Sandals candidate. Bro. Esling was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The ballot for £5 5s. will soon take place, to participate in which requires fifteen attendances. Members should therefore, be regular.

LOGIC CLUB—16th inst.—Preceptor, Bro. J. Maclean, P.M.; Deputy Preceptor, Bro. Fairchild, P.M.; Bros. Stevens, W.M.; Harry Nicholls, S.W.; Bishop, J.W.; Prince, S.D.; Beveridge, J.D.; Kirkaldy, I.G.; Rowe, Tyler. Brethren present: Bros. Fitzgerald (Sec.), Kent, Davies, Thomas, Mostyn, Macklin, Bro. Cantle (MASONIC STAR), and numerous other brethren. The lodge was opened in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees, and Bro. Thomas was raised to the degree of a M.M. The Lodge was resumed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Mostyn was passed to the degree of an F.C. Bro. Maclean was elected as W.M. for the 23rd inst., when he will rehearse the ceremony of installation. As this will be the last time that Bro. Maclean will be able to attend the Logic Club previous to starting with Miss Mary Anderson on her tour, a large attendance is expected. The lodge was closed in due form until the 23rd inst.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275—On Friday, 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. Present: Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Fred. Hilton, P.Z., Precep. H.; Briant, J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E; Hy. Martin, S.N.; Capt. R. J. Vincent, M.E.Z. 1777, P.S.; V. T. Murché, 1329, R. C. Davis, 1329, Addington, H., 1275, and Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 21st inst. The M.E.Z., Comp. Murché seconded and Comp. Hilton supported a resolution to the effect that the *Masonic Star* be regularly supplied to this Chapter, and that Comp. Charlie Woods be requested to forward a report of the meetings to that journal as well as to the *Freemason*, which was carried unanimously.

Obituary Notices.

BRO. JOSEPH M. LEVEY.

Our Kentish brethren will regret to hear of the death of Bro. Joseph M. Levey, P.M., &c., &c., formerly of Dover, which took place on the 20th August last, at New York Our brother, who was aged 68 years, held high Masonic rank in several degrees of the Order; and his funeral was largely attended by members of his Craft Lodge, and of the several Chapters, Conclaves, and Preceptories connected with the advanced degrees, in all of which he was held in great respect. The deceased was brother to M. L. Levey, a member and founder of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge and of the George Price Lodge, of which he is Junior Warden, a member of the Wanderers Lodge, and a founder of the George Price Chapter, was initiated in 1844 in the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Dover, and was a founder and the first Master of the Gambia Lodge.

BRO. HENRY MAIDMENT.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Bro. H. Maidment, 1641, at the early age of 36. He had been ill for a considerable time, having only recently returned from the Ventnor Hospital for Consumption. The funeral took place at Nunhead on Saturday, the 8th inst.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

For the current week, compiled from the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* (G. KENNING, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R. A. C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R. X., Red Cross Conclaves; F. M. H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F. M. T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P. R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY, (3rd) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
1227	Upton	Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex
1321	Emblematic	Horns Tavern, Kennington
1327	King Harold	Four Swans Ho., Waltham Cross
1365	Clapton	Rudolph Chambers, 191, Bshpsgt. St.
1623	West Smithfield	F.M. Hall
1963	Duke of Albany	M.H., Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A.C.		
733	Westbourne	Lords Hotel, St. John's Wood
	TO-MORROW, (3rd) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, BOYS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
975	Rose of Denmark	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
1275	Star	Ship Hot., Greenwich
2005	Brooke	Forest Hot., Chingford
K.T.		
6	St. George's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
	(4th) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd.	
1541	Alexandra Palace	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1679	Henry Muggeridge	M. H. Tav., Coleman Street, E.C.
2048	Henry Levander	Railway Hot., Harrow
2087	Electric	Mitre Hot., Hampton Court
R.A.C.		
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
	(4th) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.	
79	Pythagorean	Ship Tav., Greenwich
1745	Farringdon Without	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828	Shepherd's Bush	Athenæum, Godolphin Road, W.
R.A.C.		
1201	Electric	F. M. H.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.	
141	Faith	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
186	Industry	F. M. H.
1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1441	Ivy	Surrey M. H., Camberwell, S.E.
1580	Cranbourne	Red Lion, Hatfield
R.A.C.		
548	Wellington	White Swan Hot., Deptford
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.	
753	Prince Frederick William	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
754	High Cross	Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham
898	Temperance-in-the-East	6, Newby Place, Poplar
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
R.A.C.		
1624	Eccleston	F. M. H.
	(4th) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel
1421	Langthorne	Angel Hot., Ilford
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1563	City of Westminster	8, Air Street, Regent Street, W.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H.
1816	Victoria Park	Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park
2192	Highbury	Cock Hotel, Highbury
R.A.C.		
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
Mark.		
118	Northumberland	Masons' Hall Tav., Basinghall Street

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
	BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	3rd Oct	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	9th Oct	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Oct	Ditto
739	Temperance	11th Oct	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	15th Oct	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	17th Oct	Ditto
1016	Elkington	25th Sep	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	10th Oct	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Oct	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Oct	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	16th Oct	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto
	BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope	8th Oct	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	10th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	17th Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Sept	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	3rd Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto
	BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
302	Hope	22nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY,	20th Sept	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	2nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare	10th Oct	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales	(?) 5th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
	BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
271	Royal Clarence	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York	2nd Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick	11th Oct	Ditto
811	Yarborough	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia	6th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	25th Sept	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Oct	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex	27th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa	5th Oct	Old Ship Hotel

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	BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
68	Royal Clarence	8th Oct	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	2nd Oct	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	10th Oct	Ditto
326	Moira	3rd Oct	Ditto
610	Colston	17th Oct	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Oct	Ditto
1388	Canynges	6th Oct	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	27th Sept	Ditto
2257	Powell	24th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	25th Sept	Ditto
187	Charity	6th Oct	Ditto
	BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
42	Relief	6th Oct	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin	17th Oct	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	11th Oct	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales	4th Oct	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	?	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin	19th Nov	Bridge Inn
	DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
253	Tyrian	25th Sept	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	10th Oct	Ditto
802	Repose TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Ditto
1085	Hartington	3rd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto
	HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
708	Carnarvon	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	Jn, Jy & Au only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	6th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Oct	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Oct	Ditto
1494	Felix	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	18th Oct	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	22nd Sept	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	ditto	Ditto
2087	Electric	22nd Sept	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	10th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex	26th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	Jan 1889	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Oct	Ditto
	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
57	Humber TO-DAY,	20th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	10th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Sept	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce	5th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber TO-DAY,	20th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva DITTO	20th Sept	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

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	ISLE OF MAN—5 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
1004	Athole	17th Oct	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1242	Tynwald	3rd Oct	Ditto
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	4th Oct	Ditto
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1075	S. Manghold ...	16th Oct	M. R., Ramsey
2164	St. Germans ...	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
R.A.C			
1004	Athole TO-DAY,	20th Sept	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
	LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
289	Fidelity	4th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	26th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	5th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	20th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	1st Oct	Ditto
1221	Defence	8th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland TO-MOR.,	21st Sept	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	13th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	9th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	12th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	20th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
	LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
279	St. John's	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	28th Sept	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Oct	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	15th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
	LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
32	St. George's ...	26th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Ditto
216	Harmonic	11th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	9th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	4th Oct	Ditto
292	Sincerity	8th Oct	Ditto
594	Downshire	27th Sept	Ditto
667	Alliance	16th Oct	Ditto
673	St. John	2nd Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	5th Oct	Ditto
724	Derby	26th Sept	Ditto
786	United Service ...	11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	17th Oct	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	3rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	10th Oct	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	11th Oct	Ditto
1264	Neptune	1st Oct	Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	24th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	10th Oct	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY,	20th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	15th Oct	Ditto
1505	Emulation	27th Sept	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	10th Oct	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	16th Oct	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	25th Sept	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	3rd Oct	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	25th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	3rd Oct	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	15th Oct	Ditto
2215	Anfield	27th Sept	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	2nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Ditto
292	Liverpool	27th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	25th Sept	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Oct	Ditto
1393	Hamer	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	9th Oct	Ditto
	MANCHESTER—38 LODGES, 10 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship	5th Oct	Albion Hotel
62	Social	24th Sept	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th Oct	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	21st Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	26th Sept	Ditto
204	Caledonian	10th Oct	Ditto
317	Affability	4th Oct	Ditto
325	St. John's	17th Oct	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Oct	Ditto
815	Blair	12th Oct	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	10th Oct	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	27th Sept	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	3rd Oct	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	21st Sept	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Sept	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	1st Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	16th Oct	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	11th Oct	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	1st Oct	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	26th Sept	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	11th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	15th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	26th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	12th Oct	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	6th Oct	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	18th Oct	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	26th Sept	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MOR.,	21st Sept	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	1st Oct	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	2nd Oct	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	10th Oct	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	10th Oct	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	8th Oct	Midland Hotel, Ardwick

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R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Oct	Ditto
325	St. John's	4th Oct	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Oct	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	25th Sept	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	8th Nov	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	19th Oct	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	11th Oct	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham
	NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	10th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	8th Oct	Ditto
541	De Loraine TO-MOR.,	21st Sept	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	2nd Oct	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	10th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	16th Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	27th Sept	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	12th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	28th Sept	Ditto
2260	Ridley	?	?
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	16th Oct	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
	NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 52	Union	2nd Oct	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	9th Oct	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	16th Oct	Ditto
807	Cabbell	25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity	25th Sept	Ditto
1500	Walpole	4th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George TO-MOR.,	21st Sept	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Oct	Ditto
	NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 47	Newstead	2nd Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	8th Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	5th Oct	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	1st Oct	Ditto
1435	Annesley	28th Sept	Ditto
1794	De Vere TO-MOR.,	21st Sept	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	15th Oct	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	9th Oct	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	24th Sept	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	?	Ditto
	PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 70	St. John's	2nd Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	8th Oct	Ditto
156	Harmony	1st Oct	Ditto
159	Brunswick	3rd Oct	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	8th Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	25th Sept	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	16th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	4th Oct	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	9th Oct	Ditto
1205	Metham	15th Oct	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	12th Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	15th Oct	Ditto
1550	Prudence	6th Oct	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	9th Oct	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	25th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	28th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
	PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES. 6 CHAPTERS,		
257	Phœnix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	11th Oct	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	9th Oct	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	12th Oct	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	20th Sept	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	25th Sept	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	16th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	24th Sept	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	15th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	10th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	9th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street
	SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
139	Britannia	11th Oct	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	1st Oct	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	25th Sept	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Oct	Ditto

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SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	11th Oct	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	15th Oct	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	TO-DAY	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	4th Oct	Ditto
359	Peace	5th Oct	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Sept	Ditto

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SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
80	St. John	9th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	11th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	28th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Forward Road
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Forward Road

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THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, SEPT. 20th.			
3	Fidelity	at 8	Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W.C.
13	Union Waterloo ...	„ 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
87	Vitruvian	„ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's	„ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross	„ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak	„ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark	„ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ...	„ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star	„ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ...	„ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ...	„ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1287	Great Northern ...	at 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.
1306	St. John	„ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy	„ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ...	„ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ...	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar...	„ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane. [well
1677	Crusaders	„ 8.30	Old Jerm. Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerken-
1681	Londesborough... ...	„ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph	„ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1791	Creaton	„ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	„ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„ 8	Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
(3rd) FRIDAY, SEPT. 21st.			
9	Albion	at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 7	F. M. H.
333	Kinfore	„ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims ...	„ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave	„ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's	„ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ...	„ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
933	Doric	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone [bury.
1298	Royal Standard ...	„ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty	„ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ...	„ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
1716	All Saints	„ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.			
65	Prosperity	„ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
800	Hornsey...	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ...	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richwood, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
(4th) SATURDAY, SEPT. 22nd.			
179	Manchester	at 8	Yorkshire Grey, Ldn. St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1364	Earl of Zetland ...	„ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	„ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick	„ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
(4th) MONDAY, SEPT. 24th.			
22	Loughborough	at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C
174	Sincerity	„ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ...	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton	„ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1445	Prince Leopold... ...	„ 7	Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ...	„ 8	Royal Edward Mare Street, Hackney.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
(4th) MONDAY, SEPT. 24th—*continued*.			
1507	Metropolitan ...	at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ...	„ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„ —	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn	„ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ...	„ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar...	„ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield	„ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn	„ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.			
206	Hope	„ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
(4th) TUESDAY, SEPT. 25th.			
55	Constitutional	at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
140	St. George	„ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„ 7	Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ...	„ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Waltham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury...	„ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ...	„ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley	„ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer	„ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ...	„ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring	„ —	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex ...	„ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ...	„ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ...	„ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton	„ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
975	Metropolitan	„ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
(4th) WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26th.			
30	United Mariners ...	at 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ...	„ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry	„ 8.30	Rail. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence	„ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength ...	„ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure...	„ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ...	„ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ...	„ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne	„ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1288	Finsbury Park ...	at 8.30	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1421	Langthorne	„ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham	„ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1601	Ravensbourne (3rd Oct.)	„ 8	George Inn., Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett	„ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ...	„ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1950	Duke of Albany ...	„ 7.30	Roch. Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
1963			
R.A.C.	Domatic	„ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
177	St. James's Union ...	„ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
180	Camden	„ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
704	Doric	„ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
933	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

(4th) THURSDAY, SEPT. 27th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in Sept. (*see ante*).

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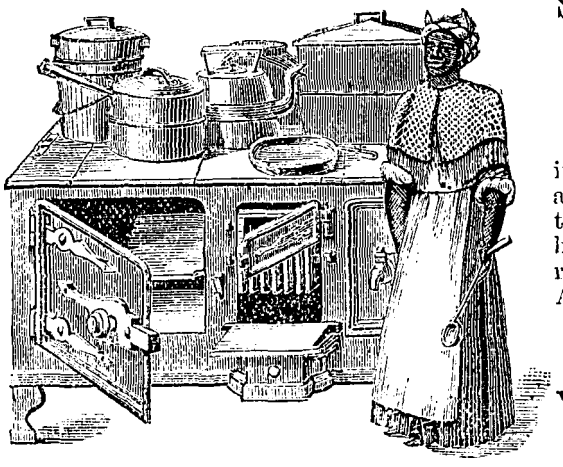
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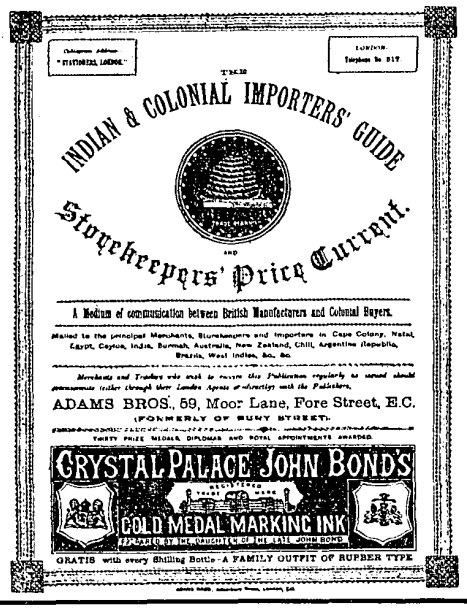
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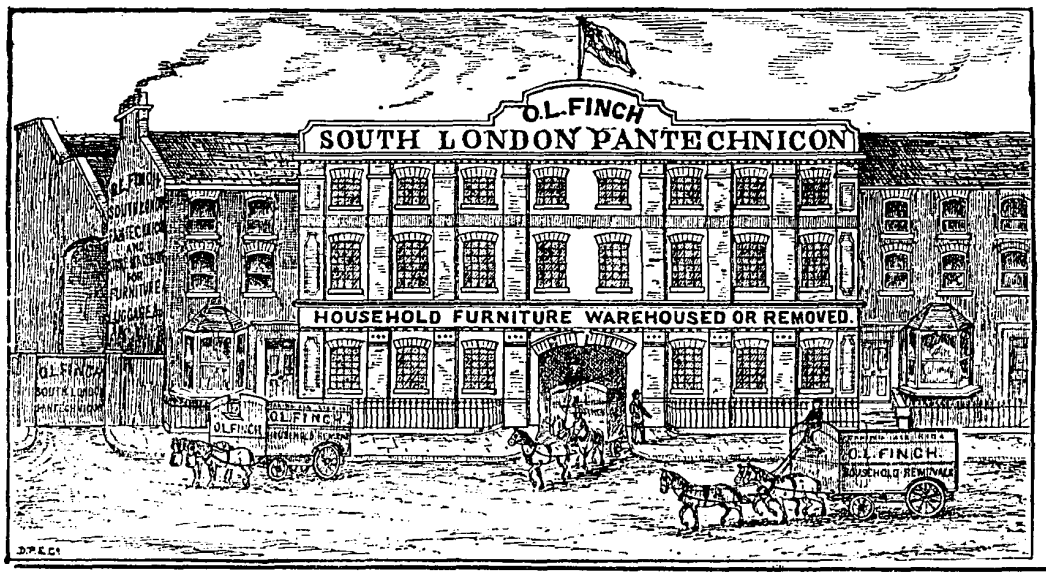
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"A Grain of Mustard Seed."

WE are taught by the doctrines contained in that GREAT LIGHT upon which is founded the Grand Principles of our Order, that "if ye have faith as a grain of mustard-seed, nothing shall be impossible unto you." And this direct encouragement to laudable effort is further endorsed in Freemasonry by the assurance that Faith and Hope "will ultimately overcome all difficulties." It is in sincere and humble reliance on these virtues in relation to Masonic obligations, and not, for our present purpose, in connection with their theological meaning—wherein, without doubt, they are of vastly greater importance to all men,—that we have undertaken the somewhat bold venture of completing the trio of Masonic journals in this country. We are as yet but as "a grain of mustard-seed;" nevertheless, if the Craft are true to the promises they have each and all made to support laudable endeavours, and particularly such as would advantage the Order, we may become—let us say it with all possible reverence—"a great tree, shooting out great branches." We have Faith in the oft-repeated assurances that we can supply a long-needed want; and Hope in the members of the Fraternity that they will be as true to us as we are and shall be true to them.

Our best friends could not wish us better or more gracious expressions of satisfaction than have already reached us, and if there be—all men and measures having some objectors—a coterie who think not with us, they have in a most brotherly spirit adopted that excellent virtue which is enjoined upon the Craft when the "tongue of good report" cannot be exercised with honour and propriety.

We evidence in this number of THE MASONIC STAR our desire to improve its appearance and its increased usefulness and importance without in any degree diminishing the volume of information which we have decided is as large as we can, for some time at least, promise; and we now ask further support by subscriptions and advertisements to encourage us to continue as we have begun. It has been suggested to us that we should have chosen a somewhat later period of the year, say about now, for our introduction to the Craft, this being in Masonic as in social and commercial circles the "silly season." But we are not only satisfied that we were not so silly as the season in forestalling the resumption of business in our several Lodges; but also with the unmistakable evidence of the general support we shall receive when throughout our Masonic Empire all good men and true go to labour. And we should have missed many advantages, known only to ourselves, had we deferred our appearance beyond the date borne by our first number. We are now known by direct introduction to over twenty-five thousand officers and members of Lodges in England, India and the Colonies; have perfected, or very nearly so, our arrangements for management and nurture; and now only await the favouring influences of the gentle dew of sympathy and the sunshine of brotherly regard to grow as does the "least of all seeds, which when it is grown is the greatest among herbs and becometh a tree."

There is no desire on our part to reiterate for the mere purpose of extolling ourselves the statement that we are and purpose to continue an independent journal, without bias or prejudice, and devoted to the best interests of the Craft; with our pages at their command for all controversies and discussions conducted with propriety and decorum. Nevertheless, we are bound to submit that sentimental views must give way to commercial interests in order to secure that independence so absolutely necessary in the exponent of varied opinions. Our Brother, Robert Burns, has taught us in his exquisite poetic language how necessary it is to

> "Catch Dame Fortune's golden smile,
> Assiduous wait upon her,
> And gather gear by every wile
> That's justified by honour!
> Not for to hide it in a hedge,
> Not for a train attendant;
> But for the glorious privilege
> Of being INDEPENDENT!"

And so must we "gather gear" if we are to be of that service to Masonic literature and progress which we are encouraged to believe we may become, and to have that fortitude of disposition which does not hesitate to speak out whenever occasion demands.

But one or two words more:—That independence cannot be gained without first securing the strength which numbers can give. We therefore suggest "to all whom it may concern" the advisability of increasing, in our interest, our subscription list, notwithstanding its present satisfactory position; and to such of our brethren as advertise their wares, the necessity, in their own commercial interests, of using our advertising columns for the spreading abroad of their names over the world, even as the grain of mustard seed, after having grown into a tree, spreads forth its branches.

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Senior Deacon.

"They that have used the office of a Deacon well purchase to themselves a good Degree."—ST. PAUL.

THERE are no offices in a Masonic Lodge which are otherwise than of great importance in relation to the proper conduct of all its ceremonials, and although the necessities connected with ritual and performance require a subdivision of the Officers into Principals and Assistants each in his station forms a necessary strand in that cord of union without which confusion and general disorder would prevail, and the work be jeopardized. Of the principal officers absolutely required by the constitutions of the Order for the purposes of Masonic work, and of the two important auxiliaries not included in the number of Principals and Assistants, we have already treated. And now we approach the task of endeavouring to instruct those who should, of necessity, qualify themselves for the discharge of higher functions when the promotion which should attend merit is offered for their acceptance. Chief amongst these, as nearest by station to one of the principal chairs in the Lodge, and, as an occupant thereof, to membership in Grand Lodge, is the Senior Deacon, the medium of communication between the Worshipful Master and his Senior Warden, and whose duty it is to see that all the Master's orders and commands are carefully and correctly conveyed and subsequently obeyed. He should be at all times sensible that this duty is not one of the least important, and that by a thorough acquaintance with the ritual of the three degrees, a gentlemanly and dignified manner of conducting the candidates throughout the respective ceremonies, and a ready and courteous reception of those brethren who honour his Lodge by their visits, he can make for himself a reputation which will surely advance his further preferment, and greatly enhance the credit and reputation of his Lodge.

We shall not here enter into the question of the institution of the office of Deacon as a necessary complement of working Freemasons in a perfect lodge. Whether before or after 1776, it would have nothing to do with the present order of things. But it is interesting to know that the Deacons were appointed as the immediate deputies and assistants of the respective Wardens, and that the Wardens' columns were at that time under the superintendence of the Deacons. It would appear that part of the Senior Deacon's duty was to see "that when the lodge is at labour the column of the Senior Warden is elevated." Whether or not the control of that emblem is now rightly left with the principal officer in the west, it still remains a duty of the Senior Deacon to see that the pillar of strength is "in evidence" during work, and that the tracing board of the degree is in its proper situation. Indeed it should be the care of that officer to observe all matters connected with the arrangement of the Lodge and its furniture, whether previous to commencement of or during labour, so that all things connected with the reception of the brethren and the performance of the work may be in order. In an old charge, delivered to the Senior Deacon, we read: "You will be attentive to the Master; careful in introducing visitors, and in accommodating them; watchful in preparation; and although you halt at the door of the Temple, leading rightly those who require it." This is an excellent summary of a Senior Deacon's duties, and needs only the addition of an exhortation for punctual and early attendance at all meetings of the Lodge to make it perfect. A few words as to the accommodation of visitors—we have used the argument before, and shall probably do so again and again, and here they are pertinent to the charge above referred to:—The Senior Deacon's position is at *or near* the W.M., and he should recognise that these words are intended to convey to him that the place of honour allotted to the chief rulers of the Order and to distinguished visitors is on the immediate right of the W.M. He should in courtesy give place to these, and such courtesy never fails to be observed in favour of the Lodge. So long as the Senior Deacon is *near* the right of the W.M., he is properly placed to receive commands.

As to the admission of visitors, we have noticed in some Lodges the invariable practice of reception of the visitor by the Senior Deacon (or in some cases by the Director or Master of Ceremonies) at the inner porch, whence, after salutation, he has been conducted to the East and presented to the Worshipful Master before being invited to take his seat on the Master's right; and we strongly commend that practice as evidencing a full appreciation of the courteous manners and brotherly affection we are taught by our Antient Charges to observe towards one another.

In Lodges wherein there is no regularly appointed Director or Master of Ceremonies, the functions of that office are, or should be, discharged by the Senior Deacon. It is essential that but one Officer, or at the most two, should be permitted to move about the Lodge during labour, in order that the regularity and peace, without which there can be no perfect Masonic work, should not be disturbed. The Jewel of the Deacon's Office, a dove, is an emblem of that peace, and is characteristic of his duty and the orderly manner in which it should be discharged. It should also keep him in mind that, as the Senior of the Assistant Officers, his influence should be used amongst the brethren of his Lodge in particular, as well as in the Craft generally, to maintain peace, harmony and unity, and to promote, without the intervention of Master and Wardens, the settlement of any differences which might arise.

There are other points of interest in connection with the duties of a Senior Deacon, which, as in the case of the officers already named in our former numbers, we must defer mention of until the future opportunity which we anticipate. The subject of our next article will be "The Junior Deacon."

Ritualistic Nuts to Crack.

Answers to Queries in No. 4, Sept. 13th.

1. *Was H.A.B. the principal* ARCHITECT *or the principal* ARTIST *who presided at the Building of King Solomon's Temple?*

I differ from our Bro. Lovegrove on this question, and consider that either Architect or Artist can be used to describe our Master, H. A. B.

It is singular that in the Sacred Law there is not one word implying that he was the architect of the Temple. The designing and casting of the sacred vessels used in the service, the molten sea, the overlaying of the pillars with gold, the cunning work of lilies and pomegranates, the network and chain, the veil of the Most Holy Place, all point to him as the principal ARTIST employed in adorning the Temple, as distinct from the Architect. On the other hand, those plans and designs regularly furnished, spoken of in tradition, point to his having had a much larger share in the construction of the Temple than its adornment and furnishing.

May it not be that, like Michael Angelo at St. Peter's in Rome, like Giotto at the Duomo of Florence, he first designed the building itself, and then adorned it with its rich ornamentation. These two great men, and others whom time and space preclude me from naming, were architects, and as painters and sculptors, artists also: and so it may well have been, and most probably was, with our Master of old.

JOHN K. GWYN.

In answer to your question, Whether H. A. B. was the principal architect or the principal artist who presided at the building of King Solomon's Temple? may I be permitted to say a few words.

The word Abif, I believe, is an adjunct intended to express some title of honour, and may be read in two ways. First, that he was the son of his father Huram or Hiram, of the house of Huram or Hiram, of Tyre, a cunning workman. Secondly, that the word Abîf denotes the title of master, inventor, or chief operator. Hiram Abîf is said to correspond with the term Khurum Abai.

To prove this statement let me now call attention for a moment to the narrative as given in 1 Chron. xxviii. 6, where it says: "The Lord God said to David (King of Israel), Solomon, thy son, *he* shall build My house, and My courts, for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father." (Therefore he was son of the King of the kings of the earth, and Prince Royal.)

Then David went to Solomon, and showed him the pattern and the design which the Most High had given him of the porch, the holy place, and the place of the mercy-seat, of the treasures thereof, of the upper and inner parlours or chambers, the pattern and design of the courts of the Lord, and all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the House of God and the treasuries of dedicated things.

King David received all these instructions from the Most High, or great Architect of the universe—the design and dimension of the building, the weight, size, and materials of which the vessels were to be made and handed them down to his son Solomon to execute, as a prince of architects. Under him he had two principal assistants, viz., Huram, or Hiram, of Tyre, the prince and ruler of the merchants or merchant princes of Tyre, who contracted, supplied and wrought up the raw material into proper form, known as the prince of builders, and Huram, or Hiram Abîf, of the house of Hiram of Tyre, the widow's son, who was famed for his skill and ability in modelling, moulding, and casting into shape and form those materials which were put into his hands, and cunningly designed, invented, clothed in allegory, and executed the necessary work specified for him to carry out. Therefore he was without doubt the head or principal artizan or artificer, Prince of Artificers, or Prime Warden.

K. S., *King.*	=	Egyptian KHNUMU, *Architect.*
H. K. T., *Prince.*	=	KHNUM, *Builder.*
H. A. B., *Prime Minister.*	=	KHUFU, *Artificer.*

E. HIDE, W.M., Evening Star, No. 1719, Architect and Surveyor.

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2. *Does the Tide* REGULARLY *ebb and flow twice in every twenty-four hours.*

I differ from Bro. Lovegrove. The word "regular" is correct, and should *not* be omitted. The variation of the *time* of day has nothing to do with the fact that a spot a certain distance from the shore is regularly covered with water by the ebb and flow twice in twenty-four hours.—M.O.

I cannot quite understand the reply made by Bro. H. Lovegrove, in your issue of the 20th inst., to the query on the above subject, where he states that "the word 'regularly' might be well omitted, as the tide varies every day."

True, it does; but the ebb and flow of the ocean continues day by day and night by night with the greatest regularity, like the beating of the heart; but it varies in this way, that instead of the tide flowing and ebbing once in 12h., it occupies a period of 12h. 24m., or thereabouts. Six hours go to the flow, 6h. to the ebb, but at the top or highest point of the tide, as well as at the lowest, there is a distinct pause of 12m. rest, making up the period before mentioned,

thus the saying "regularly ebbs and flows twice in 24h., or a day and night." Literally speaking, twice in 24h. 58m.

The average life of a moon is 702h. 56m., or 29·28 days of 24h. duration.

The tides are, as everybody knows, governed by the course of the moon; at three days after the new, or full of the moon, the tides are at their highest, and are called spring tides. Between these periods they keep regular time throughout the year. Thus, say, taking a given point upon the south coast, the highest spring tide at new moon occurs at two o'clock at noon; the same occurs at the full, and so on from year to year.

I know of no word that could be applicable to the point than the one used, "regularly."

EDWARD HIDE, W.M. 1719.

London, Sept. 24th, 1886.

Nos. 3 and 4 remain as yet unanswered.

MASONIC FORBEARANCE.

AS we are none of us free from faults, it is the duty of every brother to bear with the infirmities, to pardon the errors, and to be kind and considerate towards those with whom he is intimately connected. There are few tempers so depraved but a sincere endeavour to please will excite in their bosoms a corresponding sentiment of love and gratitude. We are under peculiar obligations, and it is equally our duty and our interest to discharge them faithfully, and to the letter. Amidst the various dispositions of mankind we must not expect to meet with all we could wish in every brother who is linked with us in the indissoluble chain of masonry; but if we resolve to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, our happiness and mental satisfaction will usually be amply gratified. Every relative and social duty is *founded on reciprocal obligations*; and where the seeds of love and friendship are not sown, or where that which springs from them is not cultivated and improved, it will be but "as the grass growing on the housetop, wherewith the mower filleth not his hand, neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom."

THE TEMPLE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 322.—On Monday, September 17th, the Installation of Bro. Willoughby Weiss, P.G.St., Kent, took place at the Wilmington Masonic Hall, Dartford. The ceremony was performed by the V.W., Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Kent. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bro. Call-Weddell, M.D., P.P.G.M.O., Kent, T.P.M.; Bro. W. Tomlinson, M.A., S.W.; Bro. Jones, J.W.; Bro. Fletcher Beach, M.D., M.O.; Bro. Potter, S.O.; Bro. Harper, J.O.; Bro. Rev. E. C. Britton, M.A., Chaplain; The V.W. Bro. Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., D.P.G.M., Kent, Treas.; Bro. E. W. White, M.D., Sec.; &c., &c. Amongst the visitors present were the R.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M. of Kent; Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Bro. F. Henri Weiss, &c., &c., &c.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

IF GOOD MEN ALL WERE MASONS.

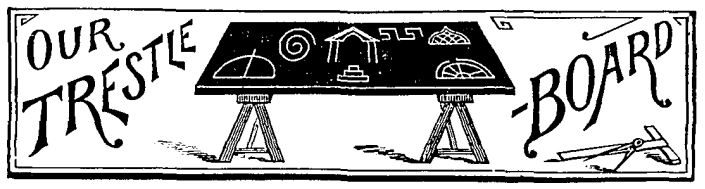
THERE'S never a tear would drop
But some kind heart would steal it;
There's never a sigh would swell
But some kind heart would feel it;
And never a widow sad,
And never an orphan lonely,
But some one would make glad
With smiles of joy,—if only
The good men all were Masons.

There's never a word profane
By heedless mortal spoken,
And never a cruel blow,
And never a law be broken;
There never a man would die
Away from loved ones, lonely;
There's never a shuddering cry
Would mount to Heaven,—if only
The good men all were Masons.

But every heart would smile,
And tongues break forth in singing,
And corn, and wine, and oil,
The generous would be bringing;
And each would strive to make
The path of life less lonely,
A green and flowery way,
An Eden walk,—if only
The good men all were Masons.

But since the good men all
Are *not* in our connection,
Let's try, what few we are,
To be of one complexion;
Let's try, though few and frail,
And maybe poor and lonely,
To show what life would be
And men would do,—if only
The good men all were Masons.

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, was presented by the Lodge La France, No. 2060, on the 17th inst., with a very handsome jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the V.W. Bro. T. Fenn, P.B.G.P., by the W.M. and brethren of the Lodge La France, in acknowledgment of the eminent services he has rendered the Lodge since its foundation. 17th September, 1888."

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At the same meeting of La France Lodge, Bro. J. Bué, P.P.G.W., Oxford, having declined, on account of age and distance, the honour which the brethren had desired to confer upon him, Bro. Ernest St. Clair, the W.M., was re-elected for a second year of office in the chair of K.S., and Bro. H. Bué was elected Treasurer.

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At the meeting of the Board of Benevolence, held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., presiding, there was, considering the time of year, a very fair attendance. Recommendations to the amount of £305 were confirmed. Twenty-eight cases were considered, and relief afforded to the extent of £740.

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We purpose in our next issue to call the attention of the Craft to the alarming and serious decrease of the accumulations of the Fund of Benevolence, now being sold out at the rate, as we are credibly informed, of from two thousand to three thousand pounds sterling per annum. It is, in our opinion, high time that some investigation into the primary causes for such decrease in this, the most important Masonic fund, should be made, and that without delay. We shall do our best to submit reasons for this in a special article.

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A little of the attention which is given to the creation of new Lodges (of which a large number of the members of the fraternity consider we have quite enough, if not—for the welfare of the Order—too many), bestowed on seeing that those already in existence are working on the true principles of the institution, would soon bring about a remedy for such a scandal as is implied by possible future inability to meet the necessitous claims of unfortunate brethren and their widows. But of that more anon.

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Prince Eugene, the youngest son of the King of Sweden, has resigned his membership of the Order of Freemasons. He is a Radical of the most extreme type, and as the Swedish lodges are established upon a highly orthodox and Conservative basis, which will not permit of unrestricted freedom of thought and speech, he has wisely retired from the Order. The King, who is described as "a Mason body and soul," is said to deeply regret this defection, but he exercises no pressure upon his sons either in politics or religion.

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At the meeting of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, on the 19th inst., at the Saracen's Head, Dunmow, Essex, it being notified that the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet next year at the residence of the Prov. Grand Master, Easton Lodge, and in connection with the Rosslyn Lodge, Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, the first W.M. of the Lodge, was again elected to that honourable position. At the same meeting Bro. Snell was re-elected, for the thirteenth time, Treasurer, and Bro. Warner Tyler.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire met at Knutsford, on the 19th inst., under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton, Provincial Grand Master. About 500 brethren were present. The Provincial Grand Master, in his address, alluded to the death of the Emperor Frederick, whose loss to Masonry in Germany was greatly deplored, and to the fact that £50,000 had been subscribed at a banquet in aid of the Royal Masonic girls' school, the largest sum ever known. The Grand Lodge voted 100 guineas to the Masonic charities, and the usual officers were invested. The brethren spent the afternoon at Tatton Park, where they were entertained by the Prov. Grand Master.

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THE ROSE LODGE.—There was a large attendance at the usual weekly meeting of this Lodge, on Thursday, 20th inst., when Bro. North occupied the chair of W.M., and performed the work of Third Degree in a very creditable manner, under the able preceptorship of Bro. D. Rose, P.M.

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AT the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 19th inst., the master and officers of the Temple Lodge, 1094, invited Bro. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson to dinner, and afterwards the W.M., Bro. M. Alexander, in the name of the officers of the Lodge, presented him with a piece of silver plate and a handsome suite of silver for Mrs. Johnson. The occasion was the celebration of the silver wedding-day of Dr. and Mrs. Johnson. In happy terms the W.M. alluded to the high estimation in which Dr. Johnson is held by all the members of the Temple Lodge, of which he was the first Master, and wished all present might meet to celebrate a golden wedding. Some excellent songs and recitations followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Emulation Lodge of Improvement will resume its meetings on Friday, October 5th, at Freemasons' Hall.

——The meetings of the Industry Chapter of Instruction will be resumed on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 7.30, at the Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, and be continued every Saturday at the same hour.

——The Temperance Royal Arch Chapter, No. 169, will meet on Tuesday next, the 2nd October, at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, at 6 p.m.

——The Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, Bro. G. E. Stafford, Hon. Sec., will resume its meetings on Friday, the 5th October, at the Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, W.C., at 7 p.m. Bro. Batty, P.M., will be the W.M. on the opening night.

——The Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601, Bro. C. Atkins, Secretary, will resume labour on Wednesday next, the 3rd October, at the George Inn, Catford, S.E., at 8 p.m. Bro. W. H. Shaw, P.M. and Preceptor, will preside.

——The Richmond Lodge—No. 2032—Bro. Edward Dare, W.M., Bro. Geo. C. Rowland, Secretary, will meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, the 2nd prox., at 4 p.m. Passings and Initiations. Banquet at 7.

——The Temperance R.A. Chapter—No. 169—Comp. George Brown, P.Z., M.E.Z., Comp. J. C. Neeld, P.Z., Secretary, will meet at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, on Tuesday, the 2nd prox., at 6 p.m.

——The ceremony of Installation will be worked in the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, on Monday, 8th October, at 7 p.m. Bro. J. M. Wimble, W.M., 1901, will preside and work. Craft clothing. Supper at 8.30 Bro. R. E. Anderson, P.M., Preceptor; Bro. E. Eagle, Hon. Sec., 88, Barry Road, S.E.

——The ceremonies of consecration and installation of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, will be rehearsed by the W. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.M. 228, 1278, 1366; P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; P.P.G.J.W. Herts; and Sec., Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Thursday evening, October 11th, at the "Coach and Horses," High Road, Tottenham, at 7 p.m. Bro. W. Binnie, Hon. Sec., 5, Grove Street, Snell's Park, Upper Edmonton.

—— A meeting of the Graystone Lodge of Instruction, No. 1915, will be held at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, this evening, September 27th, at seven o'clock: Bro. John Wood, Sec.

——The Metropolitan R.A. Chapter of Improvement will commence its session on Tuesday, the 2nd prox., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., and thereafter weekly until May next.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE COLUMNS *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information. We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* THE MASONIC STAR, *38, Bow Lane, London.*

**** The list of Annual Subscribers to* THE MASONIC STAR *has been opened most satisfactorily, and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.*

CRAFT LODGE MEETINGS.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE—No. 213.—On the 19th inst., at the Masonic Club, St. Giles Street, Norwich. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Hyde, Bro. George Baxter, I.P.M., P.P.S.G.W., presided. There were present Bros. P. Smith, S.W.; W. J. Pond, J.W.; S. Cole, S.D.; Geo. Durndell, P.G.Std., J.W.; C. H. Rust, I.G.; Jas. Dunsford, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; George Kersey, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.: J. W. Browne, P.M. (807), P.P.G.P., Acting Org.; C. W. Bacon, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.A.G., D. of C.; Charles E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; James E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Deuchar, James Tench, John H. Nockolds, W. F. Harvey, Henry Cole. Among the visitors were—Bros. A. King, W.M.; W. F. Stratford, P.G.Std., of Cabbell Lodge No. 807; F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and W. J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G. Standard-bearer. Mr. John H. Parker was initiated by Bro. Baxter in a very impressive manner. The charge was given by Bro. T. Smith, the S.W. Refreshment followed labour.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE—No. 458.—On Friday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Boothferry Road, Goole—there were present Bros. W. Porter, W.M.; R. Dayson, S.W.; Dr. Bruce, J.P.; A. Gooderidge, S.D.; J. Leech, J.D.; A. H. Peacock, I.G.; E. J. Foster, I.P.M.; Bray, P.M., Treas.; Everatt, P.M.; Gardiner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Robinson, Tyler; and a large number of members and several visiting brethren. At the termination of business a banquet was held, when Bro. Robert Dayson, S.W., was presented with a testimonial on the occasion of his recent marriage, and in recognition of very valuable services rendered, not only to the Lodge, but to the Province of West Yorkshire. The presentation consisted of a very handsome marble timepiece bearing a suitable inscription, and also side bronzes of a very elaborate character, besides a spirit stand of novel and elegant design. The proceedings were of a very interesting character, and a very pleasant evening was enlivened by the songs given by Bros. Charles Blagboro, E. Gooderidge, P.M., J. Leech, J. Robinson, and many others. Bro. G. Wintringham Cutts acted as Organist.

EGERTON LODGE—No. 1030.—A regular meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris. Present: Bros. James Cookson, P.G. Steward, W.M.; R. Bassnett Preston, S.W.; J. McKim, J.W.; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., P.G. Reg., Sec.; W. A. Vaughan, S.D.; T. Knott, J.D.; Henry Smith, I.G.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Rev. E. J. Reeve, P.M., P.P.G.C.; E. J. Lingard, P.M., P.G. Steward; C. Crush, T. W. Markland, A. Keymer, and H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John MacMahon, P.M., 44; A. Lawley, J.W., 1140; John Scott, P. M., 322; H. Crossley, 104; T. W. Stanley, and R. R. Lisenden, P.M., 317, P.G. Steward. Mr. George William Cookson (son of the W.M.) and Mr. Arthur Wellesley Henry were elected, and afterwards initiated by the W.M. The S.W., Bro. R. B. Preston, delivered the address, and the J.W., Bro. J. McKim, presented the working tools. Bro. W. H. Vaughan, P.M., P.G. Reg., delivered a lecture explanatory of the first tracing board. The whole of the work reflected great credit on all concerned. A committee was appointed to consider Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws. At the social Board a pleasant evening was spent in harmony.

ABBEY LODGE—No. 1184.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Battle.—Present: Bros. W. T. Jordan, W.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D., S.W.; T. J. Walder, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.P.G.C., P.M., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, I.P.M., Sec.; J. B. Foster, S.D.; W. A. Raper, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; J. W. Pepper, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; T. W. Avis, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, J. Hall, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M. 40; and Dr. F. W. Cock. This was an emergency meeting, which convened for the purpose of raising Bro. Lieut. John Holl, who was to leave for India in a few days, which ceremony was performed in a most effective and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Jordan, after which the brethren adjourned to supper, and "The Health of the Newly-raised Brother" was enthusiastically received with expressions of fraternal good wishes for a prosperous voyage and a safe return to his native land.

CHISLEHURST LODGE—No. 1531.—On Saturday, 22nd inst., at the Bull Hotel, Chislehurst, Bro. W. T. Hunt, W.M.; Bros. W. Hollis, S.W.; R. Strachan, J.W.; J. C. Main, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Quicke, S.D.; J. Dana, J.D.; Thos. Smith, Std.; Past Masters Behenna and Nunn, and Bros. Proctor, Perrian, Powell, and others. Visitors: Bros. Homan, 1602; Featherstone, 79; Curtis, 733; Baker, 869; Maple, 1076. This was the last meeting for the year, and there was no work before the Lodge. After closing the brethren enjoyed an hour or two amid the delightful surrounding scenery, and subsequently dined together. The visitors were profuse in their acknowledgments for the hospitality accorded. Acknowledgment was also made in warm terms of encouragement for copies of THE MASONIC STAR, which had been forwarded to the principal officers, and its Editor was greatly complimented amidst promises of general support.

UNITED MILITARY LODGE—No. 1536.—On Friday, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage Road, Plumstead—Bro. R. Goodinge, I.P.M., acting W.M., in the absence of Bro. Lieut. T. Cooper. There were also present Bros. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. Kenneday, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Natal; Col. Vansittart, O.S.C.; W. Moulds, P.M.; W. Maule, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); A. Murdock, S.W.; W. Seager, J.W.; J. Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; T. Couper, S.D.; J. Whiteheart, Stwd.; H. Syer, P.M. 13; J. Gould, P.M. 1685; T. Goodrich, 490 (S.C.); T. Cox, 730; J. Corbey, 1331; C. Banstead, 700; W. H. Keeble, 13; F. Marfleet, 700; G. Porter, 700; and others. A ballot was taken for Staff-Sergt. Robert Inkerman Spence, Royal Artillery, and Sergt. Wm. Henry Manning, Ordinance Store Corps, and, proving unanimous, they were duly initiated. Bros. Thomas, Rogers and Rovedina were passed, and the lodge was closed. The brethren having partaken of a handsomely served dinner, re-assembled round the social board, and drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and spent an hour or two in harmony.

BLACKWATER LODGE—No. 1977.—On the 17th inst., at Maldon, Bro. Shawyer, P.G.S.B., W.M.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was attended by a large number of members and the following visitors: Bros. A. Barritt, W.M. St. Peter's, 1024; F. G. Green, P.P.G.S.W. 1024; E. Gowers, P.P.G.O. 1024; F. Quilter, W.M. Angel Lodge, No. 51; P.G. Std. B. Thos. Davy, W.M. Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437; W. H. de Cean, I.P.M. St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024; Bros. F. Manley, 51, and C. Dibben, 1024. Bro. E. Gowers, P.P.G.O., the new Master, installed W. Bro. Mark W. Meade, who then appointed and invested as officers Bros. W. Redmur, S.W.; J. Grout, J.W.; W. Strutt, Treas.; George A. Eustace, P.M. 697 (P.P.G. Std. B.), Sec.; W. R. Hance, S.D.; George Davis, J.D.; John Turner, D.C.; E. A. Basham, I.G.; C. Porter, W. A. Hunt, and F. Davies, Stewards; Bro. E. Pearman, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening songs were sung by W. Bros. S. H. Ellis and E. Gowers, and Bros. G. Davis, W. A. Hunt, Clifford, and W. Bro. Shawyer.

BARNATO LODGE—No. 2265.—On Monday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Station—Bro. Joseph Da Silva, P.M., 205, W.M. The attendance of members included Bros. M. de Leeuw, S.W.; L. Kool, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. Jessop, P.M. 1261, Sec.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., acting I.P.M.; T. Honey, S.D.; E. Acworth, J.D.; J. Manger, D.C.; M. Bash, I.G.; H. Lane, Org.; S. B. Joel and I. B. Joel, Stwds: R. Berridge, J.G.D.; H. I. Barnato, J. A. Rosenthal, A. Goldstone, I. H. Gluckstein, A. Levy, C. Vandyk, S. Fox, E. Jacks, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. M. Coxon, D.C. 1471; W. Wright, Org. 1897; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; M. J. Green, 1987; M. E. Goldstein, 917; John Da Silver, 205; A. Brodrick, 1747; I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; A. Combes, S.W. 820; Hyam Abrahams, H. J. Phillips, P.M. 205; R. Brodrick, 766; and W. W. Lee, 1897. Bros. H. I. Barnato and I. A. Rosenthal were then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Messrs. John Jonas, Saml. Fox, and Elias Jacobs initiated into the Order. Propositions, including one initiate and five joining members, were received. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bros. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; Hyam Abrahams, Coxon, and Brodrick responded to the toast of "The Visitors"; and Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., to that of "The Masonic Charities." Bro. W. Wright ably presided at the pianoforte: and Bros. Lane, Phillips, Honey, Joel and Combes greatly added to the harmony and enjoyment of a very successful meeting.

THE CATOR LODGE—No. 2266.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, on Wednesday, 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. James Hill, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Surrey W.M., when a large amount of work was done, including the ceremonies of the Three Degrees.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE—No. 1839.—On the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the installation meeting of this lodge was held. Bro. Henry Cattermole, W.M. In the absence of the candidate for passing, the W.M. installed Bro. Walter B. Marcus, S.W., who was unanimously elected at a previous regular meeting of the lodge, the ceremony being most ably performed. Bro. Marcus having invested Bro. Cattermole as I.P.M.; Bros. A. H. Jakins, S.W.; C. H. Cox, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treasurer; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Secretary; J. T. Williams, S.D.; J. Bladon, J.D.; J. Culver, I.G.; H. S. Trego, D.C. and Organist; M. Keith Frith and W. H. Foot, Stewards; and Bowler, Tyler, Bro. Cattermole was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which he acknowledged in a short speech. The new W.M. initiated Mr. Alfred Lambert and Mr. James Frederick Perrins, and the brethren subsequently repaired to Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant repast awaited them. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. J. Marcus, 1583; J. Tilley, 1691; W. Noad, 237; J. A. Sayer, U.S.A.; F. R. Dalton, 1351; W. Walker, P.M. 65; J. Bunker, P.M. Southern Star; H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; S. Scherer, S.D. 1540; W. H. Matthews, P.M. 1423; R. A. Kemp, 1706; D. Crombie, P.M. 28; H. G. Martins, J.D. 1622; H. W. Taylor, 901; B. Mann, Mount Edgcumbe; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; Walter Martin, P.M. 819; R. Hilton, 2000; W. H. Hook, P.M. 186; E. Samuel, S.W. 2096; F. H. Horscroft, 211; Turle Lee, 1922, &c.

UNANIMITY LODGE—No. 287—STOCKPORT—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the White Lion Hotel, Bro. G. NcClelland, W.M.; Bros. C. Dawson, S.W.; W. B. Burdes, J.W.; Jas. Cookson, P.M., P.G., Stwd., acting S.D.; H. Smith, J.D.; J. Leigh, P.M.; Charles Booth, P.M.; D. Woolley, P.M.; J. A. Birch, P.M.; R. Blackhurst, P.M.; J. Scott, Tyler; W. Matthews, J. Martin, J. T. Hudson, and J. W. J. Graham. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Evans, P.M., 1565, P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Gleave, W.M., 109; W. C. Fleming, P.M., 322, Secy. 1957, P.G., Tyler; J. Bell, P. M., 104; H. Stones, W.M., 2155; J. Youdall Shaw, 837; Charles Kay, 152; Harry Mundy, 1140; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G.S., East Lancashire. Bros. Hudson and Martin were raised to the Degree of Master Mason respectively by Bro. R. Blakehurst, P.M., and the W.M., Bro. G. McClelland. The brethren subsequently supped together, and at the social board "The Health of the Newly-raised Brethren" was proposed and responded to, also "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. J. A. Birch, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Wm. C. Fleming, P.M., 322, Sec. 1957, Prov. Grand Tyler. Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary designate; R. R. Lisenden, P.M., 317, P.G.S., East Lancashire; and others. Other toasts were proposed, including "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Charles Booth, P.M., Prov. Senior Grand Deacon designate, who replied in appropriate terms, expressing his gratification of being honoured with such an appointment, and considering it an equally high compliment to the old Unanimity Lodge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE—No. 147.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.—Bro. Dandridge, W.M.—Bros. Penrose, S.W.; Faulkner, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M.; Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Whibley, S.D.; Leng, J.D.; Jackson, I.G.; West, P.M.; J. Bedford Williams, Wright, Wilson, and Emblin. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wilson candidate. Bro. Penrose was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE—No. 753.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Vale, W.—Bro. R. Dillon, W.M.; Bros. W. J. Stratton, S.W.; E. M. Bessell, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M.; Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. T. Redfearn, S.D.; V. Shaw, J.D.; J. W. Manktelow, I.G.; S. B. Nightingale, W. T. Dillon, J. De Zola Pinto, and J. Tapping. Visitors—Bros. J. R. Hill and E. Wehrle. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pinto candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Dillon candidate.. Bros. Hill and Wehrle were elected joining members. Bro. Stratton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

HYDE PARK—No. 1425.—On Monday, 17th inst., at the Perchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cavendish Square, Paddington, W.—Bro. E. M. Ferris, W.M. 1543, W.M.—Bros. J. C. Conway, S.W.; J. Potter, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. C. Edwards, S.D.; O. W. Battley, J.D.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; and W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; also Bros. H. Windeatt, R. E. Dursons, W. J. Hakim, W. Death. Visitor—H. G. Holland, 1624. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Cursons, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hakim candidate. Bro. Holland was elected a member, and Bro. Conway W.M. for next meeting.

ISLINGTON LODGE—No. 1471.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury—Bro. Yates, W.M.—Bros. Kilsby, acting I.P.M.; J. G. Cobb, S.W.; Harding, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; Stevenson, I.G.; Ritchie, and Scarlett. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ritchie candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Stevenson candidate. Bro. Cobb was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

KENSINGTON LODGE—No. 1767.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Square, Kensington, W.—Bro. W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middx., W.M.—Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; A. J. Turner, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro. tem.); H. Cotton, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; P.J. Davies, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; Cory, Betts, and C. Woods. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Betts candidate. Bro. J. Sims gave an explanation of the tracing board. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. S. Cochrane was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CREATON LODGE—No. 1791.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.—Bro F. Craggs, W.M.—Bros. J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Jennings, S.D.; Gilbert, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; Cavers, Std.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; L. Cox, Head, West, Sansom, and Cotton. The 1st and 4th Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. J. Sims, P.M. The 3rd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by Bro. A. Cavers. Bro. J. Sims, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE—No. 1891.—On Monday, the 17th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, Bro. J. W. Morley, W.M.—Bros. P. Skar, S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. Woods, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; A. Saunders, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; and W. Hunt. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cochrane candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hunt candidate. Bro. A. Saunders was elected a joining member. Bro. P. Skar was elected for Monday, the 1st prox., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked. The Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. on that occasion.

CHISWICK LODGE—No. 2012.—On Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith—Bro. J. Brown, W.M.—Bros. C. Hopkins, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Davis, acting Preceptor; E. Aslete, S.D.; and F. Craggs, I.G. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Aslete candidate. Bro. C. Hopkins was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE—No. 2030.—On Friday, the 14th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.—Bro. Molony, W.M.—Bros. Piper, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Coleman, P.M., acting Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Badderley, J.D.; Ray, I.G.; Mann, Shaw, Hayler, Lewis, Hill, and Grogan. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shaw candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Mann candidate. Bro. Hill, 1446, was elected a joining member. Bro. Piper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

LOUGHBOROUH LODGE.—On Monday, the 17th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station (L. C. & D. R.)—Bro. Esling, W.M.—Bros. Poole, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Russell, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Coe, Folkard, Cowland, Winny, Stokes, and Heathcote. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Esling, with Bro. Winny as candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Poole, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, 21st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, S.E., at 8. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z. and Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, H.; Briant, J.; J. T. Latham, S.E.; C. Wilson, S.N.; J. Hill, P.S. 1329, P.S.; H. Martin, A.S.; Wingham, 25, and C. Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Latham personating candidate. Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 28th inst. Comp. Grummant apologised for the unavoidable absence of the indefatigable S.E., Comp. C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE—No. 1695.—On Tuesday, 25th inst., at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, N.—Bros. H. J. Thrower, W.M.; Botns, S.W.; Trinder, J.W.; Gush, Preceptor; Reed, S.D.; McNamara, J.D.; Farrow, I.G.; Berry, Secretary; Hildreth, Jenkins, E. Lardner, Pugh, Hansen, Hill Frampton, and Oldis. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. E. Lardner, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Pugh candidate. Bro. Bonts, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thrower for the able manner he had presided as W.M. for the first time in this Lodge.

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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As the constitution of the Committee of Enquiry has been publicly announced and the date of the first meeting is rapidly approaching, it is desirable that the collation of evidence to be submitted shall be promptly proceeded with.

In this immediate neighbourhood a local Committee, consisting of one member from ten lodges, is taking the matter in hand, and a general meeting of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association will be held on Wednesday next, the 26th inst., to consider the subject. If similar steps have been, or are about to be taken in other provinces, we shall be glad to hear from the brethren who have charge thereof, so that united action may result; or if individual brethren or old scholars have any information which may be laid before the Committee of Enquiry with advantage, it is to be hoped that they will communicate with us, or with brethren interested in the matter in their own province, so that the entire facts may be fully laid before the Committee of Enquiry from every point of view.

Beyond a doubt there has for years past been much complaining in at least some of the provinces as to the management of the institution; and as a channel has now been opened for submitting these complaints to a competent and impartial tribunal, nothing should be wanting in order to enable that committee to present a decisive and imperative report, which shall at once and for all sweep away what may be defective (if anything), and result in placing the institution on such a basis that the Craft generally may feel impelled in future to provide liberally and generously that support which the object it has in view so richly deserves.

In the interest of the Institution we crave space for the insertion of this letter in your next issue.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
WM. TUNNICLIFF, W.M.,
No. 418, Menturia,
E. V. GREATBATCH,
8, Brook Street, Stoke-on-Trent.
Chairman and Secretary, Local Committee.

Jasper Street, Hanley.
22nd Sept., 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I beg to offer you my hearty good wishes and congratulations, and wish you a prosperous career. A cheaper Masonic journal has long been desired by many brethren, and we hail the appearance of THE MASONIC STAR with satisfaction. May its light never wane!

Yours heartily,
W.M. 2069.

Leeds, Sept. 20, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Is it wrong to wear a P.M.'s jewel in Lodge if it has not been presented to the P.M., but has been bought by him?

Yours fraternally,
G. D. C., ESSEX.

Sept. 1st, 1888.

*** *The whole question of what may and what may not be worn as jewels in our Craft Lodges requires settlement. The tendency for over, and, not infrequently, unmerited decoration is greatly increasing.* —*Ed.* M. S.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In the case of a Lodge changing its place of meeting in the same town or village, or district, the removal being approved by the W.M. and brethren, and the alteration duly notified to, and registered by, Grand Lodge, is it necessary to procure a dispensation to authorise the said removal; and would a Lodge otherwise be acting illegally, and its transactions be masonically null and void?

I argue that a dispensation is not required. Kindly say if I am right or wrong.

J. FARRINGTON, P.M. 1271.

Bradford-on-Avon, Sept. 24, 1884.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Anything for the good of Freemasonry has always commended itself to me, and should, I think, command the support of every enthusiastic Freemason. I have to-day seen the first four issues of your journal, and am satisfied you have supplied a long-standing want. I have been connected with the press many years, and have frequently written and sent reports to the Masonic journals, and many times suggested that threepence a copy was a big barrier to their otherwise really valuable usefulness. If your journal at one penny continues on the same lines I predict a big issue in the provinces of East Lancashire, where I have often tried to encourage the sale of the *Freemason's Chronicle*, also the *Freemason*; but again and again met with the response of price too much. That objection cannot longer exist, and your expectations have reasonable chances of being realised.

Yours fraternally,
H. DARBYSHIRE.

Manchester, Sept. 10.

Answers to Correspondents.

M. S., *Masonic Charity v. Principle.*—Far too personal for our columns.

EDWD. G.—You and the brethren of your Lodge are very good. We dare not, however, insert your flattering remarks in open Lodge as you wish. They might be misconstrued.

J. W.—We have received your MS. of hymn, and you shall hear from us at earliest opportunity.

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

The expressed wishes of several brethren that we should open an Exchange and Mart Column in our pages have not been by any means forgotten; but we require the assistance of the proposers to commence it. For ourselves, the only exchanges in which we are at present interested are :

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ROYAL ARCH.

STANMORE CHAPTER (No 1549).—On the 12th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, Comps. E. Bentley Haynes, M.E.Z.; Dr. W. A. Rogers, H.; R. H. Blatchford, J.; C. Veal, P.Z., S.E.; C. H. Webb, P.Z., as P.S.; J. Best, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. R. Shutt, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. S. Fraser, P.Z., Std.; T. J. Maidwell, P.Z.; F. Brown, P.Z. 538, as S.N.; J. Middleton, Janitor; W. Wilson, C. B. Todd, A. Murtrie, and W. Fraser. Visitors: Comps. G. W. Ensar, 65; and J. Pilson, late 1549. Three candidates from the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549 (which, with the Suburban Lodge, No. 1702, is connected with the Stanmore Chapter), viz., Bros. H. B. Weatherall, E. B. Weatherall, and G. Sturman, were exalted to the Supreme Degree in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on every officer, and impressed each candidate with the utmost reverence for the beautiful ceremony. A most enjoyable dinner, which was fully appreciated, followed the labours of the Chapter, and several companions contributed to the harmony of the evening by song and recitation. The companions adjourned until the second Wednesday in May. An Emergency Meeting will, however, probably be held early in the New Year.

R. W. Bro. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for the county of Surrey, who is colonel of the 2nd Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment), a magistrate for Middlesex, and who served on the staff at the battles of Alma, Inkerman, and Tchernaya, in the expedition to Kertch, at the attack on the Redan, and at the final assault and fall of Sebastopol, has just completed his seventy-fourth year, the war-worn and highly-esteemed veteran having been born on September 22nd, 1814.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES' LODGE—No. 2128.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, W.C., Bro. Wm. Masters, W.M., Bro. R. Davison was raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. Dr. Smyth, P.G.C., England, who is an honorary member of the lodge. The sum of £10 10s. was voted from the Lodge Benevolent Fund to the R.M.I. for Girls. Bro. Dr. Smyth, in response to a vote of thanks for his services, said that he esteemed it an honour to have had the opportunity of working the Third Degree. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, a pleasant evening being spent.

Obituary Notices.

BROTHER WILLIAM PIERSON SMITH.

On the 8th inst. the remains of Mr. William Pierson Smith, a well-known contractor in Toxteth Park, Liverpool, were interred at St. Anne's Cemetery, Stanley, the chief mourners being Mrs. Smith and daughters, Messrs. Etchells, T. Taylor, and E. Ockleston. The Toxteth Lodge, of which he was a highly respected member, was represented by Brothers Hugh H. Hughes, W.M.; Lawrance Phillips, S.W.; Haydn P. Cowell, O.; John Hughes, &c.

BROTHER DR. THOMAS LLOYD EVANS.

The remains of Dr. Thomas Lloyd Evans, of Glanrafon, Amlwch, were on the 12th inst. consigned to their last resting place in Amlwch Cemetery. Our deceased brother was P.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge. The funeral was a Masonic one.

The Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744, has removed to the Blue Post, 54, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W. Bro. J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744, is the Preceptor; Bro. H. Dickey, I.P.M. 1744, the Treasurer; and Bro. W. H. Barling, S.W. 1744, the Secretary. The lodge meets every Thursday at eight o'clock.

A dead fly in a pot of ointment may give an unwholesome odour to the whole substance, as we are told by excellent authority, and so a single foolish or disagreeable member of a Masonic Lodge may disturb the comfort of the whole body and render himself obnoxious. It is in the Lodge, as in the party, or the church, or in community, a vain-minded, opinionated, selfish man often takes the part of obstructionist. He is never ready to move when the rest of his brethren are; he opposes the measures that the majority favour; he asserts himself so boldly, perhaps offensively, that he often succeeds in defeating propositions and undertakings which are most deserving. He is a grievous stumbling-block in the way of Lodge purposes and prosperity.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

For the current week, compiled from the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* (G. KENNING, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R. A. C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R. X., Red Cross Conclaves; F. M. H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F. M. T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P. R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) THIS DAY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel
1421	Langthorne	Angel Hot., Ilford
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1563	City of Westminster	8, Air Street, Regent Street, W.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H.
1816	Victoria Park	Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park
2192	Highbury	Cock Hotel, Highbury
R.A.C.		
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
Mark.		
118	Northumberland	Masons' Hall Tav., Basinghall Street
	(4th) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.	
780	Royal Alfred	Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
R.A.C.		
1044	Mid Surrey...	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
	(5th) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 29th. NIL.	
	(1st) MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st.	
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H., W.C.
69	Unity	Inns of Court Hot.
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144	St. Luke's	Ditto
188	Joppa	F. M. T., W.C.
1625	Tredegar	Royal Hotel, Mile End Road
1669	Royal Leopold	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2020	St. Botolph's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
R.A.C.		
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. T., W.C.
91	Regularity...	F. M. H., W.C.
1056	Victoria	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
R.C.		
107	Shadwell Clerke	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(1st) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd.	
	COLONIAL BOARD, AT 4.	
7	Royal York Lodge of Perseve.	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
9	Albion	F. M. H.
101	Temple	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
172	Old Concord	F. M. H.
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
765	St. James's	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1257	Grosvenor	F. M. H., W.C.
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	C. of G. Hope Tav., Commercial Rd., E.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd—*continued.*	
1381	Kennington	Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E.
1397	Anerley	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1472	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury
1693	Kingsland	Railway Hot., Highbury
2032	Richmond	Station Hot., Richmond
2150	Tivoli	Tivoli Restaurant, Strand
2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1	Grand Masters	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
169	Temperance	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1159	Marquis of Dalhousie	33, Golden Square, W.
1538	St. Martins-le-Grand	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
Mark.		
315	Henniker	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
350	Temperance-in-the-East ...	Assembly Rooms, Newby Place, Poplar
355	Royal Savoy	Criterion, Piccadilly
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd.	
511	Zetland	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1298	Royal Standard	Cock Tavern, Highbury
1549	Abercorn	Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore
1585	Royal Commemoration	Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney
1687	Rothesay	St. James's Hall, Piccadilly
1766	St. Leonard	Town Hall, Shoreditch
R.A.C.		
55	Constitutional	Red Lion, Leytonstone
1328	Granite	F. M. H.
Mark.		
	Grand Masters	M. H., 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T.		
129	Holy Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
	(1st) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th.	
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
538	La Tolerance	F. M. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
742	Crystal Palace	Crystal Palace, S.E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1351	St. Clement Danes	225, Strand, W.C.
1425	Hyde Park	The Westbourne, Craven Road, W.
1539	Surrey Masonic Hall	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton Heath
R.A.C.		
174	Sincerity	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
181	Universal	F. M. H.
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	3rd Oct	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	9th Oct	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Oct	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	11th Oct	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	15th Oct	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	17th Oct	Ditto
1016	Elkington	23rd Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	10th Oct	Ditto
1163	Emulation TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Oct	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Oct	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	16th Oct	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	8th Oct	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	10th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	17th Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	3rd Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope...	22nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	18th Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	2nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	10th Oct	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales	(?) 5th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Oct	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	30th Oct	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	18th Oct	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Oct	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa	5th Oct	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	8th Oct	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	2nd Oct	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	10th Oct	Ditto
326	Moira	3rd Oct	Ditto
610	Colston	17th Oct	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Oct	Ditto
1388	Canynges	6th Oct	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
2257	Powell	22nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	23rd Oct	Ditto
187	Charity	6th Oct	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	6th Oct	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	17th Oct	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	11th Oct	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Oct	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Nov	Bridge Inn

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	23rd Oct	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	10th Oct	Ditto
802	Repose	18th Oct	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	3rd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	6th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Oct	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Oct	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	18th Oct	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—*continued*.

1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	29th Sept	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	10th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Oct	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	4th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	10th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	3rd Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	28th Sept	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	5th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber TO-DAY,	27th Sept	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	18th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—5 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1242	Tynwald	3rd Oct	Ditto
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	4th Oct	Ditto
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1075	S. Manghold ...	16th Oct	M. R., Ramsey
2164	St. Germans ...	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

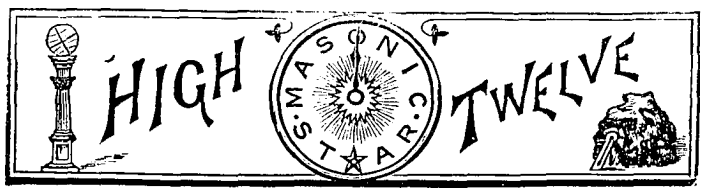
289	Fidelity	4th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	31st Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	5th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	18th Oct.	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	1st Oct	Ditto
1221	Defence	8th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	19th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	13th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	9th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	3rd Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	12th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	18th Oct	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	18th Oct	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MOR.	28th Sept	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Oct	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	15th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	2nd Oct	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	24th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	18th Oct	Ditto
216	Harmonic	11th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	9th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	4th Oct	Ditto
292	Sincerity	8th Oct	Ditto
594	Downshire TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
667	Alliance	16th Oct	Ditto
673	St. John	2nd Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	5th Oct	Ditto
724	Derby	24th Oct	Ditto
786	United Service ...	11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	17th Oct	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	3rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	10th Oct	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	11th Oct	Ditto
1264	Neptune	1st Oct	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	18th Oct	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	2nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	28th Oct	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	10th Oct	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	18th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	15th Oct	Ditto
1505	Emulation TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	10th Oct	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	16th Oct	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	24th Oct	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	3rd Oct	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	23rd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	3rd Oct	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	15th Oct	Ditto
2215	Anfield TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	2nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Oct	Ditto
1393	Hamer	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	9th Oct	Ditto



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

After Lodge is closed, Brethren may find relaxation and amusement in LONOND at—

THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE.
Lessee and Manager, Augustus Harris.
THE ARMADA at 7.30.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree.
CAPTAIN SWIFT at 8.30.
THAT DREADFUL DOCTOR at 7.50.

ADELPHI THEATRE,
Sole Proprietors and Managers, A. & S. Gatti.
THE UNION JACK at 8.
THE LOTTERY TICKET at 7.15.

PRINCESS' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Miss Grace Hawthorne; Manager, Mr. W. W. Kelly.
THE STILL ALARM, at 7.45.

THE GLOBE.
Mr. Lart's Season, October 2nd.

NOVELTY THEATRE.
Closed.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Horace Sedger.
DOROTHY 8.30.
WARRANTED BURGLAR PROOF, 7.40.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Thomas Thorne.
JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART at 8.30.
THE BROTHERS at 7.45.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey.
UNCLES AND AUNTS at 9.
THE SPY at 8.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Mr. Henry Irving.
DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HDYE at 9.
LESBIA at 8.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Agnes Hewitt.
TICKET OF LEAVE MAN at 8.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Edward Terry.
SWEET LAVENDER at 8.30.

STRAND THEATRE.
Under the Management of Mr. Willie Edouin.
KLEPTOMANIA at 7.45.
ALADDIN at 9.30.

OPERA COMIQUE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. F. J. Harris.
CARINA at 8.30.

SURREY THEATRE.
THE GOLDEN LADDER at 7.30.

METROPOLITAN, EDGEWARE ROAD.
ALWAYS A GOOD COMPANY.

In BRIGHTON at—

THEATRE ROYAL, BRIGHTON.
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SHADOWS OF A GREAT CITY.

Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS is to be congratulated on the success which, it appears, has attended his production of "The Armada" at Drury Lane. I must say I have seen at his theatre pieces I have liked much better.

CAPTAIN SWIFT is doing good business at the Haymarket Theatre.

JUDGING from the apparent composition of the audiences of late, it would almost appear that "The Union Jack" has not taken so well as other pieces which Bros. A. and S. Gatti have brought out.

THE fire-escape scene may well be admired by the numerous people who attend at the Princess's nightly.

"THE MONK'S ROOM," at the Globe Theatre, will be produced with a strong caste.

THE Novelty Theatre will be opened by Mrs. Churchill-Jodrell, under the name of "The Jodrell."

"THE GOOD OLD TIMES" is the name of Mr. Wilson Barrett's next new play.

"THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN" is going well at the Olympic. "The Two Orphans" will follow.

MR. AND MRS. KENDAL have purchased the English rights of a German romantic drama, entitled "Urbain Sausnom, the Jester."

PAIN took his benefit at the Alexandra Palace last Thursday, and a good benefit it was.

MISS KATE VAUGHAN takes on tour "Love and Honour," by Mr. Campbell Clarke. She commences at Glasgow on October 8th.

"DOROTHY," at the Prince of Wales', will run, I am given to understand, till January, when a new piece will take its place.

"FAUST AND MARGUERITE" goes on the Gaiety shortly.

"BETSY" is still doing good business at the Criterion. It is not likely that Bro. Charles Wyndham will withdraw it yet, although it was only put on for temporary purposes.

THE Avenue re-opens next Monday with the "Old Guard."

"A PARISIAN ROMANCE" is the name of the new piece which is to be produced at the Lyceum next Monday. Mansfield will, of course, take the leading part (Baron De Chevrial).

MISS AMY STEINBERG (Mrs. John Douglass) has written a play entitled "Our Climate," which will be tried at a matinée soon.

THE Moore and Burgess Minstrels commenced their twenty-fourth year at the St. James's Hall on Tuesday last.

MR. PINERO'S new piece for the Kendal's, which is to be called "The Weaker Sex," is to be produced at Manchester this week.

THE Opera Comique opens to-night with "Carina." Charles Harris is stage managing. There is no doubt it is a very strong piece.

THE Vaudeville Theatre opened last Monday with "Joseph's Sweetheart." The cast is the same as before.

"KLEPTOMANIA" has caught on at the Strand. It is reported that "Aladdin" will be shortly withdrawn.

THE new Court Theatre opened last Monday with "Mama," the English version of "Les Surprises du Divorce." It was received by a crowded house with great enthusiasm.

"SWEET LAVENDER," at Terry's Theatre, is going well, and Bro. Edward Terry still keeps the audience in roars of laughter.

MISS EDITH WOODWORTH'S Company goes on tour with "Bootle's Baby." They start at Glasgow next month.

IT is said that Mr. Griffiths has had the new management given him for the Lyric Theatre, which opens shortly.

THE new piece coming out at the Savoy Theatre will be very strong, with almost the same cast.

THE Promenade Concerts are crowded every night, and on a Saturday night money is turned away.

A NEW ballet at the Empire will be produced shortly.

STELLA.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	5th Oct	Albion Hotel
62	Social	29th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th Oct	Ditto
152	Virtue	19th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	31st Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian	10th Oct	Ditto
317	Affability	4th Oct	Ditto
325	St. John's	17th Oct	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Oct	Ditto
815	Blair	12th Oct	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	10th Oct	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	3rd Oct	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	9th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	29th Oct	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	1st Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	18th Oct	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	16th Oct	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	11th Oct	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	1st Oct	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	31st Oct	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	11th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	15th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	31st Oct	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	12th Oct	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	6th Oct	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	18th Oct	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	24th Oct	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	19th Oct	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	1st Oct	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	2nd Oct	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	10th Oct	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	10th Oct	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	8th Oct	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	28th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	15th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Oct	Ditto
325	St. John's	4th Oct	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Oct	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	2nd Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	8th Nov	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	19th Oct	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	11th Oct	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	10th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	8th Oct	Ditto
541	De Loraine... ...	19th Oct	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	2nd Oct	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	10th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	16th Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	12th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MOR.,	28th Sept	Ditto
2260	Ridley	?	?
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	16th Oct	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	2nd Oct	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	9th Oct	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	16th Oct	Ditto
807	Cabbell	25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity	23rd Oct	Ditto
1500	Walpole	4th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Oct	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	2nd Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	8th Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	5th Oct	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	1st Oct	Ditto
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	28th Sept	Ditto
1794	De Vere	19th Oct	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	15th Oct	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	9th Oct	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	2nd Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	8th Oct	Ditto
156	Harmony	1st Oct	Ditto
159	Brunswick	3rd Oct	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	8th Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	25th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	16th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	4th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	9th Oct	Ditto
1205	Metham	15th Oct	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	12th Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	15th Oct	Ditto
1550	Prudence	6th Oct	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	9th Oct	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	23rd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR.,	28th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	11th Oct	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	9th Oct	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	12th Oct	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	18th Oct	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	23rd Oct	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	16th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	22nd Oct	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	15th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	10th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	9th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	11th Oct	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	1st Oct	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	30th Oct	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Oct	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	11th Oct	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	15th Oct	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	18th Oct	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	2nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	4th Oct	Ditto
359	Peace	5th Oct	Ditto
394	Concord TO-DAY,	27th Sept	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	9th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	3rd Oct	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	11th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry TO-MOR.,	28th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Forward Road
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H. Forward Road

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

The Editor desires that the following List may be taken as only approximately correct. To ensure absolute correctness in future issues, information from the Secretaries of the Lodges not named, or imperfectly announced, is especially solicited.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W.C.
13	Union Waterloo ... „ 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... ... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1287	Great Northern ... at 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. .. 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Hot.,St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(4th) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.	
9	Albion ... ... at ——	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „ ——	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.) „ 7	F. M. H
333	Kintore ... ... „ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... ... „ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone [bury.
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
800	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(5th) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, Lbn. St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
	(1st) MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st.	
22	Loughborough... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1445	Prince Leopold... ... „ 7	Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(1st) MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st—*continued.*	
1507	Metropolitan .. ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
206	Hope ... ... „ ——	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(1st) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „ ——	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „ ——	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring ... ... „ ——	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd.	
30	United Mariners ... at 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry ... ... „ 8.30	Rail. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... at 8.30	Cock Tav. Highbury, N.
1421	Langthorne ... ... „ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1601	Ravensbourne (3rd Oct.) „ 8	George Inn., Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

(1st) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4thth.

Lodges and Chapters, as 4th Thursday in Sept. (*see ante*).

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Our Fund of Benevolence.

WE stated in our last issue that in this we should direct the serious attention of the Craft to the alarming decrease of the accumulations of the most important of Masonic funds—that of the Board or Lodge of Benevolence. Our sole object in this article will be to endeavour to awaken a slumbering indifference which, if permitted to continue, will inevitably in course of time, and perhaps not many years hence, prevent the exercise of that benevolence which is the principal *raison d'être* for the existence of the Order of Freemasonry. Our remarks will be of an abstract nature, as we are fully convinced that there are many amongst us who will so deeply interest themselves in the state of things which render these remarks necessary, that there will be no difficulty in separating presently the aggregation of causes tending to the existing evil.

Briefly, then, let us state that whilst in 1883 the Consols Fund of the Board of Benevolence stood at £47,000, the balance remaining invested at the end of 1887 was but 38,000; so that, in a period of about four years, no less than £9,000 was sold out to provide for the assistance of distressed brethren and the widows of those deceased and requiring help. In the year ending December 31st, 1887, the contributions of Lodges to the Fund amounted to £7,923, and other receipts from dividends, fees of honour, and privileges swelled that total to £9,343. But in that year there was voted and paid to petitioners £10,683, and after paying a small balance of £304 to the Fund for general purposes, £800 as donations to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a small printing account of £34, the balance struck *against* the Benevolent Fund was no less than £2,478, which has now to be provided for by still further reduction of the accumulated fund; so that, what but five years ago was represented by £47,000, will now, or presently, stand at only, in round numbers, £35,000!

Now, before we express our own opinions and those of others as to the remedies which can be applied to mitigate, if not to entirely do away with, so serious a diminution of funds which should increase by interest and the addition of unused balances year by year as a reserve against a period of general disaster or grave calamity, let us ask if the time has not fully arrived for earnest consideration of the whole subject of relief through the direct contributions of our several Lodges? The question at issue is not one of a personal character in any respect. The Lodges are to be honoured and credited for their loyalty in observing the rule which regulates and specifies the amount of their contributions; and the members of the Board of Benevolence and those who assist them are deserving of all praise for their sacrifice of time and the labour they undertake month by month in carefully, and thereby properly, distributing the funds with which the Craft entrusts them. The former cannot, under existing regulations, do more in the way of contributions, and the latter desire to do no less than they have always done as the honoured almoners of English Freemasons.

It is evident that as the income from the contributions by "quarterage" of the private Lodges is insufficient by more than £2,000 per annum to meet the calls made for relief, and as evidences are not wanting that, whilst the former can only increase, if it can increase at all, by small increments, the latter will certainly not only not decrease in number, but most probably will be largely supplemented in the future, some immediate action is necessary if the Craft means to maintain its ancient reputation for splendid benevolence.

What shall that action be? There is a great diversity of opinion in regard to the respective policies (1)—of increasing the payments of the private lodges proportionately to their present "quarterages," for all do not pay alike; and (2)—of assimilating the dues for benevolent purposes throughout all Lodges under the English Constitution, on the ground that every Freemason who can, when and should necessity arise, appeal to the Relief Fund should have previously borne an equal share in its support.

Some years since it was proposed in Grand Lodge to make the payments for London brethren six shillings instead of four shillings per annum, and of country (provincial) brethren three shillings instead of two shillings per annum; and this would, as the circumstances we have

explained fully prove, have met all requirements and prevented the sale of any portion of the stock. Indeed, it would have provided that small increase which we maintain is, in the prospect of future contingencies, absolutely necessary. But, although it appeared to meet the wishes of the London brethren, it was opposed strongly by members of Provincial Lodges, who attended in force and defeated the proposal.

We do not submit that the proposal we have referred to, or any one of the others which have been suggested to us, is the best that could be found. In our connection with the Craft, through the pages of this journal, we shall refrain from putting forth or attempting ourselves to discuss any *modus operandi* as a panacea for existing evils. We shall be content with stating facts and making our own comments on things as they are, and leave it to others to debate on propositions for amendment. This question is therefore left for the consideration of the many intelligent and earnest Freemasons who are the salt of the Order, by reason of their desire to see its truest principles maintained. But, in closing this article, we cannot refrain from saying, and we do say, that the boasted prosperity of the Order will not be exemplified very grandly by the exhaustion of its most important fund; and there must be something wrong somewhere if we get so much as we do from amongst us for the three charitable Institutions and leave the oldest and most masonic fund to die out.

Lodge Officers.

Their Qualifications, Duties and Responsibilities.

The Junior Deacon.

ALTHOUGH the responsibilities of the Junior Deacon in a Lodge of Freemasons are certainly not very great, the qualifications for the performance of the duties attached to the office in a perfect manner are by no means slight. We have always held to the opinion that it rests with the Junior Deacon to produce that necessary solemnity which shall impress the initiate with a deep sense of the importance of the business upon which he is entering, and even more than, perhaps, in any other portion of the beautiful ceremony, is the opportunity afforded, whilst the candidate is in his charge, for laying that foundation in the novitiate's mind which shall make him either a bright or careless workman in his future Masonic career. It would not be fitting that we should be more explicit in our remarks on this head, but such of our brethren as can and will reflect upon their introduction into Freemasonry can easily understand the allusions we make without extended observations on the Junior Deacon's duty towards the candidate for our mysteries. To perform that all-important duty well and thoroughly requires careful preliminary preparation, and herein lies that one essential qualification for the office, without which no member of a Lodge should be offered, or, if offered, accept the position. It is not necessary that the Junior Deacon should have filled any other office in the Lodge before accepting such position, and it should therefore be the aim and desire of each and all of the Lodge members not yet selected for office not only to emulate each other, but to strive to excel in efficiency. Those Worshipful Masters do the most good to the Order who, on their installation into the chair of K.S., select and reward by promotion, without reference to rota, the brethren who may enjoy the reputation of having made themselves thoroughly acquainted with our ritual and ceremonial by means of attendance in Lodges of Instruction or the services of a qualified Preceptor. We repeat, and cannot too often do so, that the capable Junior Deacon is not only very frequently the making or otherwise of the new material, but, when the time arrives, proves to be the most fitted for the rule and government of the Lodge.

The Junior Deacon is the medium of communication between the Senior and Junior Wardens, and his duty is to assist the Senior Deacon in all matters relating to the Master's commands. The remarks we have made in the article on the Senior Deacon apply equally to the Junior, and not in any diminished degree, in relation to the peace, order, and regularity of the Lodge and its appointments. As in former days the Senior Deacon had to "see that the pillar of strength in the west was elevated whilst the Lodge is at labour," so it was the Junior Deacon's duty to see that the pillar of beauty, the Junior Warden's column in the south, was "*not* elevated at any time but when the Lodge is at refreshment," neither before nor after. And as the symbolical meanings of those emblems have not in any way been disturbed since they were first expressed, so should the ancient custom still be retained in its integrity. The jewel of the Junior Deacon is the same as that of the Senior, and the like characteristics attach to the emblem. In the Greek Church the Deacons were always *pylori*, or doorkeepers, and we may still further and consistently extend the meaning of the symbol to the reception of the novitiate within the peaceful walls of a Mason's Lodge.

There is one matter which we take this opportunity to impress upon the Junior Deacon of every lodge, small as it may possibly be considered by many, but very important in connection with the landmarks of the Order. It is that of prompting the answer to a solemn and most important question addressed to the candidate by the W.M. in the early part of his reception. We quote from a recent work :—"The required reply should never be prompted. The enquiry itself leads up to the expected answer, and, following on the solemn appeal which has preceded it, a short pause would, in the great majority of instances, ensure a satisfactory and indeed the only and proper admission. If not then forthcoming the enquiry should be repeated *with much emphasis*, and the reply awaited. Without a spontaneous acknowledgment there is no evidence of that deep-seated reverence and dependence which alone renders a candidate suitable for admission to our Order. A prompted reply is worthless in this instance." We commend these words to the parties concerned, agreeing with them in every respect, and believing that the practice enjoined is not only beneficial but such as we are bound to pursue if we would consistently discharge our Masonic duty. We have not much more to add as to the qualifications and duties of the Junior Deacon which could be published here without betrayal of lodge working; and shall be content to conclude in the words of an address to that officer in use some half century ago :—"What is delivered to you in the *West* faithfully carry to the *South*. To that which is more immediately *your* care be particularly attentive. *Prepare* duly. *Lead* upon the *Square*, and *prompt* like a workman. Your regular and early attendance upon the lodge is highly necessary."

AN INTERESTING EXTRACT FROM LES MÉMOIRES DE J. CASANOVA.

(*Communicated.*)

[I find in a contemporary a reprint of a letter signed "Jachin," which purports to have appeared in the *Gentlemans' Magazine* in April, 1737.

It may interest your readers if you will reproduce in your columns enclosed translated extract from "Les Mémoires de Jacques Casanova de Seingalt," written by himself. Casanova was one of the most noted personages in Europe during the eighteenth century. He was born at Venice, April 2nd, 1725, and made his historic escape by the leads from the secret prison in that city in the year 1755. Probably the following was written by him in about the year 1750. In itself, emanating from such an author, it is a curiosity; but, besides this, a very useful lesson may be learnt by a careful perusal of the digest of a notable character's views of Freemasonry 150 years ago.]

IT was at Lyons that a gentleman whose acquaintance I made at Mr. R——'s house, procured for me the honour of being admitted to the sublime "bagatelle" of Freemasonry. Arriving in Paris "Apprentice," some months afterwards, I there became Companion (F.C.) and Master.

The Master's is certainly the supreme degree of Freemasonry, for all the others, which I took in due order, are nothing better than pleasing inventions, which, though good as symbolic, add nothing to the dignity of that of the Master. There is no one in the world who can possibly attain to the knowledge of everything; but every man who feels that he has faculties, and who knows how to render an account to himself of his moral powers, ought to endeavour to acquire the utmost knowledge possible. A young man of good birth, who wishes to travel and know the world and what is called "society," who does not wish to find himself in certain cases in an inferior position amongst his equals, and thus be excluded from participation in some of their pleasures, ought to get himself initiated into what is called Freemasonry, even though it be only for the purpose of knowing, superficially, what it is.

Freemasonry is a charitable institution, which at certain times, and in certain places, has served as a pretext for intrigues both criminal and subversive to order. But what has not been so abused! Have we not seen the Jesuits, under the sacred ægis of religion, arm parricidal blind enthusiasts to strike kings! Every man of any position—I mean to say anyone whose social existence is marked by merit, knowledge, or fortune—can be a Mason, and many are. How can it be imagined that meetings, at which all the members impose on themselves the law never to speak with closed doors, either of politics, religions or governments; who only occupy themselves with either moral or puerile emblems; how can it be supposed, I say, that these meetings, where governments can have their agents, can offer any dangers of a kind to cause Sovereigns to proscribe, and Popes to amuse themselves by excommunicating them! Moreover, it is to miss the object; and the Pope in spite of his infallibility, cannot prevent persecution creating an importance for Freemasonry which it would, perhaps, never have acquired without it. Mystery is a part of man's nature, and everything presented to the crowd under a mysterious aspect will always excite curiosity and be sought after, no matter

even how satisfied one may be that the veil frequently conceals—nothing! However, to resume. I advise every well-born young man who wishes to see the world to get himself admitted as a Mason; but I also advise a careful selection of the Lodge, for, although bad company cannot *act* in Lodge it can, nevertheless, be found there, and the candidate ought to guard himself against dangerous ties. Those who only enter Freemasonry with the intention of learning the secret of the Order run immense risk of growing old under the trowel without ever attaining their goal. There is a secret, but it is so inviolable that it has never been told or confided to anyone. Those who stop short at a superficial view of things think that the secret consists of words, signs, and touches, or that, in fact, the grand word is in the last degree. Wrong! He who guesses the secret of Freemasonry—for no one knows it who does not guess it—only gains that knowledge by dint of frequently attending Lodges, by reflection, by reasoning, by comparison, and by deduction. He does not confide it even to his best friend in Freemasonry, for he knows that if he has not guessed it for himself he will not have the ability to understand it when he shall have had it whispered in his ear. He holds his tongue, and the secret is always a secret. All that is done in Lodge should be secret; but those who, by a dishonest indiscretion, have not scrupled to reveal what is therein done, have never revealed the essential point; they did not know it, and if they had, on no account would they have revealed the ceremonies.

The feelings which are experienced to-day by the profane—that is to say, those who are not Masons—are akin to those which were felt of old by those who were not admitted to the mysteries which were celebrated at Eleusis in honour of Ceres. But the Eleusian mysteries interested all Greece, and everyone of eminence in society at that time aspired to take part in them; whilst Freemasonry, in the midst of a large number of men of the greatest merit, includes a crowd of individuals whom no society ought to acknowledge, inasmuch as they are the scum and outcasts of the human race in respect to morals.

In the mysteries of Ceres a long impenetrable silence was kept on account of the veneration of which they were the object; besides, what could be revealed? The three words which the Hierophant told the Initiates! But what would that lead to? To dishonour the indiscreet one; for he only revealed barbaric words unknown to the common herd. I have somewhere read that the three sacred and secret words in the Eleusian mysteries meant "Watch, and do no wrong." The sacred and secret words of the various Masonic grades are just about as criminal.

The initiation lasted nine days. The ceremonies were very imposing, and the company very select. Plutarch tells us that Alcibiades was condemned to death, and all his goods confiscated, for having dared, in his own house, to turn to ridicule the great mysteries with Polition and Theodorus against the Eumolpides. It was even wished that he should be cursed by the priests and priestesses; but the malediction was not pronounced, a priestess opposing it, saying, "I am priestess to bless, and not to curse." Sublime words! A lesson in morality and wisdom which the Pope scorns, but which the Gospel teaches, and which the Saviour of the World prescribes. Nothing is important in these days, just as nothing is sacred for a certain class of cosmopolitans. Botarelli publishes in a pamphlet all the practices of Masons, and one is satisfied to say, "He is a knave." One knew it beforehand. A prince at Naples, and Mr. Hamilton at home, perform the miracle of St. Januarius, and doubtless laugh at it, as well as many others with them. Nevertheless, the king pretends not to know that he wears on his royal chest a star with this motto surrounding the figure of St. Januarius: *In sanguine fœdus.*

Everything in these days is inconsistent, and there is no meaning in aught. Nevertheless, it is good to push forward, for to stop half way is to go from bad to worse.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

NOT FAR FROM ME.

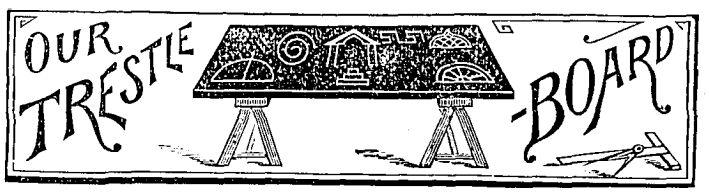
Not far from me, not far from me,
When first on checkered floor
I bow in humble trust the knee,
My Maker to adore;
I bow and fervently declare,
That God is all my portion there.

Not far from me, not far from me,
In Middle Chamber led,
I pass the Mystic portals three,
And up the stairway tread;
I pass before the Mark divine,
Whose light is Masonry's and mine.

Not far from me, not far from me,
In holiest place betrayed,
When human hopes all fade and flee,
And there is none to aid;
And there is none to hear me cry,
But Thee, all-pitying Deity!

Not far from me, not far from me,
These Mystic labours done,
My body 'neath the deathless tree,
My soul before the Throne;
Oh God, through blest Eternity,
Be mine a place *not far from Thee.*

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. Rob Morris, Masonic Poet Laureate.]



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Our readers will kindly notice that our Editorial Office is now at 59, Moor Lane, where in future all communications will be received for Editor, Publishers, and Manager respectively.

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We have to acknowledge receipt of Masonic Calendar for the provinces of Hertfordshire, with thanks for same. There are yet some provinces whose Grand Secretaries have not favoured us with copies.

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A Masonic Service was held at the Church of St. Saviour, Park Street, Cheetham, near Manchester, on the 23rd ulto., under the auspices of the Richmond Lodge, No. 1011. The proceedings were of considerable local interest.

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In our tabulated list of forthcoming Provincial Lodge Meetings, we have selected only those towns possessing at least four lodges. We are invited to include towns having but a single lodge in connection with each. This we cannot possibly do week after week without sacrifice of space and adding considerably to expense. Wait until we are well established by the help of those who wish us to enlarge ourselves! Meanwhile, as "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," we are pleased to note that our contemporary, *The Freemason*, has followed our lead, and now provides for what we have always maintained was needed—a better representation of Provincial interests—by admitting particulars of Provincial Lodges meeting within the week of issue of its respective numbers. This will be very useful if it should reach those interested in time for reference, and may be worth the difference between three pence and one penny.

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Since writing the foregoing paragraph, the W.M. of an important Provincial Lodge has favoured us with valuable information as to names, numbers, places, and dates of meeting of all the Lodges and Chapters in his province, and would like to see the same included in our tabulated list. The number of Lodges is 13, and of Chapters 7, and thirteen towns are represented. Now, we should really be glad to carry out this wish, and also to particularise other provinces in like manner, for whether there be one or two or a dozen or more Lodges meeting in a given town, each Lodge is entitled to equal consideration at our hands. But space and expense, as we have above said, must be considered by us. We make this proposition to our brethren:—Place your Lodge or Lodges on our subscription list and we will find means to give the information which will interest, not only the individual members of each Lodge, but the Masonic world generally. More than this, beyond what we have at present arranged for, we cannot do—and, surely, we are not asking *too* much in return for our outlay.

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In reference to Bro. Woodward's letter of September 8th, which we inserted in our No. 4, and upon which we proposed to comment, the subject has had our consideration, with the result that, providing no better arrangement can be made in regard to procedure in cases of proposed "exclusion" of a member from a lodge, we think his proposal for amendment should be supported when brought before Grand Lodge, as Bro. Woodward states it will be. It is certain that there is a strong feeling in the Craft that the issue raised cannot be overlooked, and the existing doubt as to what is and what is not meant by Rule 210 should be set at rest.

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We have a strong opinion that, present or non-present, each and every member of a lodge should have a voice in so important a matter as "Exclusion," and that means could be found for obtaining a decision by ballot, so as to be clear upon the point that at least two-thirds of the number on the roll of lodge members desire that the extreme penalty it can inflict should take effect.

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Since writing the above, we have received a letter on the subject from a Brother, which appears herein, signed "Veritas." Certainly the point relating to the wisdom and ability of Grand Lodge to frame laws governing the whole Craft is beyond doubt; and the knowledge and experience displayed by its members must ever be above question.

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The meetings throughout the Province of Dorset are held in the Masonic Halls in the respective towns, and in no case at hotels or public-houses.

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The Prince of Wales has granted a dispensation for a new Lodge of Freemasons, in connection with the Chough Musical Society. The brethren will hold their future meetings at Cannon Street Hotel.

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Another Masonic Lodge, the Hallamshire, No. 2,268, was consecrated on October 3rd, by the P.G. Master, Bro. Tew, Prov. G. Master West Yorks. This is an off-shoot from the Britannia Lodge. St. Leonard's (which sprang out of the Wentworth) was consecrated early in the year.

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The inaugural address to the members and workers of the National Thrift Society was delivered on Monday last, the 1st inst., by Bro. Colonel Howard Vincent, C.B., M.P., who has succeeded Lord Byron as President of the Society. Among those present who spoke were Bros. J. K. Rowbotham, M. Star, Jerrold, Dr. Greville Walpole, M.A.; Mr. Sherrard, J.P.; Rev. W. Mottram, and the Secretary, Bro. Bowden Green.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Consecration of the Liverpool Lodge of Mark Master Masons will take place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Saturday, the 13th inst., at 12 noon precisely. Bro. J. F. Callow, W. C. Erwin and Ralph Betley are the three designated principal officers. The R.W. Prov. G. Mark Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, will perform the Consecration Ceremony.

——The Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the county Palatine of Lancaster will be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 13th inst., after the consecration of the Liverpool M.M. Lodge. After the constitution of the new Lodge and the transaction of Prov. Grand Lodge business, a banquet will be served at the Bear's Paw, Lord Street. Bro. John Chadwick, P.G.S.O. and Prov. G. Mark Sec., 2, Cooper Street, Manchester, will give further particulars to brethren interested.

——The Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge of Northumberland and Durham will be held on Tuesday, the 13th November next, at the Freemason's Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the T.I. Lodge Northumberland and Berwick.

——The winter session of the Crescent Lodge of Instruction, No. 788, will commence this evening, October 4th, at the King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8 p.m., and meetings will thereafter be held weekly. Bro. E. W. Warner, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., is the Preceptor, and Bro. R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., the Secretary.

——The anniversary meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 9th inst., at 7 p.m., and the regular meetings are now appointed for the second Tuesday of each month, and the fourth Tuesday in December, March, April, May, June, and July.

——The next Chapter at All Souls, No. 170, Weymouth, is to be held to-morrow, the 5th inst. There will be four Exaltations at this meeting. The next Lodge will be held on Friday, the 12th inst., at which there will be four Raisings and an Initiation.

——The Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Dorset will be held at Shaftesbury, on Tuesday, the 9th inst.

——The Installation meeting at Wareham, No. 386, will be held on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

——The Ceremony of Installation will be worked in the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, at the New Market Hotel, King Street, West Smithfield, E.C., on Monday, the 8th October, at Seven o'clock, when Bro. Berg will act as Installing Master.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Victoria Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1816, at the "George," Broadway, Stratford, this evening, October 4th, at 7 p.m. Bro. J. Bradford will preside.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our Reports and Intelligence Columns *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges* **who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information.** *We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* The Masonic Star, *59, Moor Lane, London.*

*** *The list of Annual Subscribers to* The Masonic Star **continues to increase most satisfactorily,** *and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.*

ROYAL ARCH.

Centenary of Vigilance Chapter—No. 111.—On Saturday last, the 29th ult., the companions of the Chapter of Vigilance (No. 111) of the Durham Province of Royal Arch Masons celebrated their centenary in a manner befitting the occasion, the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Sir Hedworth Williamson, attending the centenary meeting in the Chapter-room of the Freemasons' Hall, Darlington, and presenting the Centenary Charter to the M.E.Z., Comp. S. F. Bousfield. Our contemporary, *The North Star*, gives a lengthy and very interesting report of the proceedings, which appear to have caused much enthusiasm amongst the brethren and companions who took part in them. Amongst these were Sir Hedworth Williamson, Grand Superintendent of Durham; Companions D. Whitehead, P.P.G.O.; W. Logan, P.G.D. of C.; C. Spencer, P.G. Assist. S.; H. E. O. Muller, P.G. Assist. S.; T. J. Johnson, P.G.P.S.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; Col. Addison Potter, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Northumberland; Canon Tristram, P.P.G.H.; B. Levy, P.P.G.H.; Babington Boulton, P.G.H. Letters of congratulation and regret for absence were read from Colonel Shadwell H. Clerk, Grand S.E., England; Rev. T. Randell, Bede College, Durham; J. M. Meek; C. J. Bannister, P.G.D. of C. of England; Charles Fendelow, P.G. standard bearer of England; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Vicar of St. Peter's, Secretary; J. G. Clay, P.G.J.; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.H. of North and East Yorks; W. J. Hughan, the Masonic historian of Torquay, &c. After the Chapter had been closed, the companions dined together in the banqueting-hall.

The Thetis Chapter, No. 122, met in the Masonic Hall, Paisley Road, on Friday, the 21st ult. The following companions were then elected and installed for the ensuing year by Companion James Simpson, J.P.Z.:—John Paterson, M.E.Z.; Robert Carrey, M.E.H.; Andrew Cochrane, M.E.J.; J. Quigley, E.S.E.; W. C. Mackie, E.S.N.; James Simpson, E. Treas.; James Wilson, E. 1st soj.; J. N. Paton, E. 2nd soj.; John Allan, F. 3rd soj.; Thomas M'Lean, Chancellor; and D. Gillies, Janitor.

CRAFT LODGE MEETINGS.

Tyrian—No. 253—Derbyshire.—On the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, Bro. the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, the W.M., presiding, the 103rd anniversary of this lodge was held, and Bro. B. L. Homer Mole was ably installed in the chair of K.S. by his predecessor. The several addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. T. Cox, P. Prov. G.S.W., and Prov. G. Treasurer. The following officers were invested:—J. H. Clarke, S.W.; A. J. Flint, J.W.; Rev. Herbert Price, Chaplain; William Naylor, P.M., P.G.S.B. (England), Treas.; H. V. Edwards, Sec.; E. McInnes, S.D.; T. Carter Wiggs, P.M., D.C.; Montagu Smith, Org.; Edgar H. Claye, I.G.; F. E. Taylor and J. Murray Lindsay, Stds.; and W. Stone, Tyler. Amongst others present were—Bros. E. R. Ware, P.G.S.W.; W. B. Hextall, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. S. Marsden, P.P.G.S.W.; Percy Wallis, P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Coulson, P.P.G.S.W., J. Hassell, P.P.S.G.D. (Leicestershire); C. Webster, P.S.G.D.; the Rev. Herbert Price, Chaplain; Carter Wigg, P.M.; Silver Hall, P.M.; Grimwood Taylor, P.M.; A. Woodiwiss, P.M.; J. H. Richardson, P.M.; J. Worsnop, P.M.; W. J. Piper, P.M.; J. Whitaker Brigg, W.M. 731; J. Monck, W.M. 802; George Johnson, W.M. 1085; H. Beag, W.M. 1495; Holland Rowbotham, P.M.; Orme, W.M.-designate, Dorothy Vernon Lodge; J. P. Fearfield (Long Eaton); Severn Taylor, John Walker, W. Clemson, W. P. Edwards, J. Murray Lindsay, W. Wheeldon, C. E. Peddler, H. M. Hobson, F. Ernest Taylor, W. L. Dodd, B. W. Pike, Melrose, and Forman. At the banquet which followed labour the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and under the direction of Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O., a musical programme added to the pleasures of a very social meeting.

Torbay Lodge—No. 1358—Province of Devon.—At the annual meeting of this Lodge, held last week in the Town Hall, Paignton, Bro. C. W. Perrett was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were appointed and invested as officers, Bro. G. S. Bridgman being the I.P.M., viz.:—R. Light, S.W.; H. P. Jarman, J.W.; A. W. Palk, P.M., D.C.; F. Palk, P.M., P.P.G. Purv. Treas.; J. Bradford, P.M. Sec; J. Nicks, S.D.; J. Hoyles, J.D.; A. Waycott and L. Lees, Stds.; R. E. Drew, I.G., and W. E. Warren, representatives on the Committee of Petitions. Subsequently the members of the lodge, joined by several friends, sat down to a banquet laid out in the lodge-room.

St. Nicholas, Thorne—No. 2259.—The first initiation in this new Lodge took place on Wednesday last, when Mr. C. W. Darley was made an E.A., and Mr. F. Pine a serving brother. W. Bro. Capt. Dove, W.M., ably performed the ceremony, W. Bro. W. Delaney (248) giving the W. tools. There were several visitors present, including W. Bros. Beck (Leeds), Porter (Goole), Wood (Crowle), Mason (I. of Axholme). After the Lodge a Fourth Degree was held. Pleasure and harmony was the mutual result.

The Suffield Lodge — No. 1808 — met at the Angel Hotel, North Walsham, Norfolk, last week, when Bro. W. R. Anthony, P.P.G.Std. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Among those present were Bros. John Dixon, I.P.M.; H. Randall, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; A. Bullard, P.M. 1500, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Toulson, F. Gregory, James Lovelace, P.M.; E. Pugh, H. Milton, A. Wright, Rev. George Sharley, W. T. Sturgess, H. Wells, E. Skipper, C. Barnes, P.P.G.Std.; Horsey, W.M. Doric (Suffolk); C. A. B. Bignold, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. H. Brockbank, Rev. Wimble, P.G.C.; George Walker, W.M., P.G.J.W.; Major Wortley, T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; C. E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., R. Canova, A. King, W.M., P.P.G.Std.; W. F. Stratford, P.G.Std.; W. R. Tidman, W.M.; Thomas Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Samuel Carman, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; W. W. Warner, P.G.St.; D. G. F. Gaul, P.M., and others. The incoming W.M. was installed in a most able manner by Bro. Dixon. The officers were appointed as follows:—Bro. J. Dixon, I.P.M.; E. Pugh, S.W.; H. Milton, J.W.; A. Wright, S.D.; Rev. George Sharley, J.D. and Chap.; John Boyce, P.M., Treas.; H. Randall, Sec.; A. Bullard, D. of C.; W. T. Sturgess, Org.; H. Wells, I.G.; E. Skipper, Steward; E. Hollidge, Tyler. After a capital banquet, the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured; and in the course of the evening a handsome Masonic ring was presented to Bro. Barnes in recognition of his five years' services as secretary, and on his retirement through ill-health; and of a P.M. jewel to the retiring W.M. The harmony of the evening was well-sustained by Bros. J. H. Brockbank, Rev. Wimble, W. T. Sturgess, H. Wells, and H. Green. We congratulate the W.M., and wish him a successful year of office. Bro. Anthony is most indefatigable in all he undertakes, and Lodge Suffield is bound to flourish under his gavel

Clacton-on-Sea.—The annual festival in connection with the St. Osyth Priory Lodge, No. 2063, took place at the Royal Hotel, on Friday evening, September 21st. A large number of members of the craft were present, including 21 Past Masters, W. Bro. J. P. Allen, P.M. 1056 and S.W. 2063, was installed W.M. for the opening year, the ceremony being ably performed by W. Bro. W. J. Nunn, I.P.M. 2063, P.P.G.S.D., Suffolk, assisted by W. Bro. Fred. King, P.M. 1056. W. Bro. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O., acted as organist. The following officers were appointed:—S.W., W. Bro. Henry Finer, P.M. 1799; J.W., Bro. Fred. J. Nunn; Treasurer, W. Bro. John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec., Essex; Secretary, Bro. M. H. Page; Chaplain, W. Bro. W. M. Jones, P.M. 697; S.D., Bro. F. Reed; J.D., Bro. J. Starling; I.G., Bro. S. J. Sparling; D.C., Bro. J. Stebbings; Steward, Bro. Murray; Tyler, Bro. H. Hart. W. Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, I.P.M., P.M. 177, P.P.G.A.D.C., was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the able manner in which he had acted as W.M. during the past two years. W. Bro.

Foxcroft was also appointed Representative on the Provincial Charity Committee. A banquet was admirably served at the Royal Hotel by Bro. F. Wallis, at which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The visitors were Bros. F. King, P.M 156 and 1613; G. Cavendish, 1056; Wm. R. Bloom, P.M. 697; W. O. Ward, P.M. 650, P.P.G.P. Suff., P.M. and Sec. 1392, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Harrison, P.M. 51, P.G.S.W.; F. Quilter, W.M. 51, P.G.S.; C. Allen, S.D. 1056; Arthur Barrett, W.M. 1024; G. Canler, W.M. 1799; E. Grocock, J.D. 1799; G. Redding, P.M. 917; J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; W. Brightwell, 51; Alfred Dixie, P.M. 453, P.G.D.; F. G. Scheib, 1964; H. J. Skingley, W.M. 697; and R. R. G. Norman, 2689. Some able speeches were delivered, interspersed with excellent singing by Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bros. J. J. C. Turner, F. Herolds, Wm. Nunn, F. King, C. Allen, Milwards, &c., and recitations by Bro. Cavendish. The visitors congratulated the members of the Lodge on its efficient state, and on the position it had taken in the Province. It was the unanimous opinion that the evening had been one of the most enjoyable spent by the St. Osyth Lodge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

St. George's Lodge—No. 140.—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the New Cross Hall, Lewisham High Road—Bro. Cash, W.M.—Bros. Burton, S.W.; Hicks, J.W.; G. Brown, Preceptor; J. Shepherd, Secretary; Card, S.D.; Nuding, Jun., J.D.; Pakes, P.M., I.G.; Nuding, Sen.; Smith, Morley, Taylor, Lowe, Burnly, Roberts, Merrit, P. Shepherd, Greenwood, Penrose. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. P. Shepherd candidate. After the usual committees had been appointed and other formal business transacted, Bro. Burton, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Justice Lodge—No. 147.—On Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Bro. Penrose, W.M.,—Bros. Faulkner, S.W.; Whibley, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Prior, S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Borrett, I.G.; Bartlett, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; W. T. Hunt, jun., P.M.; J. B. Williams, Emblin, J. H. Morgan, Newell, Dandridge, Dodd, Millington, Dixon, Leng, Wilson, and Amos. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leng candidate. Bro. Faulkner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in October.

Islington Lodge—No. 1471.—On Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. J. G. Cobb, W.M.—Bros. J. Petch, S.W.; J. M. Scarlett, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; J. C. Yates, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, I.G.; J. Duncan, A. Wolter, D. C. Ritchie, and C. Hillier. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wolter candidate. Bro. J. Petch was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Chaucer Lodge—No. 1540.—On Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E.—Present: Bro. Herbert Brine, W.M.—Bros. Holliday, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; H. G. Douglass, S.D.; C. F. Williams, J.D.; M. E. Stokes, I.G.; S. Renaut, Wright, B. White, Harper, C. R. Williams, and Roots. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Renaut as candidate. Bro. Brine vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Wingham. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. White candidate. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. W. Roots.

The Abbey (Westminster) Lodge—No. 2030.—On Friday, the 21st ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.—Present: Bro. Piper, W.M.; Bros. Harvey, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Boulton, Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Badderley, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Molony, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Brandon, P.M.; Coleman, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Mimms, Dottrel, Lewis, Chabot, Wombwell, Ray, Stutfield, Wake and Goffin. Bro. Coughlan, P.M., having taken the chair, Masters was formed and the ceremony of Installation was rehearsed, Bro. Mimms as W.M. elect. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Strutfield candidate.

The Star Chapter of Instruction—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 28th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, at eight. Present: Comps. Fred. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; Briant, 1329, H.; C. Wilson, J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; V. T. Murché, S.N.; T. Grummant, P.Z., 1275, P.S; Fleck, A.S.; J. Addington, H. 1275; and C. Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. W. Briant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Carl T. Fleck, 1275, was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the excellent way in which Comp. Briant had performed the ceremony of the Second Chair for the first time. Votes of thanks were also accorded to Comps. Whitby, M.E.Z., 1329, and C. Woods, the former for presenting policy for fire insurance, and the latter for presenting "Proposal Forms."

Hyde Park Lodge—No. 1425—On Monday, October 1st, 1888, at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W.—Bro. J. R. Allman, W.M.; Bros. W. J. Mason, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543, J.D.; G. Read, P.M., 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Death, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; W. G. Coleman, I.G.; W. Robinson, W. Std.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1415; W. J. Hakim, W.M.-elect, 141; O. W. Battley; W. C. Edwards; S. Barrow; S. Stretch, jun.; M. T. Tuck. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hakim candidate. Bro. Hakim, at the request of the W.M. assumed the chair and invested the officers. The 2nd section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for October 8th.

Hornsey Chapter of Improvement—No. 890.—A convocation was held on Friday, 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. Present: Z. Comp. W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975; H. M. S. Speigle, 834; J. W. H. Dean, P. 277 and 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; S. E. H. Dehane, Z. 890; P.S. E. J. Day, 1329; I.A.S. W.H. Wadham, 1642. The ceremony of exaltation was admirably rehearsed, and Comp. Chalfont was again elected as Z. for next meeting (Friday, 5th inst.). The attendances at this Chapter of Improvement are likely to be large during the ensuing session.

West Smithfield Lodge—No. 1623.—On Monday, Oct. 2nd, at the New Market Hotel, King Street, West Smithfield, E.C.—Bro. Billing, W.M.—Bros. Ellenden, S.W.; Henrich, J.W.; Renaut, S.D.; Berg, I.G.; Hill, P.M. Sec. (pro tem.); Brasher, Armbruster, Rumball, &c. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Hill, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Armbruster candidate. Bro. Ellenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Berg will work the ceremony of installation at the next meeting of this Lodge of Instruction on the 8th inst.

New Concord Lodge—No. 813.—On Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the "Jolly Farmers," Southgate Road, N.—Bro. Reed, W.M.—Bros. Barnett, S.W.; Ashton, J.W.; Haslip, P.M. Preceptor; Langdale, S.D.; Hill, P.M., I.G.; Cordell, Acting Sec.; and Cordell. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cordell candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ockleford candidate. Bro. Hill, P.M., was elected a member. Bro. Barnett was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Royal Savoy—No. 1744.—On Thursday, 27th ult., at the Blue Post, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.—Bro. A. Verdin, W.M.—J. Thom, S.W.; J. Greenway, J.W.; J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744, Preceptor; Star, S.D.; H. Van Joel, P.M. J.D.; W. Wiliams, I.G. The First Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Greenway, assisted by the brethren. The Second Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Verdin vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Van Joel. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. Bro. Verdin resumed the chair. Bro. Thom, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

ROYAL ARCH.

Temperance Chapter—No. 169.—Comp. Goorge Brown, P.Z., M.E.Z. A convocation of this Chapter was held at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Present: Ex. Comps. Geo. Brown, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H.; Geo. Skudder, J.; J. G. Neeld, P.Z. Scribe E.; Geo. Bolton, P.Z. Treasurer; Henry Bartlett, P.Z.; Julius Rosentock, P.Z.; Henry Moore P.Z.; Robert Jackson, Scribe N.; J. G. Thomas, P. Soj.; W. Sanderson, 2nd Assist. Soj.; Dixon, Dale, Burney, Pitt, Freeman, Kelford, Bear; and visitors: Ex. Comp. James Stevens, Panmure, P.Z. 720, 771. Bro. Geo. Bolton, of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, was proposed for exaltation at the ensuing meeting. Routine business occupied the Members of the Chapter for some time, after which they adjourned to dinner and spent a pleasant evening in social harmony and good fellowship.

THE LORD MAYOR ON FREEMASONRY.

On Wednesday evening, the 21st ult., the Lord Mayor was entertained by the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bro. R. H. Clemow, the W.M., presided; and there were present to meet the chief magistrate a numerous company of members and visitors, including Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Major and Sheriff Davies, Sheriff Higgs, Under-Sheriff Beard, Altman, C.C.; G. Manners, C.C.; Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G. Secretary, and many others. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, said that this was the first occasion in the history of the St. Dunstan's Lodge that they had been visited by the chief magistrate, and the brethren might congratulate themselves in having so many distinguished guests present to receive him.

Bro. The Lord Mayor replying, expressed his thanks to the lodge for the kind, cordial and sympathetic reception he had received. Surrounded, as he felt himself to be by friends, many of long standing, friends who had made him what he was, real friends whom he wished most gratefully to thank, he trusted that he should shortly have more leisure time, when he should be able to be more frequently among them. Bro. Philbrick had truly said that Masonry was not a local institution—it was universal—it embodied the great principles which some day or another would prevail all over the world—true brotherly feeling—an appreciation of what was good everywhere. He comprehended that unity which helped to harmonize and make the world what it ought to be, and what as Masons, they wished it to be. In addressing, he believed, 20,000 people at Stockport, he informed them that he, and those taking part in the ceremony as lawful Masons, had their secrets, but that those secrets were not in any way opposed to the laws of God or man. Therein lay the true spirit of Freemasonry. And the reason why he, when he was called upon some time ago to give up his Masonic Association, which for so many years he had cherished so dearly, refused to do it, was, as he said, "As a Mason, I practice nothing which is incompatible with the laws of God or man, and I shall remain a Mason." He refused altogether to have anything to do with such an act of intolerance, recognising, as he did, to the fullest extent, the tolerant and generous spirit exhibited by the citizens of London in electing him the chief magistrate. It was his intention to remain a Mason, and to devote more of his time to the Craft, particularly the three great institutions of which they were all so proud. He again thanked the members of the St. Dunstan's Lodge for their cordial reception.

Bros. Sheriffs Major Davies and Higgs, having responded in suitable terms, after the usual toasts, the brethren separated, having passed a most enjoyable evening.

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Re RULE 210.

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your impression of September 13th I notice a communication which Bro. Woodward has published in the columns of the *Freemason*, and which is reproduced by you. I had hoped that some more able pen than mine would have, ere this, been utilised for the purpose of casting light on this important point. Perhaps, as no one has thought fit to enter into the question, what I now venture to put before you may not be altogether out of place.

1st. It seems to me that when so grave an issue is raised as the exclusion of a Brother from his lodge, the concise terms of Rule 210 should not in any way be altered or strained, *i.e.*, because a certain section of members present do not (for no matter what reason) record their votes, it neither can nor ought to be considered that by their silence they tacitly consent to such proposition. On the contrary, the mere fact of their remaining neutral, so to speak, is presumptive evidence that they at least do not concur in the proposed sentence of suspension, and practically, by abstaining from voting, give a verdict analogous to the Scotch "not proven." There may be many reasons which prevent their voting, such as, not wishing, in case the whole body corporate of the Lodge is not present either in person, or as in such case might with great reason be by proxy, to damnify a brother in the way suggested, in the absence of their *confrères*, who, perchance being precluded by the exigences of their public or private avocations from being present would, if otherwise situated, have been in their places and effectually turned the scale in favour of the Brother who, in their absence, it is tried to place under so Masonically a social ban.

2nd. It is well known that in many cases in which men are called upon to sit in judgment on their fellows, that a feeling of diffidence arises as to whether some blunder or other may not have been made in the strictest sense of truth regarding the hypotheses laid before them; and not wishing to cast any reflection on either accuser or accused, it is not right to allow such doubts to take a tangible shape in the form of abstinence from voting. I cannot but think that every right minded brother will agree with me when I say that to vote when unconvinced, simply because a certain section of one's co-fraternity desire it, is far worse than to abstain altogether, in which latter spirit, it appears to me, rule 210 was framed, viz.: to give the "prisoner the benefit of the doubt."

Again, what abuses would creep in, (I do not say in any lodge in particular, but generally speaking) were the words "who shall vote" to be added in rule 210 after "present." It is comparatively easy to persuade a Brother to abstain from voting, and thus snatch a verdict against an obnoxious member; but not so readily can any one be talked into giving an *adverse* vote on so vital a question as that raised by Bro. Hollar.

Finally, with the very greatest amount of respect for Bro. Woodward, might I through your columns suggest to him, that though no doubt amply qualified to criticise and improve rules comprised in the constitution of our order, it would be much preferable to leave the whole question so far as *Masonic Law* is concerned in the hands of our grand registrar. Controversy in the columns of any public journal as to the right or wrong of any portion of such rules is against the interests of the Craft in general, and can always be, as in the case under consideration, appropriately dealt with by the proper authorities, when regularly approached. Furthermore, should any revision of a particular rule be considered desirable, G. L., we may rest assured, is very competent to do what is necessary without the interference of individual members of the Craft, who, no matter how high their standing therein may be, cannot possibly place opinions and views on the same platform as those of a number of gifted brethren, whose duty it is to enact and carry out the laws of our Society.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
Veritas.

CHARITY JEWELS.

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I had an opportunity lately of looking through a copy of a report at a Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, to which was appended an account of the Fund of General Purposes.

The following items require explanation, and perhaps you can afford it as well for the information of the Craft generally as for myself in particular :—

Dr. To sale of Charity Jewels, one year, £53 0s. 6d.
Cr. By W. J. Taylor, for Charity Medals, £26 5s. 0d.

Does this mean that the Board of General Purposes purchases medals at the rate of about one guinea each and sells them to those who are entitled to wear them at about two guineas each? If it does not mean this, what does it mean? If it does mean it, then on what ground should a man who has done a charitable service meriting distinction be mulcted in a sum equal to one hundred per cent. if he utilizes his privilege?

Yours fraternally,
September 29th, 1888. Steward.

*** We have referred to the report alluded to by our Correspondent, and the explanation he asks for seems reasonable. It is impossible for anyone to understand what is meant by the respective sums mentioned in the statement of account, unless it be as our Correspondent suggests.—Ed.* M.S.

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother.

Condescend to receive from me "hearty good wishes" for your spirited enterprise in starting a fresh Masonic Journal, and I trust you will meet with that support from the Fraternity which your generous venture deserves. I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
Charles J. Perceval,
Sept. 29th, 1888. V. P. of The Three Institutions.

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother.

In reply to "G. D. C., Essex," it is wrong for a P.M. not to wear a P.M.'s jewel, and he is certainly expected to get himself one in silver—unless one be presented to him, when it may be in gold, or silver gilt. The Book of Constitutions of Freemasonry and Regulations of Royal Arch Masonry distinctly show in the illustrations authorised at the end of each of them what is required to be used, and the pattern, so that there is no doubt at all on the matter. The decorations authorised are, to my mind :—

A Centenary jewel, if the Lodge to which you belong has the right to it.
A Past Master's jewel, if you have passed the chair.
A Royal Arch Companion's jewel, if belonging to that supreme degree.
A Past 1st Principal's jewel, if you have passed the three chairs.
A Provincial Officer's jewel, Craft or Arch, if you hold present or Past Provincial rank.
A Steward's jewel, if you have served at any festival, and had it presented to you; and
A Jubilee jewel.

Any brother who is entitled to any or all of the above is wrong if he does not wear them, because they are the index by which a stranger knows the Masonic rank of the brother to whom he is speaking in the Lodge. And if the Craft has conferred distinction it is a very poor return not to show you appreciate it by providing yourself with the outward and visible sign of the fact known only, perchance, to yourself in a Lodge crowded with brethren.

Yours truly and fraternally,
Zillwood Milledge.
P.M., P.P.G.D., W.M. 170, P.Z. 170, P.P.I.S. Dorset, &c.
The Fernery, Weymouth, Sept. 28th, 1888.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. W. asks us to give a list of suitable *Recitations* for masonic meetings after labour, with date and place of publication. Can any of our readers help us in this matter?

T. D., P.M. and Sec. 481.—We are very much obliged, and you will note that we have given attention to all your esteemed items of information. We have also sent to Morpeth, as requested.

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

For Sale or Exchange.

Calcill's Candid Disquisition of the Principles of Freemasonry, 1769 — *Trewman's Principles of Freemasonry*, 1777 — *The Unparallelled Sufferings of John Custos, tortured by the Inquisition*, Plates and List of R.A. Chapters, 17—. — *Masonic Effusions*, F. C. Daniel, 1819—*A Masonic Treatise, with an Elucidation*, W. Finch, 1802— *Vestiges of Genuine Freemasonry*, M. Margalouth, 1852—*The Masonic Charities*, G. Taylor—*An Investigation of the cause of hostility of the Church of Rome towards Freemasonry*, 187-. —*An Essay on the Origin of Freemasonry*, 1880—*Preston's Illustrations*, 1788, 1801, 1812, 1821, 1841—*Freemason's Quarterly Magazine and Review*, 1851-2-3-4-5, In Parts as issued.—T.F.

Wanted.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787-1813—*Royal Arch Regulations before* 1823—*Preston's Illustrations*, 1772, 1775—*Sketches and Reprints*, W. J. Hughan. First Part, 1871—*Constitutions*, 1855, 1861, 1866—And the following histories: *Freemasonry in Inverness — In China-Amoy—At Bottoms Eastwood—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship—St. Hilda Lodge, South Shields—Imperial George Lodge—Britannic Lodge—Kelso Lodge—Grand Lodge Report, December, 1871.*—T.F.

THE "ALBERT EDWARD" MASONIC LIFEBOAT.—During a brief stay at Clacton-on-Sea within the past week, we had opportunity for the inspection of that handsome little edifice which shelters the lifeboat presented by the United Grand Lodge to the National Lifeboat Institution in commemoration of the return of our M.W. Grand Master from India in 1869, and were much gratified to notice the care and attention devoted to the building itself, and to the craft which has been instrumental in saving life within reach of its humane mission. Bro. W. H. Page, the Hon. Sec. in charge, (and Secretary of the St. Osyth Priory Lodge, No. 2063) is to be congratulated on the result of his services in keeping the building, the boat, and all its appliances in perfect order as we found it, and brethren visiting this rising watering-place could scarcely spend a more pleasant and profitable hour there than by seeing for themselves the results of the liberality of the Craft in this respect.

IMPROMPTU DANCE.—As several of the visiting brethren in connection with the annual festival of St. Osyth Lodge, on the 21st ulto., were staying until the following Monday, the retiring W.M. and the present W.M. asked them and a few friends to a dance at the Royal Hotel on the Saturday evening. Several ladies and gentlemen responded to the hasty invitation, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Cavendish ended the evening by reciting "The Three Parsons" in excellent style. Bro. Foxcroft, in a neat speech, stated why they had met, and hoped such meetings might continue.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

For the current week, compiled from the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* (G. KENNING, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th.	
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
538	La Tolerance	F. M. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
742	Crystal Palace	Crystal Palace, S.E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1351	St. Clement Danes	225, Strand, W.C.
1425	*Hyde Park*	*The Westbourne, Craven Road, W.*
1539	Surrey Masonic Hall	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton Heath
R.A.C.		
174	Sincerity	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
181	Universal	F. M. H.
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington
	(1st) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th.	
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1489	Marquis of Ripon...	Cock Tavern, Highbury Station
1672	Royal Kensington	F. M. H.
1815	Penge	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2076	Quatuor Coronati...	F. M. H.
Mark.		
8	Thistle	F. M. T.
R.C.		
101	Adoniram	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(1st) SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 6th.	
1194	Villiers	Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H.
1949	Brixton	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
R.A.C.		
173	Phœnix	F. M. H.
	(2nd) MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th.	
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
793	Confidence	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.
257	Leigh	F. M. H.
1305	St. Marylebone	Criterion, Piccadilly
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hot., E.C.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard	Vestry Hall, Bow Road
1891	St. Ambrose	Barons' Court Hot., West Kensington
2012	Chiswick	Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2030	The Abbey...	Town Hall, Westminster
R.A.C.		
22	Mount Sion	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate
Mark.		
44	*Florence Nightingale*	M. H., Woolwich
104	Macdonald	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
224	Menatschin...	Criterion, Piccadilly
	(2nd) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th.	
180	St. James' Union...	F. M. H.
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
548	Wellington...	White Swan Tavern, Deptford
834	Ranelagh	Criterion, Piccadilly

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th—*continued.*	
917	Cosmopolitan	Cannon Street Hotel
933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1269	Stanhope	S. M. H., Camberwell
1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1601	Wanderers...	F. M. Hall
1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly
1837	Lullingstone	M. H., Wilmington, Dartford
1969	Waldeck	F. M. H.
2054	Wilson Iles	Swan Hotel, Rickmansworth
R.A.C		
185	Jerusalem	F. M. T.
S.C.	33rd°...	33, Golden Square
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, AT 4.	
3	Fidelity	F. M. H.
15	Kent...	*Ditto*
147	Justice	White Swan, High Street, E.C.
749	Belgrave	Anderton's Hotel
781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Road
820	Lily of Richmond	Greyhound, Richmond
1260	John Hervey	F. M. H.
1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1349	Friars	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
1503	Sir Francis Burdett	Albany Hot., Twickenham
1538	St.-Martin's-le-Grand	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool Street
1586	Upper Norwood	White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1718	Centurion	Inns of Court Hotel
1900	Montague Guest	Ditto
2041	West Kent Volunteer	M. H., Wilmington, Kent
R.A.C.		
857	St. Marks	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
Mark.		
284	High Cross...	Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham
S.C.	33rd°...	33, Golden Square
	(2nd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th.	
206	Friendship...	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
238	Pilgrim (German)	F. M. H.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1216	Macdonald	1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1599	Skelmersdale	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1791	Creaton	F. M. H.
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
1987	Shand	Criterion, Piccadilly
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
140	St. George	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
452	*Frederick of Unity*	M. H., Croydon
619	Beadon	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
Mark.		
86	Samson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

Birmingham—16 Lodges, 6 Chapters.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	7th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	9th Oct	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	8th Oct	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	11th Oct	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	15th Oct	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	17th Oc	Ditto
1016	Elkington	23rd Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	10th Oct	Ditto
1163	Emulation	25th Oct	Ditto
1180	Forward	5th Nov	Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Oct	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	16th Oct	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington TO-DAY,	4th Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

Bolton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	8th Oct	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	10th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	17th Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto

Bradford—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

302	Hope...	22nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	18th Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	6th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	10th Oct	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales TO-MOR.,	5th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street

Brighton—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.

271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	6th Nov	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Oct	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Oct	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	30th Oct	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	18th Oct	Ditto
1947	Stanford	10th Oct	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa TO-MOR.,	5th Oct	Old Ship Hotel

Bristol—9 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

68	Royal Clarence ...	8th Oct	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	6th Nov	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	10th Oct	Ditto
326	Moira	18th Oct	Ditto
610	Colston	17th Oct	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	9th Oct	Ditto
1388	Canynges	6th Oct	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	25th Oct	Ditto
2257	Powell	22nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	23rd Oct	Ditto
187	Charity	6th Oct	Ditto

Bury—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

42	Relief	6th Oct	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	17th Oct	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	11th Oct	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales TO-DAY,	4th Oct	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	25th Oct	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Nov	Bridge Inn

Derby—4 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

253	Tyrian	23rd Oct	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	10th Oct	Ditto
802	Repose	18th Oct	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	7th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto

Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	6th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Oct	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Oct	Ditto
1494	Felix... ... Ap to Jy only		Ditto
1512	Hemming	18th Oct	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters—*continued.*

1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	4th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	10th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Oct	Ditto

Hull—5 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	4th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	10th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	7th Nov	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	26th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce TO-MOR.,	5th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	25th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	18th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

Isle of Man—5 Lodges, 1 Chapter.

1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1242	Tynwald	31st Oct	Ditto
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	6th Nov	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians TO-DAY,	4th Oct	Ditto
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1075	S. Manghold ...	16th Oct	M. R., Ramsey
2164	St. Germans ...	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

Leeds—8 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

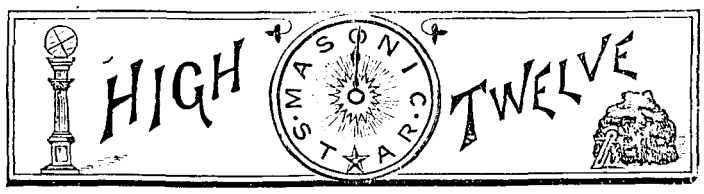
289	Fidelity TO-DAY,	4th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	31st Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	5th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	18th Oct.	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	5th Nov	Ditto
1221	Defence	8th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	19th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	13th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	9th Oct	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	7th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	12th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	18th Oct	M. H., Great George Street

Leicester—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

279	St. John's	7th Nov	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	18th Oct	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	9th Oct	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	15th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

Liverpool—34 Lodges, 15 Chapters.

32	St. George's ...	24th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	18th Oct	Ditto
216	Harmonic	11th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	9th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	4th Oct	Ditto
292	Sincerity	8th Oct	Ditto
594	Downshire	25th Oct	Ditto
667	Alliance	16th Oct	Ditto
673	St. John	6th Nov	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR.,	5th Oct	Ditto
724	Derby	24th Oct	Ditto
786	United Service ...	11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	17th Oct	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	7th Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	10th Oct	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	11th Oct	Ditto
1264	Neptune	5th Oct	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	18th Oct	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	22nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	28th Oct	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	10th Oct	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	18th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	15th Oct	Ditto
1505	Emulation	25th Oct	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	10th Oct	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	16th Oct	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	24th Oct	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	7th Nov	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	23rd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	7th Nov	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	15th Oct	Ditto
2215	Anfield	25th Oct	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ... Ja & My only		Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	6th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton	19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	9th Oct	Ditto



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

After Lodge is closed, Brethren may find relaxation and amusement in **LONDON** *at—*

THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. Augustus Harris.
The Armada at 7.30.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree.
Captain Swift at 8.30.
That Dreadful Doctor at 7.50.

ADELPHI THEATRE,
Sole Proprietors and Managers, Messrs. A. & S. Gatti.
The Union Jack at 8.
The Lottery Ticket at 7.15.

PRINCESS' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Miss Grace Hawthorne; Manager, Mr. W. W. Kelly.
The Still Alarm, at 7.45.

THE GLOBE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. John Lart.
The Monk's Room at 8.15.

JODRELL (NOVELTY) THEATRE.
Closed.

SAVOY THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. D'Oyly Carte.
The Yeoman of the Guard, 8.30.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Horace Sedger.
Dorothy 8.30.
Warranted Burglar Proof, 7.40.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Thomas Thorne.
Joseph's Sweetheart at 8.30.
The Brothers at 7.45.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey.
Uncles and Aunts at 9.
The Spy at 8.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Lessee, Mr. J. L. Toole,
Pepita at 8.15.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Mr. Henry Irving.
A Parisian Romance at 8.45.
Lesbia at 7.45.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Lessee and Manageress, Agnes Hewitt.
Kitchen Love at 7.15.
Ticket of Leave Man at 8.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Edward Terry.
Sweet Lavender at 8.30.

STRAND THEATRE.
Under the Management of Mr. Willie Edouin.
Kleptomania at 7.45.
Aladdin at 9.30.

OPERA COMIQUE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. F. J. Harris.
Carina at 8.30.

SURREY THEATRE.
The Golden Ladder at 7.30.

METROPOLITAN, EDGWARE ROAD.
Always a Good Company.

BRIGHTON—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Sole Proprietress, Mrs. Nye Chart.
The Paper Chase at 7.30.

Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

The Exhibition of Armada and Elizabethan relics, pictures, armour, &c., which Bro. Augustus Harris has organised, will be opened at Drury Lane Theatre, on the afternoon of the 24th inst., by the Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham. Bro. Harris has received promises of the loan of many objects of great interest.

The Drury Lane Pantomime will be entitled "The Babes in the Wood." Bro. Augustus Harris has engaged a strong caste: Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Dan Leno, Charles Lauri, The Brothers Griffiths and Harry Payne as clown; also Walter Andrews, Pleon, Reuben Inch and Victor Stevens; and Misses Maggie Duggan and Harriet Vernon as principal boys, and Æneа as the Fly Cock Robin.

As we predicted, "Carina" was a great success at the Opera Comique, last Thursday. The book is by Mr. Blanchard, and the attractive music is composed by Madame Julia Woolf (Mrs. Isaacson).

As I said in our last issue, the "Two Orphans" will be put on shortly. Miss Marie Lewis will play Henriette as she did at the Union Square Theatre, New York.

Several papers during the past week have said that Mr. H. J. Leslie will produce a comedy entitled "Blackmail" at a Gaiety *matinée*; this I hear, from a reliable source, is not a fact.

"A Parisian Romance" was produced at the Lyceum Theatre last Monday evening. Mr. Mansfield took the leading character (Baron de Chevrial)

Bro. Henry Irving was entertained at a banquet by the Edinburgh Pen and Pencil Club on the evening of the 2nd inst., and in responding to the toast of "The Drama," took occasion to vindicate the actor's calling from some recently-published aspersions.

The Italian Exhibition continues to draw large crowds. The exhibits are still as fresh as ever, and the life-like scenes in the Colosseum meet with the hearty applause they so justly deserve.

Miss Myra May was last week the recipient of a handsome gold bracelet, set with brilliants and engraved with her name, in commemoration of the fourth year of her appearance on the stage.

Owing to the sudden illness of H. M. Edmunds, of the Albert and Edmunds House, the sketch entitled "Jack, the Cat, and the Mill," in which the above troupe have been performing at the Metropolitan Music Hall, had to be withdrawn there on Monday last.

M. Jean de Reschke appeared a few evenings ago in Verdi's opera "Aida," at the Grand Opera in Paris. His splendid rendering of the music of the third act has added not a little to the reputation he so justly earned in London last season. Without doubt he is the finest tenor who has appeared on the lyric stage since the days of Mongini.

The readers of The Masonic Star could not do better than see Mr. Willard in the new play at the "Globe." It is one of his finest impersonations.

It is asserted that arrangements are in course of perfection for the suppression of the gang who patronise "first nights" for "burkeing" purposes.

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" has ceased to be an infliction on a credulous British Public. Mr. Mansfield, as an actor, has far greater scope for distinguishing himself than such a ridiculous play (!) affords.

Oratorio appears likely to have a flourishing time shortly. The "Stabat Mater," "Redemption," "Elijah," &c., will be given at the Albert Hall, as well as works by Cowen, Benoit, &c.

"A Fair Bigamist" had a short life, but hardly a merry one, at the Royalty. About four days is certainly short, even in these rapid times."

Bro. Geo. Maclean had "hearty farewell" from the members of the Savage Club Lodge, at the Criterion, the other night, on the occasion of his leaving for America, with Miss Anderson's Company on tour. We wish him God-speed.

Stella.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

Manchester—37 Lodges, 11 Chapters.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.	Place of Meeting.
44	Friendship TO-MOR.,	5th Oct — Albion Hotel
62	Social	29th Oct — Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th Oct — Ditto
152	Virtue	19th Oct — F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	31st Oct — Ditto
204	Caledonian	10th Oct — Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	4th Oct — Ditto
325	St. John's	17th Oct — F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	17th Oct — F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	7th Nov — Ditto
815	Blair	12th Oct — Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	10th Oct — F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	25th Oct — Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	7th Nov — Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	9th Nov — Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	29th Oct — Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	5th Nov — F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	18th Oct — Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	16th Oct — Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	11th Oct — Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	5th Nov — Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	31st Oct — Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	6th Nov — F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	11th Oct — F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	6th Nov — F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	15th Oct — F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	31st Oct — Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	12th Oct — Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	6th Oct — Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	18th Oct — Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	24th Oct — Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	19th Oct — Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	5th Nov — 74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	6th Nov — 74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	10th Oct — Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	10th Oct — Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	8th Oct — Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.		
62	Social	10th Oct — Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec — F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	15th Nov — Ditto
317	Affability	18th Oct — Ditto
325	St. John's TO-DAY,	4th Oct — M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude TO-DAY,	4th Oct — Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec — F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov — Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	8th Nov — M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	19th Oct — Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	11th Oct — M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

Newcastle-on-Tyne—11 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	10th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	7th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	8th Oct	Ditto
541	De Loraine... ...	19th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	6th Nov	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	10th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	16th Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	25th Oct	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	12th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	26th Oct	Ditto
2260	Ridley	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	16th Oct	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

Norwich—6 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

Lo. 52	Union	6th Nov	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	9th Oct	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	16th Oct	Ditto
807	Cabbell	25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity	23rd Oct	Ditto
1500	Walpole TO-DAY,	4th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Oct	Ditto

Nottingham—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.

Lo. 47	Newstead	6th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	8th Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell TO-MOR.,	5th Oct	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere	19th Oct	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	15th Oct	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	9th Oct	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse—16 Lodges, 12 Chapters.

Lo. 70	St. John's	6th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	8th Oct	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Nov	Ditto
159	Brunswick	7th Nov	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	8th Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	25th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	16th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	4th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	9th Oct	Ditto
1205	Metham	15th Oct	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	12th Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	15th Oct	Ditto
1550	Prudence	6th Oct	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	9th Oct	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	23rd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	26th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

Portsmouth, Landport, and Southsea—11 Lodges, 6 Chapters.

257	Phœnix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	11th Oct	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	9th Oct	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	12th Oct	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	18th Oct	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	23rd Oct	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	16th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	22nd Oct	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	15th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	10th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	9th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

Sheffield—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

139	Britannia	11th Oct	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Oct	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	30th Oct	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Oct	Ditto

Southampton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	11th Oct	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	15th Oct	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	18th Oct	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester TO-DAY,	4thOct	Ditto
359	Peace TO-MOR.,	5th Oct	Ditto
394	Concord	25th Oct	Ditto

Sunderland—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

80	St. John	9th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	7th Nov	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	11th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	26th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H. Park Terrace

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
13	Union Waterloo ... „ 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... ... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Hot.,St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th.	
9	Albion ... ... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.) „ 7	F. M. H.
333	Kintore ... ... „ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... ... „ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave... ... ... „ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.[bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(1st) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Yorkshire Grey, Ldn. St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
	(2nd) MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1445	Prince Leopold... ... „ 7	Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward Mare Street, Hackney.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(2nd) MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th—*continued.*	
1507	Metropolitan ... ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1693	Kingsland ... ... „ 8.30	Railway Hotel, Highbury, N.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C		
206	Hope ... ... „ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring ... ... „ —	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th.	
30	United Mariners ... at 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 8.30	Rally. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... at 8.30	Cock Tav. Highbury, N.
1421	Langthorne ... ... „ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1601	Ravensbourne (3rd Oct.) „ 8	George Inn., Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
	(2nd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th.	
	Lodges and Chapters, as 1st Thursday in October (*see ante*).	

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"May God preserve the Craft."

MAY GOD PRESERVE THE CRAFT! What a heap of meaning is comprised in this simple sentence! From the remote ages of antiquity the craft has been preserved, and, in spite of persecutions by all sorts and conditions of enemies, it has ever been triumphant; ever, as it were, coming to the surface, leaving the worthless dross which has harassed and annoyed at its proper level—the bottom. Many and great have been the stumbling-blocks which have been placed in its way, a way very often without one ray of that light which we all have sought; but, in spite of all, it has lived through, and come down to us from the countless ages. We find it to-day triumphantly to the fore, occupying the proud position it does. Now, looking backwards, and arguing inferentially—there being no effect without a cause—to what, amongst other things, must we ascribe such wondrous vitality? For one, that unity of purpose which ever has been a great characteristic of the members, so far as the craft is concerned; and for another, the sturdy and unflinching front which has so often been shown by brethren of position and ability, when repelling any assault which has been made on our Ancient Order.

In this connection we cannot pass over without a few words an incident which occurred on the 21st ult., at a meeting of the St. Dunstan's Lodge (No. 1589), when our Brother Lord Mayor de Keyser was present as a guest. In the course of the remarks made by him on that occasion, we may truthfully say that he did "yeoman's service" for the Craft. The loyal and unwavering words which fell from his lips with regard to the Order are worthy of being written in letters of gold. We cannot do better than reproduce them here:—

"The reason why he, when he was called upon some time ago to *give up his Masonic Association, which for so many years he had cherished so dearly, refused to do it*, was, as he then said, 'As a Mason, I practice nothing which is incompatible with the laws of God or man, and I shall remain a Mason.' He refused altogether to have anything to do with such an act of intolerance."

This is an instance of sturdy resistance to oppression, and should be treasured in the hearts of all our brethren. Brother de Keyser speaks in no uncertain or wavering tones, never halting between two opinions, but clear and cutting as a trumpet blast says, "I altogether refused to have *anything* to do with such an act of intolerance."

One might have thought that in these days the ancient bigotry of a certain section of the religious community would have vanished—but, alas! this is not the case. In our last issue we published an extract from a work dating some 150 years back, in which the following words occur:—"And the Pope, in spite of his infallibility, cannot prevent persecution creating an importance for Freemasonry which it would perhaps never have acquired without it." Truly, history repeats itself, and "there is nothing new under the sun."

Whatever else our Masonic tenets inculcate—and there are many great and useful truths therein included—the two, "Fear God; and honour and obey the law," ought always to be considered by those who are not of our Order, as a sufficient guarantee that the rectitude of the charter by which we are one and all bound is ever maintained; and, as Brother Philbrick recently stated, embody the great principles which some day or another will prevail all over the world—true brotherly feeling, and an appreciation of what is good everywhere.

Of course, in a society such as ours, whose branches are spread over the four quarters of the globe, there must necessarily be found, as well as in every profession, trade, or community, members who, by sins not only of omission but of commission, cause strictures—often in no flattering terms—to be passed upon the whole body by the uninitiated; but calm reflection should teach that judgment based on unsound premises is not trustworthy, and that to deduce from one or one thousand men's conduct that the system, *per se*, is bad, is illogical and false. In conclusion, let us remind our readers that there is an old adage, "Help yourself and God will help you," which might fairly be supplemented thus, "Help *one another*, and God will help us all."

Bearing in mind the great principles on which our Order is founded, may we pass on to our children, pure and unsullied as we received them, the virtue and beauty with which they are invested, and teach their lips to continue, and in turn pass on to another generation, the prayer in which we all unite to-day, "May God preserve the Craft."

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Inner Guard.

IT may be supposed by many brethren who do not consider the importance to be attached to small beginnings, that the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of the Inner Guard cannot be of sufficient moment as regards the working of a lodge to merit any extended observations. But we shall endeavour to show that, although that officer occupies the lowest statutory position on the roll of assistant officers within the portals of the lodge whilst at labour, much of the order and regularity which should pervade its proceedings depends upon the manner in which his especial duties are performed. The Inner Guard may well be likened to a sentinel placed between the outworks of a military force and its camp, and a similar amount of care and watchfulness is as necessary from the one as from the other to prevent intrusion and disturbance.

According to the late Bro. Dr. Oliver, in his work on Masonic Jurisprudence, the Inner Guard of a lodge is an officer of modern standing, and occupies the position which was assigned to the youngest entered apprentice in the old lodges of Operative Masons, *i.e.*, to see that none be admitted except those who are duly qualified, habited in their proper clothing, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers. He is entrusted with the further duty of ascertaining whether the lodge be properly and closely tyled at the command of the Junior Warden; to report when brethren claim to be admitted, and to require the necessary proof of their qualifications; to receive candidates at the inner entrance of the lodge, and to ascertain their privileges by strict enquiry; having communicated with the Worshipful Master to admit them in proper form; and to obey the general orders and commands of the Inner Warden.

We will not stay to enquire how such duties could have been faithfully and perfectly discharged by the *youngest Entered Apprentice* in the old lodges of Operative Masons, but we can well imagine—indeed, we know—that the Inner Guard of a Lodge of Speculative Freemasons of the present day must of necessity have made advances in Freemasonry far beyond the acquirements of an Initiate. In fact, a mere superficial acquaintance with the ritual and ceremonial in the three degrees we practice would be worse than useless to such officer, and lead him into all sorts of errors and mischances. On the contrary, he should know, even if not sufficiently advanced to be able to work the several degrees himself, what his superior officers have to do, and the proper times when and where their work may, for the moment, be stayed to permit the introduction of members and visitors without disturbance or confusion. He should on no account permit the slightest interruption from without to interfere with the solemnity and regularity with which a ceremony or important discussion should be conducted. And in the discharge of that important part of his duty he should be no respecter of persons. No matter what may be the position or exalted rank in the Craft of any applicant for permission to enter, the peace and harmony of a lodge engaged in labour should not be broken by any concession to an ill-timed demand. The applicant himself, if a good Freemason, zealous for the best interests of Masonic work, would himself approve of and commend the necessary delay whilst important charges and addresses are in course of delivery; and no Inner Guard has yet, we may safely say, been blamed for a strict adherence to the practice we refer to, unless perhaps by some few who consider themselves above the rank and file of the Order, and whose censure is more an honour to the censured than their praise would be.

A further responsibility rests with the Inner Guard in respect to the entry of the candidate for initiation, which, we regret to know, does not at all times receive the attention which is, in connection with what is to follow, absolutely demanded. Our readers, qualified by membership in our Order, will quite understand what we mean when we say that the officer within the porch should thoroughly know and understand the preparation; that he should see for himself that the duty attached to the ante-chamber has been fully and properly discharged before he ventures to make the voucher for which the ruler of the Lodge will ask him before the admission of the candidate. Inability in himself to explain what that preparation is, and a neglect of the necessary personal examination before vouching are, in our opinion, disqualifications for the office of Inner Guard.

The jewel which distinguishes the Inner Guard consists of two swords saltier-wise, and should remind him of the necessity for the exercise of double caution, and for obtaining that knowledge which may enable him to correct errors sometimes occurring in the ante-chamber. For this requisite knowledge lodges of instruction, or the services of personal friendship, are open to him and, if he wishes to qualify himself for another promotion he should avail himself of these before he accepts the position which places him on the first rung of the ladder which may lead him to the rule and government of his lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for South Wales was held under the banner of the Picton Castle Lodge, 297, at the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday. The Picton Castle Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M.M. Bro. Hood-Williams, P. Prov. G.S.O., and at 1.30 the acting P.G. M.M.M., the V.W. Rev. J. Marsden, D.P.G.M.M.M., accompanied by his officers, opened Provincial Grand Lodge. Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the R.W. Pro. G.M.M.M., Sir Pryse-Pryse. A collection was taken and paid to the Pembrokeshire and Haverfordwest Infirmary.

THE "ALBERT EDWARD" MASONIC LIFEBOAT.

A BRIEF paragraph in our last issue expressed the gratification with which we had noted the care and attention given to the building which shelters, when not "on duty," the lifeboat at Clacton-on-Sea. Several brethren having suggested that a further reference to the gift of Grand Lodge, with some record of the services rendered by the boat itself, would be very acceptable to members of the Craft generally, and particularly to those resident at seaside places, we have corresponded with Bro. M. H. Page, of Beach Road, Clacton-on-Sea, the Hon. Sec., who has very kindly forwarded us the following particulars:—

The Freemasons of England, as a thank-offering for the safe return of the Prince of Wales from India, 1869, presented the munificent sum of £4,000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, for the purpose of founding and maintaining two lifeboat stations, and Clacton-on-Sea was one of the places selected. A handsome and durable double boat-house of red brick, faced with Portland stone, was erected in Anglefield Road. It bears on a tablet over the chief doorway the following inscription:—'This lifeboat was presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution by the United Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of England, in commemoration of the safe return from India of the Most Worshipful Master, His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, 1877.' The first boat stationed at Clacton, named the 'Albert Edward,' will long be remembered in connection with many stirring incidents on the stormy deep. On July 10th, 1878, the public presentation of this boat took place, in the presence of from 10,000 to 12,000 persons. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy-Grand Master of the Freemasons, with full Masonic order. The boat was launched many times in response to signals of distress from stranded vessels on the dangerous sands off this coast, and many a deed of daring done by her crew can be chronicled. A sad incident occurred on January 23rd, 1884, when, in searching for a shipwrecked vessel, the boat was caught in a terrific gale, and capsized, throwing the whole of the crew into the water. All managed to scramble into the boat except two, James Cross, the second coxswain, and Thomas Cattermole. These poor fellows were thus lost in a humane effort to save life. A subscription for the wives and families of the two men was started at once, and most generously responded to, upwards of £1,600 being realised. Shortly after this event the old 'Albert Edward' was removed from Clacton, after having done excellent service for the Institution. After a boat had been stationed here temporarily, a new boat, again named the 'Albert Edward,' was specially built for the station, and after having been tried and fitted with all the latest improvements, was sent here during the spring of last year. She is a fine craft, well fitted for the important work she is intended for. Her total length is 40 feet, width 9 feet, and her crew consists of 15 men. During the time that Clacton has been a lifeboat station, the crew have been the means of saving upwards of 200 lives, and assisting twelve vessels in distress. The launching of the boat, either for the purpose of endeavouring to save life, or for the periodical exercise of the crew, is an interesting event to visitors. The boat may be inspected on application to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. M. H. Page, or to the coxswain, Bro. R. Legerton, who may usually be found on the pier. The Shipwrecked Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society has also an agency at Clacton-on-Sea, Mr. John Harman being the local agent.

Our brethren visiting the boat-house will be pleased to notice on its walls a presentation to the crew of the lifeboat in the following terms:—

"TESTIMONIAL

"TO THE CREW OF THE 'ALBERT EDWARD,' CLACTON-ON-SEA.

"Presented by a few Masonic friends, representing the Lodges below-mentioned, in appreciation of the special services rendered by THIS LIFEBOAT in saving the lives of the master and crew of the 'Madeleine,' numbering sixteen souls, on the 23rd October, 1881.

"The Hornsey Lodge .. .. No. 890,
" Royal Albert Lodge .. " 907,
" All Saints " .. " 1716,
" Coborn " .. " 1804.

"By Bro. Kemp Coleman, P.M., 1716."

We may add that both from Bro. Page, the Hon. Sec., and Bro. Legerton, the coxswain of the boat, all visitors, and especially the brethren of our order, receive at all times most courteous attention.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held on the 1st inst. at Coventry. St. Michael's Lodge (1,630) was opened at St. Mary's Hall by W.M. Dr. Charles Davidson. The Prov. Grand Master (the Right Hon. and Worshipful Brother the Lord Leigh), the D.P.G.M. (Bro. James T. Collins), and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received, and the P.G. Lodge was opened. The usual lodge business having been transacted, the P.G. Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. Lodge was then adjourned for Divine Service to Holy Trinity Church, the brethren walking in procession through the streets, clad in full Masonic-craft clothing. Bro. the Rev. Thurston Rivington, P.P.G. Chaplain, vicar of St. Nicholas, Warwick, read the lesson, and a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Bridgman Boughton Leigh, P.P.G. Chaplain, in the course of which he made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Masonic charities. A collection was taken on behalf of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, realising £12 17s. 6d. The brethren then returned in procession to St. Mary's Hall, where lodge was closed in due form. A banquet was afterwards held at the Queen's Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Leigh) in the chair.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

TOAST: "THE MASTER'S HEALTH."

SONG.

Tune—"Here's to the maiden of bashful fifteen."

Here's a health to our Master, a good man and true!
Brother Wardens attend to the Gavel;
See your Columns well charged, and let concord prevail.
Where harmony reigns, none dare cavil.

Chorus—Then let the toast pass, our point left and right
Is to honour the man who rules o'er us to-night.

Here's a health to our Master who rules o'er the Lodge,
His mandate let all be obeying:
He is courteous and bland to his compeers around.
While respect to the laws they are paying.

Here's a health to our Master who acts on the Square.
And his zeal in the Craft we admire:
Imparting instruction and knowledge to those
Who to walk in his footsteps aspire.

Thus our Master's respected, we all know his worth.
And with hearty good wishes all greet him:
For we all feel a pleasure to see him at work.
Or here at the Banquet to greet him.

J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.R. (Kent.)

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN HULL.

On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, R.W. Pro. G.M., Yorks (North and East), opened a new Masonic Hall at Hull, which has been erected for the accommodation of the Kingston and De la Pole Lodges. The new lodge-rooms are over the Lecture Hall, at the Public Rooms. They have been built by Colonel Gleadow, the proprietor of the other portions of the building, and will be rented by the two bodies named.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of the brethren of the two lodges more directly interested, and the gathering was considerably augmented by the presence of the members of other Craft lodges in Hull and the East Riding. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was attended by local representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the whole were adorned with their official collars and jewels, constituting with the remainder of the assembly a resplendent scene. The new lodge premises are situated on the first floor of the building, which used to be called Protestant Hall, now styled the Public Rooms Lecture Hall.

In the course of the proceedings, the Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, addressing the assembled brethren, said: The custom of dedicating Masonic halls to serve as temples for the perpetuation of the tenets of our order has been universally practiced since that happy period when the Craft were enabled to leave the friendly shelter of the taverns, where our meetings were originally held. When the four old lodges met together in 1717 and founded the Grand Lodge of England, which became the mother of Freemasonry all over the world, its periodical assemblies were held in various taverns famous in the annals of old London, where, to this day, the majority of London lodges still perpetuate masonry. The atmosphere of the tavern, however convivial its surroundings, can scarcely be considered a congenial condition for the growth of those higher and more cultured Masonic characteristics which comprise the greatest beauties of Freemasonry. In the provinces, Masonic halls are very numerous, and in our own province, consisting of 29 lodges, there are actually but two that meet in hotels, a most satisfactory and commendable state of things. The Hull brethren may indeed consider themselves especially fortunate in having advantages which few other craftsmen possess. Let me exhort you, my brethren, to maintain the genuine tenets of Masonry in their brightest lustre. Let this temple, now solemnly dedicated in the name of the Most High, be indeed consecrated by all your words and actions. Let no unbecoming or unbrotherly speech pollute its sacred walls, but let peace and harmony ever distinguish the meetings to be held herein. A Masonic Lodge is a Mason's church, and should be treated in the same reverential spirit as the temples of our holy religion. At your festive meetings in your dining hall, where social conviviality is fit and proper, take care at all times that due decorum be observed, and let nothing be suffered to transpire of which an English gentleman should be ashamed. Freemasons must be distinguished above their fellows by their virtues. Our charities are well-known and justly admired, but it is by the personal habits of individuals that the world will judge of us:

"As Masons may our thought and word
With plumb rule strict compare,
And may our conduct stand the test
Of level and of square.
Then let us the Great Architect of lowly hearts implore
To well cement and bless the Craft
Till time shall be no more."

We commend these admirable words of our Right Worshipful Brother to the serious consideration of all right-thinking Freemasons zealous for the reputation and respectability of our Order.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Annual Festival and Installation Meeting of the "Dorothy Vernon" Lodge, No. 2129, will be held on Tuesday next, the 16th inst., at Haddon Hall, Derbyshire, at 2.45 p.m. Bro. Andrew Edward Cokayne, P.M. 533, P.G.S.B. Cheshire, is the present W.M., and will install Bro. Robert Banton Orme as his successor. A banquet will be served at the Rutland Hotel, Bakewell, at 5 p.m.

——The Installation Meeting of the Concord Lodge, No. 1534, will be held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, Lancashire, on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Bro. John Wardle is the present W.M., and the W.M. elect Bro. Edward Parker Mead. The festival banquet will be served at 6 p.m.

——The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216—Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M., W.M.,—will hold a regular meeting at the Head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Flodden Road, Camberwell, this evening, the 11th inst., at 6.15 p.m. Two ceremonies will form part of the business before supper.

——The Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, now meets on Thursday (instead of Monday) evenings, until the third Thursday in March, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. H. W. Nicholson, of Harefield House, Uxbridge, is the Secretary to the lodge of instruction.

——The Installation Meeting of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, will be held at the Saracen's Head, Dunmow, Essex, on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., at 5 p.m., when Bro. The Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.C. and P.M., will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year, prior to which the initiation of two candidates and the passing of a brother to the second degree will take place.

——The Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188, meets at the Manchester Hotel, E.C., every Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

——The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will hold its first regular meeting for the new session at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on Saturday, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m. Bro. John Seex, P.M., W.M.-elect, will be installed at this meeting. A raising and other business will occupy the attention of the brethren prior to a banquet which will be served at 6.30 p.m.

——The first meeting of the "The Starkie" Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, promoted by Bros. A. H. Jefferies, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.: J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.G.S.B.: and E. W. Irving, P.M., at Manchester, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, in that city, on Monday, the 12th November. The consent of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, that the new Lodge may bear his name has been obtained. We shall probably refer to this Lodge in future issues.

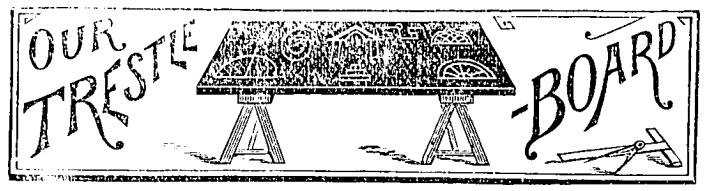
——A Lodge of Instruction, in connection with the Sandown Lodge, No. 1869, will be held at the Sandown M.H. on Thursdays. Bros. A. Shaw, I.P.M., and A. G. Prickett, are Preceptor and Secretary respectively. These brethren have a reputation for ability which should ensure success.

——The celebration of the Third Jubilee of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, Halifax, Bro. Francis Fleming, W.M., will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 4th, by attendance at divine service at Halifax Parish Church, when the Very Rev. and Worshipful Bro. The Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain, will preach. The brethren are to assemble at Freemasons' Hall at 10 a.m., and proceed in procession to the church. The Provincial Grand Master has intimated his intention to be present.

The Copley Mark Master Masons Lodge—No. 111—held a meeting in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., when the Rev. Dr. Smyth, of St. Chads, Headingley, D.P.G. Mark Master, was installed as W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and the following officers were invested:—Bros. Myers, I.P.M.: Robert Craig, S.W.: Alfred Williamson, J.W.; the Rev. W. Dunn, Chaplain: William Flockton, M.O.: G. F. Carr, S.O. and Treasurer: Charles Middleton, J.O.: Bowman, Secretary: Tomlinson, S.D.: Atkinson, J.D.: Thorp, I.G.: Barrand, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. C. L. Mason, R.W.P.G.M.M., and Bro. Barker, P.M.M., of Mirfield. There was a good attendance, including brethren from St. Chad's Lodge and from Ripon, Barnsley, Bradford, and other parts of West Yorkshire. The installation banquet was afterwards held.

INDIA.

On Saturday, the 15th ult., a meeting of the Keystone Chapter, No. 757, was held at the Masonic Hall, Poona, for the purpose of installing His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught into the three principal chairs in due order. The ceremonies were conducted by Ex. Comp. James W. Smith (formerly of Ramsgate, Kent) whom H.R. Highness appointed Deputy Z. for the term of his office. Ex. Comp. Major Lloyd, Z. of Scottish R.A. Chapter St. Andrew, presented an illuminated address of congratulation, and Comp. Sukhia read a congratulatory telegram from Chapter Victoria in Burmah. A grand banquet followed the Chapter proceedings, at which, however, H.R.H., being in mourning, did not preside, his place at the table being occupied in his absence by his deputy, M.E. Comp. Smith. A very enjoyable entertainment, enlivened by excellent speeches and capital music, concluded the harmonious labour of the day, and was greatly appreciated by the Companions present.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Our readers will be good enough to notice that we have removed the Offices of THE MASONIC STAR to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London, to which address ALL communications should be forwarded. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., London, on Friday, the 26th inst., at 12 noon. From a list of 75 applicants 21 boys will be elected, the ballot commencing after the usual business of the Court shall have terminated, and closing at 3 p.m. precisely.

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The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 12 noon. From a list of 63 applicants nine girls will be elected. The election will commence at 1 p.m., or after the usual business is concluded, and will close at 3 p.m. precisely.

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In reference to the foregoing announcements, we desire to call attention to the number of *last* applications in the respective lists of candidates. In the case of the Boys' School, there are as many as *nine* lads, whose final chance must be determined on the 26th inst.; and in that of the Girls' School, *four* children on the 27th. Governors and Life Subscribers of these Institutions are referred in the former case to Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 20, 32, 34, 40 and 49 in the proxy papers: and in the latter to Nos. 3, 4, 11 and 52. Setting aside for the moment considerations of the Masonic connections and services of the parents of these children, we ask our readers to reflect for awhile on the heart-sickness of hope deferred which has been for some period, more or less lengthy, endured by the parties interested in the several candidates: and to bear in mind that each and all of them have passed before the Committees of the respective Institutions, and have been deemed worthy of support. We would have those privileged to vote think somewhat on the feeling of utter disappointment which will attend a final rejection, and, remembering that chances will be still left to other applicants, use whatever interest they may have in favour of those unfortunates now standing, in fear and trembling, outside the portals of our Institutions, awaiting the verdict of acceptance or rejection for ever.

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A question has lately been propounded as to the advisability or otherwise of admitting a limited number of paying pupils to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We do not hesitate to say that any attempt to pervert the original intention of the founders of our Benevolent Institutions should be resisted to the utmost. Our schools are for the children of Brethren deceased, or unable to provide education for them; our Benevolent Institutions for Aged Brethren and the widows of those with whom we have associated under more fortunate circumstances; and to depart in any way from the principles upon which any or either of these Institutions were founded, and have hitherto been conducted, would inflict a grievous wrong upon individuals and the Craft at large.

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We should think that at the present time our several Institutions, and one in particular, have quite enough to do to meet the grievances already under discussion without affording opportunities for further questioning as to conduct and management. It would be a wise step for the respective governing Committees to at once determine that no departure from the hitherto all-sufficient rules of their Institutions would receive attention, and to publish that determination.

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A departure has been made from what has of late years seemed a settled matter in respect of "gratuities" to officials connected with our charitable institutions, and we are pleased to note it. At the last monthly General Committee Meeting of the "Girls' School" a proposition was made for the grant of a gratuity and an increase of salary to the secretary "in consideration of his great exertions at the Centenary Festival, and of his general efficiency." The potency of the reasons for this proposition cannot be gainsaid, our worthy Bro. Hedges having merited, by the display of more than average ability, the utmost consideration from the craft at large. But the acknowledgment thereof should not take the form of a monetary gift from funds subscribed for the support of those elected to the benefit of our institutions. It is wrong in principle. On the other hand, an increase of salary proportionate to increase of work and the anxiety of office is justifiable, and it may well be that the salary of the secretary to the Girls' School should be placed "on the level" of those holding a similar position in the other institutions. The proposition for a gratuity was very properly withdrawn, and the suggested increase of salary granted.

There appears to be a strong desire on the part of very many members of our Order and subscribers to our Institutions that the whole question of expenditure in respect of the several executives should have early and serious consideration. If the gross amount disbursed in these directions is as represented to us, all we can say is, in the words of Dominie Sampson, "PRODIGIOUS!"

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Bro. W. A. Vining, of Mhow, India, is thanked for his postcard and P.O.O. for 17s. The amount should be, for two subscriptions, £1 1s. 8d. Will W. A. V. kindly remit the balance? In the meantime we will forward THE MASONIC STAR as ordered.

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In reference to the letter in our last impression, under the head of "Charity Jewels," we believe that some explanation could be afforded which might put a different construction on our correspondent's assumption as to themeaning of the two entries he refers to. A communication has been made to us, but it is not sufficiently explanatory to set before our readers. Probably in our next issue we may have more to say on the subject.

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We really should be glad to know who *is* the oldest Freemason on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. Can the following record be beaten?—Bro. G. J. Wilson, the present W.M. of Resolution Lodge, No. 111, occupied a similar position in that lodge as far back as 1835—53 years ago. The date of his initiation is unknown to us, but it must have been, in all likelihood, some years anterior to that date. We know that he was invested as Prov. G.J.D. for Durham in the year of his first Mastership, and was installed as M.E.Z in Royal Arch Chapter in 1847. It would seem that our worthy brother, who resides at Darlington, must be, most probably, the oldest member of Grand Lodge and of the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham. Many of our readers doubtless interest themselves in such particulars, and we therefore publish these the more readily that we have assurance of the facts stated.

Notes and Observations.

Freemasonry is not usually regarded as an active Christian agency, but Mr. J. Ramsden Riley claims this for the "craft" in a published lecture lately delivered in the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction. The solid foundations on which Masonry rests, he says, is the practice of every social and moral virtue. "No man can actively take part in lodge duties without reflecting upon the wisdom, the omnipotence, and also on the mercy of the G. A. O. T. U." Mr. Riley has "personally known two former atheists, who both owe their conversion to a Masonic Lodge, and that, too, on the night of their initiation."—*Christian World.*

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The usual monthly meeting of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1,239, Sheffield, was marked by proceedings of a specially interesting character. During the evening Bro. Dr. W. R. Thomas, who has lately removed from Sheffield to Bournemouth, was presented with a massive silver loving-cup, subscribed for by a large number of brethren whose names were inscribed on a beautifully illuminated address. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. Isaac Eyre, in eloquent terms, which were feelingly supplemented by Past Masters Garnett, Tyndall, Bennett, Holiday and Scargill, and Bros. Dodworth and Stokes. Bro. Dr. Thomas thanked the brethren for their expression of goodwill to him and the kindly appreciation of his Masonic, social and professional services.

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MASONIC PRESENTATIONS AT TORQUAY.—On the 1st inst., a number of important presentations were made at the monthly meeting of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 328, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. Past Masters' jewels were presented to the following worshipful brethren:—C. J. Harland, P.P.G.J.D.: W. Wakeham, P.P.G.S.B.; D. J. Allams, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Taylor, P.M. Sec.; J. Grant, P.M.; J. Salter, P.M.; and E. Richards, I.P.M. The presentations were made by Bro. R. L. Mugford, W.M., and W. Bro. Richards having been made W.M. during the past year received a jubilee jewel, the other jewels having a gold bar bearing the inscription "Veteran" in recognition of their services to the lodge. Bros. the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Babbacombe, and Conway Couch were raised, and the brethren afterwards partook of a cold collation, which was served in the banquetting room of the hall by Bro. Harrison, of the Queen's Hotel.

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Next year will witness the first centenary of a Masonic Lodge in Brighton—the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, No. 271, consecrated August 26th, 1789, at the White Horse Inn, East Street (now forming part of Brill's Baths), by Bro. Samuel Hulse, then Prov. Grand Master for the County of Sussex, the Lodge received its name from the Duke of Clarence (afterwards King William IV.). It subsequently met at the Old Ship, where on December 31st, 1800, "The festival of St. John the Evangelist" was duly celebrated. It is now held at the Royal Pavilion, and will meet on the 19th inst.

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The Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire, has appointed Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg, Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies for that province. Bro. A. J. Henochsberg is a founder and a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool; a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London; and Past Principal of the Israel and Joppa Chapters, London.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our Reports and Intelligence Columns *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges* **who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information.** *We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* The Masonic Star, 59, *Moor Lane, London.*

*** *The list of Annual Subscribers to* The Masonic Star **continues to increase most satisfactorily,** *and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.*

Brixton Lodge—No. 1949.—On Saturday, the 6th inst., at Brixton Hall, S.W. Present: Bro. C. J. Axford, W.M.—Bros. A. E. Albert, S.W.; R. Evans, J.W.; W. Kirkland, Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Secretary: A. Jones, S.D.; J. Bott, I.G.; J. J. Newland, D.C.: J. Read, P.M., Organist; J. Hicks, W.S.; R. Poore, P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; W. Death, Chas. R. Cutler, E. Fanning Gye, and other members. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Packer, 2048; R. Ralli-Johnston, S.W., 1777; Chas. B. Cooper, W.M., 449; H. Hooper, W. M., 1986; C. H. Phillips, P.M., 1986; W. Burridge, 1922; Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; H. A. Wood; T. Poore, P.M., Hon. Member; and T. C. Edmunds, W.M., 1507. Bro. Gye was passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Death was raised M.M., the work being thoroughly well performed by the W.M. and his officers, and made very effective by appropriate musical accompaniments by Bro. John Read. The W.M. stated his intention to officiate as Steward at the ensuing festival of the R.M.B.I., and has prospects of a creditable list of donations from the lodge and its members. After labour refreshment was served, and a very agreeable evening was passed in harmony and social converse.

Derwent Lodge—No. 40—Hastings.—At the meeting on Monday, there were present Bros. Markwich, W.M.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randell, J.D.; R. Walmsley, J.G.: also C. E. Botley, P.M. acting I.P.M.; F. Plowman, P.M.: Ald. Hennah, R.N., P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; Councillor W. H. Russell, P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; H. Boyce, E. J. McCormich, L. J. Jukes, C. J. Ticehurst, F. Duke, F. Johnson, G. F. Wood, H. C. Bennett. The Secretary announced that a wreath and letter of condolence had been sent to the widow of the late Bro. Bullman, and read an acknowledgement of same. Bro. Johnson, who had just returned from Australia, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being done by the W.M. with his usual ability. Mr. Hugh Chaffey Bennett was initiated, the charge being given by the J.W., Bro. Allen, in a most impressive manner. Bro. F. Plowman, P.M., proposed as a candidate Mr. J. Taylor, of the firm of Taylor Brothers, builders. It was mentioned by Bro. Mardell that the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, No. 40, had resumed work, and he hoped as many as possible would attend. The brethren adjourned to supper, which was served by Bro. Boyce in excellent style.

The installation meeting of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538, was held last evening at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., when Bro. M. J. Mumford was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. We shall report this meeting fully in our next.

St. John's Lodge (No. 167).—Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W., of Middlesex, was duly installed W.M. of this lodge on the 9th inst., in the presence of a large and distinguished assemblage of the brethren. Bro. Edwin Storr, P.M. and Secretary, was the installing Master.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan Lodge—No. 1056.—On Friday, the 5th inst., at the Portugal Arms, Fleet Street, E.C., Bro. Snelling, W.M.—Bros. Shepherd, S.W.; Shaw, J.W.; Stacey, Preceptor; Snelling, Secretary; Morley, S.D.; Beaver, J.D.; Knight, J.G.; Jenkins, Skelton, Gush, Weinel, Norman, Hill, and several others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Shepherd acting as W.M. elect. Bro. Snelling was elected an honorary member of the lodge, and Bro. Shepherd W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Victoria Park Lodge—No. 1816.—The 15 Sections were worked by the members on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the George, Broadway, Stratford, E., in the presence of a large number of brethren. Bro. J. Bradford as W.M.: Bros. Calver, S.W.; W. G. Norman, J.W.; J. Boulton, I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Thompson worked the 1st Section, Rooks 2nd, Porter 3rd, Hawksworth 4th, Pringle 5th, Malony 6th, Steedman 7th. Second Lecture—Bros. Mansfield, sen., 1st Section, Calver 2nd, Bush 3rd, Pringle 4th, Thompson 5th. Third Lecture—Bros. Norman worked the 1st Section, Vickers 2nd, Poole 3rd. Thanks were accorded to Bro. Bradford for occupying the chair that evening, and also to the brethren who had assisted him. It was resolved that £5 5s. should be presented to a brother who had suffered a heavy loss through a calamitous fire which had occurred on his premises. Four brethren were elected joining members.

The Great City Lodge—No. 1426.—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, the first meeting of the season was well attended. Present:—Bros. Gwynn, Barrett, Tattersall, Hills, Whitehouse, Gaskin, Bromhead, Pitt, Munday, Ford, Owens, and Eisenmann. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Gwyn being W.M., and Bro. J. K. Pitt Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree and closed down. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The Lodge will meet at 6.30 p.m. regularly throughout the winter.

Ravensbourne—No. 1601.—On the 3rd inst., at the George Inn, Catford, S.E.—Bro. Anderson, W.M.—Bros. Lancaster, S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; H. Shaw, Preceptor; C. Atkins, Secretary; W. Smith, Treasurer; Noyes, S.D.; Hardy Smith, J.D.; J. T. Axford, I.G.; Pickering, Drew, Catt, Clark, Shelton, McCarthy, Sidney, White, West, Bolton, Edwards, Visger, Jas. Stevens, Peters, Jackson and others. First meeting of the new session. The ceremony of initiation was admirably rehearsed by the preceptor, Bro. H. Shaw. Two joining members were admitted. Business relating to the Annual Supper, the Charitable Association, and other matters, occupied the remainder of the evening. Bro. Anderson was thanked for his services in the chair, and Bro. Lancaster was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Duke of Connaught—No. 1524.—On Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, at the Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, E.—Bro. Samuel Smither, W.M.—Bros. Baker, S.W.; Gray, J.W.; Catlin, S.D.; Forss, J.D.; Ames, I.G.; Dignam, Secretary; Richardson, Preceptor; also present, Bros. Shuter, Leigh, jun., Leigh, sen., and others. The ceremony of Initiation was ably worked by Bro. S. Smither, W.M., Bro. Leigh, jun., candidate. The first and second sections of the Lectures were ably worked by Bro. P. M. Forss. Bro. Forss will rehearse the ceremony of Installation in this Lodge on Wednesday, Nov. 7th.

Manchester—No. 179.—On the 6th inst., at the Blue Post, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.—Bro. Greenway, W.M.—Bros. Von Joel, S.W.; Dickeson, J.W.; Mar, S.D.; Lichenfield, J.D.; Hughes, I.G.; Smith, 1744, Preceptor; Wood, S.W., 1681, Secretary and several brethren. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whiting candidate. The 5th Section was worked by the W.M. Bro. Williams was elected a member, and Bro. Von Joel W.M. for ensuing meeting.

The Camden Chapter of Instruction—No. 704.—On Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C. Present: Comps. Vine, M.E.Z.; Phillips, H.; Carter, J.; Dean, S.E.; Ives, N.; Collinson, P.S.; Knight, Parkes and Hughes. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Shurmer candidate. Comp. Phillips was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and two companions were elected joining members.

The Star Chapter of Improvement—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 5th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, at 8. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; T. Grummant, M.E.Z.; W. Briant, H.; V. T. Murché, J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Davis, Addington, J. S. Latham, and R. B. Bryant, P.Z. 720, 1224, 1329, P.P.G.A.S., Suffolk. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Addington, H. 1275, personating candidate. Comp. R. B. Bryant, P.Z., was elected a joining member and Comp. W. Briant, H., was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 12th inst.

Southwark Lodge.—No. 879.—A very interesting and pleasant evening was spent last Thursday at this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road, when some forty members met to do honour to their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. W. Beavis, P.M. and Sec. 879 and W.M. 1310, who recently had the distinction of Provincial rank conferred upon him by the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M. 879, occupied the chair, and alluded to the indefatigable and willing manner in which Bro. Beavis had given instruction to the brethren attending the Lodge, and how delighted they all were when they heard of the well-deserved honour he had received; an honour which the brethren of the Southwark Lodge appreciated very highly, as it was the first time that either of its members had attained that distinction. In addressing Bro. Beavis, Bro. Martin explained how unanimous the brethren were in their desire to mark, in some slight manner, their high estimation of his invariable courtesy and kindness on all occasions, and they thought they could not do better than present him with the full dress clothing of Grand Pursuivant of Middlesex, and in investing him with it, on behalf of the subscribers, he assured him of their earnest desire for his long-continued health and happiness, and their hope that for many years to come he would wear the clothing with kindly thoughts of the esteem and regard in which he was held by all the brethren of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Beavis, who, on rising to respond, met with quite an ovation, thanked the brethren for their very valuable and appropriate gift, and assured them that he appreciated very highly the kind feelings which had been just expressed towards him. It was always a pleasure to him to be of service to any member of the Lodge, and the many happy hours he had spent in it, and the invariable kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren, would ever be in his recollection. The handsome gift they had been pleased to bestow upon him that evening he should consider a tie of affection to the Lodge he was so proud of, and for which he had worked with so much pleasure, and he should always wear it with pride and gratification. Bro. Beavis resumed his seat amidst hearty congratulations. The apron (which, together with the collar and gauntlets) was enclosed in a handsome leather case, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. Beavis, P.M., and Sec. 879, and W.M. 1310, Provincial Grand Pursuivant, Middlesex, by the members of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor, 4th October, 1888."

The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Howden, Yorks, East Riding, on Monday, the 1st inst., by R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, P.G.W., Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Amongst the brethren present were: Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G.S.; Tesseyman, P.P.G.T.; Beevers, P.P.G. Supt. Works; G. H. Anderton, P.P.G., Standard Bearer; Rev. W. Hutchinson, M.A., P.P.G.C.; Rev. W. Booth, P.P.G.C.; Rev. G. L. M. Rees, P.G.C.; H. Green, P.P.G.R.; Lieut.-Col. Storry, P.P.G.S.D.; H. B. Anderson, P.P.S.W.; Rev. G. S. Dunbar, P.P.G.C., West Yorks; H. T. Gardiner, P.P.G.A.D.C.; the Worshipful Masters of several lodges at Hull, Goole, and other towns in North and East Yorkshire, and many others. They were met by Bro. Robert Briggs, W.M. of the Howden St. Cuthbert's Lodge. The ceremony was performed with full Masonic honours. Bro. Orde Powlett gave a short address, in which he referred to the very pleasing circumstances under which they were met, and expressed the hope that the blessing of the Great Architect of the universe would rest upon their work that day. A luncheon was subsequently held at the Barman's Hotel, Bro. Robert Briggs, W.M., presiding.

PRESS EXCHANGES.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of *Freemason; Freemason's Chronicle; Masonic Review*, Cincinnatti, for Sept.; *Liberal Freemason*, Boston, Mass., for Sept.; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianopolis, for Sept.

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To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother.

I have read, with a great deal of painful interest, your article of last week on the subject of the Benevolent Fund. Assuming the figures you give to be correct, it appears that the shrinkage of what is practically the reserve fund does not arise from any sudden and unforeseen call upon it, but has been, and is, of a steady and regular nature. Since 1883 it would appear that, like the pertinacious ticking of an automatic clock, account after account has been presented by the Executive, each one showing deficit upon deficit; and this in face of the great accretion of new lodges and new brethren to the Order during the period alluded to. Now, it does not require the arithmetical genius of Cocker to calculate how long the £37,000 now in hand will last, should the experiences of the last five years be continued. It therefore behoves all those whom it may concern to face the difficulty forthwith, by devising, and at once carrying into effect, some drastic scheme of reform. There may be many who will think as I do in the matter—that two courses only exist, one of which *must* be adopted, *i.e.*, either increase quarterage from lodges in the manner you say has been already suggested, but spurned; or, a reduction of payments to deserving applicants for the benefits of the fund to such figures as will at the end of every quarter leave something to the good in the account, and not trench on what is really its backbone. The first of these schemes seems to me preferable: the trifling increase of two shillings for London, and one shilling for country brethren, per annum, I cannot but think would be readily agreed to by all. You state that this proposal was defeated when made *some years* ago by provincial brethren. Perhaps, as things have gone from bad to worse since that time, a similar suggestion would now be supported.

In the case of reduction of grants, that is a detail which I think can only be dealt with by the Board itself, and I only mention it as an alternative, in case the sums on the credit side of the account are not increased, to make the figures balance—for balanced they must be, as every day brings us nearer to the inevitable.

I think, Sir, much praise is due to you for having placed before your readers this grave matter in so clear a light. It ought to have been done long ago.

May I, in conclusion, ask you to note the following items which I perceive in the report of the United Grand Lodge at a quarterly communication held on the 7th March this year, and which seem to me curious!

On page 357 I find the following:—"By Benjamin Young, for writing warrants and patents, one quarter, £16 3s." On page 359 I find scheduled to office staff with their salaries; these in the aggregate amount to £2,600 per annum. It appears to be a very negative compliment to these gentlemen, as well as wrong in essence, that the work of writing warrants, &c., has to be done by some-one outside the office, and in face of such heavy salaries cause this charge on the funds.

Surely there is some one amongst them whose caligraphy is good enough for such work! If not—all I can say is there ought to be.

I fear I have already trespassed too much on your space, and so will reserve for another occasion some other points to which I wish to draw your readers' attention, and beg to subscribe myself

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

Agere Non Loqui.

RULE 210.

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother.

I, last week, addressed to you a communication on above rule, which appears in your issue of Thursday last. I have since then had the privilege of perusing, in the *Freemason* of Saturday last, a letter, signed "Lex Scripta," on the subject.

I note with pleasure that the writer of such letter is practically at one with me, but some of his conclusions seem wide of the mark.

He commences by admitting that there is nothing in the Constitutions to compel a Brother either to vote or to leave the Lodge. Good! but why then import either Bro. Robertson's or Dr. Oliver's disquisitions and discussions into the matter! Such appears to me to be *ultra vires*.

Nothing, to my mind, could be more fair or proper than his statement that, of those who hear the question of exclusion discussed, and practically, by not voting, admit their non-conviction, should be counted as negatively voting in favour of the accused, and the figurative instances he adduces are cogent proofs of the wise forethought of those who framed Rule 210.

The next point in which I join issue with "Lex Scripta" is this. He says: "Refusal to vote in the affirmative is a plain proof either that they do *not* consider the complainant has proved his case, or else *that they are unwilling to inflict such an extreme sentence as exclusion.*"

No; I do not conceive that such a factor as unwillingness to inflict just punishment exists in Craft Lodges.

The members are far too fair for this, and, being true to themselves, cannot necessarily be false to others; this they would be, were they to place their own personal feelings in front of what is due to their fellow-members.

It is, as I said last week, and as "Lex Scripta" repeats, simply the Scotch verdict, "Not proven," which non-voters give on this vital (personal) question; and no other feeling is, or ought to be, brought into the matter.

Pray pardon my troubling you with these remarks, but I feel that so many may be led to do an unwitting wrong through false notions on this subject to some brother who may incur the ill-will or displeasure of some other brother, that I ask you to present the foregoing views on the subject for their careful and friendly perusal.

Faithfully and fraternally yours.

Veritas.

JEWELS.

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother.

Will Bro. Milledge kindly give his authority for his assertion in your last issue, that a P.M. Jewel if *purchased* by the wearer, should be of *silver*, but, if *presented* to him, of gold or silver gilt! This is quite new to me and other brethren to whose attention I have called the letter. If there is any such authority, I fear there are many hundreds of P.M.'s who are quite ignorantly infringing it, and many hundreds who will continue to do so in the future.

Yours fraternally,

8th Oct., 1888. Aspirant.

Re MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of The Masonic Star.

Dear Sir and Brother.

It is a well-known fact that large sums of money are subscribed to the three Masonic Charities by Benevolent Associations which otherwise would never be obtained. These Associations, as a rule, when being formed, choose one of their best members as Secretary, upon whom falls the heat and burden of the work: a great deal of the success which follows is due almost entirely to his influence and tact. Now, what I wish to call attention to, is the fact that he does not receive any recognition from head-quarters, and after all his work is done, he is not even thanked: at least I have not yet heard any letter read at any meeting at the close of an Association to that effect. I am strongly of opinion that the services rendered by these brethren should be recognised by the Charities, by making them either Life Governors or Life Subscribers, this being the least they are entitled to. Is it possible to bring the matter forward in such a way as it may be fairly discussed and decided!

We know that the Secretaries of the three Charities are well rewarded for what they do, but where would they be without the help of the said brethren: and surely, if they are rewarded, the Secretary of the Benevolent Association should also be in some degree. It would be doing a great service if you would open your columns to a free discussion of the case on its merits. Allow me to say that I am not a Secretary of an Association.

Yours truly and fraternally,

Junior Warden.

Answers to Correspondents.

A. E. L., New Wandsworth.—Your favour of the 3rd received, and will be considered. We shall probably discuss the question you propound in a special article at an early date. Meanwhile, we respectfully submit to you that you are quite mistaken in your views on the subject.

W. H. Pope, Secretary, No. 1785.—Thanks for your letter, which we do not publish. The subject is having our earnest attention, as you will observe in the next Number.

Life Governor.—We are cordially with you in regard to your observations relating to the Masonic Charities in so far as principle is concerned: but they unfortunately point unmistakeably to an individual, and we will not at any time admit in our pages any attack on persons. Sorry to decline the letter of so good a friend; but we have laid down a rule for our guidance and must adhere to it.

A.H., Southsea.—We quite agree—but *que veulez vous?* We must set our sails to meet the prevailing wind. In a week or two probably you will see the effect of your letter. Meanwhile let us state that in reference to your enquiry as to the working of the Fifteen Sections lately at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, the questions were all put by the presiding W.M., and the answers given by the respective brethren named. We were under the impression that *all* Freemasons who knew anything of Masonic working knew that this is the order of tuition in a Lodge of Instruction.

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

*** *In answer to several enquiries we desire to state that this column will be open to all subscribers to* THE MASONIC STAR *without charge, for the present at any rate. We wish to see whether or not it is of use for the purpose intended before we make any definite arrangement as to its continuance.*—ED. M.S.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Calcill's Candid Disquisition of the Principles of Freemasonry, 1769 — *Trewman's Principles of Freemasonry*, 1777 — *The Unparalleled Sufferings of John Custos, tortured by the Inquisition*, Plates and List of R.A. Chapters, 17—. — *Masonic Effusions*, F. C. Daniel, 1819—*A Masonic Treatise, with an Elucidation*, W. Finch, 1802— *Vestiges of Genuine Freemasonry*, M. Margalouth, 1852—*The Masonic Charities*, G. Taylor—*An Investigation of the cause of hostility of the Church of Rome towards Freemasonry*, 187-.—*An Essay on the Origin of Freemasonry*, 1880—*Preston's Illustrations*, 1788, 1801, 1812, 1821, 1841—*Freemason's Quarterly Magazine and Review*, 1851-2-3-4-5, In Parts as issued.—T.F.

Speculative Masonry, J. Yarker — *History and Articles of Masonry*, M. Cooke—*Masonic Vocal Manual*, W. Garforth, 1852—*Lectures on Freemasonry*, G. D. Goodyear, 1864—*Lyre Maçonnique*, J. A. Jacquelin, 1811—*Code des Francmaçons*, 1830—*Masonic Miscellanies*, S. Jones, 1797—*The Anti-Christian Character of Freemasonry*, M. C. Trevilian, 1849 (supposed)—R. A. Apron and Sash, 13s. 6d.; Mark Apron, 6s. 3d.; Ditto, 4s. 6d.—BELL.

FOR SALE (CHEAP).—*Gould's History of Freemasonry*, bound in red morocco—A Royal Arch-Principal's Apron—A Royal Arch Jewel.—TEMPLAR.

WANTED.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787-1813—*Royal Arch Regulations before* 1823—*Preston's Illustrations*, 1772, 1775—*Sketches and Reprints*, W. J. Hughan. First Part, 1871—*Constitutions*, 1855, 1861, 1866—And the following histories: *Freemasonry in Inverness — In China-Amoy—At Bottoms Eastwood—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship—St. Hilda Lodge, South Shields—Imperial George Lodge—Britannic Lodge—Kelso Lodge—Grand Lodge Report, December*, 1871.—T.F.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787, 1800, 1801, 1813—*G. L. Constitutions*, 1855, '61, '65, '66, '67, 8vo.—*Royal Arch Regulations*, 1864, 1879—*Proceedings of Grand Lodge*, December, 1871.—BELL.

In a summons for a lodge about to meet we find that part of the work is "to initiate *Mr.* —— and —— *Esq.*" Is there so great a difference of social position between these gentlemen that they cannot be introduced into Freemasonry "on the level"?

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

For the current week, compiled from the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* (G. KENNING, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th.	
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
238	Pilgrim (German)	F. M. H.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1216	Macdonald ... ... at 6.15...	1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1599	Skelmersdale	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1791	Creaton	F. M. H.
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
1987	Shand	Criterion, Piccadilly
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
140	St. George	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
452	Frederick of Unity	M. H., Croydon
619	Beadon	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
Mark.		
86	Samson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th.	
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1201	Eclectric	F. M. H.
1559	New Cross	Ship Hot., Greenwich
R.A.C.		
33	Brittannic	F. M. H.
569	Fitzroy	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd. Qrs., City Road
Mark.		
144	Grosvenor	Café Royal, Regent Street
	(2nd) SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 13th.	
1426	The Great City	Cannon Street Hotel
1607	Loyalty	London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1637	Unity	Railway Hot., Harrow Station
1671	Mizpah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton
1743	Perseverance	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.
1964	Clerkenwell	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A.C.		
1297	West Kent	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1397	Anerley	Ditto
	(3rd) MONDAY, OCTOBER 15th.	
21	Emulation	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
185	Tranquility	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
720	Panmure	Balham Hot., Balham
862	Whittington	F. M. H.
901	City of London	Guildhall Tavern
907	Royal Albert	F. M. H.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly
1657	Aldersgate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1728	Temple Bar	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
R.A.C.		
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
Mark.		
173	Temple	Green Dragon, Stepney

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th.	
	BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, AT 4.	
30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
255	Harmony	Greyhound, Richmond
435	Salisbury	F. M. H.
1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1420	Earl Spencer	Craven Hot., Lavender Hill, S.W.
1695	New Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
2021	Queen's Westminster	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C. (?)
2045	Wharton	Willesden, Middx. (?)
2146	Surbiton	M. H., Surbiton, S.W.
2191	Anglo-American	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
11	Enoch	F. M. H.
19	Mount Sinai	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
186	Industry	F. M. H.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th.	
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
174	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
619	Beadon	Greyhound Hot., Dulwich
1044	Wandsworth	Town Hall, Wandsworth
1150	Buckingham and Chandos ...	F. M. H.
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1624	Eccleston	Criterion, Piccadilly
1677	Crusaders	Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1716	All Saints	Town Hall, Poplar
R.A.C.		
141	Faith	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel
	(3rd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th.	
	HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.	
49	Gibon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
169	Temperance	White Swan Hot., High St., Deptford
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1159	South Norwood	Public Hall, So. Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1681	Londesboro'	8, Air Street, Regent Street, W.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
217	Stability	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
Mark.		
	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

Birmingham—16 Lodges, 6 Chapters.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	7th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	16th Oct	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	13th Nov	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	12th Nov	Ditto
739	Temperance TO-DAY,	11th Oct	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	15th Oct	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	17th Oc	Ditto
1016	Elkington	23rd Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	14th Nov	Ditto
1163	Emulation	25th Oct	Ditto
1180	Forward	5th Nov	Ditto
1474	Israel	12th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	16th Oct	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

Bolton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	14th Nov	Ditto
221	St. John	17th Oct	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Oct	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto

Bradford—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

302	Hope...	22nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	18th Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	6th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	14th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street

Brighton—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.

271	Royal Clarence ...	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	6th Nov	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick T-DY.,	11th Oct	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	3rd Nov	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	30th Oct	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	18th Oct	Ditto
1947	Stanford	14th Nov	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Oct	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel

Bristol—9 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

68	Royal Clarence ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	6th Nov	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	14th Nov	Ditto
326	Moira	18th Oct	Ditto
610	Colston	17th Oct	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	13th Nov	Ditto
1388	Canynges	3rd Nov	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	25th Oct	Ditto
2257	Powell	22nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	23rd Oct	Ditto
187	Charity	1st Nov	Ditto

Bury—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

42	Relief	15th Nov	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	17th Oct	Bridge Inn
191	St. John TO-DAY,	11th Oct	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	1st Nov	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	25th Oct	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Nov	Bridge Inn

Derby—4 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

253	Tyrian	23rd Oct	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	14th Nov	Ditto
802	Repose	18th Oct	Ditto
1085	Hartington	7th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Faith	17th Oct	Ditto

Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Oct	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Oct	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	18th Oct	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters—*continued.*

1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	14th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Oct	Ditto

Hull—5 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

57	Humber	18th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	24th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	7th Nov	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	26th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	25th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	18th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

Isle of Man—5 Lodges, 1 Chapter.

1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	16th Oct	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	31st Oct	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	6th Nov	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	1st Nov	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	12th Nov	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

Leeds—8 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

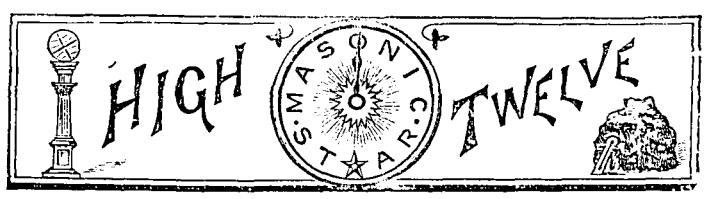
289	Fidelity	1st Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	31st Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	2nd Nov	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	18th Oct.	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	5th Nov	Ditto
1221	Defence	12th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	19th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	13th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	13th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	7th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	18th Oct	M. H., Great George Street

Leicester—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

279	St. John's	7th Nov	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	18th Oct	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	13th Nov	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	15th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

Liverpool—34 Lodges, 15 Chapters.

32	St. George's ...	24th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	18th Oct	Ditto
216	Harmonic TO-DAY,	11th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	13th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	1st Nov	Ditto
292	Sincerity	12th Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	25th Oct	Ditto
667	Alliance	16th Oct	Ditto
673	St. John	6th Nov	Ditto
680	Sefton	2nd Nov	Ditto
724	Derby	24th Oct	Ditto
786	United Service TO-DAY,	11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	17th Oct	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	7th Nov	Ditto
1094	Temple	14th Nov	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	11th Oct	Ditto
1264	Neptune	5th Nov	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	18th Oct	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	22nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	28th Oct	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	14th Nov	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	18th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	15th Oct	Ditto
1505	Emulation	25th Oct	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	14th Nov	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	16th Oct	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	24th Oct	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	7th Nov	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	23rd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	7th Nov	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	15th Oct	Ditto
2215	Anfield	25th Oct	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	6th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
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823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	13th Nov	Ditto



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

After Lodge is closed, Brethren may find relaxation and amusement in

LONDON *at*—

THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE.
Lessee and Manager, Bro. Augustus Harris.
THE ARMADA at 7.30.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree.
CAPTAIN SWIFT at 8.30. THAT DREADFUL DOCTOR at 7.50.

ADELPHI THEATRE.
Sole Proprietors and Managers, Bros. A. & S. Gatti.
THE UNION JACK at 8. THE LOTTERY TICKET at 7.15.

THE GLOBE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. John Lart.
THE MONK'S ROOM at 8.15.

SAVOY THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. D'Oyly Carte.
THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD, 8.30.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Horace Sedger.
DOROTHY 8.30. WARRANTED BURGLAR PROOF, 7.40.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Thomas Thorne.
JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART at 8.30. THE BROTHERS at 7.45.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey.
UNCLES AND AUNTS at 9. THE SPY at 8.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Mr. Henry Irving.
A PARISIAN ROMANCE at 8.45. LESBIA at 7.45.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Lessee and Manageress, Agnes Hewitt.
KITCHEN LOVE at 7.15. TICKET OF LEAVE MAN at 8.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Bro. Edward Terry.
SWEET LAVENDER at 8.30.

OPERA COMIQUE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. F. J. Harris.
CARINA at 8.30.

BRIGHTON—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Sole Proprietress, Mrs. Nye Chart.
THE PAPER CHASE at 7.30.

LIVERPOOL—

ROYAL COURT THEATRE.
Proprietors, The Carl Rosa Opera Company.
THE QUEEN'S SHILLING, &c.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Manageress, Miss Fanny Josephs.
KLEPTOMANIA.

MANCHESTER—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Lessee, Captain Bainbridge.
PRIVATE SECRETARY.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. Ramsay.
DOROTHY.

LEEDS—

GRAND THEATRE.
Lessee, Mr. Wilson Barrett.
MISS ESMERALDA.

THEATRE ROYAL.
VIRGINIUS, &c.

Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

MR. BEERBOHM TREE will commence a series of matinées at the Haymarket shortly.

FRENCH PLAYS at the Royalty will be again to the fore on the 15th inst., when M. Mayer produces "L'Abbé Constantin." There is some talk of this play being rendered in English at another house later on.

SATURDAY, the 20th inst., is the day fixed for opening the new Shaftesbury Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue. Mr. J. C. Smith, who has an excellent provincial reputation, will, it is said, stage manage.

IT is reported that Bro. Irving intends, when he returns to the Lyceum, to produce "Macbeth," and that the mounting of the play will be of the most elaborate description.

BRO. F. J. POTTER (Emblematic, 1321) has returned from America after arranging the Antipodean Gaiety Company's winter season there. He again returns to America on the 24th for seven months. The company come from Sydney to San Francisco per s.s. "Alameda."

ON Saturday Mr. Rutland Barrington re-opens the St. James' Theatre with a new drama, called "The Dean's Daughter," the joint production of Mr. Sydney Grundy and Mr. F. C. Phillips.

MISS OLGA NETHERSOLE leaves the Adelphi Theatre to play at the St. James'. Her part in "The Union Jack" will be entrusted to Miss Dorothy Dene.

MR. G. P. HAWTREY'S long talked-of new play, entitled "Atalanta," will shortly be produced.

SIGNORINA BESSONE, who has been unable to appear at the Alhambra during the last three weeks, owing to indisposition, resumed her part in the ballet of "Antiope" last Monday.

MR. W. BAILEY has undertaken the management of the New Alhambra, Brighton, in addition to his duties as manager of the Metropolitan Music Hall. It will open on or about the 29th inst.

BRITANNIA'S favourite tragedian, Mr. J. B. Howe, has just published an interesting book, entitled "A Cosmopolitan Actor," being his life and adventures all over the world.

THE Dundee Theatre was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. It had been built seventy years.

"PAUL JONES" is the name of the new play which Mr. Horace Sedger produces at the Prince of Wales' Theatre in January next.

LOOK out for the 18th inst., on which date Mr. Sydney Alport takes his annual benefit at the Vaudeville Theatre. "Joseph's Sweetheart" will be played by the whole strength of the company, and there will also be songs and recitations.

MISS ANNIE ROSE (Mrs. Horace Nevill) has been engaged by Miss Wallis to play Celia, in "As You Like It," at the New Shaftesbury Theatre.

A NEW opera, the joint production of Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan, was "staged" at the Savoy on the 3rd inst. As was anticipated, it was received by a critical audience with much favour. Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan wielded the bâton on this occasion.

HARRY HUNTER, of the Mohawks, will take his annual benefit to-day (Thursday, the 11th inst.)

MR. T. C. VALENTINE, stage manager at Bro. Terry's Theatre, who goes to New York to produce "Sweet Lavender," had a farewell supper given to him at the Adelaide Gallery last Wednesday.

BRO. WILSON BARRETT has nearly finished another new play, entitled "Nowadays." "The Good Old Times" (the piece he has just completed) will be produced shortly.

THERE will be great doings next Monday at the Promenade Concerts. Freeman Thomas takes his benefit, and it is the last night of the season.

A GRAND CIRCUS at Covent Garden will be opened at Christmas by Freeman Thomas.

THE provincial rights of "Bachelors," by Robert Buchanan and Herman Vezin, have been secured by Mr. Frank Green.

THOSE of our readers who have not already seen "The Armada" at Drury Lane ought to do so forthwith. The piece is mounted in Bro. Harris' best manner, and Miss Winifred Emery as the heroine plays well, as also does Mr. Leonard Boyne in the character of Vyvyan Foster. The scene in the 1st act between these two is in itself alone well worth witnessing.

LAST week we referred to Bro. John Maclean's farewell dinner as given by the Savage Club. It was in connection with the Logic Club, of which Bro. Maclean is the Preceptor, that the incident occurred.

"CAPTAIN SWIFT" is still doing good business at the Haymarket Theatre. The house was crammed last Saturday.

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	2nd Nov	Albion Hotel
62	Social	29th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	Ditto
152	Virtue	19th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	31st Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian	14th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	1st Nov	Ditto
325	St. John's	17th Oct	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	7th Nov	Ditto
815	Blair TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	14th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	25th Oct	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	7th Nov	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	9th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	29th Oct	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	5th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	18th Oct	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	16th Oct	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	11th Oct	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	5th Nov	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	31st Oct	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David TO-DAY,	11th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	6th Nov	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	15th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	31st Oct	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	3rd Nov	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	18th Oct	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	24th Oct	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	19th Oct	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	5th Nov	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	6th Nov	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	14th Nov	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	14th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	12th Nov	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	15th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	18th Oct	Ditto
325	St. John's	1st Nov	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	8th Nov	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	19th Oct	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	11th Oct	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	1st Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	7th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	12th Nov	Ditto
541	De Loraine... ...	19th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	6th Nov	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	14th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	16th Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	25th Oct	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	26th Oct	Ditto
2260	Ridley	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	16th Oct	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	6th Nov	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	13th Nov	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	16th Oct	Ditto
807	Cabbell	25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity	23rd Oct	Ditto
1500	Walpole	1st Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	11th Oct	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	6th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	12th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	2nd Nov	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere	19th Oct	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	15th Oct	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—

16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	6th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	12th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Nov	Ditto
159	Brunswick	7th Nov	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	12th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	25th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	16th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	18th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	23rd Oct	Ditto
1205	Metham	15th Oct	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	15th Oct	Ditto
1550	Prudence	3rd Nov	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	13th Nov	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	23rd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	26th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—

11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth TO-DAY.,	11th Oct	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	12th Nov	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service TO-MOR.,	12th Oct	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	18th Oct	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	23rd Oct	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	16th Oct	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	22nd Oct	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	15th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	14th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	13th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia TO-DAY,	11th Oct	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	12th Nov	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	30th Oct	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	15th Oct	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DAY,	11th Oct	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	15th Oct	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	18th Oct	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	1st Nov	Ditto
359	Peace	2nd Nov	Ditto
394	Concord	25th Oct	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	13th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	7th Nov	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY,	11th Oct	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	26th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H. Park Terrace

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

The Editor desires that the following List may be taken as only approximately correct. To ensure absolute correctness in future issues, information from the Secretaries of the Lodges not named, or imperfectly announced, is especially solicited.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
13	Union Waterloo ... „ 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... ... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Hot.,St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th.	
9	Albion ... ... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.) „ 7	F. M. H
333	Kintore ... ... „ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... ... „ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(3rd) MONDAY, OCTOBER 15th.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1445	Prince Leopold... ... „ 7	Printing Ho. Wks., 202 Whitechapel Rd.
1469	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward Mare Street, Hackney.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(3rd) MONDAY, OCTOBER 15th—*continued.*	
1507	Metropolitan .. ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1693	Kingsland ... ... „ 8.30	Railway Hotel, Highbury, N.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C		
206	Hope ... ... „ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Champion Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Coned. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring ... ... „ —	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th.	
30	United Mariners ... at 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 8.30	Rally. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... at 8.30	Cock Tav. Highbury, N.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1421	Langthorne ... ... „ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1601	Ravensbourne ... ... „ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(3rd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 2nd Thursday in October (*see ante*).

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"Higher Education."

IT is a pertinent question to ask at the present moment if there has not been, of late years, too great anxiety on the part of the managers of our Scholastic Institutions, and other Brethren, to raise the standard of education therein far beyond the intentions of the respective founders, the general wish of the Craft at large, and the requirements of the pupils themselves in connection with their prospects in after life. The greatest good of the greatest number demands that the contributions of the supporters of our Schools should rather be applied to the increase of recipients of Masonic care and liberality than to the exaltation of a few, more intellectually brilliant than others, to the status of Collegiate or University Scholars. We are as far from desiring that "our children" should leave their "Alma Mater" unqualified to fight the battle of life as the most earnest amongst us can be; but we differ altogether from those who would seek to impose upon our Lodges, or the individual members thereof, a necessity for further subscriptions or donations for the foundation of scholarships or the securing of other advantages beyond those already existing for providing a sound and practical education. The highest positions in life have, more frequently than not, been won by the plodding lad who, having been well grounded in the first five of the seven liberal arts and sciences (with the definition of which every craftsman is, or ought to be, acquainted), has applied that knowledge to mental self-improvement as opportunities were afforded him in connection with his experiences in commercial pursuits. And, on the other hand, they have often been lost by a too great reliance on attainments, without the application which circumstances have prevented, however great the desire of their possessor may have been to make them fruitful.

In the majority of instances the presumed benefits of talents which, so called, advanced scholars leaving our Schools possess are lost to them because of the necessity for immediate entry into labour for the provision not only of the necessaries of life for themselves, but, as we know in many cases, of help to the households of their parents; and it should never be forgotten that the primary reason for candidature for the benefits of the Institution arise from the more or less distressed circumstances of the relatives or connections of the applicants. If that primary cause has not existed, they have no business in the Schools.

Are there not many of our Brethren, at this moment subscribers to both Schools, probably out of limited means, who would be thankful if they could secure, without assistance from others, the advantages enjoyed by our pupils in respect of tuition, and consider a similar education all sufficient for their respective sons and daughters before deciding on their future station in life. Why, therefore, should it be sought to exceed the quality of tuition in our Benevolent Institutions beyond what is considered sufficient for the children of our brethren in the middle class of society outside these Institutions? Have we not had experience of the ill-result of Board School education as affecting those whose prospects in life could never be, except in very exceptional instances, more hopeful than continuance in manual labour without the necessity of using, nay, with even the certainty of losing, very much of the superficial knowledge with which they have been "crammed" during school time?

We have been led to these remarks by the perusal of a letter from a correspondent in one of our contemporaries, *The Freemason's Chronicle*, who writes: "IF (*we think this IF worthy of caps.*) each Lodge were to contribute a donation of £2, there would be immediately available a sum of £4,500, quite sufficient to endow two scholarships of £55 to £60 each in perpetuity," and proceeds to argue on the presumed advantages of a "higher education" for the pupils generally, in order that they may compete for the aforesaid Scholarships. It would, we opine, be waste of time to set forth the many arguments which could be adduced *per contra* to his reasoning, for we cannot but feel assured that the proposition he sets out with in respect of increased funds would never be entertained by a sufficient section of the Craft to render his scheme practicable. Why should it? It would be better, and more in accordance with practical benevolence, and the purposes for which they were formed and have hitherto been conducted, to extend the present operations of our Schools to others now seeking admission than to increase the advantages—if what is suggested be advantageous, which we dispute—of a very few of those now deriving benefits therefrom. Surely the education already provided should satisfy the reasonable requirements of the pupils and their friends. It ought to, at any rate, if the care and tuition afforded are proportionate to the cost of staff and assistants, as at present shown in balance sheets.

Lodge Officers.

Their Qualifications, Duties and Responsibilities.

The Outer Guard.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."—Milton.

THE Outer Guard, or Tyler, is "an Officer in a symbolic Lodge, whose duty it is to guard the Lodge against the intrusion of the profane. As in operative masonry, the tyler, when the edifice is erected, finishes and covers it with the roof, so, in speculative masonry, when the Lodge is duly organized, the Tyler closes the door, and covers the sacred precincts from all intrusion." Thus, briefly, does Bro. Dr. Mackey define, in his Lexicon, the office and duty of one of the most important, because the most confidential, of the assistants of the Masters and Wardens of our private Lodges; and, to the foregoing remarks, he adds, "he should always be a worthy Mason, and skilful in the Craft."

A considerable experience in the working of Freemasonry, during the past thirty years, has convinced us that, generally speaking, a more estimable body of men connected with our Order than the Tylers of our several lodges we should not easily find, as a class, within our ranks: and though there may be, we had almost said there certainly are, a few brethren who fail to reach our standard of what an Outer Guard should be, these are but a small minority in the aggregate of the more than two thousand under whose charge English Freemasons place so much responsibility in regard to protection and necessary service. It has often pained us to notice that, notwithstanding the care and zeal with which most of the brethren in charge of the outer porch serve us, as well individually when in personal need of their assistance as collectively when at labour and refreshment, the oft-repeated assertion of Masonic equality amongst "members of the same tribe and family" is so frequently ignored. We honour those Lodges, and there are many, in our own knowledge, who do not make prominent the subtle distinction between the inner and the outer chamber of the Temple; and remember that those of our brethren who, besides being statutory officers in our Lodges, may have seen better days, are cheered and encouraged in their zealous labour by the genial smile and hearty grip of each and every member. To our great regret, and certainly to the disadvantage of the Craft as contradicting in practice the precepts of equality taught us by the "mosaic work" and the "level," we have witnessed many departures from masonic duty in this respect, and the amount of "side" put on by some brethren in the way of what they consider condescension—which is, however, but another name for pride and affectation—has often been the subject of depreciatory remarks from many of their associates. On the other hand, it is proper to state that very much as to the manner of his treatment rests with the Outer Guard himself. The want of a cheerful compliance to reasonable requirements; the need of ability to understand and appreciate the value of the necessary work of reception and preparation; the assumption of volunteering unasked-for instruction to other Officers of the Lodge; and a general disregard of ordinary courtesy;—all or any of these tend towards a disruption of those good feelings which should be, in loyalty to our Craftmanship, entertained by brethren towards one another, whatever may be their social status outside the portals of Freemasonry.

We are of opinion that it is not wise, at any rate it is not advisable, to select for the office of Outer Guard a brother who has not passed the Chair of a Lodge. That as a rule:—exceptions there may be, arising from local circumstances; but we fear, and at the same time regret for their sakes, that there are many Past Masters of Lodges who, "from circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune," would gladly avail themselves of the, in many respects, pleasant position which a competent Outer Guard enjoys. When such can be obtained, the knowledge and experience of many years is applied with great advantage to a Lodge; and the individual himself ensures increased appreciation of valuable services. Such an one will know the necessity of attention to even the smallest details of the inner preparation and working of the Lodge; will see that all its emblems are properly cared for and placed, and not, as in many instances we can call to mind, treated as though no symbolic meaning were attached to them. We have had very many opportunities, in connection with visits to both Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges, for inspecting the Lodge-room or Temple prior to the commencement of work, and can, as also can any brother who cares to give thought to the matter, form an opinion at once as to the qualification of the Tyler for his office in relation to such preparation. The light-bearing columns of the Principal Officers misplaced in order of signification; the column of the J.W. in perpendicular instead of horizontal position:—are amongst the evidences to good working Masons that the Outer Guard is deficient in Masonic acquirements; and these are noted by visitors to his personal disadvantage, as well as to that of the Lodge rulers. In our article on the Inner Guard, we referred to the oft-times unnecessary disturbance of the Lodge work by applications for admission at unseasonable times. In this same respect the Outer Guard can prove his quality by a firm but courteous refusal to listen to any request for "report" until he knows it may be made without interference with the ceremonial or discussion in progress within the Lodge; and he should never allow himself to be tempted by personal considerations of masonic rank or social position of any applicant into a breach of that most excellent provision for maintaining privacy and order, which it is his duty to carry out in its strictest integrity.

There is one particular service which, although unwritten as forming part of the duty of the Outer Guard should, in our opinion, be required of and be willingly performed by that Officer: we allude to keeping the W.M. and Secretary duly informed of all communications which may be forwarded in connection with the Lodge to which he is attached, during its vacation. In too many instances the official letters from Grand Lodge and the several Masonic Charitable Institutions; printed matter of Masonic interest; and other documents of more or less importance, are permitted to remain at the place of delivery for weeks and months together without the slightest attempt to place them in the hands of the proper recipients. Thereby, not infrequently, many inconveniences, and sometimes great disappointment, ensue, the avoidance of which, by a frequent call by the Tyler at the place of meeting of the Lodge would render a service to its officers and members, and considerably increase their sense of obligation for thoughtful consideration on his part.

We could enlarge to much further extent on the duties and responsibilities of the Outer Guard, more particularly if it were permissible to make reference to matters of Ritual and Ceremonial; but that, of course, cannot be done here. It may, therefore, be sufficient for our present purpose if we conclude this article by enforcing the ancient charge that the Tyler should be a man of good morals, steady habits, strict discipline, temperate, affable, and discreet: having a just regard for the honour and reputation of the Institution; faithfully performing the trust reposed in him; and courteous to all who may present themselves at the outer porch, whether as members of or visitors to the Lodge he guards.

There are many hundreds of our brethren who are bright exemplars of these qualities, and who discharge their trying duties in the most admirable manner; and wherever these are found, it is the duty of all good Craftsmen to show them as much honour and respect as they would to any other member of our Order, however dignified.

FREEMASON VOLUNTEERS.

INTER-MASONIC LODGE MATCH.

From the popular organ of the volunteer force, *The Volunteer Record* of the 6th inst., we extract the following particulars of the shooting match which we announced in our issue of the 13th ult. would take place at the Caterham range on the 27th Sept. The competing teams were selected from the members of the following Lodges, viz.:—The South Middlesex, No. 858; the Macdonald, No. 1216 (1st Surrey Rifles); the London Rifle Brigade, No. 1962; and the Queen's Westminster, No. 2021; ten men from each team to shoot, eight scores to count. Conditions as in first stage Queen's, 1888. Eight men only fired for each of the First Surrey and London Rifle Brigade teams. The light failed at 600 yards, rendering good shooting impossible. The following are the respective scores:—

Queen's Westminster.		Lon. Rifle Brigade.	
Bro. Sergt Mellings	84	Bro. Sergt Tayton	88
„ Sergt Holton	83	„ Pte N. Green	86
„ Sergt Godfrey	82	„ Pte Gregory	79
„ Sergt Treadwell ..	80	„ Pte McDougall.. ..	77
„ Sergt Hollis	79	„ Sergt Walker	76
„ Sergt Coop	78	„ Lieut Brooks	75
„ Sergt-Instr Philip ..	77	„ Pte Elles..	73
„ Col-Sergt Currie ..	73	„ Col-Sergt Rix	72
	636		626

Macdonald Lodge, 1st Surrey.		South Middlesex.	
Bro. Pte Messenger	89	Bro. Lieut R. Bird	92
„ Sergt Marshall	87	„ Bgl-Mjr Matthews ..	83
„ Colonel Nevill	87	„ Colonel Radcliffe ..	79
„ Sergt Cranch	87	„ Col-Sergt Hobbiss ..	79
„ Pte Turner	84	„ Qmr Stevenson.. ..	70
„ Hale, Hon. Mem. ..	61	„ Cpl Graham	69
„ Fitzer	59	„ Mjr Reid Todd	62
„ Sergt Keeley	46	„ Sergt Burn	57
	600		591

The competing teams afterwards dined together, Major Lambert, of the Queen's, presiding, when it was resolved to make the match an annual one, and, if possible, to include teams from all regimental lodges of Metropolitan Volunteer Corps.

We shall be very pleased to assist this proposal by publishing a list of the several lodges, as well provincial as metropolitan, connected with the volunteer regiments throughout the kingdom.

Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire.—At the Masonic Chambers, Southport, above was held and presided over by Bro. the Earl of Lathom. The P.G.S.E. drew attention to the fact that some of the Chapters in the province had no bye-laws, and hoped this would be rectified. The Earl of Lathom quite agreed with these sentiments, which he fully endorsed, and stated that much good, he believed, would accrue to the various Chapters if carried into effect.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire.—A meeting of the above was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on the 27th Sept. last, when Bro. the Rev. C. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., was installed as Grand Supt. of R.A. Masons for Cheshire, succeeding Lord De Tabley in that office. Col. J. H. Clerke, in his usual able manner, performed the ceremony of installation. Many distinguished members of Grand Chapter were present.

Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.—A happy gathering of brethren at above Provincial G.L. took place at Keighley on the 10th inst. Bro. Wm. Watson, the Honorary Librarian, brought forward a proposition, which was approved, that a copy of the warrant of every West Yorkshire Lodge should be obtained and placed amongst the records of Prov. G.L. This was agreed to. A procession to church followed, and after returning therefrom Prov. G.L. was closed in perfect peace and harmony.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE OLD TYLER.

God bless the Old Tyler! how long he has trudged
Through sunshine and storm with his "summonses due!"
No pain nor fatigue the Old Tyler has grudged
To serve the great Order, Freemasons, and you.

God bless the Old Tyler! how oft he has led
The funeral procession from lodge door to grave!
How grandly his weapon has guarded the dead
To their last quiet home, where acacia boughs wave.

God bless the Old Tyler! how oft he has knocked,
When, vigilant, strangers craved welcome and rest!
How widely your portals, though guarded and locked,
Have swung to the signal, the Tyler knows best!

There's a Lodge where the door is *not* guarded nor tyled,
There's a Land without graves, without murmurs or sin,
There's a Master most gracious, paternal and mild,
And he waits the Old Tyler, and bids him come in!

And there the Old Tyler, *no longer outside*,—
No longer with weapon of war in his hand,—
A glorified spirit, shall grandly abide
And close by the Master, high honoured, shall stand.

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. Rob Morris, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

A STRANGE MASONIC INCIDENT.

THE first masonic funeral that was solemnised in California:—The body was washed up in the Bay of San Francisco in 1849, and upon the person of the deceased was found the silver mark of a Mason, on which were engraved the initials of his name. On further investigation the most singular exhibition of masonic emblems ever drawn upon the human skin were revealed. Beautifully dotted on the left arm, in red and blue ink, appeared all the emblems of an entered Apprentice. There was a Holy Bible, the Square and Compass, the twenty-four inch Gauge and common Gavel. There was also a masonic pavement representing the floor of King Solomon's Temple, the indented tassel which surrounds it, and blazing star in the centre. On his left arm, artistically executed in the same indelible liquid, were the emblems pertaining to the Fellow-craft degree, viz., the square, the level, and the plumb; there was also the five Orders of Architecture, the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite. On removing the garment from the body, the trowel presented itself, with all the other tools of operative masonry. Over his heart was a pot of incense, on the other parts of his body were a beehive, the Book of Constitutions guarded by a tyler's sword, the sword pointing to a naked heart, the All-seeing Eye, the anchor and the ark, the hour-glass, the scythe, the Forty-second problem of Euclid, the sun, moon, stars and comet, and the three steps emblematical of youth, manhood and age. Admirably executed was a weeping virgin reclining on a broken column, upon which lay the Book of Constitutions; in her left hand she held a pot of incense, the masonic emblem of the immortality of the soul. Immediately beneath her stood winged Time, with his scythe by his side, which cuts the brittle thread of life, ever reminding us that our lives are withering away. The withered and attenuated fingers of the Destroyer were placed among the gracefully flowing ringlets of the disconsolate mourner. From this description we can well see the grandeur of the conception which blended the emblems of mortality in one picture, and that the execution was quite equal to the conception. Probably never before was such a picture ever beheld, and possibly never will again. We are told that the brother's name was never known.

Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire.—There were grand doings at Southport, on the 3rd inst., in connection with the annual meeting and festival of Provincial Grand Lodge for the Western Division of Lancashire. About 1,100 brethren were present in full regalia. The Prov. G.M., the Earl of Lathom presided, and was supported by Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, D.G.M. of Scotland, and the past grand officers. In the course of his remarks the P.G.M. said that a committee had been nominated for the purpose of inquiring into the status and condition of the Boys' School, and he hoped that the result of the inquiry would result in its better conduct in future. Lord Stanley of Preston's letter, resigning his position of D.P.G.M., stated that he was compelled to do so owing to his being appointed Governor-General of Canada; but that he was gladdened by the thought that the bonds of friendliness, and his gratitude for same, between himself and the brethren, would never be lessened though some thousands of miles of ocean rolled between them. The P.G.M., in the course of his remarks, when proposing the toast of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the the royal family, said that on an occasion of H.R.H. visiting the Girls' School, she made the gratifying remark to the three teachers—"I shall never again say a bad word about Freemasonry. I am glad to think that my husband and son are both masons." After a number of speeches by the various distinguished brethren present, and the usual toasts, the company separated, having passed a most enjoyable evening.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire, the R.W. Bro. Col. William Smart, Prov. Grand Master, will assemble at the Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 4 p.m., at which all Master Masons may attend. After the general business a banquet will be served at the Swan Hotel at 5.30 p.m. W. Bro. Charles E. Prior, of St. Peter's, Bedford, is the Grand Secretary for this province.

——The Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, now meets on third Wednesdays, and not on first Thursdays, in the respective months named in official calendars.

——The following Lodges now meet at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn:—Unity, No. 69; Good Report, No. 136; Honor and Generosity, No. 165; Maybury, No. 969; Centurion, No. 1718; Montague Guest, 1900; and United Northern Counties, No. 2128. The Montague Guest R.A. Chapter, No. 1900, and the Mount Calvary Encampment also meet at this hotel. The respective dates of meetings will be regularly announced in our tabulated calendar.

——The Temperance-in-the-East Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 350, Bro. Charles Wyatt-Smith, P.M., Secretary, will meet this evening, October 18th, at the Assembly Rooms, Newby Place, Poplar, E., at 6 p.m.

——The Annual Festival and Installation Meeting of the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, will be held in the Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire, on Thursday, Nov. 1st, at 2.30. Bro. J. H. Day is the present W.M., and will install Bro. F. C. Corfield as his successor. The banquet will take place at the White Lion Hotel, at 5 p.m.

——The first regular meeting of the new session of Lodge Temperance, No. 169, will be held at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, to-day, the 18th inst., at 5.30 p.m., Bro. J. G. Dale, W.M. Initiation will follow a successful ballot for a candidate. A recommendation from the committee of the Benevolent Fund will be submitted for the acceptance of the brethren. A banquet will be served at the conclusion of business.

——A convocation of the Windsor Castle Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 771, will be held at the Masonic Hall, St. Albans Street, Windsor, this (Thursday) evening, the 18th inst., at 5.30 p.m., when the installation of Comps. K. R. Montmorency, Prov. G. S.; F. J. Rushton, P. Prov. G.O., and H. D. Marshall, as M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively, will take place.

——The Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, will hold its installation meeting at the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, Holbeach, Lincolnshire, on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 4.30 p.m. Bro. W. Porter, W.M.; Bro. Charles E. Ward, W.M. elect; Bro. Edward Sunderland, Sec. Banquet will be served at 6.30 p.m. The Lodge of Instruction attached to No. 985 meets at the Bull Hotel, Long Sutton, at 7 p.m., on the Wednesdays preceding each lodge meeting.

——The Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction, No. 1457, hold its meetings on Fridays, at 7.30, at the Public Hall, Loughton. Not being a London Lodge, it is not included in our tabulated list on page 118, and at present we cannot find space for other Lodges of Instruction.

——The Warner Lodge, No. 2256, will meet at the Railway Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

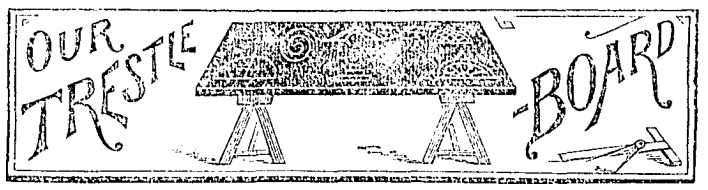
——At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate Road, N. Bro. L. A. De Costa, S.W. 1394, will preside; Bros. W. Musto, S.W.; B. De Costa, J.W.; and I. P. Cohen, I.P.M.

——The annual festival of the Lodge of Friendship and Unity, No. 1271, Bradford-on-Avon, will take place on Monday, Oct. 22nd, at half-past 2 o'clock precisely, at Avon House, Kingston Road, Bradford-on-Avon. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. W. B. Bryant, will be performed by V.W. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. Eng.; D.P.G.M. Wilts. The banquet will be held at 4.30 p.m. at the Swan Hotel. The G.W.R. Co. will issue first and second class tickets at a fare and a-quarter for the double journey from the usual stations, on production of the summons for this meeting.

——The "Society of Promoters of Charity," whose laudable object it is to distribute bread, meat and coals to the poor during the winter, will have their annual ticket benefit at the Adelphi Theatre, from the 12th to the 24th November.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction—No. 1426.—On Thursday, 11th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. Present:—Bros. D. Hills, W.M.; J. K. Pitt, S.W.; J. L. Barrett, J.W.; T. Owens, S.D.; B. Price, J.D.; F. Ford, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; H. J. Whitehouse, H. J. Gaskin, H. Bromhead, W. J. Ball Cothelstone, Darenth Road, Stamford Hill, N., Hon. Sec. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Gaskin as candidate. At the close of the ceremony the S.W. answered the questions for passing for the benefit of the Bro. initiated. Bro. T. Owens acted as candidate during the rehearsal. The ceremony of "passing" was rehearsed and the S.W. answered the questions for raising for the benefit of the newly "passed" Bro. Bro. B. T. Price was elected a member: and Bro. J. K. Pitt, W.M., for the ensuing meeting. N.B.—The Lodge meets regularly on Thursdays, at 6.30 p.m. Brethren are invited to attend.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction—No. 902.—On Friday, 12th inst., at the Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, W.C., Bro. G. C. Stafford, W.M, —Bros. R. N. Field, S.W.; Larter, J.W.; Butty, Preceptor, and several other brethren present. The ceremony of initiation wa rehearsed, and subsequently Bro. Cross, W.M., elect of the mother lodge, rehearsed the addresses on investiture of officers. Bro. Field was elected W.M. for the next meeting.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Our readers will be good enough to notice that we have removed the Offices of THE MASONIC STAR to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London, to which address ALL communications should be forwarded. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR: and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS. From and after the issue of this Number, THE MASONIC STAR will be published on Thursday Mornings, at 123 to 125, Fleet Street, E.C., where the trade can now be supplied.

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At the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the 6th inst., it was resolved "that all necessary expenses of the staff, officials and inmates, consequent upon the requisitions of Bro. Philbrick's Committee, and the resolutions passed in pursuance thereof, be allowed and paid out of the funds of the Institution." Three additional vacancies were declared in consequence of the unexpected withdrawal of three boys from the establishment.

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At the meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's report as to the purchase of land was received and adopted.

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Last week we published a letter signed "Agere non loqui," the concluding portion of which relates to an item in the March, 1888, report of Grand Lodge in regard to payments to a law stationer for writing warrants, &c. We have made all enquiry on this subject which we consider incumbent upon us to make, short of immediately approaching the Grand Secretary, who we should have thought would have been so anxious to rebut a statement largely affecting the capabilities of his subordinates as to have enabled us to publish his official explanatory statement on the subject.

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It has been intimated to us that the staff already consider that they have more on their hands than they can comfortably get through to keep the register entered up, make out certificates, enter minutes, summons Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, attend to receipts and payments of both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, &c.; and it may be so. But for the single operation of writing warrants and patents, a payment equivalent to £70 per annum does appear an extremely large and unnecessary item of expenditure.

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We are authorised to state that Bro. Woodward's engagements now requiring all his time, he has resigned his office of Prov. Grand Sec. and Prov. G.S.E. of Middlesex. The Prov. Grand Master has appointed Bro. Howard H. Room, W.M. of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, and J.W. of the Royal Hanover Lodge, 1777 in Middlesex, Prov. G. Sec., and Comp. W. H. Lee, Assist. G.S.E. Middlesex, to be Prov. G.S.E.

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We should like to know what is meant by the expression in relation to election of the Grand Treasurer by the words in our correspondent, "Scrutator's" letter in another page:—"*as it was the turn of London this time instead of the Provinces.*" That is to say, that the office being now held by a Provincial brother, it must follow as a rule that the dignity should at the next election be conferred upon a member of a Metropolitan Lodge. Now, this dictum does not originate either with the speaker at the Abbey Lodge meeting, or any other individual of whom we have knowledge; but, nevertheless, it is often reiterated in course of masonic converse, and it would be interesting to learn upon what grounds such an idea is based.

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We cut the following from the *Echo* of the 13th inst.:—"A curious question has just been decided by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England. When a dispute takes place between brethren at a 'mixed' dinner (that is to say, when Masons 'in clothing' and non-Masons are ure united), the incident cannot come officially within the cognisance of Grand Lodge." At the moment we do not know to what incident this paragraph refers to, but we shall look it up and comment upon it in our next.

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In the course of a Masonic sermon delivered in New Rothesay Established Church, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, of Glasgow, said he rejoiced to bring Freemasonry prominently before the people of the country, seeing that the order was a great moral force, which largely helped on the redemption of the world from evil. In its lodges the peer was on a level with the peasant, and the peasant could take precedence of the peer if he were a better Mason. Masonry was subservient to no creed or colour, but was at work all over the world for the moral and spiritual welfare of mankind.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT LEICESTER.

ON the 9th inst. the Memorial Stone of the Children's Hospital for Leicester was laid by the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Alderman T. Wright, P.M. and P. Prov. G. Reg., under the most favourable auspices, the interest of the proceedings being enhanced by the attendance of a large number of the Masonic brethren of the province of Leicestershire and Rutland, and the performance of the ceremony with the accustomed ritual of the fraternity.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge (P.G.D.C., Eng.), in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M.

Amongst the brethren attending Provincial Grand Lodge were the following: Robert Brewin, P.P.G.J.W., Devon, Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master; S. Cleaver, Prov. G.S.W.; J. T. Thorp, P.P.J.G.W., Acting Prov. J.G.W.; the Revs. W. R. Hurd and Selwyn, C. Freer, Prov. G. Chaplains; R. Waite, Prov. G. Treasurer; the Rev. C. Henton-Wood, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Miles J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W., Prov. G.D.C.; W. H. Lead, Prov. A.G.D.C.; G. Jessop, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; W. J. Freer, P.P.G. Sword Bearer; G. Newsome and J. E. Beazeley, Prov. G. Standard Bearers; E. Gurden, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., Prov. G. Org.; John Young, E. Holmes, and R. B. Starkey, Prov. G. Stewards; James Tanser, Prov. G. Tyler; Dr. W. Rhys-Williams, (P.A.G.D.C., England); the Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.P.G.C.; F. J. Baines and T. W. Clarke, P.P.S.G.W.'s; Joseph Young, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Marshall, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. S. Toller, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Hassall, W. A. Musson, R. Michie, J. H. Thompson, and J. O. Law, P.P.G.D.'s; F. B. Wilmer and T. Marson, P.P.G. Sup. W.; E. Simpkin, E. H. Butler, D. Challis, and I. Harrison, P.P.G. Standard Bearers; T. B. Laxton and W. T. Rowlatt, P.P.G.O.'s; R. L. Gibson, P.P.G.P.; T. Coltman, W.M. 1265; J. B. Fowler, W.M. 1560; J. G. Simpkin, W.M. 2028; T. Corcoran, W.M. 1007; T. G. Charlesworth, W.M. 523; J. L. West, W.M. 2081; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86; E. Dutton, P.M. 1432; F. G. Boden, P.M. 779; Col. C. Phillips, P.M. 13; W. H. Goodwin, P.M. 1265; S. Knight, P.M. 1391; W. Maurice Williams, S.W. 279; J. B. Waring, S.W. 523; G. C. Oliver, S.W. 1007; and W. H. Key, J. W. 2028.

An interesting letter was read from R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., expressing his great regret that he was prevented by indisposition from taking part in the proceedings. Preliminary business having been disposed of, the brethren proceeded in procession to the site of the new hospital, the handsome banners of the several lodges being borne by the respective officers.

The ceremony of laying the stone in Masonic form having been completed, Bro. the Mayor addressed the assembly and briefly explained the circumstances under which the movement had been started, remarking that he had the gratification to be able to announce that no less a sum than £5,400 had altogether been promised, with a further sum of £105 as annual subscriptions towards the working expenses in connection with the hospital. When in full work it is estimated the cost of carrying on the institution will be from £1,200 to £1,500 a year, but he thought there could be little doubt that the benevolent public will readily contribute whatever sum is found to be necessary for such a laudable and valuable undertaking.

The silver trowel used in the course of the ceremony was presented to the Mayor as a memento of the occasion, and was suitably acknowledged by his Worship.

The procession then re-formed and returned to the lodge room, where, after voting 10 guineas to the fund for the Children's Hospital, the P.G Lodge was closed.

The whole of the arrangements for the Masonic ceremony were undertaken and most ably carried out by the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Miles J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W., to whose untiring exertions the success of the entire proceedings was in great measure due.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—No. 1287.—On Tuesday, the 12thinst., at the Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.—The W.M. of the Mother Lodge in the chair. The following Brethren were present: Bros. Lichtenfeld, S.W.; Hill, J.W.: W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, Preceptor; Reed, S.D.; Flint, J.D.: Steer, J.G.; J. Paul, Sec.; C. Corby, Greenway, J. C. Smith, Thorne and Parker. The first Section of the first Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thorne candidate, the remaining Sections of the Lecture worked by Bros. Corby, J. C. Smith, Cleghorn, Preceptor, and Paul respectively. Bro. Thorne was elected a member, and Bro. Lichtenfeld W.M. forthe ensuing meeting.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1602.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road, N.—Bros. Gearing, W.M.; Welsford, S.W.; Scannell, J.W.: Kirk, Preceptor; Merryfield, S.D.; Garner, J.D.: Fenner, I.G.: Osborn, Tarrant, and Patience. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Osborn candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Osborn also candidate. Bro. Welsford was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1275.—On Friday, 12th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 8. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., 1275, Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E., 1329, Treasurer; Moore, H., 169, M.E.Z.; W. Briant, 1329, H.; G. Powell, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.N., 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.: J. Hill, P.S., 1329, P.S.; H. Martin, and R. B. Templeman, H., 1339. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Martin personating candidate. Comp. Templeman was unanimously elected a joining member. Comp. Briant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the way in which Comp. Powell had performed the work of 3rd Principal for the first time in this chapter. An expression of opinion that the MASONIC STAR should be preserved and bound at the end of the year was met by a member promising to have the first volume bound when it should be complete.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our Reports and Intelligence Columns *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges* **who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information.** *We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* The Masonic Star, *59, Moor Lane, London.*

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INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Saturday last, Bro. Robert Greening, W.M. The business before the lodge comprised the raising of Bro. J. T. Hale: on the conclusion of which Bro. John Seex, a former W.M., and one of the founders of the lodge, was again installed into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year.

The installation was carried out in the usual effective manner for which this lodge is distinguished. The W.M., and Bro. W. Baber, P.M., with the assistance of Bro. James Stevens, P.M. as D.C., sharing the ceremonial work.

The following officers were appointed and invested, viz.:—Bros. Wm. Cook, P.M., S.W.; C. T. Smith, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treasurer; W. Baber, P.M., Secretary; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; L. B. Mozley, J.D.; D. T. Keene, I.G.; G. Jenkins, Organist; G. W. Robson, D.C.; J. K. Gwyn, 1st Steward; R. Brookman, 2nd Steward; and Robt. Potter, P.M., Tyler.

Propositions for initiation at the next meeting were made, and certain routine matters of business being disposed of, the W.M., prior to rising for the third time, "called off," and the brethren, under charge of the J.W., repaired to the Pillar Room, where an excellent banquet was served. The after proceedings were shared in with much satisfaction by the visitors, amongst whom were Masons of high provincial rank and standing, who expressed their gratification in dining, for the first time in their Masonic career, in "open Lodge." Some very excellent speeches were made in the course of the evening, which, we regret, lack of space prevents us from reporting.

It is sufficient to say that, shortly after ten o'clock, the J.W. called brethren to "labour," and, after the third demand had been put from the chair, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony and with solemn prayer.

Shortly afterwards, the brethren separated, delighted with the Masonic treat which they had enjoyed.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Geo. Jenkins, jun., Org. 2048.

The following is a complete list of the brethren present on the above occasion:—Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c.; Nathan Bryant Headon, Treasurer, P.M.; James Freeman, P.M.; John Seex, P.M., W.M.; Richard Stanway, P.M.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; Robert Fendick, P.M.; J. R. Hartley: Owen Bowen; George Jenkins; William Baber, P.M., Secretary; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; John William Colmer: James Archer: Julian Hartley; Henry John Bertram, P.M.; Alfred Cumner: Henry Edgar Maynard; Joseph R. Greening, I.P.M.; William Cook, P.M.; Charles Thomas Smith; Henry Frederick Frost; W. Falconer Bertram; Lionel Barnard Mozley: Daniel Thomas Keene; George William Robson; John Kebell Gwyn; R. Brookman; H. Dottridge: J. Cooper; F. E. Bailey: F. J. Biggs; G. M. Fraser; A. J. Coleman; B. C. W. Peterson; T. Owens: J. T. Jolliffe; F. Ricards; B. T. Price; J. H. Baldwin; T. J. Hale.

Visitors:—Bros. C. J. Coles; I. F. Grace, P.M., 73: W. A. Laker, P.M., 1362; H. Summer, P.M., 1362; Geo. Ralling, 51; T. E. Tallent, P.M., 186; Wm. Carey, W.M., 1571; H. Gross, W.M., 1314; G. Whittaker, jun., 1597; Rawson Kelly, P.M., 750, P.P.S.W., West Yorks; N. S. Mendelssohn, 481; James Garner, P.M., 975, 1622; C. W. Stockmer, P.M., 507; William Morgan, jun., late 1107; Chas. Nightingale, P.M., 1362; George Jenkins, jun., Org., 2048; Selwyn Davis, Org., 917; W. J. Hooker, 1707; Thomas Steer, 1287.

St. Martin's-le-Grand—No. 1538.—On Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., the Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held—Bro. Fluck, W.M.—Bros. Mumford, S.W.; Hartnoll, S.D.; Maitland, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Stranger, Org.; Hatch, P.M., Treas.; Woodward, P.M., Sec.; Gregory, P.M.; Parkes, P.M.; Dr. Smith, P.M.; Ford, Bye, Finch, Cooper, Bonné, Cantle (*Masonic Star*), and numerous other brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Major Walker, P.M.; Captain Walker, P.M.; Page, P.M (Savage Club Lodge); and Davis, Org. 1321.—Bro. Dixie, P.M., Installing Master. Bro. Watson having first been raised to the degree of a M.M., Bro. Dixie proceeded to install Bro. Mumford in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was admirably performed, and the new W.M., with suitable addresses, invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. T. G. Fluck, I.P.M.; J. Hartnall, S.W.; P. C. Maitland, J.W.; T. H. Roberts, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; I. T. Stranger, J.G.; Johnson and James, Stewards; A. C. Woodward, P.M., Sec.; G. Hatch, P.M., Treas.; Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Fluck, I.P.M. was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the usual loyal toasts, as well as those of the W.M., Installing Master, and the Visitors, were very cordially received. Bros. Davies, Stranger, Roberts and Dixie contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment by some excellent singing and recitations; Bro. Willie Wright presiding at the piano. To commemorate his year of office, Bro. Mumford presented his officers with new collars.

Leeds.—Lodge Prudence—No. 2069.—A largely attended meeting of this increasing and popular lodge was held on Saturday last, the W.M., Bro. Tudor Trevor, and all his officers being present. Bro. G. W. Pratt was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the latter portion of the traditional history being given by the I.P.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, P. Prov. Grand Lodge. The S.W., Bro. Wm. Watson, P.M., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Robert Abbott was unanimously re-elected for the third time as Treasurer. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the W.M., Bro. Tudor Trevor, delivered a brief valedictory address, in which he sketched the proceedings of the past year and dwelt upon the goodwill and harmony which had so happily marked his year of office. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the supper-room where, under the influence of "the cup which cheers and not inebriates," and the kindly spirit which has marked their intercourse, a very enjoyable evening was spent, the toast, "Success to Lodge Prudence," proposed by the W.M., being especially and most heartily responded to. The installation of P.M. Bro. Wm. Watson as W.M. will take place on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Westbury (Wilts.)—The first annual installation meeting of the White Horse Lodge, No. 2227, was held on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, and was well attended. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Reed, who then initiated the Rev. R. M. Kirwan into the degree of E.A., and afterwards opened in the superior degrees to receive the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Methuen, attended by his officers: this was done with full honours and his lordship, assuming the chair, proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, S.W. (High Sheriff for Wilts) into the chair of K.S. The following officers for the ensuing year were invested: Bros. W. H. Laverton, S.W.; H. Reeves, J.W.; H. W. Pinniger, Treasurer; S. Anderson, Secretary; J. J. Trask, S.D.; G. H. Knight, J.D.; A. P. Hall, I.G.; W. Sainsbury, Tyler. The working tools were explained by Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Treasurer, and the addresses given by Bro. H. Bevir, P.G. Secretary. The banquet was laid at the Laverton Institute. Among those present, in addition to the above-named, were Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.M. 1533, G. Chaplain Eng.; J. Chandler, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.D.C; W. J. Mann, P.M. 632, P.G.J.W.; J. Sparks, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.R.; A. J. Beaven, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.D.; G. J. Farringdon, P.M. 1271, P.G.S. of Works; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Foley, P.M. 632; F. Barton, P.M. 1271; H. Price, P.M. 1478; G. L. Palmer, W.M. 632; Sir H. Pelly, 357; J. Pocock, S.W. 632; H. Millington, 632, P.P.G. Org.; Rev. G. H. S. Atwood, Chap. 1478; Lewis, J.D. 1478; E. H. Langston, Sec. 1478; W. Collins, P.S. 632; W. R. Brown, J.D. 632; J. Lansdown, W. H. Stanley, H. Mundy, W. A. Gouldsmith, A. J. G. Stancomb, all of 632. Also the following officers and members of the Westbury Lodge: W. H. Reed, W.M.; C. N. P. Phipps, S.W.; W. H. Laverton, J.W.; H. Reeves, Sec.; G. Walker, J.D.; J. J. Trask, S.D.; H. Mead, J.G.; A. P. Hall, H. W. Pinniger, S. Anderson, G. H. Knight, J. Reeves, J. Hillman, A. W. Tuffin, and H. Green. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. Millington, Foley and others, a most pleasant gathering being brought to a close at about 8 p.m.

Bagshaw Lodge—No. 1457.—The Installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Loughton Public Hall. Bro. J. C. Hopwood was installed into the Master's chair by Bro. W. Holloway, P.M., in a most impressive manner. After the return of the brethren to the Lodge, Bro. Hopwood proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, after which the choice of a representative from the Lodge to the Charity Committee fell to the lot of the W.M. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Crown Hotel, served in Mr. Willis's usual first-class style. An enjoyable evening followed.

Royal Military Lodge—No. 1449.—On 15th inst., at the Masonic Temple, 38, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury—Bro. Major H. Maclear, W.M.—Bros. T. Claydon, S.W.; T. Becket, I.W.; D. Laing, S.D.; W. Naylor, I.D.; G. Rupert, I.G.; A. I. Abbs, Sec.; W. Ring, W. Beckett, Develin, P.M.; Blake, Tyler, Rope, Letts, Merriman, Blamiers, P.M.; Cockerell, P.M., &c. The elections of Bro. Abbs as Secretary and Bro. Major Maclear as Preceptor for the ensuing year was unanimously resolved. It was also resolved to support The Masonic Star by lodge and individual subscriptions. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lett as candidate. A very pleasant and instructive evening closed at 10 p.m.

Tennant Lodge—No. 1992.—On the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, the installation of Bro. T. Evans as W.M. for the ensuing year took place. There was a large gathering of the brethren of the various lodges of the province, and also of the neighbouring province of Monmouthshire. The W.M., Bro. Varzopollo, opened the Lodge and received the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant. The following brethren were present at the ceremony:—Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M.; D. S. Varzopollo, W.M; David Williams, I.P.M.; Robert Williams, J.W.; T. M. Hale, Treasurer: Walter Deacon, Secretary: Richard Monford, S.D.: Frank Williams, J.D.; J. E. Deacon, Organist: and T. Matthews, P.M.; W. E. Miles, J. R. Winn, Hugh Brown, W. Hellier, W. H. Jones, Charles Salisbury, W. Lawrence, T. Niven, F. Morgan, Charles Kyte, Aug. P. Fabian, John T. Hogg, and F. W. Harvey. The visitors were Bros. Samuel G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. for the Monmouthshire Division: John Dutton, W. H. Williams, E. Eastabrook, Thomas Rees, T. R. Williamson, J. R. Harris, P.M., Thomas James, A. M. Parsons, Arthur Vernon Dovey, W. C. Peace, P.M.; Jno. Munday, I.P.M.; J. O. Lewis, P.M.; Jas. Radley, W.M.: C. Carey Thomas: all of Bute Lodge. W. N. Davies, Independence; William R. Perrot, Merlin: J. David, Windsor; J. H. Taylor, Caradoc: Arthur Roberts, Glamorgan: Frederick G. Hodges, W.M. Windsor Lodge: William Jenkins, Windsor; S. D. Churchill, Windsor; W. B. Ferrier, S. Davies, and D. Pickford, P.M.'s of one of the Monmouthshire lodges.

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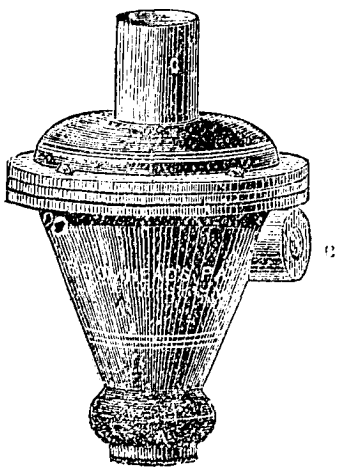
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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

On the 29th Sept. ult. I addressed you a letter on the above subject, which appears in your impression of the 4th inst. The crux of my letter was to draw attention to, and ask information about, the items on the Dr. and Cr. sides of the Fund of General Purposes Account relating to Charity Jewels.

In your last issue you, in the column headed "Our Trestle Board," say, "We believe that some explanation could be afforded which might put a different construction on our correspondent's assumption as to the meaning of the two entries he refers to. A communication has been made to us, but it is not sufficiently explanatory to set before our readers."

Now, Sir, by publishing my letter, I certainly thought you would have been able to give myself and your subscribers, in a clear and concise manner, the answer to the riddle I propounded—for riddle it seems to be, judging by the eloquence your silence displays. The vaguest of vague generalities is all you accord in a shame-faced manner. *We believe—some explanation*—surely you ought to *know* rather than *believe*—that a *good*, not *some*, explanation—*will*, not *could*, be afforded, which *must*, not *might*, put a different construction on our correspondent's assumption, &c.

Why don't you publish the communication you say has been made to you? Is the subject so hard to understand that you say "it is "not sufficiently explanatory to set before our readers"? Where can any difficulty be in giving a plain answer to so simple a question? Give us, at any rate, whatever it may be, the benefit of the "communication" made to you. Is the communicator, our old algebriac friend x an unknown quantity! that his light (?) is hidden under a bushel?

Sir, your paper is doing good for the Craft—do not let matters which interest us all dream away their existence on the shore of that land where "it was always afternoon."

Fraternally and very truly,

STEWARD.

*** *Brother "Steward," you are somewhat hard on us! On first reading your communication we felt disposed to reject it, on the score of personality to ourselves, but as our doing so might have been misconstrued why—here's your letter—and now let us see how far we can answer it. We have ascertained that, in the first place, "the Grand Lodge pays the Medallist 10s. 6d. each, which the Jeweller has to pay; so Grand Lodge makes* NO PROFIT." *Secondly, that "the Jeweller mounts the medal and charges 50s., so he gets 39s. 6d. for his work over what he pays for the medal." Thirdly, "If 100 Jewels are sold in one year and only 50 paid, it is because 50 were on hand at the commencement of the year as stock in hand." Now, further than that we cannot at present get, and can only repeat that what has been communicated is not sufficiently explanatory to set before our readers.—Ed.* M.S.

JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

If "Aspirant" will read the new Constitution as applying to regalia with paragraph 296, he will find that the P.M. jewel is to be in silver, as also all the other lodge jewels, except in the case of Lodges Nos. 2 and 8; and then, if he will look at a price list of *presentation* jewels as issued by Spencer or Kenning, he will find that presentation P.M. jewels *may* be in gold or gilt. In the Lodge I have the honour to belong to we do not *give* P.M.'s jewels, and some of our old silver P.M. jewels are often much admired. Royal Arch jewels are all gold or gilt. *Blue and silver, purple or crimson and gold* are proper masonic colours.

Yours truly and fraternally,

ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE,
P.M., P.P.G.D.C. (Dorset), W.M., 170.

The Fernery, Weymouth,
Oct. 12, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have before me a newspaper reporting a meeting on the 8th. of the Abbey Lodge of Westminster, No. 2030, at the Town Hall, Westminster. In the course of the proceedings Bro. the Rev. — Simpson appears to have made the following remarks :— "

"He (Bro. Simpson) trusted that when the time came to elect a Grand Treasurer of England, as it was the turn of London this time instead of the Provinces, the Abbey Lodge, through its officers who had the power to vote, would return a good and upright Mason who would be an ornament to the Craft, so that not only might the deserving be promoted by the Prince their Master, but that the great body of Masons might be represented by a Grand Treasurer—which was the only officer they could elect—by one who was a worthy man and true."

Now, Sir, I cannot conceive that the foregoing can be the correct version of what Bro. Simpson said. If it is, it appears to me that the words "would return a good and upright Mason," and "one who was a worthy man and true," can only have been used in a moment of thoughtlessness.

Surely our Reverend Bro. does not intend to convey in any sort or shape that the office of Grand Treasurer has been, or ever will be, filled by any one not qualified in such a manner! It seems to me that Bro. Simpson, doubtless unwittingly, casts a most unpleasant reflection on some one or more of the brothers who have hitherto held the office. I do not think it is generally known if any reason exists to justify these remarks—perhaps Bro. Simpson will tell us. If, as I imagine, the words used were those thoughtless ones, Bro. Simpson would be doing a graceful act in at once either in your, or some other, journal by correcting them.

Fraternally yours,

SCRUTATOR.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In the *Freemason* of Oct. 13th there is an extract from *The Keystone* (of Freemasonry) as to the eligibility of the *lame and impotent* for admission into the Craft. May I ask who are the authors and publishers of this work! and on what occasion this doubt *could* have arisen! Further, why may not a lame brother be able to fulfil his obligation! And who are the judges as to the second suggested disqualification!

I understood each *lodge* was the only judge as to the fitness of proposed candidates, and at my initiation was not referred to any other tribunal. Why and wherefore is the question now raised!

I am, dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

16th Oct., 1888. W.M.

Answers to Correspondents.

SENIOR WARDEN.—The important question you raise as to the voting power at Quarterly Communications shall have attention next week.

TEMPLAR.—We sent you two applications for exchanges; you do not acknowledge them; kindly do so.

PRECEPTOR.—To be candid, we are now inserting many such communications in the desire to meet the wishes of a number of worthy brethren; but we doubt whether our space will be sufficient to allow us to continue reports of meetings which can have but a very limited general interest.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

WE have received from author or publisher a copy of "Masonic Songs, &c., J. Blair," which shall have our attention for review next week. Meanwhile, we thould like to receive permission to reproduce in our columns the poem on pages 30, 31.

Our Exchanges.

GOOD OF MASONRY.—All Masonic labour, and all Masonic effort and action, should be for the good of Masonry. Is a candidate for the mysteries of the Institution to be proposed, then the questions should be, Will his introduction among the workmen promote their peace and harmony, aid their welfare, and adorn their work! Will his making an advancement strengthen and beautify the Temple, and honour God, and thus be for the good of Masonry! If yea, then his ballot should be clear. Is a new hall, or any other matter, to be proposed, then the same test should be applied, and whatever fails to meet it should be rejected. Especially should this principle apply in the selection of officers of constituent and Grand Bodies, and none should be chosen whose preferment will not be for the good of Masonry. Ambition for office should not be gratified if their is any doubt of the beneficent effect upon the Institution, the honour and glory of the same being vastly more important than the preferment of any Craftsman. Legislation also should be adopted or rejected by the test, "For the good of Masonry." To fall below this standard is to imperil the Fraternity.—*Voice of Masonry, Chicago.*

SOUTHWARK LODGE—No. 879.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., a gathering of the Craft occurred at the Bridge House Hotel, at the installation meeting of above Lodge. Bro. Ch. H. Freyer was most ably inducted to the chair of K.S. by Bro. E. Leigh, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. W. Beavis, P.M., and Prov.G. Pursuivant, Middlesex. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Eaton, S.W.; Wilkinson, J.W.: Kent, Treas.; Beavis, Sec.; Lazarus, S.D.G.; Bird, J.D.: Briley, I.G., Chatterton, Org.: Percival, D.C.; Pemberton, A.D.C.; Davis, W.S.; Harper, Ass. Sec.; Barrett, A.W.S.; Rowe, Tyler. An interesting item in the proceedings was the presentation of a clock with ornaments to match to Mrs. Beavis, which Bro. Beavis was asked to accept on her behalf. The following inscription was engraved upon the clock:—"Presented to Mrs. William Beavis by the members of the Southwark Lodge, No. 897, with their best wishes for the health and happiness of herself and her esteemed husband. 11th Oct., 1888." Bro. Beavis, in thanking the brethren for their kind gift, said that they could not have thought of anything which would have given him more gratification than the privilege they accorded him of making this personal present to his wife. In the course of the evening replying to the toast of his health, the W.M. was singularly happy in his remarks relating to the country of his adoption, which were well-timed and in good taste. Bro. Professor Hahn and Bro. Chatterton supervised the harmony. An enjoyable evening was passed, and the brethren, one and all highly delighted, separated. Amongst those present we noted the following: Bros. Lee, P.M. 1897; Prov. A.G. Secretary Middlesex Etherington, P.M. 1300; P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Skudder, P.M. 169; Williams, W.M. 147; Bartlett, P.M. 1871; Melbourn, P.M. 13; Smith, P.M. 1288; Clemow, P.M. 1589; Porter, P.M. 1178; Kennett, P.M. 1436; Wells, W.M. 1158; Packer S.W. 1571; Hahn, Organist 2150; Hockison, 1475, and others.

PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., on Saturday, 13th October, 1888. Present:—Bros. Simmons, W.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Ansell, J.W.: Baker, S.D.; Platt, J.D.; McNamara, I.G.; I. P. Cohen, Preceptor, and Galer, Sec., and many other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Witte candidate. Bro. L. A. Da Costa worked the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 sections of the 2nd Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the W.M.

MARK MASONRY.—On the 12th inst., Bro. Ephraim Sutherst was installed as W.M. of the Dunelm Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 365, for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. Jos. Lawson.

GOING TO PRESS.

The pressure on our space this week has been so considerable that we have felt ourselves bound to temporarily withdraw the Exchange and Mart column, and also several items of interest connected with "Ritualistic Nuts to Crack" Just as our machine is commencing its revolutions we receive about a column of report of a meeting of Lodge No. 1790, held on the 4th inst. We need hardly say that the distance of date suffices to prohibit its insertion; even had space allowed. At the same time we receive a report of similar length of a Lodge of Instruction held in Kent on the 11th inst. In this case date would not have so much mattered, and if we had received it twenty-four hours earlier we should have given the report the attention it so admirably merits, and have avoided the possibility of offending an esteemed correspondent, from whom we hope again to hear.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M.C., Masonic Club; M.H., Masonic Hall; M.R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C.H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th.	
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
169	Temperance	White Swan Hot., High St., Deptford
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, So. Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1681	Londesboro'	8, Air Street, Regent Street, W.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
217	Stability	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
Mark.		
	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19th.	
975	Rose of Denmark	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
1704	Anchor	Cannon Street Hotel
1962	London Rifle Brigade	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Mark.		
226	Excelsior	M. H., Woolwich
R.C.		
10	Invicta	33, Golden Square, W.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th.	
1185	Lewis	King's Arms, Wood Green, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1641	Crichton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1732	King's Cross	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1897	Citadel	Railway Hot., Harrow Station
R.A.C.		
142	St. Thomas'	Cannon Street Hotel
1185	Lewis	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
1194	Royal Middlesex	Mitre Hot., Hampton Court
Mark.		
251	Tenterden	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
	(4th) MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd.	
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. H.
183	Unity	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
902	Burgoyne (Installation)	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
905	De Grey and Ripon	F. M. H.
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1632	Stuart	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	F. M. H.
Mark.		
4	Prince of Wales	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd.	
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
186	Industry	F. M. H.
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel
1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1348	Ebury	Café Royal, Regent Street
1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
7	Royal York Lodge of Perseve.	F. M. H.
1269	Stanhope	M. H., Camberwell
1275	Star	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
Mark.		
3	Keystone	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24th.	
	BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6.	
212	Euphrates	Holborn Rest., W.C.
754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Tav., Tottenham
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
1718	Centurion	Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn
1719	Evening Star	F. M. H.
1768	Progress	F. M. H.
1820	Sir Thomas White	Holborn Viaduct Hot.
R.A.C.		
753	Prince Frederick William	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
	(4th) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th.	
22	Neptune	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort Hot., Fulham
861	Finsbury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., Bishopsgate
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1421	Langthorne	Angle Hot., Ilford
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1816	Victoria Park	London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1974	St. Mary Abbots	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C		
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
Mark.		
181	Sir Francis Burdett	Albany Hot., Twickenham
332	Boro' of Greenwich	William the Fourth, Trafalgar Road
363	Ruspini	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	7th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	20th Nov	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	13th Nov	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	12th Nov	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	8th Nov	Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct	Ditto
925	Bedford	19th Nov	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	21st Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	23rd Oct	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	14th Nov	Ditto
1163	Emulation	25th Oct	Ditto
1180	Forward	5th Nov	Ditto
1474	Israel	12th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	20th Nov	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	14th Nov	Ditto
221	St. John	21st Nov	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	25th Oct	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope...	22nd Oct	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY,	18th Oct	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	6th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	14th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	22nd Oct	Ditto
600	Sincerity	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	6th Nov	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	3rd Nov	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	30th Oct	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
1947	Stanford	14th Nov	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	6th Nov	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	14th Nov	Ditto
326	Moira TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
610	Colston	21st Nov	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	13th Nov	Ditto
1388	Canynges	3rd Nov	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	25th Oct	Ditto
2257	Powell	22nd Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	23rd Oct	Ditto
187	Charity	1st Nov	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	15th Nov	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	21st Nov	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	8th Nov	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	1st Nov	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	25th Oct	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Nov	Bridge Inn

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	23rd Oct	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	14th Nov	Ditto
802	Repose TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	7th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Oct	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—*continued.*

1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	14th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	20th Oct	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	18th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	24th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	7th Nov	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	26th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	25th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva TO-DAY,	18th Oct	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Oct	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—5 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Nov	M. H., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	31st Oct	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	6th Nov	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	1st Nov	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	12th Nov	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

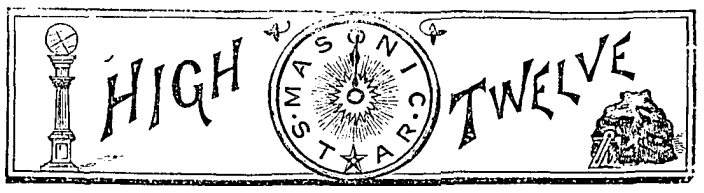
289	Fidelity	1st Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	31st Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	2nd Nov	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	18th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	5th Nov	Ditto
1221	Defence	12th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	10th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	13th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	7th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	18th Oct	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	7th Nov	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	13th Nov	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	19th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	24th Oct	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
216	Harmonic	8th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	13th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	1st Nov	Ditto
292	Sincerity	12th Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	25th Oct	Ditto
667	Alliance	20th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John	6th Nov	Ditto
680	Sefton	2nd Nov	Ditto
724	Derby	24th Oct	Ditto
786	United Service ...	8th Nov	Ditto
823	Everton	21st Nov	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	7th Nov	Ditto
1094	Temple	14th Nov	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	8th Nov	Ditto
1264	Neptune	5th Nov	Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	22nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	28th Oct	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	14th Nov	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY,	18th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	19th Nov	Ditto
1505	Emulation	25th Oct	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	14th Nov	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	20th Nov	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	24th Oct	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	7th Nov	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	23rd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	7th Nov	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	19th Nov	Ditto
2215	Anfield	25th Oct	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	19th Nov	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	6th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship	22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton	23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	13th Nov	Ditto



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

After Lodge is closed, Brethren may find relaxation and amusement in

LONDON *at*—

THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE.
Lessee and Manager, Bro. Augustus Harris.
THE ARMADA at 7.30.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree.
CAPTAIN SWIFT at 8.30. THAT DREADFUL DOCTOR at 7.50.

ADELPHI THEATRE.
Sole Proprietors and Managers, Bros. A. & S. Gatti.
THE UNION JACK at 8. THE LOTTERY TICKET at 7.15.

THE GLOBE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. John Lart.
THE MONK'S ROOM at 8.15.

SAVOY THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. D'Oyly Carte.
THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD, 8.30.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Horace Sedger.
DOROTHY 8.30. WARRANTED BURGLAR PROOF, 7.40.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Thomas Thorne.
JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART at 8.30. THE BROTHERS at 7.45.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey.
UNCLES AND AUNTS at 9. THE SPY at 8.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Mr. Henry Irving.
DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE AT 9.
A PARISIAN ROMANCE at 8.45. LESBIA at 7.45.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Lessee and Manageress, Agnes Hewitt.
THE TWO ORPHANS at 8.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Bro. Edward Terry.
SWEET LAVENDER at 8.30.

OPERA COMIQUE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. F. J. Harris.
CARINA at 8.30.

BRIGHTON—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Sole Proprietress, Mrs. Nye Chart.
THE STILL ALARM at 7.30.

LIVERPOOL—

ROYAL COURT THEATRE.
Proprietors, The Carl Rosa Opera Company.
THE ARABIAN NIGHTS.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Manageress, Miss Fanny Josephs.
THE REAL LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY.

MANCHESTER—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Lessee, Captain Bainbridge.
FAUST.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. Ramsay.
DOROTHY.

LEEDS—

GRAND THEATRE.
Lessee, Mr. Wilson Barrett.
FALKA AND PEPITA.

THEATRE ROYAL.
Mr. J. Hobson.
CURRENT CASH.

NOTTINGHAM—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Managing Director, Mr. T. W. Charles.
SAVED FROM THE STREETS.

Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

TO-DAY (Thursday) Mr. Sydney Alport takes his annual benefit at the Vaudeville, when "Joseph's Sweetheart" will be performed, after which a miscellaneous entertainment will be given, many eminent London artistes appearing.

ON Friday, the 19th, at the Lyceum, Mr. Richard Mansfield will give a special performance in aid of the funds for the creation of night refuges for homeless poor in the East End. A four-act comedy by C. Gunter, entitled "Prince Karl," will be produced, for the first time in London, with Mr. Mansfield in the title rôle.

THE Strand Theatre has been leased to a West End manager not wholly unconnected with farcical comedy. A new work will be produced there as soon as Mr. W. Edouin's term expires.

A MATINEE will be given next Saturday at the Strand, when "Kleptomania" will be played; this is the first and last morning performance, as "Kleptomania" and "Aladdin" will be withdrawn on that day.

"SOPHIE EYRE" finishes her tenancy at the Gaiety next Friday night; she will take her first benefit on the Saturday. In addition to appearing as "She," she will represent "Lady Macbeth," in the sleep-walking scene.

THE new burlesque by G. R. Sims and Henry Pettit, called "Faust, up to Date," will be produced at the Gaiety on the 27th.

MR. HENRY BRACY will have a farewell matinée benefit on the 24th, prior to his departure to Australia. A good programme is promised. Mr. Ben Davies is honorary secretary to the benefit committee.

MISS FANNY LESLIE is booked to play the principal boy at the Comedy Theatre, Manchester, in the Christmas pantomime of "Aladdin."

NOVEMBER 3rd is the appointed day for the production of Chassaigne's new comic opera at the Avenue. It is named "Nadgy."

AT the expiration of the run of "The Still Alarm" at the Princess's, I understand Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged with Mr. Henry Pettitt to produce "Homes Across the Sea." This will be early in November.

MR. ALFRED CALMOUR produces a new three-act comedy, called "The Widow Winsome," at the Criterion matinée on the 15th November next.

ON the withdrawal of "Dorothy" from the Prince of Wales's next December, Mr. Planquette's new opera, "Paul Jones," will take its place. This should be produced about the 12th January, 1889.

A GREAT Harvest Festival takes place this day (Thursday) at the Alexandra Palace. The building is to be decorated with flowers, fruit, corn, &c.

I HEAR from very reliable information that the Royal Aquarium is not to be demolished.

FOURTEEN years have passed away since "The Two Orphans" was first produced at the Olympic, yet in Miss Agnes Hewitt's revival of the play, Henry Neville is the same vigorous, care-taking actor, playing Pierre, the badly-used, lame knife grinder, with all the manliness as of old, while Mrs. Huntley, the hag La Frochard, even surpasses herself. Miss Agnes Hewitt's performance is the best she has yet accomplished, it being a thoroughly artistic performance.

POOR old W. H. Stephens, an actor of the past generation, died suddenly, at the age of 70, while in the act of kneeling at his devotions at Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, Hammersmith. The play has ended; the curtain's down.

"HENRY DUNBAR," I am given to understand, will be played at a matinée at the Olympic shortly.

SEVERAL alterations have been made in "Carina" at the Opera Comique. It is still drawing big houses, and is likely to for some time.

MADAME SARAH BERNHARDT'S manager has arrived at Vienna to arrange details of her fortnight's performances in that city, which are to commence on October 30th.

OWING to the illness of Mr. A. Maltby on Thursday evening, his part of the private tutor in "Betsy" was played at short notice by Mr. George B. Phillips.

"VANITY FAIR," a new drama in seven tableaux, by Mr. Walter Reynolds, was produced for copyright purposes only at the Theatre Royal, Bristol, on Wednesday last.

BRO. ROBERT BUCHANAN has been commissioned by Mr. Thomas Thorne to write another comedy of old English life for the Vaudeville, to be ready when "Joseph's Sweetheart" ceases to draw.

TO-NIGHT, Thursday, at the Victoria Hall, Mr. Sims Reeves will appear and delight his hearers with some of his songs.

MISS GRACIE MURIELLE will shortly make her re-appearance in town in a new piece called "Fool's Mate," specially written for her by F. W. Broughton.

DURING his recent visit to Dalmeny Park, Bro. Henry Irving was presented by Lord Rosebery with a ring formerly the property, and upon which is an enamel portrait, of David Garrick.

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

Manchester—37 Lodges, 11 Chapters.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
44	Friendship	2nd Nov	Albion Hotel
62	Social	29th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	31st Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian	14th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	1st Nov	Ditto
325	St. John's	21st Nov	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	7th Nov	Ditto
815	Blair	9th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	14th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	25th Oct	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	7th Nov	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	9th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	29th Oct	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	5th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	20th Nov	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	8th Nov	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	5th Nov	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	31st Oct	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	8th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	6th Nov	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	19th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	31st Oct	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	9th Nov	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	3rd Nov	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	24th Oct	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	5th Nov	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	6th Nov	74a, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	14th Nov	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	14th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	12th Nov	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	15th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
325	St. John's	1st Nov	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	8th Nov	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	20th Nov	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

Newcastle-on-Tyne—11 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	1st Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	7th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	12th Nov	Ditto
541	De Loraine TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	6th Nov	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	14th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	25th Oct	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	9th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	26th Oct	Ditto
2260	Ridley	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	20th Nov	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

Norwich—6 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

Lo. 52	Union	6th Nov	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	13th Nov	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	20th Nov	Ditto
807	Cabbell	25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity	23rd Oct	Ditto
1500	Walpole	1st Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

Nottingham—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.

Lo. 47	Newstead	6th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	12th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	2nd Nov	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	19th Nov	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland...	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse—16 Lodges, 12 Chapters.

Lo. 70	St. John's	6th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	12th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Nov	Ditto
159	Brunswick	7th Nov	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	12th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	25th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	20th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	18th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	23rd Oct	Ditto
1205	Metham	19th Nov	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	15th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	19th Nov	Ditto
1550	Prudence	3rd Nov	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	13th Nov	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	23rd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	26th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

Portsmouth, Landport, and Southsea—11 Lodges, 6 Chapters.

257	Phœnix	24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	8th Nov	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	12th Nov	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	9th Nov	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	23rd Oct	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	20th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	10th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
2038	Portsmouth Temperance	22nd Oct	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	19th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	14th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	13th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

Sheffield—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

139	Britannia	8th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	12th Nov	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	30th Oct	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto

Southampton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	8th Nov	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	19th Nov	Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY,	18th Oct	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	1st Nov	Ditto
359	Peace	2nd Nov	Ditto
394	Concord	25th Oct	Ditto

Sunderland—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

80	St. John	13th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	7th Nov	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	8th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick TO-MOR.,	19th Oct	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	26th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th.		
13	Union Waterloo	at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's	„ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross	„ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak	„ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark	„ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1758	*Southern Star*	„ 8	*Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,*
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1441	Ivy	„ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1681	Londesborough	„ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph	„ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	*Victoria Park*	„ 8	*The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.*
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	„ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„ 8	Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19th.		
9	Albion	at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 7	F. M. H
333	Kintore	„ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims	„ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„ 8	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
749	Belgrave	„ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's	„ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
933	Doric	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty	„ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.			
65	Prosperity	„ 6	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
890	Hornsey	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th.		
179	Manchester	at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1288	Finsbury Park	„ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	„ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick	„ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(4th) MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd.		
22	Loughborough	at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„ 8	Jamaica Tav., Sthwk. Pk. Rd., Bermdsey.
1227	Upton	„ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1125	Hyde Park	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(4th) MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd—*continued.*		
1507	Metropolitan	at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1608	Kilburn	„ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar	„ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield	„ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn	„ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„ 8	*Baron's Court Hot.*, West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C			
206	Hope	„ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(4th) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd.		
55	Constitutional	at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	*Prosperity*	„ 7	*Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.*
140	St. George	„ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury	„ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Camming Town.
1382	Corinthian	„ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgcumbe	„ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley	„ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer	„ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring	„ —	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex	„ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24th.		
3	Fidelity	at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry	„ 8.30	Baily. Hot., West Hampstead.
193	Confidence	„ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength	„ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East	„ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1421	Langthorne	„ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham	„ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1601	Ravensbourne	„ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett	„ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom	„ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon	„ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.			
177	Domatic	„ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* *This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.*

(4th and Last) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in October (*see ante*).

*** *The Editor will be greatly obliged for any information the Secretaries of the various Lodges may be pleased to send to him.*

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"Light."

"WHAT a strange subject for an Editorial!" we hear many of our readers exclaim. Perhaps not quite so curious as it may at the first glance seem. Have we all thoughtfully considered the application of this, *the* greatest material blessing which the Almighty has vouchsafed us. At the very commencement of this world's history it was the primary consideration before any other creative act, for we are told "that darkness was upon the face of the deep." God said, "Let there be light!"

"Nothing in this great creation, impressed as it everywhere is with miracles of wisdom and excellence, is more beautiful and marvellous than light, the elder work of the Deity, the masterpiece of His material phenomena, and the original communication of Himself when he opened the treasures of His bounty. Light was the commencement of our world, and it continues to be the soul of every beauty which it contains." Thus writes BASELEY.

On the very threshold of our Masonic existence this is the blessing which we are taught to crave. Practically, material light by which to guide our steps; morally, light to guide our thoughts and actions.

Here is an analogy worthy our readers' most serious consideration. Without the material light there would never have been any life on this globe; without the moral light the state of humanity—poor as it is always called—would be something too awful to contemplate, and the condition of the primæval savage would be comparatively the acme of civilisation.

We, as members of the mystic tie, in virtue of the doctrines inculcated by Freemasonry, ought to show to the world that moral light obtains with *us* in a superlative degree. Beyond obedience to all laws, Divine or human, it is our duty as good craftsmen to practise all the virtues, obey the dictates of conscience, and generally so to act ever on the square in our relations with all mankind as to cause the titular designation of Master Mason to be accepted throughout the universe as a synonym for all that is best and purest, loyal, brave and true. The symbolic meaning of our working tools ought ever to be present with us, and assist us in our daily life, and in our conduct towards all with whom we may be brought in contact.

Unless by practising in our lives the sublime truths taught us by our craft we have *not* the true light, but an *ignis fatuus*, an imitation bearing about as much resemblance to it as the glimmer of a rushlight does to the glorious effulgence of the God of day.

It behoves the brethren one and all to carefully consider whether they really have gained moral light in its most ample sense—not laying the flattering unction to their souls that "we are as good as our fellows," but asking rather "why are we not better?" The volume of the sacred law tells us that "God saw the light that it was good." No qualification but "good." Our moral light ought to bear being described as tersely.

Much as is done by our body to alleviate distress in its many and varied shapes, great as are the monetary aids we accord in the cause of charity, does there not remain much to be done in the way of assisting each other along the stony path of life? Is there not a wider sphere of action? The cheering, kindly word; the warning voice; the truthful assistance in time of need; the helping hand to drag from the mire before it becomes a slough of despond;—are not these important factors also? Yes; and we—

> "Must still believe, for still we hope.
> That in a world of larger scope.
> What here is faithfully begun,
> Will be completed, not undone."

These are some of the qualities we must possess and practise before we can lay claim to symbolic "light."

In the race for wealth, and the struggle for the good things of this world, it becomes more and more difficult to maintain even a low standard of commercial morality, still less to raise it. Each for himself seems to be growing more and more the rule. "Quite right too," we hear some one say. Reader, have you thoroughly grasped the light? "Each for himself" is quite right, but it is possible for every one to carry this axiom out in its integrity and yet be able to extend to others, without any detriment to himself, his family, or connections, services and assistance which may be of the utmost import to them. Thoughtlessness is often a prominent cause for the non-performance of a kindly action. How often do we hear around us,

when some story of distress is related, the expression—"Really! I do wish I had known about it before." We might, perhaps, "know about it before," if we went a little out of our way.

When Goethe lay on his death-bed, his last request was that the window curtains might be drawn aside, that he might have, he said,

"LIGHT, MORE LIGHT."

With these words we conclude. May our remarks commend themselves to our readers, and may they be appreciated in the spirit of fraternal regard in which they are written.

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

IT has been intimated to us that a reprint in book form of the articles which have appeared in this journal under the above heading, and which treat of the respective qualifications of the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, Deacons and Guards of the Lodge, would be very acceptable to numerous brethren. Our friends are good enough to say that the gift of such a work by Worshipful Masters to their Officers on appointment, and the interest which would be taken in the articles by aspirants to office, could not fail to be of considerable advantage to the brethren, and of proportionate benefit to Freemasonry generally; and that if published at a moderate price the book, or pamphlet, would command a ready sale. We shall act upon this intimation, and prepare a limited edition, in appropriate cover, at the cost of sixpence per copy (post free, sevenpence). The supply will be in order of application, and orders should be sent to Messrs. ADAMS BROS., our publishers, forthwith to ensure early attention. Our readers will be good enough to refer to Advertisement in other columns.

Labour and Refreshment.

Our columns of Reports of Lodge Meetings last week contained an account of an installation meeting at Cannon Street Hotel, on the 13th inst., whereat the banquet was held "in open lodge." There is such a diversity of opinion as to the propriety of the continuance or discontinuance of an ancient Masonic practice, one we have ever maintained should not have been departed from, that we hesitate to express our own views in the language we should prefer to adopt, without in the first instance setting before our readers other, and probably much sounder as well as better expressed opinions, published very many years ago. To do this we must "reproduce;" which, to the minds of many, is what an essayist should avoid doing. But against any such objection we set the fact that, since what we are about to reproduce was written, another generation of men have become members of our Order, and there are as many thousands now who have never had the opportunity to peruse what greatly interested and instructed their predecessors, as there were readers in the days of the original production. We shall therefore not further excuse ourselves on this point; nay, we may frequently repeat the action in other instances whereby the younger portion of the fraternity may become acquainted with what is profitable in their interests for them to know.

This is what the late Bro. the Rev. Dr. Oliver says in his "Book of the Lodge," edition 1856, on the subject of "Labour and Refreshment"—

"Our Brethren of the last century, with a view to the more complete accommodation of the members, had their Lodges furnished with a long table extending from east to west down the centre of the room; and in cases where the Lodge was numerous, two, flanked by benches with backs—leaving a commodious passage at each end for uses which every Brother is acquainted with; and in the latter case, the Senior Warden occupied the north-west, and the Junior Warden the south-west end. On these tables were disposed a pair of 18-in. globes; the perfect ashlar suspended from a Lewis, and affixed to a winch; and sometimes an air pump, an armillary sphere, and a small philosophical apparatus, as well as the usual ornaments, furniture, and jewels. The effect was imposing; and I think we have gained nothing by its sacrifice. I confess I prefer this disposition of a Lodge for many reasons. It prevents that indiscriminate arrangement of the members, which occasionally creates much confusion, by placing the Brethren more completely under the Master's eye, and consequently under his command; for in the present arrangement of the Lodge-room, opportunities are afforded for private conventions and conversations, which are the bane of societies constituted on the plan of Masonry, and a violation of the ancient charges of the Order, which positively forbid them "to hold private committees or separate conversation, without leave from the Master; not to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master." Such conduct is sure to prove an obstacle to the good government of the Lodge, on which the stability and success of the institution in a great measure depend.

Besides, the table was a genuine floor-cloth, or great Tracing Board, not merely affording an opportunity for every Brother to reflect on the use and application of the various symbols which he has continually before his eyes, that point the way to a series of invaluable conclusions, each of which enforces some virtue, or inculcates some moral truth that may be brought into beneficial practice during his commerce with the world; but also giving an increased facility of reference to the Worshipful Master in the chair; and making a more permanent impression on the mind of a newly-initiated candidate, by a sight of the symbols brought visibly under his notice, than by merely naming them with the customary explanations. Nothing fixes an object so firmly in the recollection as to have it displayed before the eye; and therefore it was the laudable custom of some worthy Masters of that period to point out with a wand to the rough stone in the north-east angle of the Lodge the various emblems disposed before him on the table, which were then more appropriately illustrated, and more readily comprehended. The wisdom which was imparted by this simple process would be esteemed of greater value, because the candidate plainly saw that it was practical; and the explanations would have more weight, because they would be understood to be reasonable and just; and he would depart more perfectly satisfied that the institution into which he had just been admitted was worthy of commendation and approval.

The removal of the tables at the Union in 1813 was intended to supersede the custom of taking refreshment during Lodge hours, for which they afforded the requisite convenience; as if moderate refreshment were inconsistent with the solemn business of the Lodge. The Author of our being understood much better the nature of man. He assigned hours for labour and hours for refreshment; and he appointed certain physical appearances to determine beyond the possibility of mistake, the recurrence of those stated periods of time. The Sun rises in the East, and calls him to labour; it gains its meridian in the South, and summons him to refreshment; and it sets at length in the West, to remind him that repose is necessary to restore his exhausted strength for another day of toil. On this principle Freemasonry was originally founded; and no squeamish taste, or fastidious opinion, ought to induce us to abandon it. The practice has received the sanction of all antiquity, and forms one of the unchangeable landmarks of the Order.

Besides, its disuse precludes the duty of one of the three Pillars of the Lodge, the Pillar of Beauty, and virtually annuls his office; and how can a Lodge be supported if one of its main pillars be removed? This officer proclaims aloud at the opening of every Lodge, that his duty is "to call the men from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labour, that pleasure and profit may be the mutual result;"—but in practice he never discharges any such duty, and therefore becomes liable to the imputation of negligence, and his office of inutility. How does this agree with the ancient charge which directs the Wardens to be true to the Master and Fellows, taking care of all things both within and without the Lodge, that the Lord's work be not retarded? But the Junior Warden, by our present customs, has no option but to neglect his duty, by which, therefore, the Lord's work is retarded, and he becomes amenable to the penalty of disobedience.

I am not ashamed to acknowledge that I like the good old custom of moderate refreshment during Lodge hours, because, under proper restrictions, I am persuaded that it is consonant with ancient usage. The following are the routine ceremonies which were used on such occasions by our Brethren of the last century. At a certain hour of the evening, and by certain ceremonies, the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment; when the Brethren "enjoyed themselves with decent merriment," and the song and the toast prevailed for a brief period. The songs were usually on Masonic subjects, as printed in the old Books of Constitutions, and other works; and although the poetry is sometimes not of the choicest kind, yet several of them may class amongst the best compositions of the day. Each song had its appropriate toast;* and thus the Brethren were furnished with the materials for passing a social hour. And I can say from experience, that the time of refreshment in a Masonic Lodge, as it was conducted up to the Union in 1813, was a period of unalloyed and rational enjoyment. All was peace, harmony, and brotherly love. The song appeared to have more zest than in a private company; the toast thrilled more vividly upon the recollection; and the small modicum of punch with which it was honoured retained a higher flavour than the same potation if produced at a private board. With what a profound expression of pleasure have I often seen this characteristic toast received:—

To him that all things understood,
To him that found the stone and wood,
To him that hapless lost his blood,
In doing of his duty.
To that blest age, and that blest morn,
Whereon those three great men were born,
Our noble science to adorn
With wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Alas! most of the Brethren of the times I speak of have gone to their long home; and all but myself have bid adieu to Masonry for ever!

During these happy moments, the Brethren entered with much unction upon their refreshments; which were generally conducted with great decorum in obedience to the old Gothic Constitutions, which direct the brethren to 'enjoy themselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess; not forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his own inclination, according to the Regulation of King Ahashuerus; nor hindering him from going home when he pleases, lest the blame of

* The original toast which was used by the four old Lodges before the revival of Masonry was as follows: "Here's a health to our Society, and to every faithful Brother that keeps his oath of secrecy. As we are sworn to love each other, the world no Order knows like this our noble and ancient fraternity. Let them wonder at the mystery. Here, brother, I drink to thee?"

their excess be justly thrown upon the Fraternity. No private piques, no quarrels about nations, families, religions, or politics, must be brought within the door of the Lodge; for as Masons, we are of the oldest Catholic religion, and of all nations upon the square, level, and plumb; and like our predecessors in all ages, we are resolved against political disputes, as contrary to the peace and welfare of the Lodge.' Occasionally, it is admitted, the Masons might and did transgress after the Lodge was closed; for, in the language of a writer in *Blackwood's Magazine*, "What says the poet, in one of those inspired strains by which the gifted sons of song, flinging the touch of genius around them, and therewith illuminating and revealing the sudden mysteries of nature, occasionally announce sublime truths to the world?—

"Punch cures the gout, the colic, and the phthisic,
And is of all things the very best of physic."

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE CHECKERED PAVEMENT.

[*There is no emblem that teaches a more practical every-day lesson to a Freemason than the Mosaic pavement, denoting human life checkered with good and evil.*]

I on the White Square, *you* on the Black:
I at fortune's *face*, *you* at her *back*;
Friends to *me many*, friends to *you few*;
What, then, dear Brother, binds me to you?
This, the Great Covenant, in which we abide—
Hearts charged with sympathy—
Hands opened wide—
Lips filled with comfort,
And God to provide.

I in life's *Valley*, *you* on its *crest*;
I at its *lowest*, *you* at its *best*;
I sick and sorrowing, *you hale and free*;
What, then, dear Brother, binds you to me?
This the Great Covenant in which we abide—
Hearts charged with sympathy—
Hands opened wide—
Lips filled with comfort,
And God to provide.

They in death's slumber, *we* yet alive;
They freed from labor, *we* yet to strive;
They paid and joyful, *we* tired and sad—
What, then, to us, Brother, bindeth the *dead?*
This, the Great Covenant in which we abide—
Hearts charged with sympathy—
Hands opened wide—
Lips filled with comfort.
And God to provide.

Let none be comfortless, let none despair;
Lo, round the *Black* grouped the *White Ashlars* are!
Stand by each other, black fortune defy,
All these vicissitudes end by-and-bye.
Keep the Great Covenant wherein we abide—
Hearts charged with sympathy—
Hands opened wide—
Lips filled with comfort,
And God *will* provide!

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. Rob Morris, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

MINORS IN FREEMASONRY.

We strongly commend the following remarks of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., at the meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge at Brighton, on the 11th inst., to the serious consideration of those brethren who are so exceedingly zealous for the entry of relatives into the Order before they are of "full age and sound judgment." "There is one question," said the R.W. Bro., "I feel compelled to touch upon particularly, namely, the initiation of minors into our brotherhood. It is a question upon which I have not myself the shadow of a doubt. I most unhesitatingly give my opinion against it. In this I am glad to find myself following in the footsteps of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, whose eldest son, his Highness Prince Albert Victor, was not initiated until he was twenty-one years of age. His Royal Highness's younger son has not yet entered the Craft. An exception is made at the universities for very special and well-considered reasons, but it should be at the universities alone. For my own part I do not think that the solemn obligations of our Craft should be lightly and thoughtlessly taken. A youth who has not reached the age of twenty-one has seen too little of life to realise or appreciate either the duties or the privileges of our Order. It is only after a young man has for a term felt his feet, as it were, in the path of life that he is able to understand what is meant by "the right hand of fellowship," and to grasp it with heartiness and lasting sincerity. It is after one or two disappointments among so-called friends that he begins to feel that it is well to build up friendship on a substratum of something less frothy than mere words. It must also be borne in mind that not only does a man on entering Masonry receive the cheering assurance of help in difficulty, sympathy in distress, and encouragement in labour, but he is also called upon to give this support to his brethren. I need hardly remind you that Masonry is not all receiving; in fact, reciprocity is one of the chief features of our Order. It may be that I have old-fashioned notions about the sanctity of a promise and the obligations incumbent on every man to carry out his engagements not only in the letter but in the spirit. It may be, as I say, that I am old-fashioned in this, but my feeling on this point is very strong, and I do not think any mere minor should undertake such responsibilities, the meaning of which he cannot quite understand until his experience is more extended. I may add that it was with very deep regret I became aware of a case in which some very young Masons, instead of accepting their "solemn obligations" with those feelings of reverence which are becoming, and which, to an honourable man aware of the step he is taking, are instinctive, that they accepted them in a manner which could not but distress a good and sincere Mason. Noisy merriment and silly aimless laughter, brethren, are not a fitting reception to give to the secrets of our venerable order. I will not dwell longer on the subject, but Masonry means to me the embodiment of all manliness, honesty, purity and loyalty; and I cannot bear to think of its degradation, even momentarily, through the behaviour of such as have not learned to love it."

For ourselves, we should like to know the "very special and well considered reasons" why exception should be made at the Universities to that which has ever been a constitutional landmark of the Order.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——On Saturday next, the 27th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., the Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, at 7 p.m. The officers will be Bros. T. G. Hodges, S.W., 1695 W.M.; H. Jenkins, S.W. 860, S.W.; and E. S. Lardner, P.M. 101, J.W.

——The Holmesdale Lodge, No. 129, will meet at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, this afternoon (25th inst.), at 3.30 p.m.

——The Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, meets this evening, 25th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., at 5 p.m. Two initiations, passing and raising. Supper at 7.30.

——North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, will resume its weekly meetings after vacation, at its usual place, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Highbury, N., to-night and subsequent Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

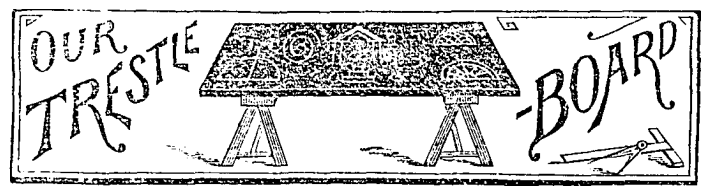
——Bro. John Wheatcroft Ray was installed W.M. for the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, at the Criterion, London, W.C., by Bro. William E. Moorman, the outgoing W.M., who was presented by the Lodge with a P.M.'s jewel for his services during his year of office.

——Bro. W. Campbell was installed W.M. of the Cope Lodge, No. 1357, Sale, on Friday, the 19th inst., on which date the festival of St. John was held in connection with that lodge.

At the regular meeting of the Friendship Mark Lodge, No. 16, held at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, on the 11th inst., Bro. Henry Holman, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. W. Allsford, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Thomas Shears, Tyler. The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. will be held on Thursday, 13th December.

The first of a course of Masonic lectures was delivered by Bro. James Jack, R.W.M., St. Mirrin's, 129, in Lodge Glasgow St. John. The *Glasgow Evening News* of the 19th inst. says:—The subject was "Early Masonry," and the lecturer, while admitting that authentic lodge records did not exist prior to 1599, maintained that the present organization was at least three centuries earlier; that the "Steinmetzen," or mediæval architects and craftsmen, had a precisely similar organization, of which the present was the outcome; and that these Steinmetzen derived their art and its secrets from Constantinople, and it in its turn from Italy and Rome. The Roman collegia or craft-guilds were in all but name masons, and their prototypes were Greeks who, in turn, derived their Masonic secrets from Egypt—the land of masonry, mysteries, and hieroglyphics. Light and learning came from the East—Egypt gave the greater part, Palestine a good deal. The Essenes were a set of monkish Masons, and the light of Masonry was even found in China.

American and English Freemasons.—A meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, was held on the 16th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. Major George Lambert. Two interesting ceremonies were performed, illustrating the fraternal feelings which exist between the American and the English Freemasons. Bro. G. Reynolds, the secretary of the lodge, presented to the lodge, on behalf of the Grand Master of Maryland, a loving cup, inscribed with a resolution voted by the grand lodge of Maryland, held in Baltimore, Nov. 16, 1887, conveying to the Anglo-American Lodge, England, the grateful acknowledgments of the Maryland Grand Lodge to the officers and members of the Anglo-American Lodge for their cordial and fraternal courtesies extended to the Grand Master of Maryland, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, during his visit to England. Bro. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, also presented to Bro. Brackstone Baker, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at the Grand Lodge of England, a jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Our readers will be good enough to notice that we have removed the Offices of THE MASONIC STAR to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London, to which address ALL communications should be forwarded. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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At a drawing for Life Subscribérships in connection with the Charitable Association of the Lewises Lodge of Instruction, No. 1209, and which held its annual festival at Ramsgate, on the 11th inst., one of the members, Bro. S. Devison, was the fortunate drawer of both the subscriberships on the ballot. It appears to be a rule in this association that a brother holding two or more chances shall not be excluded from further drawing should he be successful in gaining the first. But the double success was certainly unexpected. In good masonic form, Bro. Devison acknowledged the favour shown to him by Dame Fortune, by immediately adding another five guineas to qualify himself for the honorable position of life subscriber to each of our institutions. May good fortune be with him always!

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The well-known authors of "The Pirates of Penzance" have caused it to be generally understood that "a policeman's lot is not a happy one," and we begin to think we can apply the same phrase to an editor, or at least that we should do so if we had not quite determined the lines upon which our journal shall be conducted. An attempt to please all would, we know, be futile; and we must be content to meet the wishes of the majority of those who may be willing to support us. We have before us proposals, suggestions, criticisms, favourable opinions, and depreciatory remarks, together forming such a salmagundi as would puzzle the strongest literary stomach to digest, were we to prepare it. Some there be who would leave out the oil which others so much relish, some the pepper, which makes the hotchpotch "hot in the mouth," and some would have the sharp vinegar of personal attack a prevailing condiment. Some look upon our Lodge Reports as onions, which are odious to them; some upon our "Poet's Corner" as pickled herrings, which they abominate; and as for the chopped meat of correspondence, some wish for "none of it."

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We suppose there never was yet a perfect work any more than there has been a perfect man. We must therefore "gang our ain gait" and submit to be taken or set aside, according to the tastes of those before whom the present mixture may be put; for we are sure that if we endeavour to meet the wishes or caprice of one set, we shall have poured upon our heads the vials of wrath by others. So we must ask our readers generally to take us as we are, with the assurance that where and when we can make improvement, we will do so.

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We sympathise most deeply with our Brother Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. Northamptonshire, in the loss he has recently sustained through the death, at an early age, of his third daughter, Mrs. Meredydd Evans, whose remains were consigned to their last resting-place in the General Cemetery, Northampton, on the 17th inst., in the presence many sorrowing relatives and friends.

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We regret to record the death of Mrs. Walters, wife of Bro. Tristram Frederick E. Walters, son of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., which event took place on the 16th inst.

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At the Quarterly General Court of the governors and subscribers of the R.M.I. for boys, which will be held at Freemason's Tavern, at noon, to-morrow, the 26th inst., for the election of 21 boys, out of a list of 75 approved candidates for the benefits of the Institution, W. Bro. James Stevens, L.G., will move to expunge Law 55, including second paragraph, and to enact in lieu thereof as follows:—"A boy shall not be eligible for election unless the father, if living, has been a subscribing member to a lodge, or lodges, for seven years. If the father be dead, he must have been a subscribing member to a lodge for three years. But should death or permanent incapacity, occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within three years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply; providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member." W. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., patron, on behalf of the House Committee, will move:—"That three additional vacancies be declared—in consequence of withdrawals from the establishment—and that such vacancies be filled up by the election of the same number of candidates, in addition to the number announced in the voting Papers at the Quarterly Court on 26th October inst."

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At a Quarterly General Court of the governors and subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, at noon, on the 27th inst., for the election of nine Girls, out of a list of 63 approved candidates for the benefits of the Institution, W. Bro. C. J. Percival, vice-president, will move that "In the event of the recent addition to Law 55 being confirmed, to add the following rider, viz.: 'That this clause shall not apply in the case of a child whose father was a Life Governor of the Institution at the time of his death.'"

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A committee for securing the election of Bro. Edward Terry as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year is in course of formation, and "canvassing" appears to be the order of the day. We may be sure that those who support our worthy Brother in such canvass understand the necessity for remembering a recent discussion in Grand Lodge.

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Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, and P.S.G.W. for the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, is a candidate for the School Board in the Central Finsbury District of London.

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Bro. Augustus Harris, we note, is again to the fore with a happy inspiration. His suggestions regarding the Lord Mayor's Show are excellent and, we believe, will be universally approved by all denizens of this great city. Instead of the ridiculous *quasi* circus show, of which our Brother Alderman Whitehead so reasonably disapproves, which on a number of occasions has been paraded through our streets, causing bronchial danger to lightly clad partakers therein, and physical risk to the enormous crowd of onlookers, should any sudden stampede of wild beasts occur, we think everyone would gladly welcome a strong contingent of the various Metropolitan Volunteer Corps. The suggestion that the volunteers should be introduced into the civic show undoubtedly ought to be adopted. The old "train bands" centuries ago were the progenitors of the force now called "volunteers." They, in their generation, were honoured and considered in a manner far different to that which obtains for our voluntary soldiers to-day. The time they give and the personal inconvenience they put up with is worthy of much recognition.

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A new lodge, "The Eden," No. 2285, is to be consecrated shortly at Worthington, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

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At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, held at Gateshead on 2nd October last, two objects of local and masonic interest attracted the attention of those present. The chair, which was occupied by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, who presided, belonged to the Lodge of Industry, 48, and is the identical chair that was used by the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons, when he laid the foundation stone of our Literary and Philosophical Institution in September, 1822. The other object of interest was a sword—that carried by the Grand Sword-Bearer—which had been used by one of the famous Bow Street runners, and the history of which, it was stated, could be traced back to the time of "Good Queen Bess."

Our Exchanges.

THE MASONIC ALMS-CHEST.

Ours is a charitable institution. Like other benevolent societies, it has a treasury and a Treasurer, but its deeds of charity are by no means to be measured by the amount paid out of the treasury. Far from it. When it makes a man a Mason, it makes an alms-chest of his bosom, and it gives to every other brother throughout the world a key to it. When a brother dies he leaves this golden key to his widow and orphans.

Silently are these alms-chests unlocked. The world hears not the lid creaking upon its hinges. Here are found not gold and silver alone, but what is sometimes a great deal more valuable—a smile of sympathy, a note of timely warning and a word of cheering encouragement—the aid of a friend when such is needed and deserved.

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COSTS MONEY.

Too many Masons are made without knowing or being informed of what their duties are to the rest of the Fraternity. Yet, however ignorant one may be as to his duties, he certainly does know that it costs money to keep and sustain our organization, and that he will be expected to contribute his proportion, if he becomes a member; not simply for his own aggrandisement, nor to increase his personal popularity, but for the benefit of the Craft in general. Should it be possible that one gains admission to the lodge or chapter who contemplates the basis of Masonry upon dollars and cents, he is a fraud and a liar, and the sooner he is disconnected from the fraternity, if not from all decent society, the better for him and all concerned.—THOMAS J. WILDER, in *The Voice of Masonry.*

A visiting brother has a right to know that the body he proposes to visit is a legal body, and he has the right to inspect the warrant at the proper time; but he has no right to put the Lodge or its officers to trouble or inconvenience while at work. The Master would be justified in refusing to allow the warrant to be taken out of the Lodge room while the Lodge is at work.—*Masonic Review.*

An editor who does not mind a joke at his own expense says he went into a drug store recently and asked for some morphine. The assistant objected to give it without a prescription. "Why," asked the editor; "do I look like a man who would kill himself?" "I don't know," said the assistant; "if I looked like you I should be tempted."—*Masonic Advocate.*

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our Reports and Intelligence Columns *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges* **who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information.** *We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* The Masonic Star, *59, Moor Lane, London.*

*** *The list of Annual Subscribers to* The Masonic Star **continues to increase most satisfactorily,** *and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.*

Cator Lodge—No. 2266.—On the 17th inst., at Beckenham.—Present: Bros. J. Hill, P.M., P.G.S. Surrey, W.M.; Fox, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Carlton, Sec.; Griffler, S.D.; Osterstock, J.D.; Scriven, I.G.; Reinhardt, Tyler; Hornsby, Hewett, Ralli, Klyne, Bright, Thornton, Lovelock, Adams, Jones, Dr. Medcalf, P.M., Chalk, Cook, F. Hilton, P.M., P.Z., Ponsford, Frye, Carr; and visitors: Bros. W. Munday, P.M., 1201, and C. Woods, 1869. Bro. Hewett was invested as Assistant D.C.; Bros. Chalk, Thornton, Klyne, Ponsford, Cook, Bright and Cumberland were raised; Bros. Ralli and Brice were passed, and Messrs. Carr and Jones initiated. The work was well performed and interspersed with suitable music. For a new Lodge, with young officers, the proceedings generally reflected great credit on all concerned.

Metropolitan Lodge—No. 1507.—Installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, E.C., on 17th inst. Bro. W. M. Edmonds having raised, Bros. Timberlake and Jennings installed Bro. Frank William Dimsdale in very able manner. The newly installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Davey, S.W.; Bates, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; Perks, P.M., Sec.; Fraser, S.D.; McEwan, J.D.; Bryce, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., D.C.; Alaway, A.D.C.; Saunders, A.D.C.; Little, W.S.; Ashton, A.W.S.; Tubby, Asst. Sec.; Bate, Organist; Whiting, Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. T. C. Edmonds, I.P.M., who returned thanks. Bro. Dimsdale initiated Messrs. David Richards Parry and Charles Powell Rosser. After the Lodge was closed a well-served banquet followed, to which about 90 sat down, including a large number of visitors, among others being Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 177; Kauffman, I.P.M. 1732; Pierpoint, P.M. 813; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167; Thorn, W.M. 2206; Jeffery, P.M. 452; Powell, P.M. 457; Bowman, P.M.; Walker, I.P.M. 65; Gregory, P.M. 2087; Fletcher, Sec. 1732. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and songs and recitations, were contributed by Bros. Glover, McEwan, Fraser, Barry, Ball, Tubby, Knight, Moggridge, and others.

The Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge—No. 1539.—Ladies' Night. The members of this Lodge have every reason to be proud of their meeting on the 17th inst., and may look back upon the event as a red-letter day for the Lodge. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock for business, when Mr. Leach and Mr. Butler were duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by Bro. E. J. Williams, the W.M.; after which the W.M. for the ensuing year was elected, the choice of the brethren falling upon the S.W., Bro. J. Bromley Smith. Bro. M. S. Lareham, P.M., was re-elected as treasurer. The Lodge being closed, the members adjourned to receive the ladies invited to the banquet, which was served in the Pillar Hall. The usual toasts were given and responded to in a most hearty manner. The musical portion of the entertainment was rendered by Miss Crampton and Bros. A. Doig, J. Morgan, J. H. Cureton, Bruce Doig, Crampton, and W. Malham; and with the Tyler's toast, an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Bournemouth. — The Horsa Lodge—No. 2208. — The first annual installation meeting took place on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, and was well attended. Bro. E. W. Cross, J.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. D. Williams, P.M. 686, 1308, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol, assisted by W. Bro. H. J. Atkins, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.W. Norths. and Hunts. The officers were invested as follows:—W. Bro. H. N. Jenkins, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, I.P.M.; Bro. J. H. Moore, S.W.; Bro. Charles Waters, J.W.; W. Bro. D. Williams, P.M. 686, 1308, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol, Chaplain; W. Bro. E. Worth, P.M. 195, Treasurer; W. Bro. J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 195, P.P.G.D., Secretary; Bro. J. J. Brazier, S.D.; Bro. T. B. Scott, M.D., J.D.; W. Bro. F. Budden, 195, P.M. 622, P.P.G.D.C. Dorset, D.C.; Bro. W. Townsend, Organist; Bro. F. Cross, I.G.; Bros. Hervey and Bettsworth, Stewards, and Bro. H. F. Beamish, Tyler. W. Bro. Williams, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. H. N. Jenkins, I.P.M., as a token of their appreciation of the way in which he discharged the onerous duties of the first Master of the Lodge. The banquet was served at the Bijou Hall, which was tastefully decorated. Under the presidency of the W. M., 57 brethren sat down and did full justice to the viands, &c., provided by Bro. C. G. Dacre, of the Criterion Hotel. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

Bradford-on-Avon.—Friendship and Unity—No. 1271.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Kingston Road, on Monday, when the W.M. was installed into the chair by the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. Eng.; Bro. J. Sparks, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. J. Farrington, P.M., P.G.S.Wks.; and F. Barton, P.M., also assisting in the ceremony. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—S. C. Little, J.P.M.; A. F. Brereton, S.W.; A. Wallington, I.W.; Rev. D. N. C. Wheeler, P.M., Chaplain; Col. Magrath, P.M., Treas.; H. Found, Sec.; A. Scammell, S.D.; W. F. Gaby, J.D.; F. Barton, D.C., P.M.; D. H. H. Wassell, Org.; J. Stansfield Brine, I.G.; W. J. Wilkins and J. Taylor, Stewards; T. Moore, Tyler; G. J. Farrington, P.M., Permanent Acting Sec. The Lodge was well attended by visiting brethren, and at the conclusion of the business all adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a banquet was served in first-class style by Mrs. Morris, and the usual masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured and an enjoyable evening spent.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction—No. 1216.—On 18th inst., at Mason's Hall Tavern, Coleman Street, E.C., Bro. J. K. Pitt, W.M.,—Bros. J. L. Burrell, S.W.; J. Eisenmann, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; D. Hills, S.D.; J. Lazarus, J.D.; A. Gomme, I.G.; W. J. Ball, Secretary; H. J. Whitehouse; F. T. Smith, B. Price. Opened in three degrees. Raising rehearsed, Bro. Price as candidate. Traditional history and explanations by Preceptor. Bro. J. L. Burrell elected W.M. for ensuing meeting (this evening), when a large attendance is anticipated on an interesting business. The lodge resolved to support The Masonic Star by annual subscription, collectively and individually. A ballot for Life Subscriberships in connection with the Benevolent Association of this Lodge will take place on 1st November.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction—No. 3.—On Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N. Present: Bros. Putland, P.M., W.M.; Dines, S.W.; Yates, J.W.; Silvester, Acting Preceptor; Gunton, S.D.; Deighton, J.D.; Soffe, I.G.; Bonne, Kroesly, Wilson, and several others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Soffe candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Bonne candidate. Bro. Dines was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction—No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Present: Bros. Chillingworth, P.M., W.M.; J. Botibol, S.W.; Liscombe, J.W.; A. Cohen, S.D.; Poynter, J.D.; Franz, I.G.; Garrard, Marcus, Pegé, Rosenburg, Goodinge, Roberts, Marks, and Saqui, Hon. Sec. Initiation and passing rehearsed in the W.M.'s usual excellent manner. Bro. J. Botibol was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Star Lodge of Instruction—No. 1275.—On Saturday, October 20th, at the Five Bells, New Cross, S.E., 7 p.m., Bro. Borrett, W.M.—Bros. Blanchard, S.W.; Vonberger, J.W.; Betts, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Sykes, I.G.; Walter Martin, Preceptor; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Beavis, P.M.; G. Waterman, P.M.; J. D. Wilkinson, Secretary; Newell, Organist; and many others. The 3rd ceremony was rehearsed in an admirable manner, Bro. Faulkner candidate. The lodge was resumed, called "off" and "on," and closed down with full ceremonial. One new member was elected. Bro. Blanchard was elected W.M. for first Saturday in November. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M., congratulated Bro. Stevens, P.M., upon the success of The Masonic Star, and begged to express the best wishes of the brethren of the Star Lodge of Instruction for its continued prosperity and utility. Bro. Stevens thanked Bro. Martin and the brethren for their encouraging expressions of approbation and goodwill, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make The Masonic Star a thoroughly useful and interesting paper. One pound was voted to a distressed brother. Bro. Wilkinson was made an honorary member in consideration of his past services as acting secretary. The ceremony was musical throughout and perfect, beyond what we have usually found in metropolitan lodges.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction—No. 1365.—On Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.—Present; Bros. Quarterly, W.M.; Wheeler, S.W.; Green, J.W.; Homan, S.D.; Starr, J.D.; Nash, I.G.; Hill, and several others. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Hill as candidate. Bro. Wheeler, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Notice of motion was given that, at the next meeting, it would be moved that a grant of £5 5s. be voted for the relief of a member dangerously ill and requiring assistance.

The Star Chapter of Instruction—No. 1275.—On Friday, 19th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell.—Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; C. Wilson, H.; Murché, J.; Stone, S.E.; Stone, S.N.; Wigham, P.S.; Briant and Addington. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. Wilson was elected M.E.Z., for Friday, 26th inst.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction—No. 1,288.—On the 20th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.—Present: Bros. Oxley, W.M.; Wolter, S.W.; Tattersall, J.W.; Hill, Preceptor; Syckelmoore, S.D.; Millard, J.D.; Billings, I.G.; Snelling, Acting Sec.; Kool, Rumball, Reed and others. The ceremonies of Passing and Raising were rendered, Bro. Rumball candidate in each degree. The First Section of the Third Lecture was also worked. Bro. Wolter was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction, on the 27th inst., at 7 p.m.

Islington Lodge of Instruction—No. 1471.—On the 23rd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.—Bro. Wolter, W.M.—Bros. Carding, S.W.; Yates, J.W.; Hancock, Preceptor; Coxon, S.D.; Patch, J.D.; Dines, I.G.; Amy, Hillier and Duncan. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Amy candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Hillier candidate. After the lodge was closed down, Bro. Harding, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

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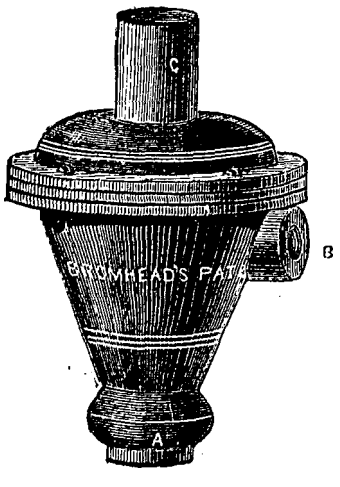
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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I thank Bro. Milledge for his courteous letter in your issue of the 18th inst., but I would ask whether he is not confounding "Lodge" jewels with "P.M. Breast jewels." The former, I agree with him, *must* be in *silver* in blue or private Lodges, but I contend that the Breast jewels, whether purchased by or presented to a P.M., may, at his or his Lodge's option (as the case may be) be of *gold, silver, or silver gilt*. There is nothing in the Book of Constitutions, that I can find, on the subject of "Breast" jewels, but merely of "Lodge" jewels. I am referred by Bro. Milledge to "Spencer's" and "Kenning's" price lists. The former is now before me (the latter I have not the pleasure of possessing); and on page 50, edit. 3, I find under "Past Masters' jewels for the breast" the prices of *gold* jewels, but nothing to show that they are for *presentation only*. In fact, there is only *one* plate to which the price of a *silver* jewel is attached—all the others being *gold* or *silver* GILT. I know more than one brother, holding high office in the Craft, who wears a *gold* P.M. jewel *purchased* by himself with his own money. I must, therefore, still adhere to my contention that there is no such law, either scripta or non-scripta, as laid down by the worthy brother. Perhaps, sir, you will give your readers the benefit of your opinion, and other brethren will do the same, for it appears to me to be a point that ought not to be left in doubt, which it probably will be if left to the decision, so far as your columns are concerned, of your two correspondents.

Yours fraternally,
ASPIRANT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have lately, on several occasions, been more or less called to order in Lodges of Instruction for giving hearty good wishes to the presiding Master. I have been told that I am quite out of order in so doing, and arguments have been adduced to prove my fault. I believe, sir, that I am not singular in this respect, as many brethren I have mentioned it to have made similar experience.

Will you kindly give your readers the benefit of your extended knowledge of all matters of Craft ceremonial on the subject, and much oblige one who is only

A YOUNG BEGINNER.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Grand Lodge every quarter publishes a communication, with accounts appended, in the shape of a small pamphlet. When the brethren meet at Freemasons' Hall to formally receive that communication—it is always "taken as read."

Now, sir, the officers of Lodges entitled to take part in these proceedings are the W.M., S.W., and J.W. of every Lodge on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, as also all P.M.'s. The report is sent free to the W.M. alone : the others, if they want, must pay for it. Now, is it right to take as read a document which the bulk of those present have never seen? Why should the S.W. and J.W. have to spend their money to obtain information on which they are called upon to pass an opinion. I think, sir, that Grand Lodge ought to send to all those whose duty and privilege it is to attend these quarterly communications a copy of their report free. To take as read subject matter one knows nothing at all about is a perfect farce, only equalled by asking any one to pay for the privilege of doing his duty. Yours fraternally,

J.W.

CHARITY JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Many thanks for inserting my communication on above subject in your last issue. Certainly I had no wish to be hard on you as your foot note to my letter suggests. Perhaps my phraseology may appear so, but believe me, no personalities were intended, and my only desire was to obtain information, through your offices, as to certain items relating to the sale of Charity Jewels, which figure in an account of the fund for general purposes.

You are kind enough to inform myself and your other readers that you have ascertained that "Grand Lodge pays the Medallist 10s. 6d. each, which the *Jeweller* has to pay, so Grand Lodge makes no profit." If I understand this aright, Grand Lodge hands over at cost price the articles to some jeweller to finish, who then retails them, making any profit he pleases. Now sir, I would ask, if this be so, whether this is a monopoly in the hands of any one jeweller? whether any competition is ever allowed by asking other jewellers to submit a price; and whether *any* jeweller is at liberty to go to Grand Lodge and purchase the Medals at 10s. 6d. each, for the purpose of setting up and sale? 39s. 6d. seems to me to be a large sum for a jeweller to "get for his work" over and above what he pays for the medal, and might as well be in the coffers of Grand Lodge as in the pocket of a tradesman; continuing, you say —*Thirdly, "If 100 Jewels are sold in one year and only 50 paid, it is because 50 were on hand at the commencement of the year as stock in hand.*"

Now, if this is the case, all I can say is that whoever makes up the accounts presented by the fund of general purposes has got the most extraordinary ideas of book-keeping. If you sell part of stock in trade which has been carried forward from some preceding account you have diminished your real estate to that extent, and to take credit for such an amount, without a corresponding entry on the contra of the account is bad in every way. Such book-keeping would not pass muster at even a grammar school examination. Are there any more jewels in stock? If so, the value should be stated, so as to enable brethren to know exactly how things stand. Cordially thanking you for the space you have afforded me for ventilating this subject in your columns, I remain,

Fraternally and very truly,
STEWARD

MASONIC VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Your notice, in No. 9, of the Inter-Masonic Lodge Match must be of very great interest to all masonic volunteers, past and present, and it occurs to me that it might be possible to get up a friendly match between one or more of the teams mentioned and a similar number of us old (?) retired masonic volunteers, just to show our late comrades in arms, and the country at large, that there is still some life and, I hope, shooting skill in the old dogs yet. In a military point of view it would be interesting to see if the training and practice of years had been forgotten and lost by those who had from various causes been obliged to give up volunteering, to share the busy cares of this world.

If this suggestion is worth anything, I should be glad to hear from one or more of the captains of the teams mentioned, and from any retired shooting masonic volunteers, on the subject, through your paper. Yours fraternally,

18th October, 1888. CAPTAIN, P.M.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Having been connected for the last ten years (the first four as secretary) with benevolent associations, I am pleased to see that the question of recognising the services of the secretaries, by means of complimentary votes, has been brought forward by "Junior Warden," in your issue of the 11th inst. None but those who have undertaken the duty know the time, trouble and *personal expense* which are entailed on those officers if they wish to make their association a success Some few years since I sent a letter to each of the committees of our institutions, pointing this out, and asking that some recognition should be given; but in one case only did I get even a reply, and that was not a favourable one. Surely, when we pay the collector of one of our institutions such large sums every year for his services, it is not asking too much that the collectors (secretaries) of the charitable associations, who give their services gratuitously, and who are the means of bringing large sums annually to the charities, should have some slight recognition in the manner suggested by your correspondent, and I hope, therefore, that steps will soon be taken to carry out "Junior Warden's" ideas.—Yours truly and fraternally,

W. BEAVIS, P.M. 879, W.M. 1310,
Treas. Southwark Lodge of Instruction Charitable Association.

Answers to Correspondents.

S. STRETCH.—Thanks for your information *re* Industry, 186, and Westbourne, 733, Lodges of Instruction. We have taken the misleading addresses out of our list of meetings, and await official information before removing names and numbers altogether. We cannot afford to occasion other brethren the trouble and expense you have been put to through reference to our pages.

S.W., 1449.—We cannot insert reports of meetings held more than a fortnight before the respective dates on which we publish. Your favour should have been forwarded certainly not later than 13th inst., and it would then have been inserted, much condensed, in our last week's issue. Kindly help us on a future occasion, but more speedily.

JOSIAH W., 139, SHEFFIELD.—We will see what we can do next week. Meanwhile, send address after leaving Birmingham.

R. B. G., SILURIAN, No. 471.—We are obliged for the information *re* Newport Lodges, and will utilize same in our next issue.

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

*** *In answer to several enquiries we desire to state that this column will be open to all subscribers to* THE MASONIC STAR *without charge, for the present at any rate. We wish to see whether or not it is of use for the purpose intended before we make any definite arrangement as to its continuance.*—ED. M.S.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Calcill's Candid Disquisition of the Principles of Freemasonry, 1769 — *Trewman's Principles of Freemasonry*, 1777 — *The Unparalleled Sufferings of John Custos, tortured by the Inquisition*, Plates and List of R.A. Chapters, 17—. — *Masonic Effusions*, F. C. Daniel, 1819—*A Masonic Treatise, with an Elucidation*, W. Finch, 1802— *Vestiges of Genuine Freemasonry*, M. Margalouth, 1852—*The Masonic Charities*, G. Taylor—*An Investigation of the cause of hostility of the Church of Rome towards Freemasonry*, 187-.—*An Essay on the Origin of Freemasonry*, 1880—*Preston's Illustrations*, 1788, 1801, 1812, 1821, 1841—*Freemason's Quarterly Magazine and Review*, 1851-2-3-4-5, In Parts as issued.—T.F.

Speculative Masonry, J. Yarker — *History and Articles of Masonry*, M. Cooke—*Masonic Vocal Manual*, W. Garforth, 1852—*Lectures on Freemasonry*, G. D. Goodyear, 1864—*Lyre Maconnique*, J. A. Jacquelin, 1811—*Code des Francmacons*, 1830—*Masonic Miscellanies*, S. Jones, 1797—*The Anti-Christian Character of Freemasonry*, M. C. Trevilian, 1849 (supposed)—R. A. Apron and Sash, 13s. 6d.; Mark Apron, 6s. 3d.; Ditto, 4s. 6d.—BELL.

FOR SALE (CHEAP).—*Gould's History of Freemasonry*, bound in red morocco—A Royal Arch-Principal's Apron—A Royal Arch Jewel.—TEMPLAR.

WANTED.

Royal Arch Companion's Clothing (cheap) as good as new; approval—*The Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror*, vols. xvii. to xxiv.—ASPIRANT.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787-1813—*Royal Arch Regulations before* 1823—*Preston's Illustrations*, 1772, 1775—*Sketches and Reprints*, W. J. Hughan. First Part, 1871—*Constitutions*, 1855, 1861, 1866—And the following histories: *Freemasonry in Inverness — In China-Amoy—At Bottoms Eastwood—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship—St. Hilda Lodge, South Shields—Imperial George Lodge—Britannic Lodge—Kelso Lodge—Grand Lodge Report, December*, 1871.—T.F.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787, 1800, 1801, 1813—*G. L. Constitutions*, 1855, '61, '65, '66, '67, 8vo.—*Royal Arch Regulations*, 1864, 1879—*Proceedings of Grand Lodge*, December, 1871.—BELL.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M.C., Masonic Club; M.H., Masonic Hall; M.R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C.H., Coffee House; To.Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (*4th and Last*) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th.	
22	Neptune	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
34	Mount Moriah	F.M.H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
66	Grenadiers	F.M.H.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort Hot., Fulham
861	Finsbury	St. Botolph Chmbrs., Bishopsgate
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1421	Langthorne	*Angle Hot., Ilford*
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1816	Victoria Park	London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1974	St. Mary Abbots	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C.		
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., *Aldersgate Street*
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
534	Polish National	F.M.H.
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
Mark.		
181	Sir Francis Burdett	Albany Hot., Twickenham
332	Boro' of Greenwich	William the Fourth, Trafalgar Road
363	Ruspini	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(4th) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th.	
	QUAR. GEN. COURT R.M.I. BOYS AND ELECTION.	
60	Peace and Harmony	F.M.H.
569	Fitzroy	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd. Qrs., *City Road*
1591	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
R.A.C.		
749	Belgrave	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
K.T.		
74	Harcourt	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
	(4th) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th.	
	QUAR. GEN. COURT R.M.I. GIRLS AND ELECTION.	
1293	Burdett	Mitre Hot., Hampton Court
1297	West Kent	Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1541	Alexandra Palace...	*Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.*
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Rest., W.C.
1777	Royal Hanover	Town Hall, Twickenham
R.A.C.		
1329	Sphinx	Surrey M.H., Camberwell

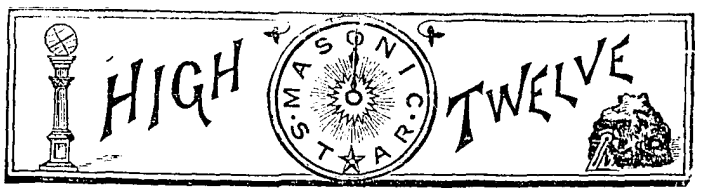
No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(Last) MONDAY, OCTOBER 29th.	
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1615	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.
	(Last) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th.	
141	Faith	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
	(Last) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st.	
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar
R.A.C.		
13	Union Waterloo	M.H., William Street, Woolwich
435	Mount Lebanon	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
820	Lily of Richmond	Greyhound, Richmond
Mark.		
176	Era	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(1st) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.	
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M.H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
231	St. Andrew's	F.M.H.
538	La Tolerance	F.H.H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
822	Victoria Rifles	F.M.H.
913	Patterson	Assembly Rooms, Brook Hill, Plumstead
1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand
1425	Hyde Park	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
1445	*Prince Leopold*	*Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate*
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct
1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, Regent Street
1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
1790	Old England	M.H., New Thornton H'th, Nr. Croydon
R.A.C.		
181	Universal	F.M.H.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Mark.		
244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
Birmingham—16 Lodges, 6 Chapters.			
43	St. Paul's	26th Nov	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	7th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	20th Nov	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	13th Nov	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	12th Nov	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	8th Nov	Ditto
887	Leigh	28th Nov	Ditto
925	Bedford	19th Nov	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	21st Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	27th Nov	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	14th Nov	Ditto
1163	Emulation TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
1180	Forward	5th Nov	Ditto
1474	Israel	12th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	20th Nov	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto
Bolton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.			
37	Anchor and Hope ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	14th Nov	Ditto
221	St. John	21st Nov	Ditto
348	St. John's TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
Bradford—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
302	Hope	19th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	22nd Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	6th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	14th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	19th Nov	Ditto
600	Sincerity	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street
Brighton—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.			
271	Royal Clarence ...	16th Nov	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	6th Nov	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	17th Nov	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	3rd Nov	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	30th Oct	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	15th Nov	Ditto
1947	Stanford	14th Nov	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	27th Oct	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel
Bristol—9 Lodges, 3 Chapters.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	6th Nov	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	14th Nov	Ditto
326	Moira	15th Nov	Ditto
610	Colston	21st Nov	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	13th Nov	Ditto
1388	Canynges	3rd Nov	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
2257	Powell	26th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	27th Nov	Ditto
187	Charity	1st Nov	Ditto
Bury—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
42	Relief	15th Nov	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	21st Nov	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	8th Nov	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	1st Nov	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Nov	Bridge Inn
Derby—4 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
253	Tyrian	27th Nov	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	14th Nov	Ditto
802	Repose	15th Nov	Ditto
1085	Hartington	7th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto
Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Oct	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	15th Nov	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
Hampton Court—14 Lodges, 4 Chapters—*continued.*			
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cana	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	14th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto
Hull—5 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
57	Humber	1st Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	14th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	7th Nov	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	26th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber TO-DAY,	25th Oct	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	15th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street
Isle of Man—5 Lodges, 1 Chapter.			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Maughold ...	12th Nov	M. H., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	31st Oct	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	6th Nov	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	1st Nov	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	12th Nov	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
Leeds—8 Lodges, 4 Chapters.			
289	Fidelity	1st Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	31st Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	2nd Nov	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	5th Nov	Ditto
1221	Defence	12th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	16th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	10th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	13th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	7th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
Leicester—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.			
279	St. John's	7th Nov	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	15th Nov	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MOR.,	26th Oct	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	13th Nov	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	19th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto
Liverpool—34 Lodges, 15 Chapters.			
32	St. George's ...	28th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	15th Nov	Ditto
216	Harmonic	8th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	13th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	1st Nov	Ditto
292	Sincerity	12th Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
667	Alliance	20th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John	6th Nov	Ditto
680	Sefton	2nd Nov	Ditto
724	Derby	28th Nov	Ditto
786	United Service ...	8th Nov	Ditto
823	Everton	21st Nov	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	7th Nov	Ditto
1094	Temple	14th Nov	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	8th Nov	Ditto
1264	Neptune	5th Nov	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	15th Nov	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	26th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	28th Oct	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	14th Nov	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	15th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	19th Nov	Ditto
1505	Emulation TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	14th Nov	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	20th Nov	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	27th Nov	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	7th Nov	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	27th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	7th Nov	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	19th Nov	Ditto
2215	Anfield TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	19th Nov	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	6th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Nov	Ditto
241	Friendship	26th Nov	Ditto
249	Mariners	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	13th Nov	Ditto



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

After Lodge is closed, Brethren may find relaxation and amusement in

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THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE.
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THE ARMADA at 7.30.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.
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CAPTAIN SWIFT at 8.30. THAT DREADFUL DOCTOR at 7.50.

ADELPHI THEATRE.
Sole Proprietors and Managers, Bros. A. & S. Gatti.
THE UNION JACK at 8. THE LOTTERY TICKET at 7.15.

THE GLOBE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. John Lart.
THE MONK'S ROOM at 8.15.

SAVOY THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. D'Oyly Carte.
THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD, 8.30.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Horace Sedger.
DOROTHY 8.30. WARRANTED BURGLAR PROOF, 7.40.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Thomas Thorne.
JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART at 8.30. THE BROTHERS at 7.45.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey.
UNCLES AND AUNTS at 9. THE SPY at 8.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Mr. Henry Irving.
PRINCE KARL at 8.45. ALWAYS INTENDED at 7.45.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Lessee and Manageress, Agnes Hewitt.
THE TWO ORPHANS at 8.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Bro. Edward Terry.
SWEET LAVENDER at 8.30.

OPERA COMIQUE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. F. J. Harris.
CARINA at 8.30. THE BLACKSMITH'S DAUGHTER at 7.30.

BRIGHTON—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Sole Proprietress, Mrs. Nye Chart.
SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER at 7.30.

LIVERPOOL—

ROYAL COURT THEATRE.
Proprietors, The Carl Rosa Opera Company.
DOROTHY.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Manageress, Miss Fanny Josephs.
DAVID GARRICK.

MANCHESTER—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Lessee, Captain Bainbridge.
THE LYONS MAIL.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. Ramsay.
PYGMALION AND GALATEA.

LEEDS—

GRAND THEATRE.
Lessee, Mr. Wilson Barrett.
POINTSMAN.

THEATRE ROYAL.
Mr. J. Hobson.
FORWARD TO THE FRONT.

NOTTINGHAM—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Managing Director, Mr. T. W. Charles.
JANE SHORE.

Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

THE Shaftesbury Theatre opened last Saturday, under the management of Mr. Lancaster. "As You Like It" is the title of the piece. It was received with much favour from a crowded house. The theatre is beautifully decorated and very comfortable.

WE are given to understand that another new theatre will be built shortly, and more than likely that it will be called "The Temple."

ELLEN TERRY and Bro HENRY IRVING will, according to *Dunlop's Stage News*, make another American tour next year, when they will be seen in "Macbeth."

"THE BLACKSMITH'S DAUGHTER," by Arnold Golsworthy and E. B. Norman, was produced in front of "Carina" at the Opera Comique last Tuesday with great success.

A TICKET Benefit will be held at the Princess' all next week in aid of "The Household Fire Rescue Society." Tickets only will benefit.

ON November 1st, in the afternoon, a new farcical comedy will be played, entitled "The Policeman," at Bro. Terry's Theatre.

AT the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, the Mary Anderson Company has attracted large audiences with "Pygmalion and Galatea." "The Winter's Tale," and "Romeo and Juliet."

MADAME MARIE ROZE MAPLESON left London for Paris yesterday. After making a tour of the principal towns in France, she will proceed to Brussels and the Hague, then return to Great Britain for six weeks before proceeding to Australia.

I HEAR that Bro. Wilson Barrett has sold all provincial rights in his new four-act drama, "Now-a-days," to Mr. Alfred Cuthbert, lessee and manager of the Hull Theatre Royal, where it will be produced towards the end of February next.

Mr. C. H. HAWTREY opens the Strand during November with a burlesque called "Atalanta," by Mr. G. P. Hawtrey. Miss Alma Stanley and Miss Lottie Venne, we believe, are in the cast, as also Miss Marie Glover.

MISS RITA D'ANGELI now plays the Captain of the Guard in "Pepita" at Toole's. She has a good appearance and excellent voice.

ON the 5th November, Henry Pettit's new drama, "Hands Across the Sea," will be put on the boards at the Princess'. Judging by its success in Manchester, this piece ought to draw well.

ON the 8th November, the Opera Comique Carina Company will give a matinée at Mrs. Nye Chart's Brighton Theatre.

UNCLES AND AUNTS," at the Comedy, promises to be a great success, and excellent houses continue to be convulsed with laughter over the droll doings of Mr. Penley in the part of Zedekiah Aspen.

THE directors of the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, have made special arrangements with Mr. T. W. Charles, the manager of the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, to produce their next pantomine, which will be entitled "Sinbad the Sailor," and will be written by Mr. George Dance, of Nottingham.

MISS AGNES HUNTINGDON, contralto, will have a leading part in the opera of "Paul Jones," at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, in which she will attempt *baritone*.

BRO. F. POTTER, the acting manager of the Gaiety Theatre, who arranged the tour of the Antipodean Gaiety Company will remain in London to manage the coming season.

THE Lyric Theatre will be finished by the end of the year, when Mr. Leslie will, no doubt, revive "Dorothy."

MR. LEONARD BOYNE being again indisposed, his place in "The Armada," at Drury Lane, on four evenings, has been taken by Mr. Percy Lyndal, who on Thursday, gave way to Mr. H. Hamilton, part author of the piece.

MISS MARY ANDERSON takes her departure for America on the 27th inst., per s.s. Umbria, her tour commencing at Wallack's on November 12th.

AT the Prince of Wales' Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland" will not, after all, be revived this Christmas, although most of the Company had already been engaged, and agreements made with Mr. Horace Sedger for the production.

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

Manchester—37 Lodges, 11 Chapters.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
44	Friendship	2nd Nov	Albion Hotel
62	Social	29th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	16th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	31st Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian	14th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	1st Nov	Ditto
325	St. John's	21st Nov	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	7th Nov	Ditto
815	Blair	9th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	14th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	7th Nov	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	9th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	29th Oct	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	5th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	15th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	20th Nov	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	8th Nov	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	5th Nov	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	31st Oct	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	8th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	6th Nov	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	19th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	31st Oct	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	9th Nov	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	3rd Nov	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	15th Nov	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	28th Nov	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	16th Nov	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	5th Nov	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	6th Nov	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	14th Nov	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	14th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	12th Nov	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	15th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	1st Nov	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	8th Nov	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	16th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	20th Nov	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

Newcastle-on-Tyne—11 Lodges, 4 Chapters.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	1st Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	7th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	12th Nov	Ditto
541	De Loraine	16th Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	6th Nov	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	14th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	9th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MOR.,	26th Oct	Ditto
2260	Ridley	6th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	20th Nov	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

Norwich—6 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

Lo. 52	Union	6th Nov	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	13th Nov	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	20th Nov	Ditto
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity	27th Nov	Ditto
1500	Walpole	1st Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

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Nottingham—9 Lodges, 5 Chapters.

Lo. 47	Newstead	6th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	12th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	2nd Nov	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere	16th Nov	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	19th Nov	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland TO-DY	25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse—16 Lodges, 12 Chapters.

Lo. 70	St. John's	6th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	12th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Nov	Ditto
159	Brunswick	7th Nov	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	12th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship TO-DAY,	25th Oct	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	20th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	8th Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	13th Nov	Ditto
1205	Metham	19th Nov	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	15th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	19th Nov	Ditto
1550	Prudence	3rd Nov	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	13th Nov	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	27th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR.,	26th Oct	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

Portsmouth, Landport, and Southsea—11 Lodges, 6 Chapters.

257	Phœnix	28th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	8th Nov	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	12th Nov	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	9th Nov	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	15th Nov	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	27th Nov	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	20th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	10th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	26th Nov	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	19th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	14th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	13th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

Sheffield—5 Lodges, 2 Chapters.

139	Britannia	8th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	12th Nov	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	30th Oct	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto

Southampton—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	8th Nov	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	19th Nov	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	15th Nov	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers TO-MR.	26th Oct	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester ...	1st Nov	Ditto
359	Peace	2nd Nov	Ditto
394	Concord TO-DAY,	25th Oct	Ditto

Sunderland—5 Lodges, 3 Chapters.

80	St. John	13th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	7th Nov	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	8th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	16th Nov	Ditto
2039	Londonderry TO-MOR.,	26th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Oct	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th and Last) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th.	
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... ... „ 7.30	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ... „ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(4th) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th.	
9	Albion ... ... at——	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „ ——	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.) „ 7	F. M. H
333	Kintore ... ... „ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... ... „ 8	(?)
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Lal. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(4th) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... „ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(Last) MONDAY, OCTOBER 29th.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Camden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Repenaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Eri lge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(Last) MONDAY, OCTOBER 29th—*continued.*	
1507	Metropolitan .. ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 8	Wellington Arms, Borough Road.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C		
206	Hope ... ... „ ——	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(Last) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... . „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Coned. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „ ——	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... , 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „ ——	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	19, Jermyn Street, St. James's.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring ... ... „ ——	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... , 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(Last) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... „ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street.
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1421	Langthorne ... ... „ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1601	Ravensbourne ... ... „ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(1st) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.

Lodges and Chapters, as 4th Thursday in October (*see ante*).

*** *The Editor will be greatly obliged for any information the Secretaries of the various Lodges may be pleased to send to him.*

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Masonic Adullamites.

FOLLOWING up the train of thought which inspired our "Editorial" last week, and having regard to the sentiments which we then placed before our readers for consideration, we now wish, in some measure, to draw attention to what may be fairly called important items in connection with the practical and operative details with which a subject embracing so large a sphere of action must necessarily abound.

When John Bright, in the course of a speech some years ago, in the House of Commons, alluded to a certain section of the members as "Adullamites," it was reported that many of his hearers went forthwith to the Library for the purpose of obtaining information as to the meaning of the word. Perhaps our readers will pardon the seeming pedantry we display in now giving the quotation in its integrity:—

"David, therefore, departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam; and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went thither to him. And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him."—*1 Sam. xxii., 1 & 2.*

Last week we drew attention to the fact that often great assistance, beyond all monetary aids, could frequently be afforded by one Brother to another, and wished to point out that "each for himself," in daily life ought not to obtain in the crude form, which does not allow of any deviation from the path of self-aggrandisement. The picture we then drew we believe to be a correct one. To-day we venture to place before our readers the reverse of that picture, and to point out that, in the exercise of both brotherly love and relief, the bounds of prudence and discretion are limits which should be strictly observed. First, then, as the cave of Adullam was a rendezvous for all who were "in distress, and in debt, and discontented," so now (sadly we say it) Freemasonry seems to be the haven sought by many brethren suffering from similar misfortune. Any Brother who makes a study of the mystic art, and is a frequenter of Lodges of Instruction, cannot fail to have had practical proof of this. The applications for monetary and other relief in this manner are continuous, and would cause surprise to those who devote but a small portion of their time to our Masonic school-rooms. There exists "'tis true 'tis pity, pity 'tis 'tis true," a class amongst our Order, which thrives upon systematic visitation of Lodges of Instruction—authors of terrible tales of woe—claiming assistance. We can but call them Masonic Adullamites and our Lodges of Instruction the caves at which they foregather. In affording help of the desultory kind, which under such circumstances it cannot fail to be, the greatest care should be exercised. Any Brother who may be suddenly cast on the lee shore of misfortune knows, or ought to know, the proper place to make application for assistance, and the proper persons to investigate his claims. Machinery exists for the careful administration of our charity funds; and we would seriously point out to every member of the Lodges of Instruction that in no doubtful case ought such system to be ignored. Indiscriminate almsgiving is said by our magistrates to engender and foster beggars, and were this more thoroughly understood we should very soon purge our ranks of some to whom Freemasonry (we regret to feel assured) is but a vehicle for carrying on the trade of a respectable beggar.

Then, again, there is another class who, not descending to so low a depth as those we have already alluded to, by the intermediary of Brethren with whom they have personal acquaintance solicit relief, also of an evanescent kind, at the hands of many with whom they may be connected. A sort of subscription list, in fact, is started, and a trifling sum of money in the shape of a contribution is asked for—generally on the plea of "some pressing debt, the payment of which will enable, &c., &c." As a rule, no permanent good can result from acquiescence in these requests. Perhaps, in some cases, the necessary "plank over the ditch" is provided, but more often than not it is but a temporary stop-gap which requires renewing at short intervals;—again, we say, "misplaced charity." The really deserving cases may be met in a much more amplified manner in other, and permanently beneficial, ways, such as the giving or obtaining employment, and so on. Work, however, is distasteful to some of the class we refer to, and the honestly-earned meal is not so savoury as one which has not necessitated any expenditure of the sweat of the brow, in the which, we are told, we shall eat our bread.

There is yet a third class. It has been apparent for some time that the ranks of our Order are recruited in a more or less indiscriminate manner. The fundamental principles laid down regulating the admission of neophytes are not always borne in mind. Every year the numbers ranging under our banners increase in a kind of geometric progression. We do not insinuate for one moment that it is the aim of any to secure benefits, either present or ultimate, by joining our Order, but it is a singular fact, which may be worth more than a passing thought, that, greatly as our numbers have swelled during the last decade, still more, in proportion, have the demands on our various Benevolent Funds concurrently increased. If more care were exercised in respect to admission to our Lodges by those in whose hands are vested the power of according that privilege, it is possible—indeed, very probable—that the ever-increasing appeals on behalf of the necessitous might, in a measure, cease, and so permit of more assistance being accorded to those much in need who cannot help themselves, *i.e.*, children of tender age, of whom every year there is so great an excess in point of numbers over and above our present financial ability to deal with.

Our space this week is exhausted, but our subject is *not*. We shall, on a future occasion, resume the theme, and give further details regarding the classes which, for lack of a better *sobriquet*, we can only describe as Masonic Adullamites.

"Our Schools."—Elections.

SOMEWHAT more than ordinary interest has been taken in relation to the Quarterly Courts of Governors and Subscribers, and the Elections, of the Masonic Schools for Boys and Girls, held respectively on Friday and Saturday last. This is the first time that these meetings have fallen on consecutive days, and there was a general desire to see how far the alteration would meet the wishes of those brethren who, residing at great distances from London, were yet anxious to be "on duty" at both meetings, without being compelled to pass an intervening day (Sunday) *in the metropolis*. There can be no doubt that both collective and individual interests have been promoted by the new arrangement; for, whilst the attendances of provincial brethren have been in no wise lessened, and the same amount of service was rendered both at the general business of the respective courts and in the discharge of the duties towards candidates and assistance at the scrutinies, the opportunity for return of the country brethren to their distant residences in time for Sunday rest and religious duty was afforded to, and generally availed of, by them. By seven o'clock on Saturday evening most of them were on their roads homewards, more or less satisfied with the results of the proceedings of the two days and their respective labours, the fatiguing nature of which none know but those who have passed the ordeal.

First in order, because held on the earliest day named, we must notice the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, held on the 26th ult. This was well attended, and was presided over by W. Bro. William Roebuck, P.G. Swd. Br. The customary opening business having been disposed of, the motion proposed by W. Bro. James Stevens for the expunging of Law 55 and the enactment of a substituted law, was discussed; and after some slight alteration of verbiage, and the rejection of a proposed amendment whereby exceptions should be allowed in favour of the brethren who had qualified as Life Governors of the Institution, was unanimously adopted. The new rule is that—"A boy shall not be qualified for election unless the father has been a subscribing member of some lodge for seven years. If the father be dead, he must have been a subscribing member of some lodge for three years. But should death or permanent incapacity, occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, if, at the time of such occurrence, the father was a subscribing member."

The motion of W. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., patron, on behalf of the House Committee, for declaration of three additional vacancies in the list of candidates, was also carried without a dissentient voice, and thereby the number of boys to be elected was increased from twenty-one to twenty-four. The ballot at once commenced, and shortly before six o'clock the scrutineers, after a busy afternoon (no less than 59,200 votes having been counted up, which, with 33,369, brought forward from previous elections, made up a grand total of 92,569) reported the following as the successful candidates, viz. :—Grimsey (Somerset), last application, 3,702 votes; Ball (London), 2,810; Troop (E. Lanc.), 2,658; Fursey (Sussex), 2,633; Chinneck (Devon), 2544; Gaches (Norths. and Hunts), 2,535; Land (Norfolk), last application, 2,466; Bland (London), 2,453; Green (Essex), last application, 2,441; Mossop (Cumb. and West.), 2,389; Murley (London), 2,374; Cox (Somerset), last application, 2,330; Rushworth (W. Yorks.), 2,245; Turner (London), 2,230; Menpes (Kent), 2,221; Baylis (London), 2,217; Kendall (W. Yorks.), 2,204; Pinder (W. Yorks.), 2,175; Wilson (London), 2,149; Brown (Kent), 2,141; Morgan (S. Wales, E. Div.), 2,116; Everton (Worcestershire), 2,076; Windsor (Oxfordshire), 2,066; and Harris (Wilts), 2,032; and these twenty-four lads were declared duly elected from a list of seventy-seven candidates. It will be observed that the polling was very close, and excepting only in the case of Grimsey, who distanced the second successful candidate by nearly one thousand votes, ranged within about eight hundred from the second to the last elected. London carried six cases, West Yorkshire three, Kent and Somerset two each, and the following provinces one each, viz. :—E. Lancashire, Sussex, Devon, Norths. and Hunts., Norfolk, Essex, Cumberland and Westmoreland, S. Wales, E. Div., Worcestershire, Oxon, and Wilts. Of the nine *last* applications four only were successful, viz. :—Grimsey, Land, Green and Cox. Grimsey and Cox are Somersetshire lads, and that province is to be congratulated and credited with able management in securing such capital positions for their two candidates and preventing much sorrow and disappointment. Of the lads left "out in the cold" much sympathy was expressed for Wood, whose seventh and last application resulted in failure for want of but some three hundred votes; and, in a lesser degree, for Gray, whose sixth and last application closed with a total of but 1,433; Harvey, second and last application, 818 votes, Scott, *fifth* and last, 132 votes, and Lamborn, second and last, 98 votes, ought not, in our opinion, to have been put forward by their friends without some prior assurance of much greater support, and the question must some day arise, if it is not already ripe for discussion, as to the adoption of means to prevent what has been denounced, in the strongest possible terms, as most injurious to our character and standing as Freemasons. There are now on the list of candidates for next election nine lads, who, on their first application last Friday, were credited with but 41 votes amongst them; the last had not even one polled for him, and although much power may be in reserve on their behalf, it is an open question as to most, if not all of them struggling on from election to election only to meet with final rejection after all. For such possible, we may say probable, contingencies some remedy is needed, and should be provided. After the usual declaration by the chairman, Bro. Verry, as chairman of the scrutineers, made what is unfortunately almost a customary announcement in respect of spoilt votes, and it can scarcely be credited that so much inattention to the requirements named on proxy papers should continue on the part of the friends of the respective candidates, and those who possess the voting power. We may refer to this matter next week; and now pass on to the proceedings in connection with the Girls' School on the 27th. Over these, W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, presided; and after the withdrawal by W. Bro. Percival, Vice-President, of his notice of motion—"In the event of the recent addition to Law 55 being confirmed, to add the following rider, viz.: 'That this Clause shall not apply in the case of a child whose father was a Life Governor of the Institution at the time of his death,'"—(which withdrawal was made by him with a view to assimilate the regulation with that agreed to on the previous day in respect of the Boys' School,) and a discussion arising out of a remark by the Chairman, that possibly the unsuccessful candidates of the day might be provided for at the ensuing elections in April and October of next year, the ballot commenced for the election of nine girls from a list of sixty-three approved candidates. The poll was declared shortly after five o'clock, 59,659 having been counted up, which, with 19,464 brought forward from previous elections, made up a grand total of 79,123 votes. The successful candidates were:—Short, Warwickshire, 5,308 votes; Sims, London, 4,221; Pooler, London, 4,131; Mackey, Malta and London, 4,109; Turton, North Yorkshire, 3,907; Wells, London, 3,680; Belton, Northumberland, 3,508; Bissett, London, 3,365; and Wilson, West Lancashire, 3,165. In this election, as in that of the previous day, there was a considerable margin of excess votes for the first successful candidate, 1087; whilst the polling of the remaining eight ranged within 1,000 votes from the second to the last elected. London carried four cases, and the following provinces, viz., Warwickshire, Malta (with London), North Yorkshire, Northumberland, and West Lancashire one each. Of the four *last* applications, only one was successful—Bissett, with 3,365 votes. Geach, on third application, failed, having but 555 votes; Wells, on second application, with but 77 votes; and Smith, on his only permissible application, with 48. Our remarks in reference to similarly rejected candidates for the Boys' School are applicable in this instance, and with even greater force, when we note that there still remain on the list cases with a total of but 129 votes after three applications, of but 10 after a second attempt, and of not even one in several of the first applications. We are strongly led to think that before candidates are placed on the lists their friends should be required to satisfy the respective committees that at least the lodges to which the fathers were attached would use their best interests on their behalf, and so prevent what has been openly expressed by many as a scandal on the craft. There may, of course, be, and it is only reasonable to expect there are, divergences of opinion as to the best means of prevention, but we are confident that there can be but a small minority who will not agree with us that such a state of things as now exists in connection with these elections should be amended.

LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

We had fully intended to continue this week our subject matter under above heading. We are, however, obliged, owing to pressure on our space, to defer doing so until next week.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

WORKING TOOLS.

There were *Seven* at work when I entered the lodge,
And the Master explained, with much care,
The use of the Tools employed in the craft,
And the symbols that each one should bear.

By the use of the *Gauge* we should measure our work,
Or divide it in sections or parts;
Devotion and labour, refreshment and sleep,
Each should hold its own place in our hearts.

By the *Gavel* we learn that to labour we're born,
Though the heart and the brain may combine;
The hand must be prompt when its aid is invoked,
To fulfil or complete the design.

To establish proportion, the *Chisel* we take
To reduce rude material to form;
By each effort repeated, again and again,
We our errors are taught to reform.

By the *Level* we know we are equals in lodge;
While morality points to the *Square*;
And the *Plumb-rule*, uprightness and justness portrays;
Then to act on these lines be our care.

There are ills to correct in our journey through life,
Which the *Skerrit* suggests by its use;
While the *Pencil* records all our acts, deeds and words,
That our talents we ne'er should abuse.

To acquire precision, and limit our work
To proportions devised in each plan;
The *Compasses* aid us to keep in due bounds,
Thus to perfect the work we began.

Then the Tools of a Mason are pregnant with good,
Which the Free and Accepted approve;
May our conduct on earth be well vouched that, when called,
We may enter the Grand Lodge above.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M., 1223, P.P.G.R. Kent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., under banner of the Integrity Lodge, No. 110. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, the Prov. G. officers present being: R.W. Bro. Charles L. Watson, Past G. Std., P.G.M.M.; V.W. Bro. The Rev. W. Smyth, Past G. Chap., D.P.G.M.; and W. Bros. Hugh Sugden Holdsworth, G. Std.Br., P.G.S.W.; Jeremiah L. Atherton, P.J.G.W.; Joseph W. Monckman, Past G. Std., P.P.G.W.; Henry France, P.P.G.W.; John Barker, Past G.I. of W., P.P.G.W.; William R. Massie, P.G.M.O.; George Marshall, P.P.G.O., as P.G.S.O.; George E. Bennett, P.P.G.D., as P.G.J.O.; William Frederick Tomlinson, P.P.G.O.; the Rev. William Dunn, M.A., P.G. Chap.; James Henry Gration, P.P.G.W., *as P.G. Treas.; Edward J. Massie, P.G. Reg.; William Cooke, Past* G.S.O., P.G. Sec.; Francis Smith, P.S.G.D.; Charles Greenwood, P.J.G.D.; Henry Smith, P.G.I. of W.; Fred Barber, P.G.D. of C.; William Ackroyd, Assist. do.; George Henry Locking, P.G.Sw.B.; Thomas Howden, P.G.St.B.; George F. Carr, P.G.Org.; Thomas Myers, P.G.I.G.; Thomas Gaukroger, John P. Hewitt, John Johnson Green, Edwin Billington, P.G.Std.; Samuel Barrand, as P.G.Tyler.

The P.G.M. having given his address, the roll of lodges in the province was called, and each found represented. W. Bro. Geo. Normanton was elected for the eighteenth time as Prov. G. Treas., after which the P.G.M. invested the following brethren as P.G. officers:—Bro. the Rev. T. C. Smith, D.D., P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M.M.; Francis Smith, P.S.G.W.; Fred Barber, P.J.G.W.; Jesse Arthur Thornton, P.G.M.O.; E. J. Massie, P.G.S.O.; Henry Smith, P.G.J.O.; Rev. J. H. Evans, M.A., P.G.Chap.; George Normanton, P.G.I. of W., P.G.Treas.; Thomas Gaukroger, P.G.Reg.; William Cooke, P.G.S.O., P.G.Sec.; William Ackroyd, P.S.G.D.; Thomas Howden, P.J.G.D.; Thomas Myers, P.G.I of W.; Christopher William Fincken, P.G.D. of C.; John P. Hewitt, Asst. do.; John J. Green, P.G.Sw.B.; A. F. Fitzpatrick, P.G.St.B.; George F. Carr, P.G.Org.: Arthur Ferguson McGill, P.G.I.G.; Robert D. Kendall, Alfred Gill, C. J. Schott, Robert E. Collinson, Stwds.

Bro. Tudor Trevor, formerly of Bombay, was the only visitor on this occasion. Banquet was served after the closing of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge.

On the 25th ult. the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, P.G.D. of England, opened a new Masonic Hall at Rotherham, under the banner of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 904. Bro. P. Bancroft Coward, W.M., presented Bro. Tew with a silver key, with which he opened the new hall. In the course of the evening's proceedings, Bro. W. Watson, P.M., of Leeds, and Librarian for the Province, delivered a lecture on "The History of Antient Freemasonry in Rotherham." The new hall has been built by Bro. W. G. Haggard for the use of the local Freemasons. It is 51-ft. by 24-ft., with convenient ante-rooms, and is situate in a new thoroughfare, adjoining the Market Hall, known by the old title of Domine Well-lane.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Starkie Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction will meet at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on the 12th inst., at 5.30. Elections will take place previous to Bro. Sillitoe's lecture, which is set down in the agenda for 6 p.m., and in respect of which a very interesting discussion will follow.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1158, at the Sir Sidney Smith, Chester Street, Kennington, S.E., this evening (November 1st), at 7 p.m. Bros. Wise, P.M. 1158, is to be the W.M.; Walker, P.M. 72, the S.W.; and Bate, P.M. 72, the J.W.

——The Centenary meeting of the Friendship Chapter, No. 257, will take place at 110, High Street, Portsmouth, on Friday, the 2nd inst., at 6 p.m., when many notable brethren are expected to attend. Col. J. F. Crease, C.B., Z.; W. J. P. Gilbert, H. D. Major, W. Campbell, J. The Friendship Chapter is attached to the Phœnix Lodge, No. 957, but is really much older than the Lodge, being some 125 years old.

——The members of the Royal Commemoration Lodge will meet on Wednesday, the 7th inst. (and until further notice), at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, instead of the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond Road, Putney.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, at the "Blue Post," Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, London, W.C., on Saturday next, the 3rd inst., at 7 p.m., Bro. C. J. Corby, P.M. 957, presiding.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, on Mondays, the 19th and 26th inst., at the Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C., at 7 p.m. each evening. Bros. Case, W.M.; Jenkins, S.W.; Tilt, J.W.; and C. J. Fox, P.M. 201, I.P.M.

——A very strong committee has been formed for the purpose of organising and carrying out the "Fourth North London Masonic Benevolent Ball," which will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, on January 2nd, 1889.

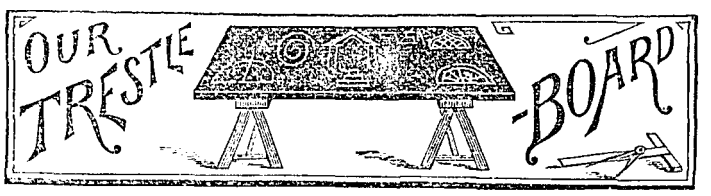
——In aid of the West Lancashire masonic charities, a concert and dance will take place on Friday, December 7th, in the Rodney Hall, Liverpool. A large number of Liverpool brethren are taking great interest in this entertainment, in the hope of rendering material assistance to the provincial charities.

——The Lodge of Instruction attached to the Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, holds its meetings every Monday, at 8 o'clock, at the Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight; and that on the 5th inst., Bro. F. P. Ansle will preside and work the third degree.

THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SINCERITY—No. 189.—At their regular meeting, held at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 22nd ult., the officers elected for the ensuing year were:—Ex-Comps. G. Hawken, Z.; C. F. Dunsterville, H.; A. S. Hendry, J.; R. H. Rae, S.E.; A. W. White, Treasurer; Comps. J. Ward, S.N.; F. R. Thomas, P.S.; J. B. Moulder, 1st A.S.; Ex-Comp. J. Gidley, Janitor. Deep regret was unanimously expressed by the members at the decease of Ex-Comp. T. S. Bayly, for a long series of years the Treasurer of the Chapter, and the S.E. was directed to write a letter of condolence on behalf of the Chapter to Comp. Bayly's family.

BEDFORDSHIRE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.—On the 25th ult., at the Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard—the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Stuart, presiding—the W. Deputy P.G. Master was unavoidably absent. The Treasurer's account showed an increased balance in hand, while the Secretary's report proved this new province to be increasing in numbers and prosperity. Bro. Anthony Cumberland was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. J. Hooper, 803, P.G.S.W.; J. W. Green, 4751, P.G.J.W.; W. Poole, 540, P.G., Chaplain; A. E. Cumberland, 475, P.G., Treasurer; Mark Whyley, 540, P.G. Registrar; C. E. Prior, 540, P.G., Secretary; Charles Grass, 1087, P.G.S.D.; A. Marcom, 1470, P.G.J.D.; J. Gladwell, 475, P.G. Dir. Cer.; J. H. Folmer, 1087, P.G.S.B. Four P.G. Stewards were appointed and invested from the different lodges. The banquet was held at the Swan Hotel, Leighton Buzzard. The Provincial Grand Master presided, about 60 being present.

On the 22nd ult., the building recently vacated by the York Liberal Club, in Castlegate, York, was dedicated by the R.W. Bro. The Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., of North and East Yorkshire, to Masonic purposes. The upper portion of the building has been leased by the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, and the billiard room of the club has been so altered as to form a spacious lodge room. The P.G.M. was supported by Bros. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M., P.G.W.; M. C. Peck, P.G., Secretary, and G.S.B.; the Rev. W. Valentine, P.P.G.C.; J. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.R., and many past and present officers of the province. The Provincial Grand Lodge having entered in procession, the lodge was duly dedicated to Freemasonry, virtue, and universal benevolence. The music on the occasion was "Atkinson's Dedication Service," which was well rendered. With an appropriate oration by the Provincial Grand Secretary, the proceedings were brought to a close.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

Our readers will be good enough to notice that we have removed the Offices of THE MASONIC STAR to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London, to which address ALL communications should be forwarded. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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In the published proceedings for the current year of the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maine, Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, gives the following interesting statistics:—"There are in the United States and Canada no less than 55 Grand Lodges, and the grand aggregate of subscribing brethren in the jurisdictions severally presided over by these Grand Lodges is 615,000, as against 605,000 in 1887, and 596,000 in 1886. At the head of these 55 jurisdictions is that of the Grand Lodge of New York, which has 72,000 Masons on its roll, Illinois being second, but at a very long interval, with 40,000. Pennsylvania stands third, with close on 38,000, and Ohio next, with nearly 34,000, Michigan and Massachusetts, each with upwards of 28,000, being fifth and sixth respectively. Missouri can boast of nearly 26,000, and there are four others of the United States Grand Lodges which muster upwards of 20,000. Canada has over 19,000, and nine others range between 11,000 and nearly 16,000, there being only eight out of the whole 55 that have less than 1,000 subscribing members on the roll."

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It may interest many of our readers to know that a Stanley and Emin Pacha relief expedition is now being organized by Major Von Dobner, of the Austrian army. It is expected to start in January, and we understand that our Brother, Dr. Josiah Williams, F.R.G.S., of Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield, has been appointed by the Major as his chief medical officer, with permission to engage two or three assistants. The expedition will consist of a large force of white men principally.

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The special committee appointed to enquire into the discipline and administration of The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will meet at the Freemasons' Hall on November 1st and 2nd. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., is chairman. All subscribers to the institution will be admitted, and reporters may be present.

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We submit the following three *posers*, extracted from the enquiry column of the *Echo* of the 25th ult., for the consideration of our readers, and as an exercise in solving conundrums:—(1). Give the number of Freemasons in the United Kingdom, and the estimated number abroad?" We think that whomsoever may fancy he can correctly reply to this may class himself in the latter section, as very much *abroad*. (2). "What are the expenses connected with the craft per annum per member?" That is what our American cousins would call "a large order," the execution of which borders on the impossible; and (3). "Can a novice by merit alone gain the highest grade?" which, as things now are, can perhaps be more certainly answered, easily and emphatically, by the monosyllable NO!

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The Craft generally will be pleased to learn that the honour of knighthood has been conferred by Her Majesty on W. Bro. Polydore De Keyser, in recognition of his public services as Lord Mayor of London during the past year. We offer our hearty personal congratulations amongst the many which our distinguished brother will receive from his numerous friends in Freemasonry.

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"It may be news to some people to learn that in the Masonic world there is a total abstinence party so strong in a London lodge they have excluded, and it is said intend to exclude, from office all members who are not total abstainers. A senior member of the lodge has been displaced already, and a great trial of strength takes place next month on the election of Master." This is stated in the *Notts Daily Express* of the 27th ult. It *is* news to us, and we await information, which we shall seek, before expressing the opinions of many of our readers as to the recent attempts to form *class* lodges, to the great injury of the *universality* which the Craft professes.

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Many of our London brethren will regret to hear that, within the last few days, Bro. J. T. Crawford, of the William Preston Lodge, has met with an accident, breaking his left arm just below the elbow. He is, however, we are pleased to say, progressing satisfactorily.

We have given Marsden's "Restauro," particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns, a personal and family trial, and can recommend the "health-restorer" to our readers as an undoubted tonic and appetizer.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on the 24th ult. Some letters of thanks were laid before the board from petitioners who were relieved at the September sitting, and the brethren confirmed, to the extent of £250, grants recommended to the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for his approval at that meeting. There were 48 cases on the new list requiring assistance coming from lodges in the London district, and Portsmouth, Liverpool, North Shields, Havant, Sudbury, Plymouth, Bournemouth, Nottingham, Norwich, Sunderland, West Bromwich, Cambridge, Gosport, Carlisle, Sidcup, Budleigh Salterton, Surbiton, Stafford, Kingston-on-Thames, Marple, Sydney (N.S.W.), Colchester, Feltham, and Newquay. Forty-five of these cases were relieved, or recommended to the Grand Lodge or to the Grand Master for relief, to the extent of £1,182. The remaining three were deferred till the November meeting, for full compliance with the rules of the fund.

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Bro. Henry Lynn, J.W. 217, is a candidate for re-election on the London School Board for West Lambeth Division.

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Recently, at a meeting of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1851, Bro. A. E. Taylor was the recipient of a handsome testimonial, consisting of a pen and ink drawing framed in oak, and bearing a suitable inscription, in recognition of services rendered by him, in various offices, to the Lodge since its consecration.

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The Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has received from the Executors and Trustees of the Will of the late Miss Louisa M'Kellar, of Argyll Lodge, Clapham Park, a donation of £250.

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Reports of meetings occuring on Tuesdays cannot be inserted in the Thursday's issue unless they reach us by first post on Wednesdays. We go to press at mid-day on Wednesday.

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In our last issue we stated in error that Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. and P.G.S.W., Hants and I. of W., is a candidate for the School Board for the Central Division, Finsbury District, of London. We should have said that our Bro. Eve was soliciting election as representative for that division in Parliament.

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Our reprint in book form of the articles on "LODGE OFFICERS" and their duties, &c., announced last week, is now ready for issue. See particulars in advertising columns.

THE CASTLE LODGE—No. 1621.—The Installation Festival of this lodge was held on Friday, 26th ulto., at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, when there were present:—The D.P.G.M. Bro. Rowland G. Venables, P.G.A.D. of C.; Bros. W. Westcott, W.M., P.G.Std.; H. E. Roberts, I.P.M.; A. S. Trevor, J.W.; E. J. Chittey, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; H. B. Southwell, P.M.; T. Pratt, P.P.G. Std.B.; E. M. Southwell, P.M.; W. Simms, P.P.G.P.; T. Whitefoot, P.G.D. of C.; W. Lascelles Southwell, P.P.G.J.W.; J. H. Cooksey, P.P.G.R.; Rev. R. Lucas, P.G. Chaplain; J. Sewell, P.P.G.O.; W. T. Smith; G. C. Cooper; L. C. Smith; J. W. C. Chadwick; T. Whitefoot, sen.; F. S. H. Dyer. Visitors:—Bros. E. A. Hicks, W.M. 601, P.G.R.; J. Avery. W.M. 262, P.G.A.P.; Rev. H. Parsons, 490; J. Bradney, 419; T. Skett, 419; J. Gray, 262; G. Fletcher, 1575, and H. Goodall, Tyler, Bro. W. G. H. Maddison was elected a joining member. Bro. Alfred S. Trevor was installed as master for the ensuing year. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet.

THE STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—Election meeting at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, 23rd ult. The Comps. present included Comps. Elliott, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Addington, H.; T. Grummant, P.Z., acting J.; Capt. C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Major Williams. P.Z., Treasurer; C. Stone, S.N.; Benedetti, 1st A.S.; Fry, 2nd A.S.; Cowley, P.Z.; Fred. Hilton, P.Z.; North, Fleck, Meirhoff, Dr. Makeham, Bumpstead, P.Z., Charlie Woods, Crook, and Patrick, Janitor. Visitors:—Comps. F. B. Williams, P.Z., and W. Kipps, P.Z., 79. The election resulted thus:—Comps. J. Addington, M.E.Z.; Tuck, H.; Crook, J.; Major Williams, P.Z., Treasurer; Capt. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Fleck, P.S.; Mierhoff, 1st A.S.; C. Woods, 2nd A.S., and Patrick, Janitor. Comp. F. Hilton reported the success of the Chapter of Instruction, of which he is Preceptor, and Comp. Stone, S.N., is S.E. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent by the companions.

THE ALEXANDRA LODGE—No. 985.—The installation meeting was held on Monday, 22nd ult., at the Lodge Room, Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, when Bro. Chas. E. Ward, of Lynn, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. G. F. Barrell, P.P.G.A.D.C. The following brethren were appointed and invested by the W.M.: Bro. Porter, J.P.M.; J. E. Townsend, W.; S. J. Coupland, J.W.; Rev. G. F. H. Foxton, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; Mark Cox, P.M., Treas.; P. R. Clarke, Sec.; Percy Jenner, S.D.; J. G. Dunlop, J.D.; H. Patchett, J.G.; H. Hedley, Organist; and David Oliver, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. G. S. Woodwark, P.P.G.J.D.; Geo. W. Page, P.P.G.R.; G. F. Barrell, W.P.A.G.D.C.; Thorn, P.P.G.P.; Geo. Whitehead, P.P.G.P.; Bros. L. Dickenson, Dixey, Coxon and Watkinson.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. Ferry, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE COLUMNS *we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges* **who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information.** *We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to* **condense, as much as they consistently can,** *the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor,* THE MASONIC STAR, *59, Moor Lane, London.*

*** *The list of Annual Subscribers to* THE MASONIC STAR **continues to increase most satisfactorily,** *and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.*

THE RYE LODGE—No. 2272—was consecrated on the 22nd ult., at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane, Peckham, London, by Bro. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec. After the ceremony, Bro. Dewsnap, P.M., was installed as W.M. and Bro. J. Allsopp was invested as I.P.M. The officers for the year are Bros. W. Cock, P.M., S.W.; F. Dunn, P.M., J.W.; G. S. Mansell, P.M., Treas.; T. G. Collier, Sec.; G. P. Nightingale, P.M., S.D.; P. G. Philps, P.M., J.D.; W. Castledine, I.G.; T. Cray, D.C.; S. C. Greenfield, Stwd.; W. T. Warner, Stwd.; E. Pettit, Org.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given. Col. Shadwell Clerke, in addressing the brethren, warned them against unseemly haste in getting members for their lodge; and strongly urged them to carefully consider the character of every candidate, so that they might not be in the unpleasant position of having among them at some future time a brother who should prove himself unworthy of the ballot. The brethren, he said, ought to be very careful in that respect. Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon, P.G.C., in the course of a few well chosen sentences, referred the brethren to the importance of thoroughly studying and making themselves masters of the ritual, and also of reflecting upon the symbols of masonry with care—instancing Jacob's ladder and the clouded canopy of the lodge—and alluding to the suggestions of rest, hope, strength and consolation they convey to all who rightly comprehend their meaning. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. Pettit, assisted by Bros. J. Hodges, A. Kenningham, T. Hanson, and T. Kempton.

SCARBOROUGH—THE LEOPOLD LODGE—No. 1760.—The annual installation ceremony in connection with this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas' Cliff, on the 24th ult. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. Hamper, was installed by Bro. G. Chambers, P.M., assisted by Bro. J. Bowes, I.P.M. The following is a full list of the officers for the year:—Bro. J. Bowes, I.P.M; Bro. T. H. Pexton, S.W.; Bro. A. G. Wellburn, J.W.; Bro. H. A. Williamson, Chaplain, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Bro. J. Knaggs, Treasurer, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; Bro. J. E. Lupton, Secretary; Bro. E. H. Hackers, D.C., P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. Frank Fletcher, S.D.; Bro. F. G. Pexton, J.D.; Bro. Charles E. Bradley, I.G.; Bro. W. Flockton, S.S.; Bro. E. F. Hanes, J.S.; Bro. G. E. Royle, Organist; Bro. R. Nicholson, Almoner. The customary banquet took place at the Castle Hotel in the evening. The newly installed W.M. presided, and was supported by a large number of the officers and members of the Lodge and also many visiting brethren.

MONTEFIORE LODGE—No. 1017.—The first regular meeting of this lodge, after the summer recess, was held on the 24th ulto. last, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Manger, I.P.M.; Bros. Honey, S.W.; Vandyke, J.W.; J. Grünebaum, S.D.; Rossdale, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; S. V. Abrahams, P.M., Treasurer; M. Levy, Secretary, D.M.; Davis, P.M., Organist; N. P. Vallentine, I.P.M.; Grünebaum, P.M.; Pollitzer, P.M.; Salomons, P.M.; Hardinge; M. Cohen; A. D. Cohen; G. F. Moss; E. Salomons; H. Chetham; S. Lichtenfeld; W. Rooke; F. Cooper-Willis; A. B. Salmer; Paul Levy; J. Marians; L. Jacobs; J. Walter; F. Blackburn, and a large number of other brethren. The W.M. raised Bro. Cooper-Willis; and Bro. N. P. Vallentine initiated Messrs. Salomons and Anholt. At the banquet, which followed, the excellent manner in which the ceremonies were performed was frequently referred to by the several brethren in their responses.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON—FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY—No. 1271.—The installation meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Bro. C. W. Bryant being installed into the Master's chair by the V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Sir G. Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. Eng., Bros. J. Sparks, P.M., G. J. Farrington, P.M., and F. Barton, P.M., assisting in the ceremony. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. S. C. Little, I.P.M.; A. F. Brereton, S.W.; A. Wallington, J.W.; the Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, P.M., Chaplain; Colonel Magrath, P.M., Treasurer; H. Found, Secretary; A. Scammell, S.D.; W. F. Gaby, I.D.; F. Barton, P.M.D.C.; D. H. H. Wassell, Organist; J. Stansfield-Brun, I.G.; W. J. Wilkins and J. Taylor, Stewards; Tom Moore, Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Swan Hotel, and an enjoyable evening followed. The local brethren and visitors numbered upwards of 40.

The annual festival of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 340, was held at the Speech House, Forest of Dean, on the 24th ult. Bro. M. F. Carter, S.W., was installed by Bro. Harry Clark, the outgoing W.M. The W.M. appointed the following as officers: Bros. H. Clark, I.P.M.; J. S. Bradstock, S.W.; J. J. Thomas, J.W.; J. J. James, M.O.; S. W. Hadingham, S.O.; T. J. Nundy, J.O.; Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M., Chap.; A. Stephens, Sec.; E. James, S.D.; G. F. Minett, J.D.; G. Holmes, I.G.; Job Webb, tyler. Among those present were Bros. J. Shaw Carleton, and Wm. Spence.

THE ALEXANDRA LODGE—No. 985.—The installation meeting was held on Monday, 22nd ult., at the Lodge Room, Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, when Bro. Charles E. Ward, of Lynn, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. G. F. Barrell, P.P.G.A.D.C. The following brethren were appointed and invested by the W.M.: Bros. Porter, I.P.M.; I. E. Townsend, S.W.; S. J. Coupland, J.W.; Rev. G. F. H. Foxton, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; Mark Cox, P.M., Treasurer; P. R. Clarke, Secretary; Percy Jenner, S.D.; J. G. Dunlop, J.D.; H. Patchett, I.G.; H. Hedley, Organist; and David Oliver, Tyler. Among the visitors were—Bros. G. S. Woodwark, P.P.G.J.D.; Geo. W. Page, P.P.G.R.; W. W. Wilkin, P.P.G.R.; J. G. Churchman, P.P.G.S.; G. F. Barrell, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Thorn, P.P.G.P.; George Whitehead, P.P.G.P.; L. Dickenson; Dixey; Coxon and Wilkinson.

EMULATION LODGE—No. 1505.—The annual installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 25th ult., and was largely attended. Bro. Albert H. Hallwood, the W.M., opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. Walter Burnet, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chaplain; W. B. Sweetman, S.W.; J. G. Hallwood, J.W.; Robert Foote, P.P.G.T., Treasurer; J. Worthy, Secretary. W. B. Sweetman was presented by Bros. Rev. H. G. Vernon and J. T. Callow, and the ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. The officers invested were Bros. A. H. Hallwood, I.P.M.; J. G. Hallwood, S.W.; J. Worthy, J.W.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T., Treasurer (re-elected); J. Greenlees, Secretary; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., D.C.; Eli Brooks, S.D.; W. Griffin, J.D.; F. Simpson, I.G.; and Bro. Pratt, Organist. At the banquet which followed Bro. A. H. Hallwood was presented with a very valuable P.M.'s jewel.

ST. NICHOLAS THORNE—No. 2259.—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ulto., when, in the absence of the W.M. (Capt. Dove), W. Bro. W. Delaney, I.P.M., presided. Mr. W. Walker, of Thorne, was duly initiated; and Bro. F. Pine was passed to the second degree. The W.M. was assisted by Bros. Gouldthorpe, Wilkie and Constable. There was a goodly number of brethren present.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE—No. 1705.—Bro. Burrell, P.M., was duly installed W.M. of this lodge on 25th inst. The ceremony was most impressively conducted by Bro. W. Webb, I.P.M. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his officers for the year, viz.:—W. C. Webb, I.P.M.; S. Smith, S.W.; G. K. Smith, J.W.; G. Darby, P.M., Treasurer; N. Wilson-Harris, Secretary; F. J. Bolitho, S.D.; H. B. Morris, J.D.; C. V. Birch, D. of C.; H. W. Power, I.G.; A. J. Kindred, W. M. Chalcraft, Stewards; S. Sewell, Tyler. The banquet, which followed the installation, reflected great credit on Host Taylor, and was partaken of by the following visiting brethren:—G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G., Registrar; T. Stretton, J.W.M., 2153; A. W. Hewett, W.M., 342; A. German, W.M., 1068; C. Hooper, 2068; C. Williams, 2068, and several others.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1426.—On the 25th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.—Present: Bros. J. L. Barrett, W.M.; J. T. Eisenmann, S.W.; D. Hills, J.W.; Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; J. Tattersall, S.D.; J. Lazarus, J.D.; J. Gomme, I.G.; W. J. Ball, Secretary; also Bros. Spratling, T. Hodges, I. K. Pitt, Gaskin, F. Rush, T. Smith and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; Bro. I. K. Pitt acted as candidate. Bro. Eisenmann was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Paddle, P.M., P.Z., late Treasurer of the Lodge, was then presented with a treasurer's jewel and illuminated address, to mark his services to the Lodge, which he acknowledged in suitable terms.

PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 198.—On Saturday last, the 27th inst., at The Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., the fifteen sections were worked in the Lodge of Instruction by the members of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, in the presence of nearly fifty brethren. The officers were Bros. L. A. Da Costa, W.M.; Musto, S.W.; B. Da Costa, J.W.; I. P. Cohen, Preceptor; Moss, S.D.; H. Jacobs, J.D.; Yates, I.G.; Galer, Secretary. Every brother was perfect in his part, and to single out one from the number for special mention would be unjust. The sections were worked in the following order:—1st Lecture: Bros. Frampton, 1st sec.; N. Isaacs, 2nd sec.; Witte, 3rd sec.; Eschwege, 4th sec.; B. Da Costa, 5th sec.; D. Moss, 6th sec.; Richardson, 7th sec. 2nd Lecture: Danziger, 1st sec.; Simmons, 2nd sec.; Solomon, 3rd sec.; W. Musto, 4th sec.; Stewart, 5th sec. 3rd Lecture: Marks, 1st sec.; S. Danziger, 2nd sec.; J. Smith, 3rd and last sec. After the lectures, seven joining members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks, together with the hon. membership of the Lodge of Instruction, was accorded Bro. L. A. Da Costa, the W.M., for his able conduct of the proceedings. Bro. W. Musto acknowledged the vote of thanks to the section workers.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1158.—On Thursday, the 25th ulto., at the Sir Sidney Smith, Chester Street, Kennington, S.E., Bro. Hartley, W.M.—Bros. Rufell, S.W.; Burton, J.W.; Wise, Preceptor; Mordey, S.D.; W. Block, J.D.; Havens, J.G.; J. W. Hartley, Secretary; Swash; Stokes; Edwards; Stewart, P.M., &c. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Swash candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Rufell was elected W.M. for the 8th inst.

PANMURE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 720.—On Wednesday, 24th ult., at the Balham Hotel, Balham, Bro. Treeves, W.M.—Bros. Leonard, S.W.; Stanbrook, J.W.; Dunkley (Asst. Precp.), Secretary; Turnbull, S.D.; Pickering, J.D.; Culpin, J.G.; Hawes; Nott; Horton; Weeks, P.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weeks candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hawes candidate. Bro. Leonard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Reports of Lodges of Instruction Nos. 45, 65, 179, 511 and 902 are in type, but are crowded out.

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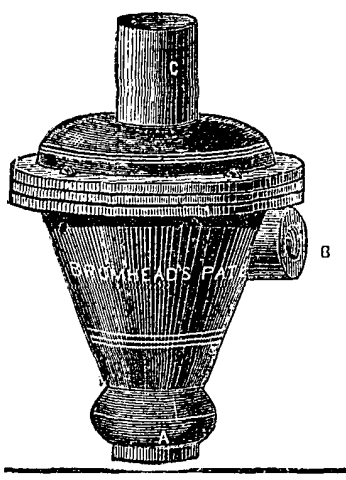
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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

In your impression of the 11th inst. you publish a letter of mine which draws attention to an item of Grand Lodge expenditure for "writing warrants." In your next number you have, under your Trestle Board, two paragraphs in connection with the subject. Will you be so kind as to let me know what you mean when you say—"It has been intimated to us that the staff already consider that they have more on their hands than they can *comfortably* get through," &c. (good word "comfortably")? Who has conveyed such an "*intimation*"? I am really at a loss to understand what is intended to be conveyed by the word "*comfortably*." It is a most elastic and vague expression—either there are not enough *employés* for the office work, or there are. What has "comfortably" to do with the matter? The main question remains exactly as I stated—that to pay a law stationer £16 3s. for a quarter's writing of patents and warrants, in face of salaries returned as about £2,600 per annum, is wasteful and ridiculous excess. Perhaps you may be able to give us some tangible information on the subject. While I am addressing you, I should like to draw attention to another item in the same report, *i.e.*, 7th March, 1888, page 357—"Warrington & Co., for certificate forms and mounts, one quarter, £73 8s. 3d." What are the mounts referred to? and what proportion do they bear to the whole item? Will anyone, I wonder, accord this information? Faithfully and fraternally yours,

AGERE NON LOQUI.

[*** *As we have undertaken to place our pages at the disposal of the brethren generally, we do not refuse space for your letter; at the same time, we think you should put your questions to those who* CAN *give the required replies, and not look for them at second-hand from us. We have no greater power than yourself to obtain information which certainly could, although it might not, be denied to any enquirer.*—ED. M. S.]

M. M.'s APRON.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

My apron, from constant use, more than age, has become very much soiled, and, in my opinion, does not look very creditable when in Lodge, particularly when amongst bright new clothing. Would you recommend me to have it cleaned, or to let the "*glory*" of the result of *frequent use* remain, unsightly as it may be to the delicate eye? Yours fraternally,

October 26th, 1888. ANXIOUS-TO-BE-CORRECT.

*** *A good "working" mason should rather be proud of his old apron, as a proof that he is no drone, than seek to change it for a mere butterfly garment.*—ED. M. S.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Freemasonry does not appear to be flourishing in the north-western districts of London. I have examined your lists in vain for a Lodge of Instruction convenient to West Hampstead, Finchley Road, Swiss Cottage, or St. John's Wood. Can you give me any information on the subject? If any steps are taken towards establishing a Lodge of Instruction in one of these districts, I should be pleased to render assistance. Fraternally yours,

October 26th, 1888. A JUNIOR WARDEN.

MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

In reply to Junior Warden and Bro. Beavis, P.M., relative to recognising the services of secretaries of above, there is already a law in each of our institutions applicable to their case, viz., "votes allowed on amounts collected." In the Girls' Institution it is law No. 20, but not having the Boys' or Benevolent Lists handy, I cannot quote the number in their case. Fraternally yours,

H. W. SMITH-PARSONS, P.M. and Treas., 804,
Oct. 26th, 1888. Sec. Carnarvon Lodge Charity Association, No. 3.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

"Junior Warden" and "Bro. Past Master Beavis," in their laudable desire to increase and extend the funds of Benevolent Associations connected with Lodges, very reasonably suggest that the secretaries of such associations should have complimentary votes given them for the gratuitous services, which entail upon them considerable time, trouble and personal expense. With regard to the latter, it is unreasonable to expect the secretary to be at a monetary loss; but there are deductions made in the collections, and these, I presume, cover expenses. It is only right that deductions should be made for necessary expenses.

I hope, however, that no attempt will be made to pay brethren for such services; to do so would not enhance the beneficial objects and characteristics of the craft, and I venture to think that, in all lodges, brethren will be found ready to act as secretaries without payment.

Bro. Beavis very properly refers to the large sums paid to the collector of one of the charitable institutions, and appears to have very just grounds of exception to the manner his reasonable suggestions were met by the committee of one at least of those institutions. How far report is true as to the extravagant manner those institutions are managed, I, as a humble member of the craft, cannot tell, but earnestly hope that we shall have a little more light and information upon the subject; at the present time, there is a strong feeling that is calculated to prevent subscriptions being given. It is felt that the money subscribed for the benefit of poorer brethren or their children does not fully reach the objects for which it was intended, and that a very large amount, something over 30 per cent., is expended in the management of the charity institutions. If such is the case, then the sooner there is some new blood infused into the committees the better for those institutions, and probably for Freemasonry in general

The system in force for the collection of funds in the various lodges, admirable in its way, still requires, like the management of the institutions, thoroughly overhauling; a very much better system might be adopted, but that the present system has done much good, is an evident fact, and probably no one has worked harder to effect its object than Bro. Beavis, whose untiring energy deserves the best thanks of the craft.—Yours faithfully,

Oct. 30th, 1888. W. W. PARKINSON (879).

Answers to Correspondents.

R. B. E., SILURIAN.—See our tabulated list for redemption of our promise last week.

J. C., TORQUAY.—We have sent your letter to "Templar," from whom you will probably have heard direct.

LODGE OFFICERS.—We thought we had made the matter quite plain by our last week's paragraph and advertisement. Copies in paper covers, sixpence; post free, sevenpence. In boards, one shilling, post free. The latter are, of course, the most suitable for presentation by a W.M. to the brethren he appoints to office.

A. M. W., P.A.G.P., N. & E. YORKS.—We have, as you see, been compelled to shorten the report you kindly sent us, much other interesting notices being crowded out.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Masonic Calendars and Directories for Surrey, East Lancashire, Oxfordshire, Cornwall, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Somersetshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight; *Masonic Record* of Western India; *History of Lodge Sincerity*, No. 174; *Report of Proceedings* of Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire; *The Lifeboat Journal* for November.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, 26th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., 1275, Preceptor; J. L. Moore, H., 169, M.E.Z.; Templeman, H., 1339, I.; Wingham, 25, J.; C. Stone, S.N., 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, 2nd A.S. elect, 1275, S.N.; W. Briant, 1329, P.S.; T. Grummant, P.Z., 1275; J. Addington, M.E.Z. elect, 1275, and Gallaway. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Grummant personating candidate. Comp. Templeman was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded Comps. Templeman and Wingham for their working.

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

*** *In answer to several enquiries we desire to state that this column will be open to all subscribers to* THE MASONIC STAR *without charge, for the present at any rate. We wish to see whether or not it is of use for the purpose intended before we make any definite arrangement as to its continuance.*—ED. M.S.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Calcill's Candid Disquisition of the Principles of Freemasonry, 1769 — *Treeman's Principles of Freemasonry*, 1777 — *The Unparalleled Sufferings of John Custos, tortured by the Inquisition*, Plates and List of R.A. Chapters, 17—. — *Masonic Effusions*, F. C. Daniel, 1819—*A Masonic Treatise, with an Elucidation*, W. Finch, 1802—*Vestiges of Genuine Freemasonry*, M. Margalouth, 1852—*The Masonic Charities*, G. Taylor—*An Investigation of the cause of hostility of the Church of Rome towards Freemasonry*, 187-. — *An Essay on the Origin of Freemasonry*, 1880—*Preston's Illustrations*, 1788, 1801, 1812, 1821, 1841—*Freemason's Quarterly Magazine and Review*, 1851-2-3-4-5, In Parts as issued.—T.F.

Speculative Masonry, J. Yarker — *History and Articles of Masonry*, M. Cooke—*Masonic Vocal Manual*, W. Garforth, 1852—*Lectures on Freemasonry*, G. D. Goodyear, 1864—*Lyre Maconnique*, J. A. Jacquelin, 1811—*Code des Francmacons*, 1830—*Masonic Miscellanies*, S. Jones, 1797—*The Anti-Christian Character of Freemasonry*, M. C. Trevilian, 1849 (supposed)—R. A. Apron and Sash, 13s. 6d.; Mark Apron, 6s. 3d.; Ditto, 4s. 6d.—BELL.

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Ahiman Rezon, 1787, 1800, 1801, 1813—*G. L. Constitutions*, 1855, '61, '65, '66, '67, 8vo.—*Royal Arch Regulations*, 1864, 1879—*Proceedings of Grand Lodge*, December, 1871.—BELL.

*** *We await information as to results of negotiations opened.*—ED. M.S.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.	
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
227	Ionic...	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.
538	La Tolerance	F. H. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.
913	Patterson	Assembly Rooms, Brook Hill, Plumstead
1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand
1425	Hyde Park	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct
1724	Kaiser-i-Hind (Installation) ...	Café Royal, Regent Street
1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
1790	Old England	M.H., New Thornton H'th, Nr. Croydon
R.A.C.		
181	Universal	F. M. H.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Mark.		
244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd.	
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
890	Hornsey	F. M. H.
1159	Marquis of Dalhousie	33, Golden Square, W.
1672	Royal Kensington	F. M. H.
1815	Penge	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A.C.		
3	Fidelity	F. M. T.
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
1489	Ezra	Met. Asylum, Balls Pond Rd., N.
	(1st) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd.	
142	St. Thomas's	Cannon Street Hotel
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2182	Sterndale Bennett	Ditto
	(1st) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th.	
12	Fortitude and Old Cumberland	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
144	St. Luke's	Ditto
188	Joppa	F. M. T.
256	Unions	F. M. H.
1319	Asaph	Ditto
1669	Royal Leopold	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1853	Caxton	F. M. H.
1924	Wickham	St. Peter's Ho., Wickham Park, Brockley
1996	Priory of Acton	Royal Ass. Rooms, Acton
R.A.C.		
1615	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.
Mark.		
	Grand Stewards	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
5	Mallet and Chisel...	Ditto
139	Panmure	Ditto
R.X.P.C		
148	Invicta	King William IV., Greenwich

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.	
7	Royal York Lodge of Persevce.	F. M. H.
9	Albion	Ditto
18	Old Dundee	Cannon Street Hotel
101	Temple	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
172	Old Concord	F. M. H.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
765	St. James's	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	C. of G. Hope Tav., Commercial Rd., E.
1261	Golden Rule	Café Royal, Regent Street
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington
1397	Anerley	Thicket Hot., Anerley
1472	Henley	Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich
1662	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow
1693	Kingsland	Railway Hot., Highbury
2150	Tivoli	Tivoli Restaurant, Strand
2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.
Mark.		
1	St. Mark's	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.C.		
72	Canterbury...	33, Golden Square, W.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.	
	GRAND CHAPTER, AT 6.	
511	Zetland	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1298	Royal Standard	Cock Tavern, Highbury
1585	Royal Commemoration	Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney
1687	Rothesay	St. James's Hall, Piccadilly
1766	St. Leonard	Town Hall, Shoreditch
1827	Alliance	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
R.A.C.		
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1471	Islington	Cock Tavern, Highbury
	(2nd) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th.	
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity...	F. M. H.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
860	*Dalhousie*	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1457	Bagshaw	Princes Hot., Buckhurst Hill
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1598	Ley Spring	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbrook Hall, Notting Hill
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1791	Creaton	F. M. H.
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly
2033	University of London	F. M. H.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
2076	Quatuor Coronati...	F. M. H.
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
2163	Derby Allcroft	Athenæum, Camden Road.
R.A.C.		
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
R.C.		
42	St. George	33, Golden Square. W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge or Chapter.		Place of Meeting.
43	St. Paul's	26th Nov	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	7th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	20th Nov	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	13th Nov	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	12th Nov	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	8th Nov	Ditto
887	Leigh	28th Nov	Ditto
925	Bedford	19th Nov	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	21st Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	27th Nov	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	14th Nov	Ditto
1163	Emulation	22nd Nov	Ditto
1180	Forward	5th Nov	Ditto
1474	Israel	12th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	20th Nov	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	4th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe TO-DAY,	1st Nov	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	14th Nov	Ditto
221	St. John	21st Nov	Ditto
348	St. John's	22nd Nov	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	11th Dec	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	19th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	22nd Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	6th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	14th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales TO-MR.,	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	19th Nov	Ditto
600	Sincerity	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	16th Nov	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	6th Nov	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	8th Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	17th Nov	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	3rd Nov	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	27th Nov	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	15th Nov	Ditto
1947	Stanford	14th Nov	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	24th Nov	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox TO-MOR.,	2nd Nov	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	6th Nov	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	14th Nov	Ditto
326	Moira	15th Nov	Ditto
610	Colston	21st Nov	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	13th Nov	Ditto
1388	Canynges	3rd Nov	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	22nd Nov	Ditto
2257	Powell	26th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	27th Nov	Ditto
187	Charity TO-DAY,	1st Nov	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	15th Nov	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	21st Nov	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	8th Nov	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales TO-DAY,	1st Nov	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	22nd Nov	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Nov	Bridge Inn

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	27th Nov	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	14th Nov	Ditto
802	Repose	15th Nov	Ditto
1085	Hartington	7th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	15th Nov	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—*continued.*

1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	14th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	1st Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	14th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	7th Nov	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	23rd Nov	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce TO-MOR.,	2nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	29th Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	15th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—5 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Nov	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	28th Nov	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	6th Nov	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians TO-DAY,	1st Nov	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	12th Nov	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

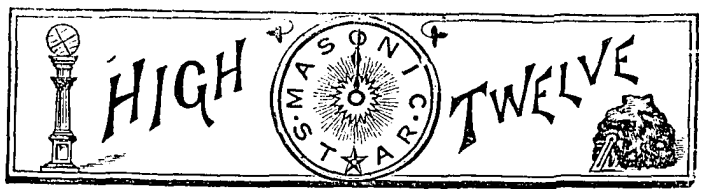
289	Fidelity TO-DAY,	1st Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	28th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	2nd Nov	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	5th Nov	Ditto
1221	Defence	12th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	16th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	10th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	13th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	7th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	7th Nov	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	15th Nov	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	30th Nov	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	13th Nov	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	19th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	28th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	15th Nov	Ditto
216	Harmonic	8th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	13th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	1st Nov	Ditto
292	Sincerity	12th Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	22nd Nov	Ditto
667	Alliance	20th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John	6th Nov	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR.,	2nd Nov	Ditto
724	Derby	28th Nov	Ditto
786	United Service ...	8th Nov	Ditto
823	Everton	21st Nov	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	7th Nov	Ditto
1094	Temple	14th Nov	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	8th Nov	Ditto
1264	Neptune	5th Nov	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	15th Nov	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	26th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	12th Nov	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	14th Nov	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	15th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	19th Nov	Ditto
1505	Emulation	22nd Nov	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	14th Nov	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	20th Nov	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	27th Nov	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	7th Nov	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	27th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	7th Nov	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	19th Nov	Ditto
2215	Anfield	22nd Nov	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	19th Nov	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	6th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Nov	Ditto
241	Friendship	26th Nov	Ditto
249	Mariners	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer TO-DAY,	1st Nov	Ditto
1502	Israel	13th Nov	Ditto



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

After Lodge is closed, Brethren may find relaxation and amusement in

LONDON *at*--

THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE.
Lessee and Manager, Bro. Augustus Harris.
THE ARMADA at 7.30.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree.
CAPTAIN SWIFT at 8.30. THAT DREADFUL DOCTOR at 7.50.

ADELPHI THEATRE.
Sole Proprietors and Managers, Bros. A. & S. Gatti.
THE UNION JACK at 8. THE LOTTERY TICKET at 7.15.

THE GLOBE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. John Lart.
THE MONK'S ROOM at 8.15.

SAVOY THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. D'Oyly Carte.
THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD, 8.30.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Horace Sedger.
DOROTHY 8.30. WARRANTED BURGLAR PROOF, 7.40.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. Thomas Thorne.
JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART at 8.30. THE BROTHERS at 7.45.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey.
UNCLES AND AUNTS at 9. THE SPY at 8.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Bro. Henry Irving.
PRINCE KARL at 8.45. ALWAYS INTENDED at 7.45.

CRITERION THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Bro. Charles Wyndham.
BETSY at 9. THE DOWAGER at 8.10.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Bro. Edward Terry.
SWEET LAVENDER at 8.30.

OPERA COMIQUE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. F. J. Harris.
CARINA at 8.30. THE BLACKSMITH'S DAUGHTER at 7.30.

BRIGHTON—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Sole Proprietress, Mrs. Nye Chart.
SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER, &c., at 7.30

LIVERPOOL—

ROYAL COURT THEATRE.
Proprietors, The Carl Rosa Opera Company.
BEN-MY-CHREE.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
Manageress, Miss Fanny Josephs.
DAVID GARRICK.

MANCHESTER—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Lessee, Captain Bainbridge.
THE BELLS, &c.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.
Manager, Mr. Ramsay.
MISS ESMERALDA.

LEEDS—

GRAND THEATRE.
Lessee, Bro. Wilson Barrett.
DOROTHY.

THEATRE ROYAL.
Mr. J. Hobson.
A DEAD MAN'S GOLD.

NOTTINGHAM—

THEATRE ROYAL.
Managing Director, Mr. T. W. Charles.
LOVE AND HONOUR.

Dramatic Notes and Observations.

(Communicated).

ANOTHER matinée of "The Armada" will be given at Drury Lane next Saturday.

MISS MARY ANDERSON & C. embarked from Liverpool last Sunday, per s.s. Umbria.

"COX AND BOX" was put up by way of curtain raiser, before "Mamma," at the Court Theatre last Friday. Cox is represented by Mr. Eric Lewis, Box by Mr. Arthur Cecil, and Sergeant Bouncer by Mr. W. Lugg.

MISS ALICE BARNETT, the massive and melodious actress, formerly of the Savoy, will arrive in England from Australia about November 21st.

ARRANGEMENTS have been concluded between Messrs. W. Freeman Thomas and Messrs. Hengler, by which, under their joint management, a fine equestrian entertainment will be produced at Covent Garden during the Christmas season, opening on Boxing-day.

MR. CHARLES WARNER has made a great success as "Hamlet," at the Theatre Royal, Sydney.

"TROUBLES," a new one-act play, is to be presented at a dramatic entertainment at St. George's Hall, on the 22nd prox. It will be preceded by "Ours," in which Miss Sophie Larkin will appear as Lady Shendryn.

"THE MONK'S ROOM," which continues to prove attractive at the Globe Theatre, will be played at the Crystal Palace on November 6th.

"THE PLUNGER," a new sporting farcical comedy, by W. Sapte, jun., and E. Spencer, was played last Wednesday for copyright purposes at Ladbroke Hall.

MADAME SARAH BERNHARDT completed her forty-fourth year on Monday last.

THE Bolton Theatre, the memorial stone of which was laid by Bro. Henry Irving last week, will be opened on November 19th.

BRO. AUGUSTUS HARRIS has secured for five years the services of M. Michael Winogradow.

MISS SOPHIE EYRE'S brief season at the Gaiety came to a close on Saturday last. Besides playing the heroine in "She," Miss Eyre appeared as Lady Macbeth in the sleep-walking scene.

MR. BARRY SULLIVAN still lies in a very critical condition at his residence at West Brighton.

MR. TOM MATTHEWS, the once famous clown, reached his eighty-third birthday on Wednesday, the 17th ult.

"MAMMA" will be played for the first time in the provinces at the Theatre Royal, Colchester, on Monday next, with a strong cast.

THE Wednesday evening dramatic performances at the Crystal Palace for the coming winter season will commence under the direction of Bro. Oscar Barrett, on Wednesday next, with a representation of "Belphegor."

MISS SYLVIA GREY was unable to appear with the Gaiety Company on their first appearance at the Theatre Royal, Sydney, in consequence of having broken one of the small bones of one of her feet.

MISS FLORENCE DYSART has been engaged by Bro. Augustus Harris for his forthcoming Drury Lane pantomime.

"THE STILL ALARM" reached its 100th night at the Princess's Theatre last Friday. "Hands across the Sea" will be produced here about the 5th inst., with a strong cast.

STELLA.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	TO-MOR., 2nd Nov	Albion Hotel
62	Social	26th Nov	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	16th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	31st Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian	14th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	TO-DAY, 1st Nov	Ditto
325	St. John's	21st Nov	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	7th Nov	Ditto
815	Blair	9th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	14th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	22nd Nov	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	7th Nov	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	9th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Nov	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	5th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	15th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	20th Nov	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	8th Nov	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	5th Nov	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	28th Nov	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	6th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	8th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	6th Nov	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	19th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	28th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	9th Nov	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	3rd Nov	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	15th Nov	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	28th Nov	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	16th Nov	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	5th Nov	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	6th Nov	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	14th Nov	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	14th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	12th Nov	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	15th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	TO-DAY, 1st Nov	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	8th Nov	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	16th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	20th Nov	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	TO-DY 1st Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	7th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	12th Nov	Ditto
541	De Loraine	16th Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	6th Nov	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	14th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	22nd Nov	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	9th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	23rd Nov	Ditto
2260	Ridley	6th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	20th Nov	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	7th Nov	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	21st Nov	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	8th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	30th Nov	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	14th Nov	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	6th Nov	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	13th Nov	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	20th Nov	Ditto
807	Cabbell	29th Nov	Ditto
943	Sincerity	27th Nov	Ditto
1500	Walpole	TO-DAY, 1st Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	6th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	12th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	TO-MOR., 2nd Nov	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere	16th Nov	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS—*continued*.

1909	Carnarvon	19th Nov	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland..	22nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	6th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	12th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Nov	Ditto
159	Brunswick	7th Nov	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	12th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	22nd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	20th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	8th Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	13th Nov	Ditto
1205	Metham	19th Nov	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	15th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	19th Nov	Ditto
1550	Prudence	3rd Nov	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	13th Nov	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	27th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	30th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	28th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	8th Nov	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	12th Nov	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	9th Nov	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	15th Nov	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	27th Nov	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	20th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	10th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	26th Nov	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	19th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	14th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	13th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	8th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	12th Nov	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	5th Nov	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	27th Nov	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	8th Nov	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	19th Nov	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	15th Nov	Ditto
785	TwelveBrothers ...	23rd Nov	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	6th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester	TO-DY 1st Nov	Ditto
359	Peace	TO-MOR., 2nd Nov	Ditto
394	Concord	22nd Nov	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	13th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	7th Nov	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	8th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	16th Nov	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	23rd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.

THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.

13	Union Waterloo ...	at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„ 7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's	„ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross	„ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak	„ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark	„ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ...	„ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star	„ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ...	„ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ...	„ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ...	„ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ...	„ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ...	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar...	„ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1681	Londesborough... ...	„ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph	„ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	„ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„ 8	Northampton Hot.,St.Paul's Rd.,Canon- bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.

(1st) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd.

9	Albion	at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 6	F. M. H
333	Kintore	„ 9	Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell.
507	United Pilgrims ...	„ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„ 8	(?)
749	Belgrave	„ 8	Harp Tav., Jermyn Street, W.
765	St. James's	„ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ...	„ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ...	„ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ...	„ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„ 8	Ld. Stanley, Saudringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1607	Loyalty	„ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ...	„ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
1716	All Saints	„ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.			
890	Hornsey...	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ...	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.

(1st) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd.

179	Manchester	at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1288	Finsbury Park	„ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ...	„ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	„ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick	„ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai	„ 8	Union Tav.. Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry...	„ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.

(1st) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th.

22	Loughborough... ...	at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union ...	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ...	„ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.

(1st) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th—*continued.*

1507	Metropolitan	at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ...	„ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ...	„ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1625	Tredegar...	„ 8	(?)
1662	Beaconsfield	„ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn	„ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C			
206	Hope	„ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.

(1st) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.

55	Constitutional	at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George	„ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ...	„ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury...	„ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ...	„ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1472	Henley	„ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540	Chaucer	„ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ...	„ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1598	Leyspring	„ —	Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1612	West Middlesex ...	„ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ...	„ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ...	„ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.

(1st) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.

3	Fidelity	at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ...	„ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ...	„ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry...	„ 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence	„ 7	(?)
228	United Strength ...	„ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure...	„ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ...	„ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ...	„ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1421	Langthorne	„ 8	Swan Hot., Stratford.
1475	Peckham	„ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ...	„ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1601	Ravensbourne	„ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett	„ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ...	„ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ...	„ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon	„ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.			
177	Domatic	„ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ...	„ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(2nd) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 1st Thursday in November (*see ante*).

*** *The Editor will be greatly obliged for any information the Secretaries of the various Lodges may be pleased to send to him.*

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Guarding the Portals.

"I swore to guard the Portals close
Of the Masonic Temple!"—MASONS' VOWS.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland has set the Craft throughout the world a splendid example of adherence to principle irrespective of the natural sympathy which the occasion evoked and a strong desire to overlook a serious Masonic offence, in consideration of the standing of the offender, and the motives which, unfortunately, impelled him to violate his obligations. It will be difficult to improve the opportunity which has arisen for reflecting upon the loose manner in which, during recent years, our portals have been guarded, and our very landmarks infringed upon, without an apparent want of gallantry to the fair sex, which we are very far from entertaining. We must face that difficulty as best we may, merely remarking, *en passant*, that the code of Masonic law and custom is no respecter of either persons or sex when infraction of secrets, the necessity of guarding which with the strictest privacy we are almost daily and hourly taught to preserve in our minds, is the point in question.

It appears that in May last a Funeral Lodge, or, as it is called elsewhere, a "lodge of sorrow" was held by the Celtic Lodge, Edinburgh and Leith, No. 291, in the Masonic Hall, in memory of a lately-deceased brother, and that two ladies were so placed by an Acting Past Master of the Lodge that they could see and hear, through the partially-open glazed door of the organ-loft, some portion of the proceedings which were being conducted in the Third Degree. The subject was brought before the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh on the 1st inst., in connection with the minutes of the Grand Committee, which set forth the full particulars of the offence; and further reported that the Celtic Lodge itself adopted the irregular proceeding in direct opposition to the advice and protest of the Worshipful Master and a Past Master of that lodge, who referred to the constitution and laws of Grand Lodge in support of their counsel. And the report advised and recommended that the acting Past Master, who was the principal offender, should be expelled from the Order, and the Senior Warden and the Secretary of the Lodge should be respectively and specially censured. And this report, in so far as the principal offender was concerned, was adopted, and effect given to its recommendations. In respect of the other parties implicated, wilful irregularity was denied and regret expressed, and as to them no steps were taken.

It should be stated that it was sought to justify the offence of the acting Past Master by representing that the ladies introduced, as above recorded, were the daughters of the late brother in whose memory the services were being held, and naturally desired to see something of that which was being done in honour of their deceased father. To them but small blame can be attached for availing themselves of an opportunity so readily afforded them by the offending brother, for it cannot be supposed that they could have been acquainted with the serious nature, from a masonic point of view, of the action of their friend on their behalf. It was his duty to have explained to them the nature of his obligation to the Craft to hold sacred the trust which had been reposed in him, conjointly with others, and to have firmly resisted any persuasion to a violation thereof. The attempt to justify the error was most righteously discarded; and whilst we entertain a sincere regret for the individual, we rejoice that the principle of close tyling was so firmly upheld by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

And now let us come home, and see if a little of this true regard for masonic secrecy would not be advantageous to ourselves if exhibited by the Grand Lodge of England. Is it not a fact—and we can and do appeal to many of our contemporary brethren of some twenty-five or thirty years' connection with the Order to answer the enquiry—that of late years there has been a deplorable want of that caution in "guarding the portals" of our lodges which then and previously existed? The instances are so numerous that it would occupy time and space beyond that we can spare even to enumerate them without comment. We shall refer to one or two as exemplars of the rest. And, *place aux dames*, as there were ladies in the case above referred to, so there were on a late grand and important occasion when, in obedience to an authority which no loyal English Freemason would be disposed to

disobey notwithstanding his individual opinion on the score of propriety or otherwise, the custom which, as far as we know, has ever been confined within the four walls of a "tyled" lodge, was broken and "masonic fire" was exposed. With all loyalty, respect and reverence where the same are justly due and ever gladly rendered, we say that this breach of custom should not have been! It has, we fear, already been made a precedent, and may be so far and recklessly followed as to require at some future time the equally firm reprobation of the Grand Lodge of England as the offence at Edinburgh has that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Again, is it true or not—for it has been more than once asserted, and we have not seen the assertion formally denied—that a COWAN (one of the profane and uninitiated) was present at the consecration of a London lodge within the past few months, and joined in the proceedings connected with the masonic toasts and salutes?—in fact, *doing* what the ladies at the great and important gathering we have referred to *had seen done*. It may be that the whole affair, as reported, is a myth, and we are running after a jack-o'-lantern; if so, 'twould be as well the craft should know it! On the other hand, it may be a solid fact; and, if so, again, the Craft should know it; aye, and take steps to prevent the recurrence of such a wanton attack upon what, if not one of our landmarks, is, nevertheless, one of our most honoured customs.

Again, is it not time that something should be done to compel our craftsmen to hold their meetings where and when "tyling" can be effectual? It is not generally so; indeed, the exceptions are but few, and for these one must needs go principally into provincial masonic centres. Our Lodges in many instances, and our Lodges of Instruction almost universally, are held within the hearing, and, now and then, within the occasional purview of the members of the households of our "hosts" and their servants; and even the very lads who answer to the demands for refreshment can, and, in fact, often boast they do, learn our modes of gaining admission, and, in a manner easily to be understood, obtain some inkling of the inner working of the lodge.

And again,—and again;—but, *cui bono?* Why add instance upon instance to support that which is so well known and so bitterly deplored by all who have the best interests of Freemasonry at heart, when it is almost a foregone conclusion that the same careless inattention to the manner of working of our English Lodges will continue, and continue—as far as all authoritative intervention is concerned—until some day we shall be startled by a head-line such as is now going the round of the public press—not in all instances too favourably disposed towards our Order—and which, substituting one locality for another, will read, EXTRAORDINARY MASONIC SCANDAL IN LONDON.

AN EXAMPLE FROM IRELAND.

We extract the following from *The Ladies' Pictorial* of the 3rd inst.:—Irish journalism has sustained a severe shock by the death of Mr. Wm. C. Johnston, head reporter on the Dublin *Daily Express* newspaper. The event was altogether unexpected, and the melancholy nature of it is intensified by the fact that the deceased gentleman left a widow and a large young family altogether unprovided for. There is a section of persons in Dublin who are saying, "Well, why did he?" and for their enlightenment, and that the flow of real charity which has begun to circulate may not be arrested by such strictures, I would make known the fact that his efforts to insure his life were without avail, as he suffered from heart disease—and that although the principle of "If you have but a herring a day, contrive to put by the tail," may be an excellent one in theory (which it undoubtedly is), the practice is somewhat difficult where there are eight children crying out for the nourishment to be derived from that hidden appendage. In short, Mr. Johnston had a hard enough fight for existence during his participation in it, and now that he is gone his wife and helpless little ones seem likely to have a harder battle still. To soften the asperities of the conflict a number of friends have formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of receiving subscriptions towards a fund for their support. To this Sir John Arnott has contributed £100. Sir Charles Cameron, 15, Pembroke Road, is one of the treasurers of the fund, and I earnestly hope that a *great* many lovers of literature, and appreciators of what is sound and good in journalism, will be found willing to contribute (be it ever so modestly) to the praiseworthy object in hand. To us, who knew Mr. Johnston as a brother worker, and enjoyed his genial friendship, the matter resolves itself into a melancholy pleasure, as well as a duty which it is incumbent on us to fulfil; to outside friends it will present itself as a privilege; while to the charitable public the opportunity will be afforded of aiding a truly benevolent work. I hear, indeed, a rumour that Sir Charles Cameron, who is Secretary of Masonic Lodge No. 25, has already suggested to his brethren of the Craft to forego the customary November dinner, and allocate the amount usually spent on it to the benefit of the family of the deceased journalist. I hope, with all my heart, that this is true, for it would be real practical Masonry, and would for long, if not for ever, wipe off the unmeaning and decidedly false impression which seems to exist in so many minds, that Freemasons meet only to enjoy the pleasures of the table. There is a purer and higher enjoyment than these can ever afford—the pleasure of doing a good and godly work; and there have been instances in plenty where Masons have proved amply before the world that the nobleness of their Craft was not to be thus impugned. I remember a case, and not very long ago either, when the friends of a brother in deep distress made his condition known to a Dublin lodge, and gained substantial help for him by the members of that lodge consenting to forego their annual dinner, and desiring that the cost of it (upwards of £70) should be given to him who was at the time passing through a furnace of affliction, from which the help thus spontaneoulsy afforded happily rescued him. And which, I wonder, of those men did not feel, as he sat at home and ate his quiet family dinner, the incomparable peace and pleasure of self-approval, and hear the still small voice that whispered the comforting "Well done."

MARK MASONRY.

A new Mark Master Masons Lodge, under the title of the "Chorlton Lodge," No. 394, was consecrated on the 31st ult. at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, a suburb of Manchester, by the R.W. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M.M.M. Lancashire, assisted by a number of Prov. G. officers and members of the Order. On the arrival of the Earl of Lathom at the Masonic Hall a procession was formed, and on entering was received with the usual honours. Amongst those present were—Pros. J. H. Barrow, Pro. G.J.W.; Jno. C. Robinson, P.G.S.; P.R. Barrow, P.G.I.G.; Jas. T. Callow, W.M., 593; D. Jones, M.O., 3?9; Wm. Platt, P.G.O. (Southport); Jno. Chadwick, P.G.S.O. Prov. Grand Secretary; J.R. Sowter, P.P.G.J.W., P.M., 34; S. Irwin Thomson, J.W., 2,109; E. G. Harrison, P.P.G. Reg.; Geo. H. Parke, Past Prov. G.J.W., P.M., 36; Richd. Newhouse, P.G.S.S., Prov. G. Sec. (Cheshire); Frank A. Huet, P.G.D.; Robt. W. Bourne, Assist. D.C.; Thos. Mellor, Prov. G.S.W.; C. F. Woodall, P.P.G., Treas.; Eli Brooks, P.G.S.; Jas. Dearden, Prov. G.S.B.; Joseph Mellor, P.D.C.; Rev. F. J. M'Nally, Prov. Grand Chaplain, P.M., 325; Edward Pierpoint, P.G. Steward; Walter C. Erwin, S.W., 393; Ralph Bettey, J.W., 393; Hy. L. Rocca, P.P.G., M.O., P.M., 34; Robt. Foote, P.G. Treasurer; A. Middleton, P.G. St. B.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.G.S.O.; Thos. Robt. Peel, P.P.D.C., J.W.; J. W. Hedley, P.G.S.; Jno. E. Lees, P.P.G.T., P.M., 34; J. J. Hankin, P.G. Tyler; Geo. Hunt, J.W., 34; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.S.O., P.M., 42; R. R. Lisenden, late St. Andrew, 34; Alfred H. Pownall, Arthur E. Pownall, Thos. Wilson, E. Nathan, late St. Andrew, 34; Wm. Lloyd Starkey, 159; W. Wadeson. J. D. Murray, G. St. B.; J. Molloy, No. 65; Henry Marshall, W.M. designate; Jas. J. Lambert, S.W. designate; and James Garnett Batty, J.W., designate of the new lodge. The lodge, which received the Prov. G.M. and officers, was constituted as under—Bro. J. H. Barrow, Prov. G.J.W., having previously opened it in due form as acting W.M.; R. Foote, S. W.; Walter C. Erwin, J.W.; David Jones, M.O.; J. C. Robinson, S.O.; Jas. T. Callow, J.O.; Peter Barrow, S.D.; J. Molloy, J.D.; J. D. Murray, D. of C. The P.G. Chaplain opened the consecration by prayer, and it having been ascertained that the warrant of the lodge was approved, the rev. brother delivered an oration. After the usual ceremonial the P.G.M. dedicated the lodge. The ceremony having concluded, votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. the Earl of Lathom, as consecrating officer, and Bro. Murray, as installing officer. His lordship and Bros. Murray and Barrow were proposed as hon. members, and later on fifteen candidates were advanced. The brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom.

Ye Antiente Fraternitie of Ye Rahere Almoners.

By the kind permission of Bro. Augustus Harris, a ticket benefit at Drury Lane Theatre, extending from the 26th to the 30th inst., both dates inclusive, has been arranged in aid of the above excellent charitable society, which has been founded on the truest principles of Freemasonry. It assists many deserving poor in the City of London during the winter months, and has had the patronage of many of the Chief Magistrates and Councillors. We shall be very pleased to hear from any brethren desirous of having further particulars of the society, and to help it onward in its good work.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

SHE WOULD BE A MASON.

The funniest thing I ever heard,
The funniest thing that ever occurred,
Is the story of Mrs. Mehitable Byrde,
Who wanted to be a Mason!

Her husband, Tom Byrde, is a Mason true,
As good a Mason as any of you;
He is Tyler of Lodge Cerulean Blue,
And tyles and delivers the summons due:
And she wanted to be a Mason too.
This ridiculous Mrs. Byrde!

She followed round, this ridiculous wife,
And nabbed him and teased him half out of his life;
So to terminate this unhallowed strife,
He consented at last to admit her.
And first, to disguise her from bonnet to shoon,
This ridiculous lady agreed to put on
His breech—ah! forgive me, I meant pantaloon,
And miraculously did they fit her!

The Lodge was at work on the Master's degree;
The light was ablaze on the letter G;
High soared the pillars J and B;
The officers sat like Solomon wise;
The brimstone burned amid horrid cries;
The goat roamed wilily through the room;
The candidate begged them to let him go home;
The devil himself stood up in the East,
As bold as an alderman at a feast,
When in came Mrs. Byrde!

O, horrible sounds! O, horrible sight!
Can it be that Masons take delight
In spending thus the hours of night?
Ah, could their wives and daughters know
The unutterable things they say and do,
Their feminine hearts would burst with woe!
But this is not all my story:—

Those Masons joined in a hideous ring,
The candidate howling like everything,
And thus in tones of death they sing
(The candidate's name was Morey):
"Blood to drink, and bones to crack,
Skulls to smash, and lives to take,
Hearts to crush, and souls to burn—
Give old Morey another turn,
And make him all grim and gory."

Trembling with horror stood Mrs. Byrde,
Unable to utter a single word;
She staggered and fell in the nearest chair,
On the left of the Junior Warden there;
And scarcely noticed, so loud the groans,
That the chair was made of human bones.

Of human bones! On grinning skulls
That ghastly throne of horror rolls,
Those skulls, the skulls that Morgan bore;
Those bones, the bones that Morgan wore;
His scalp across the top was flung,
His teeth around the arms were strung;
Never in all romance was known
Such uses made of human bone.

The brimstone gleamed in lurid flame
Just like —, the place I will not name;
Good angels, that inquiring came
From blissful courts, looked on with shame
And solemn melancholy.
Again they dance, but twice as bad,
They jump and sing like demons mad
(The tune was *Hunkey Dorey*):
"Blood to drink, and bones to crack," &c.

There came a pause—a pair of paws
Reached through the floor, up sliding doors,
And grabbed the unhappy candidate!
How can I without tears relate
The lost and ruined Morey's fate?
She saw him sink in fiery hole,
She heard him scream, "My soul! my soul!"
While rolls of fiendish laughter rolled,
And drowned the yells of Morey.
"Blood to drink," &c.

This ridiculous woman could stand no more;
She fainted and fell on the checkered floor,
Midst all the diabolical roar;
What, then, you ask me, did befall
Mehitable Byrde? Why, nothing at all—
She DREAMED she had been in a Mason's hall!

LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

[Our readers will doubtless observe the pressure upon our correspondence columns this week, which precludes continuance in this issue of our article under above heading. In reference to this matter we have an interesting letter from A. E. L., which shall appear next week.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The installation meeting of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, W. Bro. Thomas Eccleston Gibb, W.M., will be held at the Athenæum, Camden Road, *this day* (8th November), at 4 p.m., when W. Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., will be installed by his predecessor.

——The installation meeting of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, W. Bro. W. I. Mason, W.M., will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 3.30 p.m., when Bro. Charles Joslin, the present S.W., will be installed by his predecessor.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' Road, on Tuesday, the 20th and 27th inst., at 8 p.m. Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.M. 101, W.M.; H. Jenkins, S.W. 850, S.W.; H. Hill, P.M. 1305, J.W.; H. G. Gush, Preceptor; A. J. Berry, Sec.

——The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will hold a regular meeting at Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m. Ballots being clear there will be two initiations.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Londesborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 1681, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Berkeley Arms, John Street, Berkeley Square, W. Bro. George Wood, S.W. 1681, W.M.

——The Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, Comp. H. C. Jefferys, M.E.Z., will hold a convocation at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on Monday next, the 12th inst. Two exaltations.

——The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., by Bro. Cox, next Monday evening, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 7 p.m. Bros. Cleghorn, W.M.; J. C. Smith, S.W.; and J. Greenway, J.W.

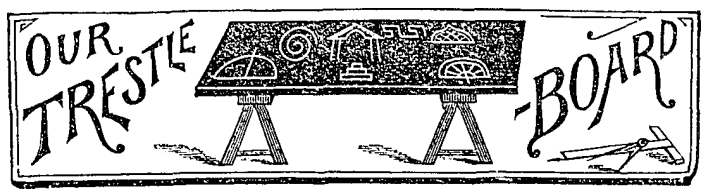
——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, on Mondays, the 19th and 26th inst., at the Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C., at 7 p.m. each evening. Bros. Case, W.M.; Jenkins, S.W.; Tilt, J.W.; and C. J. Fox, Preceptor, I.P.M.

——The Union Lodge of Instruction of Leicester holds its third meeting of the session at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester, on the 9th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

INVESTMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY FOR MIDDLESEX.—On Friday, the 26th ult., V.W. Bro. Raymond K. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, attended on behalf of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master at the Installation Meeting of the Royal Hanover Lodge, Twickenham, for the purpose of investing Bro. Howard H. Room as Prov. Grand Secretary for Middlesex. The D.P.G.M. stated that he wished to inform the brethren of the province of the manner in which the selection of Bro. Room had been arrived at. On hearing that Bro. Woodward was compelled to resign the position of Prov. Grand Secretary, Sir Francis Burdett being aware that if that fact became known there would be numerous suggestions on behalf of the many experienced brethren in the province, several of whom had special qualifications for the post, and that this would involve considerable correspondence and delay, took counsel with him (Bro. Thrupp), Bro. Woodward and others, and after carefully considering the merits of the brethren eligible for the post, selected twelve, and these were after further consideration reduced to three, from amongst whom it appeared to the Prov. Grand Master that Bro. Room was the most eligible. Then, and not until then, he offered the position to Bro. Room, who accepted it. The D.P.G.M. then stated that he had much pleasure in investing Bro. Room with the collar and badge of his office, at the same time expressing his gratification at being enabled to do so in the Royal Hanover Lodge, that being the lodge in which Bro. Room was initiated. The D.P.G.M. told Bro. Room that he was succeeding one of the best secretaries the province ever had, viz., Bro. Woodward, and counselled him to take Bro. Woodward as his guide in the future. Bro. Room thanked the D.P.G.M. for attending for the purpose at some personal inconvenience, and pledged himself to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the province.

STAR CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1275.—Held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, 2nd inst.—Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; G. L. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; J. Addington, M.E.Z. Elect 1275, J.; C. Woods, S.E.; Woods, S.N., Briant, P.S., and Eckersall, S.N. 89. The chapter was regularly opened by the principals. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Eckersall personating candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

The World of yesterday thus refers to our worthy Brother, the Provincial Grand Secretary for Sussex:—Bro. V. P. Freeman has for many years been a leading spirit amongst the Freemasons of Sussex. His admirable arrangements for the installation of the Duke of Connaught led to his promotion to Grand Office, and his friends will be glad to hear that his daughter is likely to win fame as a singer. Her performance at the Mayor's banquet, and as the "Carmen" of the Brighton and Hove Operatic Society, have been attended with considerable success.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

ALL communications should be forwarded 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street. E.C., London. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—The next issue of THE MASONIC STAR, No. 13, will complete the first quarter, for which many of our subscribers have favoured us with orders, and we take this opportunity to thank them for the support they have given us. We shall be much obliged if those who have not yet remitted the amount of their quarterly subscriptions will kindly do so during the ensuing week to Messrs. ADAMS BROS., and if those upon whom we have no monetary claim will be good enough to intimate their wish to continue their support, we shall esteem their instructions. This does not, of course, apply to our half-yearly and yearly subscribers.

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We are gratified by the foreign support accorded to us. We must, however, ask our friends to make their remittances agree with our published terms. In some instances the amount has not been sufficient to include the cost of foreign postage.

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In reference to the recent elections in connection with the Masonic Schools we stated in our last that we would refer in this issue to the remarks of W. Bro. Geo. W. Verry, the chairman of the scrutineers at the respective elections, in regard to spoilt votes, and we would direct the especial attention of all those who are interested in candidates for election, and have no desire to lose their voting power, to what he said. In the case of the Boys' School there were 52 proxy papers, representing 113 votes, "not filled in," 15 papers representing 42 votes unsigned, 10 papers issued for 100 votes filled in for 152, and therefore rejected, and three papers representing eight votes signed for subscribers who were deceased before issue.

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In the scrutiny for the Girls' School there were found 37 papers, representing 86 votes, not filled in, 50 papers representing 108 votes not signed, and 13 papers representing 28 votes filled in for 58, and consequently rejected. In connection with this return one case alone lost, on 16 proxy papers, 45 votes.

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Thus, in the two elections, 100 proxy papers were rendered useless, and 515 votes were lost to sundry candidates; and considering how closely the polling generally runs at these elections, it does seem something more than a pity there should be such evident carelessness on the part, in the first instance, of voters who do not sign their proxy papers before parting with them and, in the second, of those who conduct the respective applications for election. We are, or should be, much indebted to the scrutineers for taking account of these rejected votes, and to their Chairman for so fully reporting the effect upon the returns, which are thereby made so liable to challenge by the friends of disappointed candidates.

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Referring to the new law as to Qualification of Candidates for the Boys' School which was unanimously adopted, on the motion of W. Bro. James Stevens, at the Quarterly Court of Governors, on the 26th ult., *The Freemason* says:—"Men are sometimes admitted into our lodges who should never have been accepted as Masons, and, as was pointed out at the Boys' School Quarterly Court, on the 26th ult., there are good grounds for believing that the admission of such persons has had the effect of largely increasing the number of applicants for the benefits of our several Institutions. We trust that the rule, as it now stands, which requires that for a boy to be be accepted as a candidate his father must have been seven years a member of some lodge, or must have been stricken by death or calamity incapacitating him from work within that period, will have the desired effect of keeping out of our ranks those who would join us from motives of self-interest, and, at the same time, of reducing the pressure on the resources of our charities. It is a part of our duty—which every true Mason is only too glad to discharge—to help the sorely afflicted brother or his family; but it does not come within our province to relieve the mere adventurer, who only desires to extract as much as possible out of the Society."

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In sending "copy" to the printing office lately—a lodge report as communicated by a correspondent, and occupying one sheet and part of another—the second portion was mislaid. The first terminated with the words "the labours of the evening were followed by an excellent," and then came a direction, "T.O." The second sheet could not be found, but our friend "at case" was equal to the difficulty, and completed the report with the words "tuck out." He didn't perhaps know it, but he had only condensed some dozen or so of lines into the smallest possible compass to describe what is indifferently called by some amongst us a "banquet" or a "great feed."

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A brother writing from Croydon, asks us to inform him where he can procure selections of Lodge and Chapter Music other than that published by Lewis, of Paternoster Row. We shall be glad to afford him the information he seeks. Will brethren interested help us to do so?

In connection with the meeting of The Great City Lodge of Instruction on the 25th ult., a very pleasing incident occurred, which circumstances prevented our noticing in its proper place in our pages last week. A greatly esteemed member of the lodge, who had for some lengthened period held the lodge together by his services generally, and particularly as its treasurer,—Bro. W. Howard Paddle, a P.M. and Past Provincial Grand Officer of Surrey,—was presented, amidst every possible token of esteem and regard, with a very handsomely illuminated address in appropriate Masonic frame, together with a Past Treasurer's Jewel. Bro. J. Leach Barrett presided as W.M., and a large number of friends, who had kept the secret of the intended presentation as only Masons can keep secrets, enjoyed the absolute surprise and gratification of the honoured recipient, when, in laudatory, but certainly not fulsome terms, the presentation was made. *Palmam qui meruit ferat*; and in this instance, and in the degree of service rendered, no testimonial of regard was ever better deserved.

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We are glad to notice that so many of our preceptors are giving attention to what has been denominated "entry drill," *i.e.* the proper Masonic manner in which salutation should be given on entering the sacred precincts of a lodge. The careless, slouching—we had almost said disreputable—manner in which this part of every Freemason's duty is performed by a great number of our brethren is almost a scandal upon the order, and is, in any case, a great reflection on the Worshipful Masters who permit its continuance.

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In the face of so many existing abuses in the present working of Freemasonry in England, to some of which our contemporaries, as well as ourselves, have lately directed attention, we ask, and whilst we exist shall continue to ask until fully answered, for *what* is our Board of General Purposes constituted? We can also ask *how* is it constituted, so that the craft, as represented by the "wearers of the blue" can be fairly and properly heard on these burning questions without a preponderance of "authoritative" influence, which would render all their endeavours to improve matters perfectly useless?

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We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Craufurd College Company, Limited, a scheme we particularly favour as providing a much needed educational want amongst our middle class brethren. Next week we shall probably express our opinion more fully and in connection with a former article relating to proposals for scholarships in our Boys' School.

INDIA.

On the 4th ult., at Bombay, the D.P.G.M. of H.·.D.·.M.·. (Royal order of Scotland), the R.W. Bro. James W. Smith advanced to the degree of H.·.D.·.M.·, and afterwards promoted to the Knighthood of the R.·.S.·.Y.·.C.·.S.·.; Bro. Harold R. King, P.G. Deacon of Eng. and Dep. Dist. G.M. for Bombay. The Prov. G.M. of H.·.D.·.M.·. (Sir Henry Morland) was absent, having broken his leg in a recent carriage accident, and a resolution of sympathy with him in his sufferings was passed.

A scheme for the erection of a Masonic Hall at Bombay for the joint use of English and Scottish Freemasons has been revived, and it is hoped the interest and influence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, combined with the energy and enthusiasm which he, as D.G.M., instils into the brethren of both constitutions, will cause the proposal to succeed.

MALTA.

INAUGURATION OF A DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER FOR MALTA.—On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., a special convocation of the Melita R.A. Chapter No. 349 E.C., was held at 27, Strada Stretta Valletta, for the purpose of installing M.E. Comp. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay (District Grand Master and Past Grand Superintendent of the Punjab) as Grand Superintendent for Malta. The chapter was opened by its principals and all companions admited. Ex. Comp. W. Watson, .ZP., &c., then assumed the first chair for the purpose of performing the installation ceremony. M. E. Comp. Colonel Ramsay, having announced his arrival, the installing officers directed two P.Z.'s to return and receive the patent, after examination of which a deputation of six P.Z.'s conducted the Grand Superintendent designate to the body of the Chapter. Ex. Comp. Watson delivered an elaborate address, and, with great solemnity, invested and inducted M. E. Comp. Colonel M. Ramsay as the first Grand Superintendent for Malta, who was then saluted according to Masonic custom, after which he invested Ex. Comps. Watson, P.Z., and Yeoman, P.Z., to the office of Second and Third District Grand Principal respectively, and with the usual formalities. Ex. Comp. G. Segood, P.Z. (D.G. Treasurer), was unanimously elected D.G. Treasurer. The following first appointments were announced, and those present duly invested: Ex. Comps. J. Montgomery, P.Z., D.G.S.; W. Pariente, P.Z., D.G.S.N.; G. Sedgood, P.Z., D.G. Treas.; G. P. Stephens. P.Z., D.G. Reg.; D. Cooper, P.Z., D.G.P.S.; J. C. Stanley, P.Z., D.G. 1st A.S.; J. W. Starkey, P.Z., D.G. 2nd A.S.; F. Gardiner, Z. 515, D.G. Sword Br.; S. Leonard, H. 515, D.G. Stand. Br.; J. May, S.E. 349, D. G. Dir. of Cer.; W. Hughes, S.E. 407, D.G. Assist. D. of Cer.; F. Seaton, 515, D.G. Org.; J. Linning, S.E. 515, D.A. Assist. S.E.; R. N. Beck (D.G. Tyler), D.G. Janitor. M. E. Comp. the Grand Superintendent, in an eloquent and comprehensive address, duly declared the D.G. Chapter of Malta solemnly constituted, formed and opened. Bye-laws for the district were adopted, the Committee of General Purposes appointed, and D.G. Chapter solemnly closed. An excellently appointed cold collation was afterwards served, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with great enthusiasm.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I am pleased to see the advent of THE MASONIC STAR, as I think there is ample room and a good future for a well-conducted and cheap masonic paper, and one that will not refuse to ventilate masonic matters simply because they may be against, or call into question, some of the actions of the powers that be. I hope no such toadyism will be a feature of your journal.

There are many questions of vital importance to Freemasonry that require ventilating and discussing, and a very important one is the election of Grand Treasurer. I see in your columns that this matter has been mooted, but I venture to think the brethren should look well into it, and elect only those who have done good work in the Craft, not so much by giving large and frequent donations to the charities, as that appears to be bidding (if not actually *purchasing*) a position in the Grand Lodge, which would never be conferred on some, were they to live to the age of Methuselah.

Again, I think it would be more becoming if some who thrust themselves forward for this position would wait until they were solicited by a good number of brethren to allow themselves to be nominated. In your issue of the 18th, "Scrutator" asks whether certain words said to have been uttered by a brother are intended to convey that the office of Grand Treasurer has been, or ever will be, filled by anyone not qualified for it. Well, perhaps, not at present, but it may be; and I fail to see what claims some have had to be nominated for the post in the past, or what one or two have done that we hear are now offering themselves for our suffrages. One thing I most sincerely hope will not be tolerated, and that is the very extensive "*luncheons*," &c., that have frequently preceded the election. It is little better than bribery, and ought to render anyone indulging in it ineligible to hold office in the Grand Lodge, as it does in other important assemblies.

It is degrading to all concerned, and, in my mind, casts a great slur upon Freemasonry in general. Yours fraternally,

P.M.

MASONIC ADULLAMITES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I am sure that every Mason must thank you for the very able articles contained in your two last issues. As a young Mason, it appears to me the remedy lies, to a very appreciable extent, with our W.M's. My own knowledge and experience tends to the belief that the great desire—and a very proper one under certain limitations—of each succeeding Worshipful Master, endeavouring to initiate *more* candidates for Freemasonry than the immediately preceding one, is a step calculated to bring about that very system of Masonic Adullamites which you do so strongly protest against. I am almost afraid in this, my first Masonic letter, to trust myself on dwelling upon the subject at any greater length, but I could (from my own feelings) discuss the matter much more freely. I prefer, however, to leave the initiative to others older in the fraternity than I, to bring about a more desirable state of matters. Freemasonry should be a brotherhood of "just, upright, and free men," and unless we can initiate these, we are far better without others.

Yours fraternally,

Wood Green, Nov. 2nd, 1888. A. H. THOMPSON, 1185.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I was pleased to see, by your editorial of last week, that you are taking up the subject of the masonic beggar.

I think it is high time lodges adopted some method with a view to putting a stop to the systematic sponging on the craft, which is going on to a very large extent, not only in London but in the provinces. As almoner of a provincial lodge, I have (too frequently) opportunities of judging what class of men these indigent brethren are, and the conclusion I have come to is that not one out of ten is a really deserving case. The applicants, mostly "ne'er do weels," finding how easy it is to obtain assistance under the guise of Masonry, travel from lodge to lodge claiming help, by means of which they can live comfortably without the trouble of working for their daily bread. The "old hand," as a rule, on entering a town, sets his mark on the newly-initiated brethren, who, with their vows fresh on their memories, bountifully dispense their misplaced charity to the "distressed brother" who thus appeals to them.

Recently, having had four instances of the same men, after a lapse of years, making a second appeal for relief, presumably hoping that they may have been forgotten, or that no record had been kept of their former visits, I have felt inclined to adopt the system, when giving relief, of endorsing the amount thereof on the recipient's certificate, so that my brother almoners might know the sort of men they had to deal with, and if this plan was universally adopted it would go a long way towards stopping the masonic beggar's little game.

Hoping that other brethren may be induced to express their views on this persistent prostitution of the objects of Freemasonry,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A P.M.

THE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Bro. P.M. Smith-Parsons has, I have no doubt, correctly quoted the rule with reference to "votes on amounts collected," but, if my information is accurate, that refers only to sums which do not appear on a steward's list. Now, as members of these associations have generally some friend in their own lodge on whose list they are desirous of placing their subscription, it follows that there is but little left for the Secretary; hence it is that I suggest he should get complimentary votes in accordance with the total amount which he has collected during the time (generally two years) the association has been running. Bro. Parkinson states that deductions are made from the collections to cover expenses. I was not aware of it. An entrance fee of one shilling is charged, which barely suffices to cover the cost of printing, &c., but I know of no deductions from the subscriptions. With respect to the payment of the secretaries, I am afraid our worthy brother has raised a difficulty simply for the purpose of demolishing it again. I have never heard, nor, I think, has he, the slightest desire or even hint for payment on the part of a secretary of a charitable association; on the contrary, I feel sure that they give their services with pleasure. I am very much surprised to hear that these associations want a thorough overhauling, and that a better system might be adopted. It has hitherto been considered that they were established on a very good basis, but if Bro. Parkinson can improve upon it, and will formulate his ideas in a proper notice of motion, I feel sure the members of the one to which both he and I belong will give the matter every consideration.

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. BEAVIS.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As the proposer of the resolution, that fathers of candidates should have made themselves Life Governors of the Institution into which their children were seeking admission, and which, at the suggestion of many brethren, I withdrew, not because I thought that I was wrong in my wish, but that the brethren did not sufficiently understand my reasons for bringing it forward. I however hope, at some future time, to see it carried. Brother Gladwell opposed it, as being too cheap a method of obtaining the right of seeking admission; Brother Binckes because it would turn our order into a benefit society. Now, with regard to Brother Gladwell's opposition, I think I will prove that the right of admission is far cheaper as it is, or will be, under even "the seven years, subscribing membership" rule, which I trust will not only be carried but acted upon at the next quarterly courts. For my purpose, I will take the fly sheets of the proxy papers issued for the last elections, and arrange them as regards the successful candidates. Out of 24 boys who were elected, one parent was Life Governor of all, another Life Governor of the Boys, another Life Governor of the Benevolent, another had contributed to Boys and Benevolent, two more had given something to the Benevolent, and three more had occasionally subscribed to the Boys, leaving 15 with no record to their names. Of the 9 successful girls, one parent was Life Governor of all, one Life Subscriber to Benevolent, one gave occasionally to

the Benevolent, and to the remaining 6 there is no record. Of course there may be some whose names are absorbed up in the provincial lists, and are therefore unrecorded individually, yet I am of opinion that when, out of a list of 33, only 12 are recorded as doing anything, and out of that 12 only 3 have made themselves Life Governors of the Institutions into which their children have been received, some means should be devised of stimulating them, in future, to further exertions; but if it is the opinion of the brethren that my scheme, which would have added 210 guineas to one and 60 to the other, is too easy, let the standard be raised to vice-presidents within the seven years. Now, as to Brother Binckes' objection—namely, making a benefit society of our order—I beg to differ with my friend. Because those members of our order are admitted on the solemn assurance that they do not seek it for any mercenary or other unworthy motive, but that we should have institutions for the aid and assistance of those members who have had the misfortune of being reduced to poverty more or less severe, is merely the outcome of that pole of Freemasonry charity; in those other grand orders, Odd Fellows, Foresters and others, the members join with the distinct understanding that they shall receive aid and assistance in cases of accident, sickness or death, and that, I trow, is the great and essential difference (in principle, if not in practice) between us and them.

Yours fraternally,

87, Thurloe Place, S.W. CHARLES J. PERCEVAL.

P.S.—A subscribing member does not necessarily constitute any benefit to the institutions, for there are several who never give anything.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

What is the Choughs lodge, No. 2264, lately consecrated at Cannon Street Hotel? Is it comprised of Cornishmen, that they take the name of Choughs? Fraternally yours,

Redhill, 27th Oct., 1888. J. M.

*** *Will some brother interested in the above enquiry kindly answer it through our columns?*

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have derived a great deal of instruction from a perusal of a little book, "Lodge Officers," which bears your name as author. It appears to me to be a very useful work for all those desiring to know the nature of official duties appertaining to the various lodge officers. The cheap form in which it is issued should ensure for it a large sale.

May I ask you, however, in connection with the portion headed "Worshipful Masters," to explain your meaning when you say: "The gavel with which he has been entrusted for purposes of order merely completes in their estimation the necessary complement of ordinary chairmanship; *for they have forgotten, if indeed they have ever heard, the solitary reference to his grand prototype, which in the course of ceremonial is, or should be, enunciated?*"

Thanks in advance, Fraternally yours,

ADOLPHE L. SAWER, No. 1457.

P.S.—I would address you personally on the subject, but have been asked by several friends to elicit an answer through the columns of your journal.

[*** *We will reply to this letter next week.*—ED. M. S.]

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

You state in your impression of the 1st inst.:—"The Special Committee appointed to enquire into the discipline and administration of the R.M.I.B. will meet," &c. (see page 142). 'All subscribers to the institution will be admitted and reporters may be present.' Acting on this information, I arrived to-day at Freemasons' Hall, only to learn that the enquiry was a private one, none but witnesses being admitted. I should like to know why subscribers to the institution are not allowed to be present and how you yourself are going to furnish your readers with details of the enquiry so anxiously awaited by a large body of Masons, some living many miles from London? If an enquiry with closed doors satisfies London Masons, will it satisfy the provinces, notably Yorkshire?

My poor brain is also exercised as to why Bro. Godson, M.P., a member of the House Committee, was present the other day and endeavoured to cross-examine one of the late Masters, who, very properly, declined to answer him. The Secretary of the Institution appears to have made the enquiry room his abiding place—that perhaps is natural, as he is very much on his defence—but is there none present on behalf of the outside subscribers? "Light, more light!" were the words of the dying philosopher, and they may rightly be echoed by more humble mortals.

Yours fraternally,

Nov. 6th, 1888. **453** (AN OLD PUPIL OF THE SCHOOL).

Answers to Correspondents.

E.C., SEC. 1405.—We sent on your letter to the brother who offers "Gould's History," and he ought to have replied to you. It will be useless our giving up valuable space to meet the wishes of brethren if they will not themselves attend to communications.

A. K. A., LANCASTER.—Thanks for your letter; do all you can as you suggest.

H. B., PROV. GD. STD., BR., MIDDLESEX.—Your information arrived too late for this issue. Will see what we can do with it next week.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Whymper's *Religion of Freemasonry*, review next week; *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, for October; *Freemason; Freemason's Chronicle* and *Scotsman*.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

WARNER LODGE—No 2256.—The first regular meeting of this new lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the 23rd ulto. Present: Bros. Lennox Browne, W.M.; Courtenay Warner, S.W.; T. Scoresby-Jackson, J.W.; W. Shurmur, Treas.; H. Comins, Sec.; J. J. Briginshaw, S.D.; H. J. Horton, J.D.; J. Speller, I.G.; W. T. Tonkin, Stwd.; F. M. Mercer, W.M.; Wm. Bellingham, and N. Cash. Among the visitors were: A. W. Bilow, J.D., 619; H. Garrard, 188; A. Samuells, 1559; W. C. Wain, 858; J. H. Wildash, I.PM., 1662; W. R. Burnett, P.M., 1901; and C. B. Cutchey, D.C., 1685. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read. Ballots were taken for Messrs. Hugh Grosvenor Shaw, J. W. Calver, Geo. Cackett, Geo. Hurley, and W. Longmore as initiates, and also for Bro. C. G. Cutchey, W.M. 1685, as joining member, and which proved unanimous. The ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M. Several propositions for initiation and joining were made, and the labour of the evening was followed by an excellent banquet, Bros. Samuell and Cackett contributing to the harmony of the evening. The principal toast was that of the five initiates, the W.M. congratulating them on joining a lodge which shows every prospect of being one of the most flourishing in the province of Essex, and pointing out their duties as Freemasons and citizens, &c.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE—No. 1765.—The installation meeting was held in the lecture room of the college, on the 1st inst. Bro. Sinclair Dunn, of the St. Luke Lodge, No. 132, Lauder, Scotland, was elected a joining member. Bro. F. W. Plant Martin was installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony of initiation was performed by Bro. J. A. Hammond, P.M. The W.M. then invested as officers:—Bros. E. Burritt Lane, S.W.; J. Mills, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt. P.M., Treasurer; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Secretary; T. E. Biddlecombe, S.D.; J. B. Sarjeant, J.D.; G. H. W. Tear, I.G.; C. J. Ozanne, D.C.; S. Wilford, W.S.; A. Carnall, Organist; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet. Bro. Bernhard Carrodus gave two very fine violin selections, being accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. A. Carnall. The way in which he rendered the "Ballade et Polonaise," by Vieuxtemps, proved him a worthy son of a worthy sire—a very creditable example of the musical teaching of Trinity College. Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. B. Cox, W.M. 1563; J. Brander, J.W. 1563; W. J. Rendell, P.M. and Sec. 1716; Benj. Crumplin, 328; and, in addition to the members named above, Bros. L. Van der Heyden, E. M. Firschel, S. J. Wilford, J. Pettitt.

A meeting of the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, took place at the Masonic Room, Ripley, Derbyshire, on the 1st inst., when Bro. F. C. Corfield was installed into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were invested as officers:—J. Cook, S.W.: J. Jealley, J.W.; F. Allfrey, S.D.; W. Sutton, J.D.; A. Day, I.G.; J. Storer, Tyler; W. H. Fisher, P.M., Sec.; and W. C. Pegg, Organist. The customary banquet was held in the evening, the W.M. presiding.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

"THE GREAT CITY LODGE"—No. 1426.—On Thursday, 1st inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.—Bros. T. Eisenmann, W.M.; D. Hills, S.W.; Jno. Tattersall, J.W.; Jas. Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; H. J. Whitehouse, S.D.; J. K. Pitt, J.D.; T. Gomme, I.G.; W. J. Ball, Secretary; E. Lillington, J. H. Gaskin, W. Munday, W. Howard Paddle, Thos. Hodges, Benj. Price, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. T. F. Smith, candidate. Bro. Evan Richards Lillington, of the "Citadel" Lodge, 1897, was elected a member; and Bro. D. Hills as W.M. for the next meeting. The 15 sections will be worked on the 29th inst.—Bros. T. G. Hodges, W.M.; H. G. Gush, S.W.; H. Jenkins, J.W. A ballot of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, 2nd Benevolent Association, was then taken. Of these two were taken by Bro. D. Hills, and one by Bro. Rosenfeldt.

NEW FINSBURY PARK—No. 1695.—On Tuesday, 30th ult.—Bro, Cross, W.M.—Bros. Gush, Preceptor; Snelling, S.W.; Trinder. J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Thompson, S.D.; Oldis, J.D.; and many other brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hammond being candidate. The first, second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. E. S. Lardner, assisted by the brethren. An invitation from the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, for this lodge to work the fifteen sections was accepted.

RAVENSBOURNE, No. 1601.—On the 31st ult. at the George Inn, Catford—Bro. C. Thomas, W.M.—Bros. W. Smith, S.W.; J. A. Shelton, J.W.; W. Reminton, S.D.; J. T. Axford, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M. and Preceptor; Atkins, Hon. Secretary; G. Pickering, A. A. Drew, C. Anderson, James Stevens, P.M.; G. Williams, T. White, J. W. Peters, H. Visger and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pickering as candidate. This was a very creditable performance by the W.M. for the first time, and merited the compliment he subsequently received. Lodge was called "off" and "on," opened up and resumed, and after dispatch of some routine business, was closed in harmony.

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 188.—On the 6th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., Bros. Chillingworth, W.M.; F. Jones, S.W.; J. Davis, jun., J.W.; Dodson, Preceptor; H. Saqui, Secretary; Agutta, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Davey, I.G.; Péye, Thorn, Friedlander, Goodinge, Gardener, Poynter, Marks, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Friedlander candidate. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Thorn; and Bro. Jones, S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. According to a resolution passed at the last meeting, it was agreed that one or more of the sections should be worked at each of the meetings.

CONSTITUTION LODGE—No. 55.—Annual Festival at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, London, on the 30th ult.

There was a large gathering of some of the best working metropolitan Freemasons, amongst whom were :—Bros. Jos. Bruton, 157, Bedford, in the chair ; W. Vogt, I.G. 55, Vice-Chairman ; Fox, P.M., Preceptor ; Geo. Baker, Hon. Sec. ; Ed. Bond, W.M. 860 ; J. J. Shedlock, 534 ; Arthur Fry, 609 ; A. Richardson, 1507 ; E. G. Coleman, W.M. 11 ; A. Piper, W.S. 177 ; Frank Unitt, W.M. 55 ; W. C. Brasher, W.M. 1623 ; T. Glass, 860 ; A. E. Gladwell, P.M. 172 ; R. Perry, J.W. 1382 ; A. C. Le Fuel, 1382 ; J. C. Mann, Treasurer 1531 ; W. Hollis, S.W. 1531 ; R. Nevill, P.M. 1531 ; W. Lincoln, S.D. 534 ; H. W. Alford, P.M. 228 ; W. Browne-Kidder, P.M. 12 ; W. A. Harvey, 1348 ; C. Parsons, P.M. 1637 ; Aldridge, 1475 ; C. S. Jenkins, 860 ; Nathan Robinson, 55 ; Ben Holeyman, 73 ; H. G. Marsden, 73 ; S. R. Walker, P.M. 773 ; T. J. Dibley, 180 ; S. Roebuck, 733 ; J. Kay, P.M. 742 ; F. Jackson, 2191 ; J. A. Collings, Org. 1950 ; F. H. Dipstale, 858 ; Dr. Kirby, W.M. elect, 2006 ; G. R. N. Wheeler, 2030 ; A. Clemo, 1987 ; &c., &c. An excellent banquet was provided by the host, Bro. Bond, and in the course of the proceedings a well-deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Fox for his services as Preceptor. Masonic toasts and some admirable singing by several of the above-named brethren, accompanied by Bro. Collings, occupied the attention of all present throughout a most enjoyable evening.

We regret that we find ourselves unable to insert in this number many reports of meetings which have been forwarded.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings
FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity	F. M. H.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1383	Friends-in Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1457	Bagshaw	Princes Hot., Buckhurst Hill
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1598	Ley Spring	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbrook Hall, Notting Hill
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1791	Creaton	F. M. H.
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly
2033	University of London	F. M. H.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
2076	Quatuor Coronati	F. M. H.
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
2163	Derby Allcroft ...at 4	Athenæum, Camden Road.
R.A.C.		
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
R.C.		
42	St. George	33, Golden Square. W.

(2nd) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th.

33	Britannic	F. M. H.
134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1536	United Military	Royal Raglan, Plumstead
1602	Sir Hugh Myddleton	Agricultural Hall, N.
2000	Earl of Mornington	Holborn Resturant
2157	St. Mark's College	Victoria Mansions Rest., Westminster
Mark.		
198	Croydon	105, High Street, Croydon
R.C.		
3	Mount Calvary	33, Golden Square, W.
K.T.		
45	Temple Cressing	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

(2nd) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th.

108	London	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
173	Phœnix	F. M. H.
1328	Granite	Ditto
1426	The Great City ...at 4	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1446	Mount Edgcumbe	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1584	Loyalty and Charity	Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
1607	Loyalty	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
1686	Paxton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1743	Perseverance	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.
1964	Clerkenwell	Holborn Viaduct Hot.
2029	King Solomon	33, Golden Square, W.
Mark.		
234	Brixton	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

(2nd) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12th.

5	St. George's and Corner Stone	F. M. H.
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
90	St. John's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1670	Adelphi	F. M. H.
1789	Ubique	8, Air Street, Regent Street, W.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard	Vestry Hall, Bow Road
2012	Chiswick	Bolton Hot., Chiswick
R.A.C.		
720	Panmure ...at 6	Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E.
862	Whittington	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
Mark.		
104	Macdonald	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
224	Menatschin	Criterion, Piccadilly

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.

(2nd) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th.

46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
96	Burlington	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
180	St. James's Union	F. M. H.
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
235	Nine Muses	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548	Wellington	White Swan Tav., Deptford
917	Cosmopolitan	Cannon Street Hotel
933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1604	Wanderers	F. M. Hall
1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly
1635	Canterbury	33, Golden Square, W.
1668	Samson	8, Air Street, Regent Street, W.
1769	Clarendon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1969	Waldeck	F. M. H.
2127	Drury Lane	Theatre Royal, Drury Lane
Mark.		
22	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
K.T.		
140	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.

(2nd) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th.

3	Fidelity	F. M. H.
11	Enoch	Ditto
13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
15	Kent	F. M. H.
87	Vitruvian	White Hart, Belvedere Road, Lambeth
147	Justice	White Swan Tavern, Deptford
749	Belgrave	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse
1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1349	Friars	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
1503	Sir Francis Burdett	Albany Hot., Twickenham
1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1718	Plucknett	Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1986	Honor Oak	Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak
2183	Royal Hampton Court	Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A.C.		
1260	John Hervey	Holborn Rest., W.C.
1365	St. Marylebone	Regent M. H., Portland Place, W.
1900	Montague Guest	Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn
Mark.		
	Old Kent	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C.		
67	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.

(3rd) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th.

23	Globe	F. M. H.
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1321	Emblematic	Horns Tav., Kennington
1365	Clapton	Rudolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishopsgate St.
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1512	Hemming	Red Lion Hot., Hampton
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
1991	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
1963	Duke of Albany	(?)
R.A.C		
507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hot., Anerley
834	Andrew	Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	26th Nov	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	5th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	20th Nov	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	13th Nov	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	12th Nov	Ditto
739	Temperance TO-DAY,	8th Nov	Ditto
887	Leigh	28th Nov	Ditto
925	Bedford	19th Nov	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	21st Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	27th Nov	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	14th Nov	Ditto
1163	Emulation	22nd Nov	Ditto
1180	Forward	3rd Dec	Ditto
1474	Israel	12th Nov	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	20th Nov	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	14th Nov	Ditto
221	St. John	21st Nov	Ditto
348	St. John's	22nd Nov	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	11th Dec	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	19th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	22nd Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	4th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	14th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	19th Nov	Ditto
600	Sincerity	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	16th Nov	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	4th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Dec	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	17th Nov	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	1st Dec	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	27th Nov	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	15th Nov	Ditto
1947	Stanford	14th Nov	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	24th Nov	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	12th Nov	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	4th Dec	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	14th Nov	Ditto
326	Moira	15th Nov	Ditto
610	Colston	21st Nov	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	13th Nov	Ditto
1388	Canynges	1st Dec	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	22nd Nov	Ditto
2257	Powell	26th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	27th Nov	Ditto
187	Charity	6th Dec	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	15th Nov	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	21st Nov	Bridge Inn
191	St. John TO-DAY,	8th Nov	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Dec	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	22nd Nov	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Nov	Bridge Inn

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	27th Nov	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	14th Nov	Ditto
802	Repose	15th Nov	Ditto
1085	Hartington	5th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	13th Nov	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	15th Nov	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS—*continued.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	14th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	15th Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	14th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	5th Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	23rd Nov	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	29th Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	15th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Oct	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Nov	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	28th Nov	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	4th Dec	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	6th Dec	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	13th Nov	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	12th Nov	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	6th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	28th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	7th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	3rd Dec	Ditto
1221	Defence	12th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	16th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	10th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	13th Nov	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	5th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	5th Dec	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	15th Nov	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	30th Nov	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	13th Nov	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	19th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	28th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	15th Nov	Ditto
216	Harmonic TO-DAY,	8th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
241	*Merchants*	13th Nov	M. H., *Hope Street*
249	Mariners	6th Dec	Ditto
292	Sincerity	12th Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	22nd Nov	Ditto
667	Alliance	20th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John	4th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	7th Dec	Ditto
724	Derby	28th Nov	Ditto
786	United Service TO-DAY,	8th Nov	Ditto
823	Everton	21st Nov	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	5th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	14th Nov	Ditto
1182	Dk of Edinbrgh TO-DY,	8th Nov	Ditto
1264	Neptune	3rd Dec	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	15th Nov	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	26th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	12th Nov	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	14th Nov	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	15th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	19th Nov	Ditto
1505	Emulation	22nd Nov	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	14th Nov	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	20th Nov	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	27th Nov	Ditto
1620	*Marlborough* ...	5th Dec	*Derby Hall, Tuebrook*
1675	Ancient Briton ...	27th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	5th Dec	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	19th Nov	Ditto
2215	Anfield	22nd Nov	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	19th Nov	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	4th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Nov	Ditto
241	Friendship	26th Nov	Ditto
249	Mariners	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	14th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel	13th Nov	Ditto

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	7th Dec	Albion Hotel
62	Social	26th Nov	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	16th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	31st Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian	14th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	6th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	21st Nov	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	5th Dec	Ditto
815	Blair TO-MOR.,	9th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	14th Nov	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	22nd Nov	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	5th Dec	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	9th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Nov	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	3rd Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	15th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	20th Nov	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	8th Nov	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	3rd Dec	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	28th Nov	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David TO-DAY,	8th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	4th Dec	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	19th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	28th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers TO-MOR.,	9th Nov	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	1st Dec	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	15th Nov	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	28th Nov	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	16th Nov	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	3rd Dec	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	4th Dec	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	14th Nov	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	14th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	12th Nov	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	15th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie TO-DAY,	8th Nov	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	16th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	20th Nov	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	6th Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	5th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	12th Nov	Ditto
541	De Loraine	16th Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	4th Dec	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	14th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	22nd Nov	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	9th Nov	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	23rd Nov	Ditto
2260	Ridley	20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	20th Nov	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	5th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	21st Nov	Ditto
1429	AlbertEdwardTO-DAY,	8th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	30th Nov	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	14th Nov	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	4th Dec	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	13th Nov	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	20th Nov	Ditto
807	Cabbell	29th Nov	Ditto
943	Sincerity	27th Nov	Ditto
1500	Walpole	6th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	4th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	12th Nov	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	7th Dec	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere	16th Nov	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS—*continued*.

1909	Carnarvon	19th Nov	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ..	22nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	4th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	12th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	3rd Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	5th Dec	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	12th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	22nd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	20th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	8th Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	13th Nov	Ditto
1205	Metham	19th Nov	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	15th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	19th Nov	Ditto
1550	Prudence	1st Dec	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	13th Nov	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	27th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship TO-DAY,	8th Nov	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	30th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	28th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth TO-DAY,	8th Nov	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	12th Nov	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	UnitedServiceTO-MOR.,	9th Nov	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	15th Nov	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	27th Nov	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	20th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	10th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	26th Nov	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	19th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	14th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	13th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia TO-DAY,	8th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	12th Nov	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	27th Nov	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'sterTO-DAY,	8th Nov	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	19th Nov	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	15th Nov	Ditto
785	TwelveBrothers ...	23rd Nov	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	4th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester..	6th Dec	Ditto
359	Peace	7th Dec	Ditto
394	Concord	22nd Nov	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	13th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	5th Dec	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY,	8th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	16th Nov	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	23rd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	15th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.

THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th.

13	Union Waterloo ...	at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„ 7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's	„ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
435	Salisbury	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross	„ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak	„ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark	„ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ...	„ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star	„ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ...	„ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ...	„ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ...	„ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ...	„ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ...	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar...	„ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1681	Londesborough... ...	„ 8	Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair
1685	Guelph	„ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	„ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„ 8	Northampton Hot.,St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.

(2nd) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th.

9	Albion	at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ...	„ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„ 8	(?)
749	Belgrave	„ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ...	„ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ...	„ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ...	„ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyality	„ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ...	„ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.			
890	Hornsey...	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ...	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.

(2nd) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th.

179	Manchester	at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1288	Finsbury Park	„ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ...	„ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	„ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick	„ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai	„ 8	Union Tav.. Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry...	„ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.

(2nd) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12th.

22	Loughborough... ...	at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ...	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ...	„ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

(2nd) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12th—*continued.*

1507	Metropolitan	at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ...	„ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ...	„ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1662	Beaconsfield	„ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn	„ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C			
206	Hope	„ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.

(2nd) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th.

55	Constitutional	at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George	„ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ...	„ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury...	„ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ...	„ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ...	„ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ...	„ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ...	„ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ...	„ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.

(2nd) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th.

3	Fidelity	at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ...	„ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ...	„ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry...	„ 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence	„ 7	(?)
228	United Strength ...	„ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure...	„ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ...	„ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ...	„ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ...	„ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1601	Ravensbourne	„ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1708	Plucknett	„ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ...	„ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ...	„ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon	„ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.			
177	Domatic	„ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ...	„ 8	Ditto
933	Doric	„ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

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(2nd) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th.

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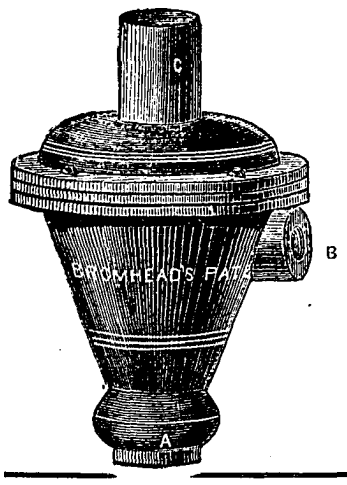
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Masonic Adullamites.

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"And there were with him about four hundred men."

THERE is a common saying that it is an Englishman's privilege to grumble; in fact, to be discontented at any time or under any circumstances with—anything! Perhaps since the days of the Sacred Recorder this trait in national character has been intensely developed; or it is difficult to conceive that so small a number of men as four hundred replied to David's proclamation from the "cave." In this year of grace, 1888, we should think that the difficulty would be to count the crowds who would flock together, say in London alone, if such a proclamation were issued now. It can only be concluded that minds were more evenly balanced then, or that the state of their earthly affairs was such as to be in every way satisfactory.

For the purposes of the present article we propose to deal only with the discontented portion of that section of the community included under our heading. We wonder how many amongst our readers and the Craft at large, were it possible to poll them, would be found ranged under the banner of discontent? Some with tales of how "certain brethren have been preferred to them," and how "this or that honour has been conferred, not in the spirit of right, but simply on the principle 'of kissing going by favour.'" It would fill pages to enumerate each and every subject of complaint; suffice it to say that, as a matter of fact, grumbling shows itself far too often amongst our members. Nearly all have a hobby of this kind, and they ride it to death. No one can deny that this is detrimental to any society of men, nor that, beyond this consideration, it is not in accordance with the spirit of Freemasonry. Of course many cases doubtless occur (it cannot fail to be so in so ramified a body as ours) where conflicting interests clash, and brethren cannot receive what they may consider their "just due," but to even these we would say "*tout vient à point à qui sait attendre*" (but so few know *how* to wait) that, for the sake of our order, we ought, so far as in us lies, to live peaceably together; and most strongly should it be impressed on the minds of all that Masonic "discontent" should be shown as little as possible to the outside or profane world. Our motto of brotherly love shows up in marked contrast to the spirit which in so many cases appears the predominant one.

Here is an extract from the *Masonic Review*, of Cincinnatti, which is, we think, worthy of serious thought:—

"The Masonic organization has its share of weak and ignorant men, who sometimes, with the best intentions possible, misrepresent the character and aims of the institution. Brethren of this stamp, who mean well but do not know, are sad stumbling-blocks in the way of Masonic progress. This class, however, is not so much to be dreaded as another, made up of selfish-minded brethren, full of suspicions, quick to form likes and dislikes, and ready to use the most unfraternal, not to say unjust, methods in carrying out their pet projects, electing themselves and friends to office, or antagonizing the interests of brethren who may chance to have excited an opposition which is at once fierce and unrelenting. A Lodge is in the way of trouble and disaster when men of this sort direct its affairs."

We entirely agree with the writer of these lines; in any lodge, leavened with brethren of the sort he alludes to, continual bickerings and strife must be the natural outcome of discontent, which other members are certain to feel and show in consequence; no good can result therefrom, and we say again and most emphatically, on the principle that prevention is better than cure, that a greater strictness ought—aye, and *is* absolutely necessary—to be observed in connection with admission to Freemasonry. Our correspondent, Bro. Thompson, last week said, that "Masters of lodges endeavour to initiate *more* candidates than their immediate predecessors." This may or may not be—(we are inclined to the belief that he is correct);—if so, then it should be enquired into, but individual members, for their own good, and indirectly for that of all fellow-craftsmen, ought to carefully do their part in protecting, so far as lies in their power, the Order from the incursion of those whose membership would be in many cases undesirable, and whose presence would conduce to discord and discontent rather than to peace and harmony.

This subject would bear much more expatiation than space will allow; but we think that our readers will have grasped our meaning as regards the Masonic Adullamites who may be fairly qualified to be amongst the "discontented."

FREEMASONRY ON A RAILWAY ENGINE.

THE following extract from one of the series of chapters under the heading of "From Atlantic to Pacific," and now passing through the columns of the *Morning Post*, will doubtless interest many of our readers. The chapter from which we borrow is descriptive of a journey "Through the Rockies to the Sea," and is worth perusal by all who delight in clever word-painting :—

"It was my good fortune to make the passage of the Rockies in the best of all ways from a scenic point of view on a Canadian Pacific Railway engine. This necessitated rising before daybreak, and afforded a magnificent spectacle, the moonlight fading away before the dawn, the topmost peaks becoming tinged with crimson while the valleys were still faintly lighted by the waning moon. The ride on the engine was not only a pleasant and exciting experience, because of the wonderful mountain scenery we traversed—sometimes racing through a deep canyon by the side of a whirling river, sometimes crawling up a mountain steep on a perilous ledge overhanging an abyss—but was also most interesting by reason of the conversation of the engine-driver.

"Wishing to obtain some information on the subject of friendly societies in Canada, I asked my companion what he could tell me about them. He gave me a few facts, but added that he had not much personal knowledge about them, as the only society of that description to which he belonged was the Freemasons, in which he had been elected Worshipful Master of a lodge in Ontario, an office which, far from conferring any pecuniary benefit upon him, was a somewhat costly one to occupy, but he looked upon it merely as a compliment. From this it seemed as if my friend were no ordinary engine-driver, as was borne out by what he proceeded to relate about himself. He was born in Canada 34 years ago, and had been nearly 20 years on the road, having risen from a humble position. At the present moment he was earning as driver $200 a month, and with his savings he had become the owner of a ranche near Canmore, at the entrance of the Rockies. He now held 8,000 acres of land, he employed half-a-dozen men to look after his herd of cattle, which numbered 200 head and was increasing, and, unlike the ranche men on a larger scale already referred to, he was not neglecting dairy farming. He supplied all the hotels and the dining cars on the Western Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and, together with his wages as engine-driver, was in receipt of an income of $23 a day, or nearly £1,700 sterling a year. The details he gave were corroborated subsequently by the officials of the company. At the conclusion of a ride on an engine, the natural thing would ordinarily be to tip the driver, but after these particulars as to his resources, it would evidently have been as unfitting to offer him a $2 bill as it would be to present a half-sovereign to an Under Secretary of State at the conclusion of an interview, whose salary is almost about the same figure. It must not be supposed that all the engine-drivers on the Canadian Pacific Railway are equally opulent, but this man's prosperity is only an example of the possibilities which are open to all classes in a new country."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER, R.A.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Wednesday, when the following companions of the Order were present :—

Comps. Col. A. W. Adair, G. Supt. Somerset, as G.Z. ; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Supt. Oxon, as G.H. : Lieut.-Col. R. Townley Caldwell, G. Supt. Cambridge, as G.J. ; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E. ; Baron de Ferrieres as G.S.N. ; Lord John Taylour, G.P. Soj. ; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, 1st Asst. G. Soj. ; John A. Lloyd, 2nd Asst. G. Soj. ; John Davis, 2nd G. Std. Br. ; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S., G.D.C. ; Herbert J. Adams, D.G.D.C. ; W. A. Barrett, G. Org. ; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C. ; Jas. Glaisher, P.A.G.S. ; James Smith Eastes, P.G.S.B. ; Rev. T. Robinson, P.A.G.S. ; T. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B. ; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B. ; George Lambert, P.G.S.B. ; J. M. Case ; Thomas J. Ralling, P.G.S.B. ; W. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br. ; Charles H. Driver, P.G.S.B. ; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C. ; F. West, P.A.G.S. ; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C. ; J. A. Farnfield, P.G.S.B. ; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.D.C. ; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B. : Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B. ; Chas. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C. ; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G. Std. Br. ; Col. Charles Harding, P.G. Std. Br. ; Thomas Fenn, Past President of the Committee of General Purposes ; E. H. Baylis and Peter de Lande Long, P.G. Sojs. ; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.E. ; E. Mallett, Z. 1623 ; George A. Ames, H. 2 ; R. W. Forge, P.Z., S.E. 946 ; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, P.Z. 1928, H. 1928 : Charles Kempton, J. 753 ; George Jones, J. 174 ; Walter Hopekirk, Z. 179 ; A. W. Wells, Z. and P.Z. 975, 1556 ; A. Le Grand, Z. 766 ; T. C. Edmonds, J. 1507 ; J. Funston, Z. 1524 ; J. Brittain, Z. 1385 ; L. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10 ; Will. Cook, Z. 22 ; and Henry Sadler, Grand Janitor.

The Committee of General Purposes reported that they had examined the accounts from the 18th July to the 16th October, 1888, both inclusive, which they found to be as follows :—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£313	19	7
,, ,, Unappropriated Account ..	201	3	10
,, Subsequent Receipts	242	2	6
	£757	5	11
By Disbursements during the Quarter ..	£310	12	5
,, Balance	255	11	11
,, Unappropriated Account	191	1	7
	£757	5	11

A petition from Comps. Henry Cook, as Z. ; John Murray, as H. ; Philip Lancashire Booth, as J. ; and thirteen others, for a chapter to be attached to the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness, to be called The Henry Cook Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire (W.D.), was granted.

The Committee also reported that they had received a memorial from the Grand Chapter of South Australia reporting that they had been regularly established in March, 1886, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal relations and communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters, and the request was granted "with the most cordial wishes of the Grand Chapter of England for the future prosperity of the Grand Chapter of South Australia."

The removal of the following chapters was sanctioned, viz. :—The Granite Chapter, No. 1328, from Freemasons' Hall to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn ; the Pattison Chapter, No. 913, from the High School, Brook Hill, to the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, Kent ; the Andrew Chapter, No. 834, from the Bell and Anchor Tavern to the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.

SOUTH AFRICA.

On the 10th ult., the foundation stone of a new masonic temple was laid at Kimberley, South Africa, which will be, when completed, judging from the diagram before us, a very handsome structure—the building covering an area of 60 feet by 35 feet. This is another instance of the vitality of our masonic art in far off and comparatively new regions ; and proves how it is bound up with civilization. A powerful oration was delivered on the occasion by the Venerable Archdeacon Gaul, on the subject "Truth is great and will prevail."

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Illustrated Sydney News of the 27th December contains a Grand Masonic Supplement, giving a history of Colonial Freemasonry and the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with a double-page engraving of the installation of His Excellency Lord Carrington as the first Grand Master, and a large number of portraits of the principal Grand Officers. The detailed account of the proceedings and the biographical notices are most interesting ; and the whole number is a very fitting record and memorial of a most important event in the annals of Freemasonry, as well as an evidence of colonial progress generally.

INDIA.

The consecration of Lodge St. John, No. 2280, Bombay, took place in the lodge room, at Saugor, C.P., on the 7th Sept. The ceremony was performed by Bro. H. R. King, D.D.G.M.

The W.M. Elect, Bro. Dr. Langley Mills, was installed into the chair of K.S. by the D.D.G.M., and invested his officers as follows : Bros. Col. Saurin Brooke, D.C., S.W. ; D. S. Mackay, J.W. ; P. Kelly, Sec. ; J. Ardaseer, S.D. ; E. Dolphin, J.D. ; Dr. Syed Hassan, D.C. The Inner and Outer Guards are to be invested when they have been raised to the sublime degree of M.M.

Two candidates for initiation being in attendance, they were duly initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Radcliffe, who gave the charge most effectively. Six other candidates were awaiting initiation, but were unable to be present. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and their guests adjourned to banquet.

SPECULATIVE "JEWELS."

[*From the "Pillars of Masonry," an Address, delivered before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, October 3rd, 1888, by Rev. George C. Lorimer, Grand Orator.*]

There are other jewels and other robes, surpassing in ornamental splendour the most gorgeous of regalias, with which the true Mason should be adorned. These I have only time to mention by name ; they are contentment, peaceableness, gratitude and a sunny cheerfulness. A gloomy, desponding, dyspeptic, discontented, dreary brother ought to dimit as speedily as possible from fraternity with those who claim to be the children of light, who should live in it, and be as bright and brilliant as the light itself. Listen to Epictetus : "If a man is unhappy, remember that his unhappiness is his own fault ; for God has made all men to be happy." "I am," he elsewhere says, "always content with that which happens, for I think that what God chooses is better than what I choose." And as you ponder his words, and cultivate this duty of glad submission, do not forget what Bernard says : "Nothing can work me damage except myself ; the harm that I sustain I carry about with me, and never am a real sufferer but by my own fault."

Manifold are the blessings we have in return for our evils and trials, and he who has attained to the Corinthian stage of Masonic progress, who is not only wise and strong but beautiful, has entered into the spirit of such sentiments as these : "To watch the corn grow, or the blossoms set ; to draw hard breath over the ploughshare or spade ; to read, to think, to love, to pray," these, says Ruskin, "are the things that make men happy."

"I have fallen into the hands of thieves," says Jeremy Taylor : "what then ? They have left me the sun and moon, fire and water, a loving wife and many friends to pity me, and some to relieve me, and I can still discourse ; and, unless I list, they have not taken away my merry countenance and my cheerful spirit and a good conscience."—*Voice of Masonry.*

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

TO STRETCH THE LIBERAL HAND.

To stretch the liberal hand,
And pour the stream of gladness
O'er misery's withered strand,—
To cheer the hearth of sadness,—
To dry the orphan's tear,
And soothe the heart nigh broken,—
To breathe in sorrow's ear
Kind words in kindness spoken,—
This is the Mason's part,
The Mason's bounden duty,
This rears the Mason's heart
In wisdom, strength and beauty.

To practice virtue's laws
With fervency and freedom,
And in her noble cause
Advance where'er she lead 'em,—
To curb the headlong course
Of passion's fiery pinion,
And bend its stubborn force
To reason's mild dominion,—
This is the Mason's part,
The Mason's bounden duty,—
This rears the Mason's heart
In wisdom, strength and beauty.

To shield a brother's fame
From envy and detraction,
And prove that truth's our aim
In spirit, life and action,—
To trust in God, through all
The danger and temptation,
Which to his lot may fall,
In trial and probation,—
This is the Mason's part,
The Mason's bounden duty,
This rears the Mason's heart
In wisdom, strength and beauty.

ANONYMOUS.

ACROSTIC.

F RIENDSHIP, true friendship, is a sacred bond,
R equiring for its strength no outward aid;
E mbracing in its grasp two kindred souls,
E nriching each in sunshine and in shade.
M asonry free and accepted is the base,
A sound and happy site to build upon.
S o by its mystic tokens, and its signs,
O ur plans and purports we may fairly con.
N o bitter thoughts or deeds can ever split
S ouls that in Friendship's ties are firmly knit.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M. 1223, P.P.G.R.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The installation of Bro. Charles Joslin as W.M. of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, for the ensuing year, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, the 16th inst., at 4 p.m., the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. P.G.M. for Suffolk, officiating as Installing Master.

——Lodge Temperance, No. 169, will meet this evening (Thurs day), at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, at half-past five o'clock Bro. J. G. Dale, W.M. Ceremony in second degree.

——The annual banquet of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, will take place at the Restaurant, Victoria Chambers, Victoria Street, S.W., on Wednesday, the 28th inst., Bro. C. A. Cokebrane, P.M., P.G.P., in the chair. Tickets 5s. each, to be obtained of Bro. Cloots, at the Restaurant, or of the Hon. Sec., Bro. C. Hunt, 29, Chapel Street, Belgrave Square, S.W.

——The Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Bro. Fredk. Purkiss, W.M., will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 20th inst., at six p.m. Raising and other business.

——The Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, has arranged to attend in force the working of the Fifteen Sections by the members of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., on the 22nd inst., at 6.30.

——The Sections of the First Lecture will be worked in the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 8 p.m.

——W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has consented to deliver a lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry," in the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London Street, E.C., on the 29th inst., at 7 p.m.

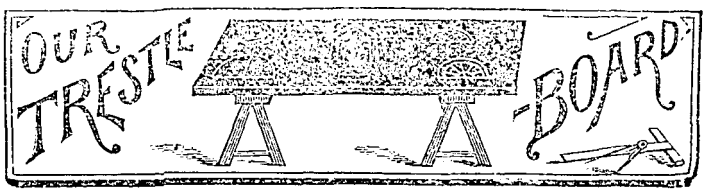
——The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of the County of Lancaster will be held at Hulme Town Hall, Manchester, to-morrow (Friday), the 16th inst., at 2.30 p.m. After the business of the Grand Lodge, a Court of Governors of the Educational and Benevolent Institution of the Province will be held.

——On the 21st inst., at a convocation of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 328, Torquay Masonic Hall, Ex Comp. W. J. Hughan, P.G.A. Soj. Eng., will deliver an address on "The Three Degrees in relation to Royal Arch Masonry," *esoterically considered*.

——The annual supper of the Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1572, will be held at the Salutation, Newgate Street, E.C., on Monday, the 19th inst.

——The Installation Meeting of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, will be held at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street, on the 19th inst., at 4.30 p.m., when Bro. James Irvine will be installed by Bro. William Hill, W.M.

——The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, at the Sisters Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., at eight o'clock. Bro. Lorkin, P.M., installing Master.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—This number of THE MASONIC STAR, No. 13, will complete the first quarter, for which many of our subscribers have favoured us with orders, and we take this opportunity to thank them for the support they have given us. We shall be much obliged if those who have not yet remitted the amount of their quarterly subscriptions will kindly do so during the ensuing week to Messrs. ADAMS BROS., and if those upon whom we have no monetary claim will be good enough to intimate their wish to continue their support, we shall esteem their instructions. This does not, of course, apply to our half-yearly and yearly subscribers. The series of numbers for the quarter will be forwarded on receipt of remittance of 1s. 6d. in stamps. The supply can be but limited, as an early number is nearly out of print.

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We are gratified by the foreign support accorded to us. We must, however, ask our friends to make their remittances agree with our published terms. In some instances the amount has not been sufficient to include the cost of foreign postage.

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We are sorry to learn, from the letter of a correspondent which appeared in our last number, that, notwithstanding an announcement made public in the press to the effect that the enquiry into the management and administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was to be open to governors and subscribers, and to reporters, the special committee have closed the doors of the judicial chamber against all but themselves, the officials and witnesses. Speaking in our individual capacity as governors, we think this is very bad policy, and such as will materially affect the reception of the report, whatever may be the nature of it. As journalists we have no feeling in the matter, for we think that until the enquiry is terminated, press comments would be very undesirable. When both parties have been heard and a decision by the Special Committee arrived at and reported, it will be time enough to discuss particulars. Meanwhile, those concerned should recognise the fact that the R.M.I.B. is exactly in the position of any public charitable institution which is not masonic, and the management of which is in question, and that no shelter from publicity can be justifiable on the score of masonic secrecy.

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"Hearty good wishes!" Can any of our readers inform us why this custom, of many years' standing, if not as old as our modern practice of Freemasonry, of "paying due reverence to Master, Wardens and Fellows, and putting them to worship," as our Ancient Charges direct, is now being in some sections of our fraternity entirely set aside! By whose dictum or authority is it sought to put "out of court" that courtesy which so many of us have always considered befitting the position of visitors to lodges, as a means of general introduction, a return for kindly reception, and a fulfilment of the injunction to "behave courteously as well within as without the lodge." We could adduce many reasons why this practice of giving "hearty good wishes" to W.M. and brethren should be continued, and fail to find one for its prohibition. At present many brethren are concerned as to what they should do, and differ amongst themselves on the subject. Will some authority set them right, and receive their "hearty good wishes" for so doing!

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There were two propositions for initiation on the agenda of a Lodge which we visited last week, but, for the first time in the history of the Lodge, as we were informed, notwithstanding the undoubted respectability and moral characters of the applicants, and almost assuredly in consequence of discontent with a recent well-considered departure from the ordinary appointments by rotation, the ballots were in each instance declared foul, and the applications were, in accordance with the regulations of the Order, rejected. The bye-laws of this particular Lodge appeal to its members to

prevent the annoyance and discredit occasioned by "pilling," by the adoption of the gentlemanly course of private communication with the W.M., but we cannot say, from our own observation, that in this instance the appeal was understood by the three objectors. They had a certain power and they used it. The law is with them, and whilst things remain as they are, equality must stand aside.

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An original operetta, words by Bro. E. Humphrey, P.M., and Mr. J. Addison, music by Bro. James Weaver, will be produced at the Garrison Theatre, Woolwich, on Saturday and Monday, the 17th and 19th inst., for copyright purposes.

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Bro. John Seex, the Worshipful Master of the Great City Lodge No. 1426, has been elected Mayor of Reigate (Surrey), for the ensuing year; to whom we offer our congratulations.

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Those of our readers who wish to dispense their charity in support of a most praiseworthy undertaking, may like to know that Dr. Barnardo is about to open two common lodging-houses "for children only," and would be glad of any donations, however small, sent to him at Stepney Causeway.

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Bro. Sawer, of Lodge 1457, in his letter inserted last week, and relating to the reprint of our articles on "Lodge Officers" in book form, asks us to explain our meaning in relation to the following sentence:—"The gavel with which he (*The Worshipful Master*) has been entrusted for purposes of order merely completes in their estimation the necessary complement of ordinary chairmanship; *for they have forgotten, if indeed they have ever heard, the solitary reference to his grand prototype, which in the course of ceremonial is, or should be, enunciated?*" The words in italics have reference to the omission, now gradually becoming a most reprehensible custom, of entirely avoiding the closing, according to the proper formula, and with the prescribed ritual of a lodge which has been opened in the third degree. It is only in that portion of craft ceremonial that mention is made of K.S. as the prototype of the W.M., and the "Grand Master," whom he represents. In our own knowledge, there are Masters of Lodges under our constitution who have never seen the ceremony of closing a Master Masons or Fellow Craftsmen's Lodge, with the respective ceremonies connected therewith. This being so, it may be fairly asked how many members below the position of W.M. are in the like state of ignorance as to that portion of ritual with which all Master Masons should be acquainted. We will not stay to ask the reasons why, instead of carefully rendered and highly instructive ceremonial, the work of Freemasonry is slurred over by a substituted expression which is not based on fact, for these reasons are many and obvious, as well as unworthy of those who should give a full day's labour before rest and refreshment. "By the power vested in me, I resume," &c., is not Masonic ritual, and is only used where absolute incapacity, or a strong desire to hasten elsewhere, prompts the opportunity of avoiding Masonic duty.

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"By the power in me vested, I resume." May we ask when and where, in any portion of the ritual we practise, this said power is given for the *closing* of a lodge in the 2nd or 3rd degrees? Brethren should remember that a M.M. lodge is a separate and distinct lodge from that of a F.C., which in like manner is separate and distinct from the E.A. lodge. The power to lower or raise the lodge from and into the higher degrees during the meeting of the brethren, and of course after proper opening of each, may be certainly exercised; but, as we read ritual and ceremonial, in whatever degree the lodge is opened, in that it should be closed "in due form and with solemn prayer," before the final adjournment of the meeting.

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We have perused with much interest the prospectus of the Craufurd College Company, Limited, which appeared in our advertising columns last week, and have formed a very favourable opinion of the scheme for providing education for "the sons of Freemasons and others." The company appears to have the necessary preliminary support of highly distinguished brethren as patrons, and the names of members of the Council and Directory should give confidence to intending shareholders. The craft has not yet a good public school at which the higher education we referred to in a former number can be secured; and to such amongst us as have declared that they could and would afford all that is required by this enterprise, if only their sons could receive but similar care and tuition to that we extend to the sons of less fortunate brethren placed in our boys' school, this proposal must be most welcome. We do not hesitate to recommend the proposed college to those of our order who seek a thorough education and comfortable home for their boys at a reasonable cost, and with the prospective advantage of commercial success producing good dividends on their respective investments. The prospectus is exhaustive in respect of all necessary particulars, and we refer our readers thereto for such further information as they may require.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Voice of Freemasonry, Chicago, for November; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianopolis, for November; *Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Scotland; Sydney Illustrated News and Masonic Supplement.*

The members of the Alliance Lodge gave their annual installation banquet at the Guildhall Tavern on Wednesday, under the presidency of the newly-elected Worshipful Master, Bro. Henry Clarke, a member of the Court of Common Council.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

On the 8th inst., held at the Athenæum, Camden Road, London. Present: V.W. Bro. Thos. Eccleston Gibb, W.M.; V. W. Bro. John D. Allcroft, P.G.T., I.P.M.; Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Halliday, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Corbett, P.M., S. D.; Dr. Haskins, Organist; J. F. Davey and C. Coutts Michie, Stewards; Garcia, Harding, Thomas, Lord, Hyman, Dixon, Mostyn, Rawlinson, Boden, Charles, Godfrey, Webb, Orrock, Brown. Millward and Taylor; Geo. Harman, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Ernest Wright, P.M. 1364; W. Cook, P.M. 22; J. H. Hall, 2045; T. de B. Holmes, J.W. 1319; Geo. E. Fairchild, W.M. 1319; Henry Tinney, P.M. 1319; J. W. Neave, W.M. 1228; E. Scattergood, P.M. 753; R. Pittam Stevens, W.M. 901; A. Prince, S.D. 901; R. A. Kircaldy, P.M. 1321; James Stevens, P.M. 1426; A. T. Yardly, 901; J. Edgar, W.M. 1287; H. Ryan, 68; Edward White, P.M. 177; T. Gayton, 1677; Matt. H. Hale, P.M. 27; W. W. Morgan, 1107; J. Hank, P.M. 212; T. Williams, 2029; Albert James, 1706; R. Grice, 1399; James Kift, 1791, &c. The Lodge having been opened and previous minutes confirmed, Messrs. F. W. Webb and Robert Orrock were severally introduced and initiated, the ceremonies being excellently rendered by the W.M. and officers. W. Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M. and Sec., then installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., P.Z., the W.M. elect, and completed a most creditable performance of that beautiful ceremony by the delivery of the usual addresses in perfect manner. The Board of Installed Masters numbered twenty-two. The officers invested for the year were: Bros. H. Halliday, S.W.; J. Corbett, P.M., J.W.; E. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; J. P. Harding, P.M., S.D.; W. F. Ford, J.D.; G. Rawlinson, I.G.: S. Garcia, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Davey and C. Michie, Stewards; Dr. Haskins, Org.; and G. Harman, Tyler. In the course of the evening's proceedings, W. Bro. Thos. Eccleston Gibbs, I.P.M., was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. Banquet was served in the large hall, which was gaily decorated for the occasion; and the purveyors, Messrs. Beale & Co., of Holloway Road, deserve much commendation for quality and quantity of provisions, and most attentive service. The selection of music, under the direction of Bros. J. F. Haskins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. A. James, Robert Grise, W. Abbott, and Walter Coward were extremely good, and the performance of the entire programme better and more satisfactory than the generality of much more pretentious musical displays. The W.M. adopted that most excellent practice, not sufficiently observed in our opinion, of delegating some of the "toasts" to his principal officers, and setting the example of brevity, which was followed by them and other speakers in responding, greatly increasing the geniality and pleasure of the meeting. The guests of the Lodge expressed the greatest satisfaction with both the "labour and refreshment" which had been set before them, and the Derby Allcroft Lodge may feel assured that the installation of Bro. Fitzgerald will not readily be forgotten by those who had the opportunity to be present on the occasion. We should not omit to add that in responding to one of the formal toasts, V.W. Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas. (who in rising was received in a most cordial manner), referring to his position as one of the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the discipline and administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, stated that part of the labours of that Committee were concluded, and that, after a brief adjournment, the enquiry would shortly terminate and report be made to those interested in the affairs of that institution.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Lodge Huyshe, No. 1099, was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke, Devon, to instal Bro. H. W. Pengelly as W.M. for the year ensuing. The installing officers were W. Bros. W. A. Staton, the retiring W.M.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S.Wks.; J. Allen, P.P.G.St. B.; W. H. Gillman, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. T. Walter, all of 1099, assisted by the following Board of installed Masters:—W. Bros. H. Rogers, 1099; W. L. Lavers, 1255; W. H. W. Macey, 1847; R. Selmon, 159. The following officers were invested:—W. Bro. W. A. Staton, I.P.M.; Bros. W. G. Sprague, S.W.; J. Foster, J.W.; W. Bros. S. Panter, treas.; J. Allen, sec.; Bros. G. Vanstone, S.D.; S. J. Page, J.D.; W. H. Dillon, D.C.; P. Symons, A.D.C.; W. Penrose, O.; S. L. Edgcumbe, A.O.; J. Stevens, S. Fry, G. Miller, W. H. Bird, stewards; J. Rashbrook, tyler. W. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies was re-elected the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. W. Bro. Lemon presented the lodge with a framed photograph of the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire in May, 1883. On a panel was inscribed, "Presented to Lodge 'Huyshe,' No. 1099, Stoke Damerel, by W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 (70, 223, 1071, 1205, and 2025 honorary), P.P.G.C., and Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Devonshire, Nov. 8th, 1888."

THE SECRETS OF FREEMASONRY.—Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, these credentials remain. They have stayed the hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancour of malevolence, and broken down the barrier of political animosity. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, and in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made friends of men of the most hostile feelings.—*Bro. Dr. Benjamin Franklin.*

Answers to Correspondents.

J.B.H.—Sorry we cannot print your letter; the subject-matter is not applicable to our columns.

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LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

With regard to your observations on this subject, I should also be glad to offer a few remarks.

I have already been in communication with you on another important matter, which, I have the pleasure of seeing, from a recent number of the MASONIC STAR, will probably shortly be noted for discussion in your columns.

But as to the above subject, I have a strong belief that the custom of "Instruction" Lodges in particular is sadly detrimental to the growth of those noble virtues which every Freemason is so forcibly called upon to cultivate. I speak with reference to the custom of "refreshment" *during* labour. I am not a total abstainer, and do not wish to imply that I uphold the action of certain brethren who deem it expedient to recognise in their lodge "none but teetotallers," to the injury of those who are not; I say that such action is *unmasonic*. A minister might equally regulate the members of his congregation, but such conduct would never be permitted, because of its inconsistency with religious doctrine. Then it is not consistent in a lodge of Freemasons, whose principles are based upon the same foundation—the "Volume of the Sacred Law."

On the other hand—returning to the subject of "refreshment" in the Lodges of Instruction—a matter discussed many and many a time. My belief is this, that neither in the instruction nor in the regular lodge should "refreshments" be permitted during the working or labour of that lodge, inasmuch as the Sacred Volume being in the midst of the brethren, demands the most devout conduct and reverence of every one, as much as in a church or chapel, in which places it would certainly be thought most horrible for the preacher or the members of the congregation to partake of refreshment during divine service, and, amongst Freemasons, it is often an expression, "Why, I think a Freemason's lodge is beautiful, and indeed to be compared with any place of worship."

Doubtless it should be so, and *would* be so, if every true Mason were to uphold every principle of his profession, and stand up bravely for the honour and reverence which are at all times and in every place due to the Creator, especially in the presence of His most Sacred Word. I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

3rd Nov., 1888. A. E. L.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

There are some Preceptories of Knights Templar to which Priories of Malta are attached. The Malta ceremony is seldom worked. In fact, most of the members of the order who desire to take the Malta degree go to London for the purpose; the only Preceptory in the provinces, as far as I know, working the Malta degree, is the Baldwyn Preceptory at Bristol.

Will you inform me, through the medium of THE MASONIC STAR, whether an eminent Preceptor of one of these Preceptories, to which a Priory of Malta is (nominally) attached, has a right to use and wear the distinctive badge of a Prior of Malta?

Yours fraternally,

P. E. P.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I shall feel very much obliged if one of your readers, or if you yourself, will enlighten me on the following point of Masonic jurisprudence. Can a Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, during his tenure of that office, be elected and serve in the chair of a private lodge? By virtue of his office, he has the right, in the absence of the Prov. G.M. to preside in any lodge which he visits; he can therefore, if he likes, always preside in his own lodge.

The chief argument against his holding the double office seems to me, that the lodge of which he is W.M. loses a vote in Provincial Grand Lodge.

I shall be glad to hear what is the opinion of your readers on the subject.

FRATER.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As many of the brethren will have to go to Paris next year, either as visitors or exhibitors, in connection with the forthcoming Great Exhibition, allow me to suggest the desirability of the formation of a masonic club in Paris whilst the exhibition is going on.

To exhibitors it would be most valuable as a comfortable and economical home, and for visitors it would give them a much more enjoyable trip, as they would have a proper place to go to where they could obtain every information they might require, saving them much time, trouble and expense at a minimum cost, and certainly relieving them of a greater part of the extortion they must expect if they wander about on their own responsibility. It certainly would induce many to go who would not otherwise be tempted to do so. Masons like to enjoy themselves rationally, but they like to have value for the outlay, and the small subscription necessary for the purpose I suggest would be required would be returned to them one-hundred fold. The press had their club last exhibition in Paris, and a very comfortable and enjoyable affair it was. Having had some considerable experience in exhibitions, I know too well the uncomfortable position of the exhibitor on such expeditions, and what a great boon such an institution would be to them; and as to the visitors, many of whom I often had to get out of their troubles, they find themselves landed at an hotel in Paris, with no knowledge of the language, visiting for the first time a vast exhibition, and certainly one of the most enjoyable cities in the world; yet, not knowing where to find what they have come purposely to see, and surrounded by people who are bent on making out of them all they can, whilst the visitor is kept in a constant broil of discontent, and often returns disgusted with everything, and really has had nothing to compensate for the outlay.

I should like to know if any of the brethren are of the same opinion as myself, and also if there are any who would co-operate and assist in the promotion of such an undertaking, which appears to me, if properly carried out, would be a benefit to the brethren generally and to Freemasonry at large. I enclose my address, and shall be very pleased to receive correspondence on the subject.

I remain, yours obediently,

OLD EXHIBITOR.

THE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I think Bro. P.M. Beavis has allowed his pen to run quicker than his usual tact and sound judgment; he states that he is not aware of any deduction being made to cover "expenses," and then adds in the next sentence, "an entrance fee of one shilling is charged, which barely covers expenses." What is that but a deduction or payment to cover expenses, which, unless we are to quibble upon words, is precisely the same thing. Now, what are the expenses? A book in which to enter all subscriptions, of the value of five to seven shillings, and to each subscriber a small book of the value of threepence each at the most, is all that is required. I write with a contract before me of books of equal value. It is only fair to assume that there would be an average of thirty to each charitable association.

If Bro. P.M. Beavis will refer to my letter, he will see that I did not raise a difficulty, but "*hoped*" no attempt would be made to pay brethren. I did that for two reasons, an observation had been made that if officers of Grand Lodge or of the charities, who, I presume, are the same, receive a percentage, why not pay secretaries of charitable associations, who have similar duties to perform—and in Bro. P.M. Beavis' letter, there is such a strong observation upon payment to the collector; showing, *ipso facto*, that if it is just and proper in one case it must be so in the other. He having raised the question, other minds will draw their own conclusions as to the equity and fairness of paying one person, and not paying another, for one and the same kind of work.

If I am not taking up too much of your space, let me say, it appears to me, that the salary or emolument of the collector should not in any way depend upon the amount of money collected; but what are the "personal expenses" of association secretaries?

With reference to the present system, which is so perfect in the estimation of our esteemed brother—as a tentative proposition, it might be desirable to formulate a suggested alteration in the system, but no single charitable association could do more than support the proposition, which would have for its object a conjunction or combination, and continuity from a single basis throughout the length and breadth of Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

Nov. 9th, 1888. W. W. PARKINSON.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS—THE PANTILES LODGE.—No. 2200.—Installation meeting on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Pump Rooms. Present: Bro. W. C. Cripps, W.M. Bros. Sydney Willmot, I.P.M.; R. Stevenson, S.W.; T. Baker, J.W.; T. Potter, Treasurer; E. S. Strange, P.M., Secretary; Tom Ryder, S.D.; N. Grumwell, J.D.; N. Strange, I.G.; Josiah Willmot, Steward; A. W. Duret, P.P.G.S.D.; A. T. Simpson, P.M.; Colls, Allen, Boyce, Edwards, Gallard, Grover, Wiseman, Lascells, Embrey, Tupper, Corfield, Burslem, Soman, Braby, Fletcher, J. Waller and E. State. Visitors: S. W. Shaw, P.G.J.W.; J. Burton, P.G.R.; R. Durtnell, P.P.; G. Sup. Works, J. H. Jewell, P.P.G.R.; J. G. Calway, P.P.G.A.P.; W. B. Hughes, P.M.; C. Braed, P.M.; W. T. Hammond, P.M.; H. King, W.M. 615; F. Bulloch, W.M. 1586; W. C. Stidolph, S.W. 1678; H. Harris, S.D. 874; W. Roper, J.D. 874; H. Sharwell, J. F. White, W. Luck, E. Durrent, R. Clemans and others. The proceedings partook of a somewhat special character, there being several complimentary presentations. The first was from Bro. H. C. Colls, who presented a set of working tools; Bro. S. W. Allen four dozen firing glasses; Bro. Duret a special gift of five guineas to the Fund of Benevolence. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Cripps, in a very impressive manner, installed Bro. Rufus Stevenson as his successor. The officers were invested as follows:—Bros. T. Baker, S.W.; T. Ryder, J.W.; T. Potter, Treasurer; E. S. Strange, P.M., Secretary; N. Grumwell, S.D.; N. Strange, J. D.; J. Willmot, J.G.; E. State, D.C.; B. C. Colls, A.D.C.; M. Edwards and C. J. Gallard, Stewards; J. Boulter, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cripps. The founder of the lodge also presented him with a very handsome gilt frame, enclosing their portraits in Masonic clothing, beautifully coloured, the work of Bro. Walter Luck, the portrait of the W.M. forming the centre of the picture. A similar presentation was made Bro. Strange, in recognition of his valuable services as secretary, in furthering the establishment of the lodge. At the banquet, the usual masonic toasts were heartily received and duly responded to; the pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the admirable singing of Bros. N. Strange, Oliver, Grumwell, E. Starte, Gallard, Willmott and Braed, the latter acting as accompanist.

THE LEOPOLD LODGE—No. 1571.—On Thursday, the 8th inst., this lodge held its first annual meeting for the year at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London Street, Fenchurch Street, E.C., when the following brethren were present: Bro. Larter, W.M.; Gaskel, P.M., S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Joyce, S.D.; Lambert, J.D.; Ives, P.M., I.G.; P.M. Duffield, Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Casey, W. Smith, R. D. Smith, Davey, P. M. Pitt, Lague, Taylor, Antunovich, Wildbore, Presland, and Button. Bros. Knight and Kettle visitors. The report of the Hon. Sec. and Auditors of the lodge and charitable association funds having been presented and received, adjournment was made to the supper room, the chair being then taken by Bro. Carey, W.M. of the mother lodge, and the vice-chair by Bro. W. Smith, W.M. of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228, and a very enjoyable evening was passed in social harmony.

LODGE PRUDENCE—No. 2069—LEEDS.—On Saturday afternoon last the installation of the fifth Master of this Lodge, W. Bro. William Watson, P.M., took place. The W.M. Bro. Tudor Trevor presented to Bro. S. Scott Young a handsome secretary's jewel subscribed for by the members of the lodge on his resignation of membership in consequence of removal to London, and then handed his gavel to P.M. the Rev. Bro. Dr. Smyth, P.G. and Chaplain of Eng., by whom the new W.M. (Bro. Watson) was duly installed. The following were the new officers invested: Bros. Charles Middleton, S.W.; John James Fretwell, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Evans, Chaplain; Robert Abbott, Treas.; Tom Atkinson, Sec.; Robert Craig, P.M. 304, P.P.G.D., Preceptor; Arthur Butterworth, S.D.; Benjamin Sykes Bailey, J.D.; Tudor Trevor, I.P.M., D.C.; Lewis Howarth, I.G.; R. A. Smithson, Asst. Sec.; Chas. Cryer, Stwd.; Edward Bentley, Asst. Stwd.; Harris Begbie Abbott, Asst. Stwd. & Mus. Librarian; George W. Pratt, Organist; and Samuel Barrand, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, with suitable inscription, the gift of the lodge, was presented to W. Bro. Tudor Trevor, the retiring W.M. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the supper room and enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE—No. 1426.—Regular meeting, Saturday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. John Seex, W.M.; W. Cook, S.W.; C. T. Smith, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; W. Baber, Sec.; G. W. Robson, D.C.; D. T. Keene, I.G.; J. K. Gwyn, 1st Steward; R. Brookman, 2nd Steward; R. Potter, Tyler; Past Masters Robert Greening, G. W. Blackie, James Stevens, Robert Fendick, R. Stanway, and W. F. Kibble; also, Bros. J. T. Jolliffe, G. M. Fraser, W. F. Bertram, H. J. Bertram, F. Ricards, T. Owens, T. J. Hale, F. E. Bailey, J. R. Hartley, Julian Hartley; and visitor, J. MacNamara, Finsbury Park, 1288. With the exception of the adoption of the yearly balance sheet, there was no other business before the meeting, and the lodge was closed. Subsequently the great majority of the brethren spent a convivial hour together, and offered congratulations to their W.M., Bro. John Seex, who had, on the previous day, been elected Mayor of Reigate.

DERWENT, HASTINGS—No. 40.—The meeting of this lodge took place at the Castle Hotel on Monday, and there were present: Bro. Markwick, W.M.; Bros. Glenister, P.G. Std. B., acting S.W.; Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.S.D., Treasurer; J. Pearce, P.M., Secretary; Edwards, S.D.; Randell, J.D.; R. Walmsley, I.G.; F. Plowman, acting I.P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Duke, P.P.S.W.; Bottey, P.M.; Glenister, Wilson, Beck, Johnson, Bennett, Gaze, Reinmann, Veness, Edmed, Wood and Boyce. Visitor—Bro. J. J. Whitehouse, Camden, 704. Bro. Bennett was passed, and Mr. J. Taylor was elected and initiated. The W.M. mentioned that Bro. Russell was willing to again undertake the duties of secretary to masonic ball, if the lodge would support it, and the proceeds to go to the charities. It was also stated that a son of a late brother was likely to become a candidate for the R.M.I.B., and every effort would have to be made to secure his election. It was unanimously agreed to support the ball, and the boy Lewis's election.

ASAPH LODGE—No. 1319.—The installation meeting was held in the Zetland Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, on the 6th inst. The W.M., Bro. L. B. Wooldridge (W. Lestocq) installed Bro. G. E. Fairchild, into the chair of K.S., who appointed as his officers Bros. J. D. Beveridge, S.W.; J. De Brunnow Holmes, J.W.; C. J. Wellard, Treasurer; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Secretary; A. Tinney, P.M., D.C.; H. M. Edsall, S.D.; Alfred Bishop, J.D.; W. S. Penley, I.G.; Henry Tinney, P.M., Org.; J. E. Hambleton and F. H. Macklin, Stewards; and Gilbert, Tyler.

STRAND LODGE—No. 1987.—The monthly meeting was held at the Criterion—Bro. W. J. Madge, W.M. Mr. Baldwin, aeronaut, was initiated. In the course of the evening the W.M. said he hoped Professor Baldwin would make as good a Mason as he was an aeronaut, to which Bro. Baldwin replied in suitable terms as to his intention to "rise" in the Order as far as opportunities might permit.

LODGE CHARITY—No. 223—193, UNION STREET, PLYMOUTH.—The W.M. of this lodge, Bro. P. H. Bridgman, entertained his officers, past masters and several distinguished brethren of other lodges at dinner, on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., previous to his leaving the Master's chair in December. Amongst those present were Bro. W. J. C. Hannaford, I.P.M.; F. R. Goodyear, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Browning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Stenlake, S.W.; J. A. Lavers, J.W.; H. Earl, S.D.; G. Payne, J.D.; H. Rogers, I.G.; Rev. T. W. Lennon, M.A., Prov. G.I.W.; I. Neno, P.M., C.S.; J. Hayten, P.M.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; J. M. Hipley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. P. Phillips, P.P.G.D.C.; T. C. Lewarn, Prov. G.J.D.; J. Lavers, P.M.; W. Lavers, P.M.; S. Jew, P.P.G. Treas.; C. Cooper, P.P.G.J.D.; J. R. Lord, Prov. G. Treas.; B. Elliott, P.M.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Hutchings, D.C.; J. A. Court, A.D.C.; C. B. Gale, O.; P. Hannaford, S.S.; S. Yeoman, G.S.; W. Biscombe and S. W. Sanders, Asst. Stwds.; C. H. Loper, M.D. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE—No. 1426.—On Thursday, the 8th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. Present: Bros. D. Hills, W.M.; J. H. Gaskin, S.W.; H. J. Whitehouse, J.W.; J. L. Barrett, S.D.; J. R. Keene, J.D.; J. K. Pitt, I.G.; T. Hodges, Acting Preceptor; W. J. Ball, Sec.; W. Howard Paddle, F. T. Smith, Surridge, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Surridge as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and closed in each. The fifteen sections will be worked on November 22nd. Brethren are cordially invited to be present; time 6.30 p.m. sharp.

THE NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE—No. 1695.—On Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Hornsey Wood Tavern.—Bro. Hopwood, W.M.; Bros. Jenkins, Asst. Preceptor; McNamara, S.W.; Thrower, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Trinder, S.D.; Reed, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; and Bros. Hodges, Kearney, Snelling, Duff, Hildreth, Sawer, Porter, Webb, Syckelmore, Young, Frampton, Bouts, Oldis, Cross, Hill, Hanten, S. Goode, Macfarlane and Partington. The first and second sections were worked, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sawer candidate. The third section was also worked. Bro. Macfarlane was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—On Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the George Inn, Catford, at eight p.m.—Bro. J. Joyce, W.M.—Bros. A. A. Drew, P.M., S.W.; J. Clark, J.W.; G. W. Calt, S.D.: G. Pickering, J.D.; C. Thomas, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M., Preceptor; C. Atkins, Sec.; Hardy Smith, J. Noyes, W. Reminton, J. T. Axford, James Stevens, P.M.; A. Norris, and others. Initiation rehearsed, Bro. H. Smith candidate. Secretary reported a return of £2 4s. 1d. to the Lodge, being part of the donation voted to Bro. Andrews' testimonial fund, and which, in consequence of that brother's lamented decease, had not been applied as intended. Four ballots for life subscriberships to the masonic charities were drawn respectively by Bros. Wright, Wimbush, Blake and C. Sheath. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and "entry drill" practised.

ALEXANDRA PALACE—No. 1541.—On the 10th inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E. Present: Bro. Hooper, W.M.; Bros. Tilling, S.W.; Hampton, J.W.; Stacey, Preceptor; Stunt, Secretary; Esling, S.D.; Shappel, J.D.; Kingwell, I.G.; Dickson, W.M. 1572; Whitaker, P.M. 1572; Knight, Edwards, Wood, Westley, Bellcroft, Knights, Jenkins, J. Bond, &c. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the first lecture were worked, after which the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jenkins candidate. Bro. Knights was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., and Bro. Tilling, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for next meeting.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1471.—On the 8th inst., at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N. Present: Companions Russell, M.E.Z.; McLaren, H.; W. Radcliffe, J.; Sheffield, S.E.; Cusworth, S.N.; W. Brown Kidder, P.S.; Salmon and several others. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Salmon candidate. Thanks were voted to the acting M.E.Z.; the same companions were requested to officiate at the next meeting, and consented to do so.

WHITTINGTON LODGE—No. 862.—On the 7th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, E.C.—Bro. Pauncefort, W.M.; Bro. Lewis, S.W.; Geen, J.W.; Long, Preceptor; Tilt, Secretary; Kelly, S.D.; Upton, J.D.; Lee, I.G.; Gregory, Behrand, Day and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Behrand candidate. The first, second and third sections of the first lecture were respectively worked by the W.M., J.W., and Bro. Tilt. Bro. Lewis, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—On Friday, 9th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Fred. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Whitby, M.E.Z., 1329, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H.; T. Grummant, P.Z., J.; Stone, S.E.; Stone, S.N. 1275, S.N.; J. Hill, P.S., 1329, P.S.; Meierhoff, A.S.; Addington, M.E.Z. elect, 1275, Murché and Davis. The ceremony of Installation of H. was rehearsed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. Meierhoff, 1st A.S. elect 1275, was admitted a member. The Preceptor thanked the principals for the support he had received, and promised to work the ceremony of Installation to another chair at the next meeting.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND ST. MARYLEBONE—No. 2021.—On Monday, the 12th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W. Present: Bros. Dusterwald, W.M.; Spurgin, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Cleghorn, Preceptor; C. Bellerby, Secretary; Cursons, S.D.; E. H. Bellerby, J.D.; Raymond, I.G.; Parker, Dennis, Harnell, jun., E. B. Cox, Von Joel, and others. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. E. B. Cox, Bro. E. F. Edwards as W.M. elect. Two joining members were elected, and Bro. Spurgin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The fifteen sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Monday, the 26th inst., at seven o'clock. Bros. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, as W.M., J. C. Smith, S.W., and J. Greenway, J.W.

JOPPA—No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, E.C. Present: Bro. Joseph Davis, W.M.; Bros. P.M. Chillingworth, S.W.; P.M. Kaye, J.W.; Horatio Saqui, Secretary; Garrard, S.D.; R. Smith, J.D.; Isaac White, I.G.; Pége, P.M.; Lockstone, Marcus, Friedlander, Macnee, Thom, Dodd, Marks, Goodinge, Ansell, Frantz, Pége, Cohen. Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Friedlander candidate. The lodge opened in the 2nd degree and the 1st section was worked. Bro. P.M. Chillingworth was elected as W.M. for ensuing week.

Several reports from Lodges and Lodges of Instruction are "crowded out." We will endeavour to satisfy our valued correspondents in our next issue.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings
FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R.A.C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R.X., Red Cross Conclaves; F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F.M.T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M.C., Masonic Club; M.H., Masonic Hall; M.R., Masonic Rooms; M.T., Masonic Temple; P.R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C.H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
23	Globe	F.M.H.
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel
63	St. Mary's	F.M.H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
181	Universal	F.M.H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F.M.H.
1321	Emblematic	Horns Tav., Kennington
1365	Clapton	Rudolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishopsgate St.
1475	Peckham	Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1512	Hemming	Red Lion Hot., Hampton
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1623	West Smithfield	F.M.H.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
1963	Duke of Albany	(?)
R.A.C.		
507	United Pilgrims	F.M.H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hot., Anerley
834	Andrew	Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith

(3rd) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th.

143	Middlesex	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
975	Rose of Denmark	Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
1118	University	F.M.H.
1704	Anchor	Cannon Street Hotel
1962	London Rifle Brigade	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A.C.		
10	Westminster and Keystone	F.M.H.
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
K.T.		
48	Kemeys Tyate	33, Golden Square, W.

(3rd) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th.

715	Panmure	Cannon Street Hotel
1329	Sphinx	Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1364	Earl of Zetland	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1732	King's Cross	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1767	Kensington	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A.C.		
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Restaurant
Mark.		
205	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow

(3rd) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th.

8	British	F.M.H.
21	Emulation	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
185	Tranquility	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
720	Panmure	Balham Hot., Balham
862	Whittington	F.M.H.
901	City of London	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
907	Royal Albert	F.M.H.
1506	White Horse of Kent	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1637	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly
1657	Aldersgate	The Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate St.
1728	Temple Bar	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
2060	La France	Café Royal, Regent Street
R.A.C.		
12	Prudence	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1593	Trafalgar	Ship Hot., Greenwich
Mark.		
333	Kintore	Surrey M.H., Camberwell
361	Onslow	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T.		
131	Holy Sanctuary	33, Golden Square, W.

(3rd) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6.

30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
162	Cadogan	F.M.H.
166	Union	Criterion, Piccadilly
194	St. Paul's	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
435	Salisbury	F.M.H.
704	Camden	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
857	St. Mark's	Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420	Earl Spencer	(?)
2021	Queen's Westminster	Holborn Rest., W.C.
2022	Haven	Lyric Hall, Ealing
2146	Surbiton	Maple Hall, Surbiton, Surrey
R.A.C.		
255	Iris	Greyhound, Richmond
749	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1348	Ebury	F.M.H.
1604	Wanderers	F.M.H.
Mark.		
238	Prince Leopold	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.C.		
45	Oxford and Cambridge	33, Golden Square, W.

(3rd) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st.

	Grand Stewards	F.M.H.
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
174	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
190	Oak	F.M.H.
700	Nelson	M.H., William Street, Woolwich
960	Maybury	Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn
1044	Wandsworth	Town Hall, Wandsworth
1150	Buckingham and Chandos	F.M.H.
1278	Burdett Coutts	Approach Tav., Victoria Park
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1624	Eccleston	Criterion, Piccadilly
1673	Langton	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1677	Crusaders	Cock Tavern, Highbury
1803	Cornhill	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
R.A.C.		
1598	Ley Spring	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Mark.		
181	Sir Francis Burdett	Albany Hot., Twickenham
R.C.		
79	Orpheus	33, Golden Square, W.

(4th) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd.

34	Mount Moriah	F.M.H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
66	Grenadiers	F.M.H.
211	St. Michael's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
176	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, Fulham
861	Finsbury	191, Bishopsgate Street
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1421	Langthorne	Swan Hotel, Stratford
1563	City of Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M.H.
1816	Victoria Park	Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park
1974	St. Mary Abbot's	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F.M.H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
538	Vane	F.M.H.
657	Canonbury	Masons' Arms, Basinghall Street
1691	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Mark.		
211	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.C.		
97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

43	St. Paul's	26th Nov	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	5th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	20th Nov	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	11th Dec	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	10th Dec	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	13th Dec	Ditto
887	Leigh	28th Nov	Ditto
925	Bedford	19th Nov	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	21st Nov	Ditto
1016	Elkington	27th Nov	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	12th Dec	Ditto
1163	Emulation	22nd Nov	Ditto
1180	Forward	3rd Dec	Ditto
1474	Israel	10th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	20th Nov	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	12th Dec	Ditto
221	St. John	21st Nov	Ditto
348	St. John's	22nd Nov	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	11th Dec	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	19th Nov	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	22nd Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	4th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	19th Nov	Ditto
600	Sincerity	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence TO-MR.	16th Nov	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	4th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Dec	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	17th Nov	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	1st Dec	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	27th Nov	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Ditto
1947	Stanford	12th Dec	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	24th Nov	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Ditto
515	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	4th Dec	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	12th Dec	Ditto
326	Moira TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Ditto
610	Colston	21st Nov	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	11th Dec	Ditto
1388	Canynges	1st Dec	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	22nd Nov	Ditto
2257	Powell	26th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	17th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort	27th Nov	Ditto
187	Charity	6th Dec	Ditto

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	10th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	3rd Dec	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	27th Nov	Ditto
1422	Alma Mater TO-DAY,	15th Nov	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	19th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	28th Nov	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	21st Nov	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	13th Dec	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Dec	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	22nd Nov	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Nov	Bridge Inn

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	27th Nov	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	12th Dec	Ditto
802	Repose TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	5th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	12th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	15th Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	28th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	5th Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	23rd Nov	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	29th Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva TO-DAY,	15th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	30th Nov	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1034	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	11th Dec	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	28th Nov	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	4th Dec	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	6th Dec	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	11th Dec	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	10th Dec	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	6th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	28th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	7th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	3rd Dec	Ditto
1221	Defence	10th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland TO-MOR.,	16th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	8th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	11th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	5th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	15th Nov	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	5th Dec	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt TO-DY,	15th Nov	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	30th Nov	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	11th Dec	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	19th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	28th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union TO-DY,	15th Nov	Ditto
216	Harmonic	13th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	11th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	6th Dec	Ditto
292	Sincerity	10th Dec	Ditto
594	Downshire	22nd Nov	Ditto
667	Alliance	20th Nov	Ditto
673	St. John	4th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	7th Dec	Ditto
724	Derby	28th Nov	Ditto
786	United Service ...	13th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	21st Nov	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	5th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	12th Dec	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	13th Dec	Ditto
1264	Neptune	3rd Dec	Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	26th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	10th Dec	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	12th Dec	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY,	15th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	19th Nov	Ditto
1505	Emulation	22nd Nov	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	12th Dec	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	20th Nov	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	27th Nov	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	5th Dec	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	27th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	5th Dec	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	19th Nov	Ditto
2215	Anfield	22nd Nov	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	19th Nov	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	4th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Nov	Ditto
241	Friendship	26th Nov	Ditto
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Ditto
292	Liverpool	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	21st Nov	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel	11th Dec	Ditto

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	7th Dec	Albion Hotel
62	Social	26th Nov	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	16th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	28th Nov	Ditto
204	Caledonian	12th Dec	Ditto
317	Affability	6th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	21st Nov	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	5th Dec	Ditto
815	Blair	14th Dec	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	12th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	22nd Nov	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	5th Dec	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Nov	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	3rd Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	20th Nov	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	13th Dec	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	3rd Dec	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	28th Nov	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	13th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	4th Dec	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	19th Nov	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	28th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	14th Dec	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	1st Dec	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	28th Nov	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MR.,	16th Nov	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	3rd Dec	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	4th Dec	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Dec	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	12th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	10th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Ditto
317	Affability	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	16th Nov	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	20th Nov	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	6th Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	5th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	10th Dec	Ditto
541	De Loraine TO-MOR.,	16th Nov	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	4th Dec	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	12th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	22nd Nov	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	14th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	23rd Nov	Ditto
2260	Ridley	20th Nov	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	20th Nov	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	5th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	21st Nov	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	13th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	30th Nov	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	9th Jan	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	4th Dec	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	11th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	20th Nov	Ditto
807	Cabbell	29th Nov	Ditto
943	Sincerity	27th Nov	Ditto
1500	Walpole	6th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	4th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	10th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	7th Dec	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere TO-MOR.,	16th Nov	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	19th Nov	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland..	22nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	4th Dec	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	27th Nov	Ditto
478	Churchill	3rd Dec	Ditto
1515	Bertie	11th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Nov	Ditto
357	Apollo University	28th Nov	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	4th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	10th Dec	Ditto
156	Harmony	3rd Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	5th Dec	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	10th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	22nd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	20th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	15th Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	27th Nov	Ditto
1205	Metham	19th Nov	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	19th Nov	Ditto
1550	Prudence	1st Dec	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	11th Dec	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	27th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	30th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George TO-DAY,	15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	28th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	21st Nov	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	13th Dec	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	10th Dec	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	14th Dec	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	27th Nov	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	20th Nov	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	26th Nov	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	19th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	12th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	11th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service TO-MR.	16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ...	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	13th Dec	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Dec	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	27th Nov	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	19th Nov	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	13th Dec	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	19th Nov	Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY,	15th Nov	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	23rd Nov	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	4th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester..	6th Dec	Ditto
359	Peace	7th Dec	Ditto
394	Concord	22nd Nov	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	11th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	5th Dec	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	13th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick TO-MOR.,	16th Nov	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	23rd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence T-DY	15th Nov	M. H., Park Terrace

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th.	
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... ... „ 7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ... „ 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ... „ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7 30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Hot.,St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th.	
9	Albion ... ... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.) „ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... ... „ 8	(?)
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.[bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... „ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7	King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(3rd) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(3rd) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th—*continued.*	
1507	Metropolitan .. ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.		
206	Hope ... ... „ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... . „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Sister's Tav., Pownall Road, Dalston.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... „ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence ... ... „ 7	(?)
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street.
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne ... ... „ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Ditto
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

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(4th) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd.

Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in November (*see ante*).

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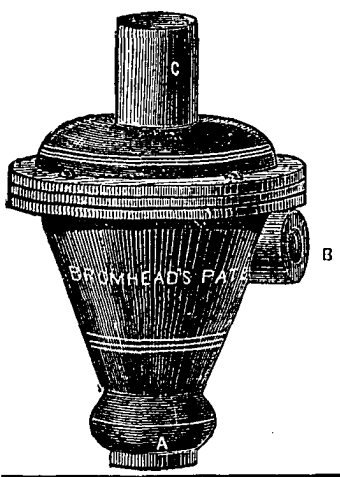
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Freemasonry—A Factor in European Politics.

ON the occasion of the German Emperor's recent visit to Rome Signor Adriano Lemmi, Grand Orient of the Masonic Lodges, issued a circular which, a contemporary informs us, was couched in the "usual vituperative style of such documents." It is asserted that therein the Pope is stigmatised as a "ridiculous pretender," and "a knife planted in the heart of Italy," and concludes thus: "Let us persevere, brethren, in our work of redemption. Let the Masonic idea continue to be like the ether, which penetrates everywhere, and in which all moves and has its being. Let us scatter abroad and cultivate the seeds of our doctrine. The old world is dissolving; what matter? from its ruins rises another newer and fairer. Let us work armed at the temple of humanity, and comfort ourselves with the thought that the most formidable enemy is already overthrown; that no force of reaction avails to arrest progress, and the day is approaching when all nations will compose a single family of freemen, equals and brothers, and perfecting themselves in the school of mutual love, will give laws and auspices to the reign of human happiness."

It is neither our province nor wish to analyse the thoughts or actions of any of our foreign brethren or their lodges. Whether the hidden machinery available for action is used by the leaders of the craft in Italy, or elsewhere, for political purposes, we do not inquire. Suffice it for us English Freemasons, who are forbidden to introduce either religious dogmas or political theories, to stand aloof from all such practices. Indirectly, however, the whole Order is attacked by language such as is used in an English newspaper, a copy of which now lies before us, in reference to the craft abroad, and of which the following example may suffice to show its tenor:—

"The Grand Orient of Italy, the head of the blasphemous hierarchy of freethinkers and infidels, holds in his impious grasp the representative of divine authority on earth, the embodiment of that teaching power which was the last bequest to the Church from its founder." We only shall give in reference hereto, however, an extract from the work of a world-renowned orator and statesman in reference to some of the speeches of Pio Nono. "But who, may it be asked, are these 'impious,' whose breath has the stench of a putrid sepulchre? The answer is more easy than agreeable. They are simply the Liberals of Italy. This is the favourite word for them, and a phrase almost exclusively indeed appropriated to their use. One passage in particular fixes the meaning beyond doubt. The Holy Father says, 'In Rome not only is it attempted to diffuse impiety all around, but men *even* dare to teach heresy, and to spread unbelief.' Now, as impiety proper is the last and worst result of heresy or unbelief, it is strange at first sight to find it placed on a lower grade in the scale of sins. But when we remember that in these volumes it simply means *Italian liberalism*, the natural order of things is perfectly restored."

With the tenets and teachings of our lodges the outside world has nothing to do; it must accept as a guarantee of their rectitude the fact that in our ranks royalty and nobility take prominent parts. Our acts of charity, patent to all, speak for themselves. Our members may belong to any religious sect they please, provided they acknowledge the great prime cause, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; toleration in matters ethical is one of the landmarks of our Order, but is toleration extended upwards? By one powerful religious body, no! There has been, and it appears likely ever to be, a great gulf between the Roman Catholic party and our body; why this should have been so we know not, nor do we stop to enquire. Time after time fanatical attempts have been made to repress, if not utterly extinguish, the Order; but these have all met the same fate—defeat. So it will ever be; but "the Masonic idea will continue to be like the ether which penetrates everywhere." In these days, when multifarious agencies are at work all over the world for the avowed purpose of civilization and enlightenment, it is a significant fact that Freemasonry treads very closely on their heels, "working," as Signor Lemmi appears to say, "armed at the temple of humanity." To the thinker, and there are many such in the ranks of our opponents, this must be a significant fact. "No force of reaction

will avail to arrest its progress." This would never be the case were our system at fault in either the concrete or the abstract. Steadily and silently, but with unerring certainty, it steps on, and the day will come "when all nations will compose a single family of freemen, equals and brothers."

The fatuous ravings of ultramontanism can never obscure the light which comes from above, and devices for electoral purposes, whether made use of by one party or the other, will not alter one iota the programme embodied in our great watchwords, "Brotherly love, relief and truth," and ought not to cause us to be less in charity with all men.

Living in England, free men, under a benificent rule, the peculiar systems in vogue on the Continent in regard to any electoral struggle, such as is about to take place in Germany, are but imperfectly understood or appreciated, and the organisations which exist for the purpose of furthering this or that party's interests in the State are practically unknown here. Freemasonry amongst many other societies is made a potent lever by the school of advanced thought, and Masonic Lodges may be compared in some respect to the Jacobin clubs at the close of the last century in France. The use of the name of the G.A.O.T.U. having been discarded by the Grand Orient, the Grand Orient is no longer recognised by us; but the principles on which the Order is founded remain practically unaltered. Those principles it is our duty to defend from whatsoever quarter they may be attacked, and, confident in the rectitude of our purpose and of the excellencies of the craft with which we are identified, we can await with calmness any attempt to discredit or hinder us, no matter from what quarter it may come, and shall never have to say with Virgil, "*Heu prisca fides!*" In his preface to the Vatican decrees in their bearing on civil allegiance, Mr. Gladstone writes thus: "The Latin Church has probably a hundred and eighty millions of nominal adherents; a clergy counted by hundreds of thousands; a thousand bishops, and the Pope at their head. Nearly the entire hierarchical power in this great communion, together with a faction *everywhere spread* and *everywhere active* among its laity, are now deliberately set upon a design distinguished by the following characteristics. Internally it aims at the total destruction of right. Not of right as opposed to wrong, but of right as opposed to arbitrary will. Such right there shall be none, if the conspiracy succeeds, in the bishops against the Pope, in the clergy against the bishops or the Pope, in the laity against any of the three. Externally, it maintains the right and duty of the Spiritualty, thus organised, to override at will, in respect of right and wrong, the entire action of the civil power; and likewise to employ force, as and when it may think fit, for the fulfilment of its purposes." Our readers must judge for themselves what kind of liberty obtains where such pernicious doctrine is promulgated, and, consequently, with what a jaundiced eye our free institution must be regarded.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1275.—On Friday, 16th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Moor, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Capt. Vincent, J.; Stone, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Eckersall, A.S.; Meierhoff, Latham, Briant, Hill, Murché and Wood. Chapter was regularly opened, and Comp. Vincent was installed M.E.Z. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Latham personating candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Wood, P.S., 742, was elected a member. The Preceptor announced that the ceremony of installation of J. would be rehearsed on Friday next, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD LODGE.

IT is in the power of the members of any Masonic Lodge to make it a GOOD Lodge, and equally in their power to make it the reverse. To make or to mar their Lodge is the prerogative of its constituent members.

But what *is* a good Lodge?

It is one which it is pleasant to belong to and pleasant to visit; one which is distinguished for its correct and impressive rendering of the work; one which is noted for the high character and fraternal good feeling of its members; one which scans closely the qualities of every applicant for initiation and membership, and approves or rejects him according as he is morally and materially fit or unfit, and does not accept him simply because he comes with money in his hands; one which is at unity with itself, and not a divided household; one which is noted for its charity, wisely and liberally dispensed; and one that combines Refreshment with Labour on all convenient occasions. *Such a Lodge is a good Lodge*, a credit to the Grand Lodge of which it is a constituent, and a beneficent power in the Craft and in the community.

Now, how shall such a Lodge be created or fostered?

This work is not and cannot be the work of any *one* brother, but must be the result of the harmonious co-operation and action of many, if not of all. If there be even one decided "crank" in a Lodge he will mar the work of all the rest. But while *one* can destroy, no *one* can create. The honour of making a good Lodge cannot be claimed by any one brother, although some, from their official positions of influence and power, naturally may contribute more than others to the happy result which the brethren of all Lodges should aspire to accomplish, viz., the credit of having the *best* Lodge in their city or vicinity.

The first brother in influence and power is unquestionably the W.M. of a Lodge. He is an officer whom the Craft has entrusted with regal prerogatives. He has no equal in the Lodge. Every proceeding is under his control. He may convene his Lodge at pleasure, and close it at pleasure. Yet, though he be possessed of such authority, he rarely, if ever, uses it for ought but the promotion of the welfare of the masonic body. The possession of great power is almost invariably accompanied by a sense of responsibility for its right exercise. Very, very few Masters of Lodges err in wilfully exercising their prerogatives for improper purposes. More than any other brother, therefore, the Master has the ability to promote the highest prosperity of a Lodge. This he may do by the regularity and punctuality of his attendance at all meetings, the correctness and force with which he works the degrees, the example he sets of fraternal fellowship with the members, thereby promoting their mutual acquaintance, and the social virtues taught by the Craft; the promptness with which he visits, sympathizes with and relieves the sick, and the solemnity and fraternal feeling with which he buries the masonic dead; the grace with which he presides over his brethren while they surround the social board at refreshment, and the interest he displays in all the affairs of the Lodge. The Master who is facile in the performance of all these duties contributes thereby the lion's share towards making a good Lodge.

The elective and appointed officers are the next most potent factors for good in the Lodge. If they be always in their places, doing their own proper work, it will be well done, and the machinery of the Lodge will be in good working order. With a good Master, Wardens, and appointed officers, promptly in their places and knowing their work, one of the most valuable elements in a Lodge will be always present—skilfully performed work. *Without this no Lodge can prosper; with it no Lodge can fail.*

Next, the Past Masters should adequately and well support the officers of a Lodge, if it is to be permanently a good Lodge. The experience of the Past Masters cannot be dispensed with, if the Lodge is to prosper. They are the anchors of the Lodge when storms arise, while the officers are the sails of the Lodge when favouring breezes blow. Under any and all circumstances it is important that they be present, to lend whenever needed the aid of their counsel and advise.

Last of all it is the duty of *every member* to contribute his proper share to the promotion of the general welfare, and if any large number of the members fail to do this, the difficulty will be measurably increased for the remainder to make a good Lodge. There must be hearty co-operation from *all* the members to ensure the ready accomplishment of this work.—*Keystone.*

"THE OLD MASONIANS."—The members and friends of the above Association met on Friday evening last at Anderton's Hotel for their second social evening. The chair was ably filled by Bro. J. Swinford Francis. Mr. Morris opened the ball with a pianoforte solo, and he was followed by Mr. W. J. Packer who sang "The last of the Boys;" Mr. C. Heward Uwins gave "The Will-o'-the-Wisp." "*Encore, encore,*" was his reward. He cheerfully replied with the "German Drinking Song." Mr. E. Pontis Lines gave a capital rendering of "The Owl," "They all love Jack," and the "Maid of Athens" (*encore*). The recitations by Mr. W. A. Glass, Mr. R. Harold Williams and Mr. Frank Scurr were all of high merit. Mr. L. H. Palmer supplied the comic element, and all his songs were thoroughly appreciated, for he never fails to amuse his audience and to provoke merriment. A vote of thanks to the chair and the singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. We notice that the next fixture is a Cinderella ball. We think the Association is doing well to repeat these little dances. The one they gave last year was a great success, and we can only wish that they may be even more successful this season. We are sure that they would be pleased to welcome any brethren who would care to attend, and we are informed that tickets may be obtained on application to the Secretary, 17, Abbey Gardens, St. John's Wood.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE PATH OF LIFE.

THY path in life may open fair, my brother,
It's skies be bright, and sunshine gild the way;
While dewdrops glisten in its beams, and song-birds,
With joyous carol, hail the gladsome day :—
Yet, ere thy noontide goal is reached, how often
O'ercast with clouds may be that azure sky ;
While passion's storm winds blast thy peace nor sof
Till hope's fair blossoms shivering fade and die.
Still keep thy Faith with stedfast heart, my brother,
Nor fail in Love, thy duties to perform ;
And then this comfort shall be thine, my brother :
There sitteth One above Who rules the storm !

Or should thy lot by Poverty o'ershaded
Condemn thy steps to pace the toilsome ground
Of petty cares and sorrows all unaided
By Fortune, though she showers her gifts around ;
Though cold and footsore, wayworn, weak, and weary,
Life's joyless road thy faltering feet may tread,
Nor find a single friend whose greeting cheery
O'er thy lone wanderings might Love's radiance shed ;
Still toil thou bravely on thy way, my brother,
Lest dark despair should crush thy heart forlorn ;
And take this comfort to thy soul, my brother,
"When night is darkest then, then comes the morn."

Thus, whether summer skies be bright above thee,
Or wintry snows enshroud thee with their gloom ;
If friends and kindred crown thy years and love thee,
Or lone and friendless thou approach the tomb,
Stay not for sorrow's tears nor joys beguiling
But manfully thine onward course pursue ;
And heeding neither Fortune's frowns nor smiling,
To God, thy neighbour, and thyself be true.
So speed thou ever on with bold endeavour,
Nor falter though thy feet be bruised and torn :
Thy journey o'er, the clouds of Doubt shall sever,
And Death's dark night give place to endless morn.

[By the late BRO. A. ORLANDO STEED, J.W. of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224; and dedicated by him to the V.W. Bro. the REV. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.L. Eng., Dep. G.M., Suffolk, &c., &c.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

——In celebration of the eight hundredth meeting of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1289, Bro. Cull, the Preceptor, will occupy the chair to-morrow (Friday), and will work the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising. A large attendance of the brethren is expected.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, Islington, on Wednesday, the 19th December, by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. P. Cohen, P.M., 205, W.M.; J. A. Powell, 186, S.W.; T. S. Hodges, S.W., 1695, J.W.

——The Annual Supper of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, will be held at the Builders' Arms, on Friday, the 14th December next. Bro. McNaught, W.M. of the Royal Standard Lodge, will preside.

——The Star Lodge of Instruction, hitherto meeting at the Five Bells, New Cross Gate, S.E., will meet on Saturday, the 1st proximo, and thereafter weekly, at the "Dover Castle," Deptford Broadway, close against the New Cross Station on the South-Eastern Railway, at 7 p.m.

——Bro. George Reynolds, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, at the last regular meeting, on Tuesday, and will be installed on the second Tuesday in January, 1889.

——Brethren and others, friends of YE ANCIENTE FRATERNITIE OFFE YE RAHERE ALMONERS, are respectfully reminded that the Ticket Benefit at Drury Lane Theatre, kindly arranged by Bro. Augustus Harris, will commence on Monday next, the 26th inst., and continue throughout the week (Saturday excepted). Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C., of 62, Long Lane, E.C., will gladly afford information in respect of this excellent charity, and supply tickets for the benefit.

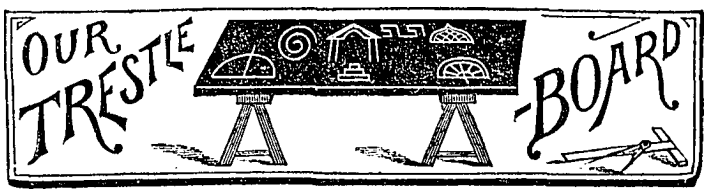
——The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 26th instant.

——The Sections of the Second and Third Lectures will be worked in the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, at "Hornsey Wood Tavern," Seven Sisters'-road, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 8 p.m. Bros. H. G. Gush, Preceptor; A. J. Berry, Secretary.

——Lodges of Emergency will be held in the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, Dunmow, Essex, in the months of December and January, for the purpose of conferring the respective degrees of F.C. and M.M. on a newly initiated member about to proceed to America.

——The ceremony of installation of J. will be rehearsed at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7.45 p.m., to-morrow (Friday), at the Star Chapter of Improvement.

——The Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 1996, meets every Thursday, at the Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High Street, Acton, at 8.15 p.m., and that the members will be pleased to welcome any brethren of the surrounding neighbourhood.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

ALL communications should be forwarded to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—With this number (14) we commence a new quarter. Our friends who have heen supplied with the first thirteen numbers and have not remitted to our publishers, Messrs. ADAMS BROS., will oblige by now doing so; and their orders for continued supply will be esteemed. We can supply copies from No. 1, but only to a limited extent, as an early number is nearly out of print. In remitting from abroad, subscribers will please note terms stated under our inner title.

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A correspondent asks us "Is there a Masonic Directory published (and, if so, by whom) giving addresses of secretaries of lodges throughout the United Kingdom?" We know of none such; nor do we see how anything of the sort could be prepared with any assurance of correctness, the office of secretary being only held from year to year. The place of meeting of a lodge should be at all times sufficient for the purpose of official communication.

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We read in a Sydney paper that, in connection with a presentation by the members of a lodge to a lady, in return for great hospitality and kindness, the present was handed to the fair recipient by a brother described as "(96 deg.) probably the highest mason in the colonies." We, of course, understand what is meant, but it reads funny; and we can well imagine a stranger to our mysteries taking it for granted that the phrase alludes to stature, and wondering what would be the equivalent in feet and inches. He might even be led to believe that there are Masonic Giants in these days as there were giants in the past.

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The *Masonic Record of Western India*, published at Allahabad, favours us with commendation as to our "printing, type, paper and mental pabulum;" hoping for, yet doubting, our ultimate success; and publishing in full our Editorial, "Is publication injurious to Freemasonry?" in No. 4, "a subject which should elicit some strong opinions from the fraternity." We thank our contemporary for its praise and good wishes, and throw ourselves upon the craft generally to dispel future doubts as to eventual success.

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We shall call attention in an early number, to some "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," by our worthy brother H. Sadler (author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions"), and which are now passing through the pages of our contemporary, the *Freemason*. More particularly shall we refer to the original constitution, in 1827, of a Board or Lodge of Installed Masters, which acknowledged "the importance that all rites and ceremonies in the craft should be conducted with uniformity and correctness," and endeavour to ascertain how the powers then granted have not been regularly exercised for so many years past. The subject will interest very many brethren, who, in former years, have shared in the proceedings of real Boards of Installed Masters, and lament the carelessness and apathy which has brought about the almost entire abandonment of a beautiful and unique ritual.

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We regret to hear that Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M., Bengal, has met with a serious accident from a fall from a ladder, thereby sustaining a severe fracture of the thigh.

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It is said that by the formation of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, of which the Governor of the Colony, Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W. Eng., was recently installed Grand Master, the United Grand Lodge of England will lose as many as eighty lodges from its present register.

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Bro. the Right Honourable Lord George Hamilton, M.P., has been elected Worshipful Master of the Chiswick Lodge, 2012, of which Bro. George Everett, P.M., is Treasurer (and candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer) and Bro. George Gardner is Secretary.

ALLAHABAD.

Lord Connemara will be installed as Master of Lodge "Perfect Unanimity" on the 23rd inst., and the following day he will be installed District Grand Master of Madras. The ceremony will be performed in the Banqueting Hall, it is believed by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

On the 17th inst. at the Woolwich Artillery Theatre, an original comic operetta, entitled *Our Court*, the music by Bro. J. Weaver, and the libretto by Messrs. Humphrey and John Addison, was produced. It contains an amusing story of East London life, and the music is bright and pretty—quite in keeping with the homely story—and went exceedingly well.

Review.

THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.—By Bro. Henry Josiah Whymper, P. Dep. D.G.M., Punjab; with an Introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. Eng.; Edited by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., Secretary of "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, London; and published by Bro. George Kenning, 1888.

We have deferred for a week or two, since acknowledgment, notice of this important work, desiring to make the fullest acquaintance with its pages before expressing an opinion. Its contents are most interesting, and deserve earnest consideration from all readers, whether they incline towards or disagree with the object in support of which they have been written. We are not prepared to acquiesce in all the arguments of the author, rather are we disposed to think the general question such as could not at the present time be thoroughly discussed with safety or satisfaction. It may be that later, the desire for the continuance of "Masonry Universal" may not be so strong as now, and then the suggestions made as to the admission of other "Great Lights" than that we have defined and acknowledge may have attention. The separation of Lodges from the Craft as at present constituted to meet the views of religionists and render the Order less cosmopolitan, would, in our judgment, be a fatal error for Freemasonry; and, so far, we cannot be in accord with our talented Brother. Nevertheless, his admirable work is full of interest and information, and its perusal has given us great delight. We do not hesitate to say that it should be known to every member of the Order who desires "light—more light."

We extract the following from a chapter on "English and Foreign Constitutions, &c.," as a concise exposition of the premises upon which the author's arguments are based. Referring to certain changes in the Constitutions as set forth in the earliest charges, he says:—

"Whilst we must deplore the changes which have been made, we must not further be blind to the results which have accrued from them in India. By the elimination of Christianity a very different institution now exists there to that which prevailed in Britain prior to 1717, and into which it is tolerably certain neither Mahomedan nor Parsee could, or would have entered. The institution has now so changed its character that there is no bar to any of these peoples, or to their beliefs. The political good which must result, even if no other arises, cannot of course be ignored, and we use the word 'political' in its widest sense, and as apart from national or party politics. Neither do we wish to deprive the Craft of the mission of charity which it is thus enabled to perform. None can value more highly than we do our Jewish and Parsee brothers; they fulfil most scrupulously the glorious and sublime injunction first enunciated by our Grand Master and Redeemer, and since sedulously preached by our Fraternity, 'Love one another.' But we maintain that their co-operation has been maintained on a wrong footing: the arrangements gradually introduced to conciliate them have caused us to violate our principles and veil our faith, and must in the long run entail the contempt of these very Brethren themselves. THEY never for one moment sink their professions or belief; on the contrary, they have secured for a visible symbol of their faiths a place of honour in our Indian Lodges. It is not required of us as Masons to acknowledge any religion as being equally true with our own. We owe due respect to the cherished faith of a brother who is dear to us, but we are not called upon to raise it to a place of honour beside our own. In doing so we are recreants to our own faith, and therefore bad Masons. Our Indian Brothers assert their Faith, whilst respecting ours, and are therefore good Masons. The only legitimate, honest, and manly way is to be true to one's self and one's creed. In the First Degree, every God-fearing man may be admitted, and obligated on that book which he holds most dear and sacred; but in an English lodge the Bible must not be displaced; it is our Great Light, not the symbol thereof. This fact impressed upon our Indian brother, naturally meets with his dissent. Shall we, then, retract our words, and say: 'Oh no, we mistake. The Zendavesta is the Great Light, at least, whilst we are addressing you!' Let us be honest, and say: 'Brother, this is *our* Great Light, it is not yours. Remain our dearly beloved brother; on this point we differ. Come and see us as a visitor, and be always heartily welcomed; but if you cannot accept our Light, betake you to a Lodge which shall reverence YOUR Great Light. Form there a lodge composed entirely of your own faith, where you may confer the second and third degrees according to your conscience; but do not profess for one moment to believe there can be a plurality of Great Lights, and do not attempt to constrain us to any such profession: it would be a mere mockery. We cannot accord your Great Light a place in our hearts equal to our own, neither can you do the same by ours. We should neither of us believe our own professions. But in your own lodge we will visit you as a brother, and show that respect to YOUR Great Light which our consideration for your feelings demands, and you will, without violence to your religious sentiments, do likewise when visiting us.' Thus, and thus only can we be consistent as Masons, as Christians, as Jews, as honest believers in any religion."

We shall take an early opportunity to refer again to this interesting work; and more particularly to the chapters on the Lectures and the Ritual, in which are to be found most instructive passages. Meanwhile, a kind and brotherly word may be said in commendation of Bro. Hughan's prefatory remarks, and of Bro. Speth's careful editing. Bro. Whymper is now in India, but he leaves with us a work which, however we may decide upon its arguments, will keep his memory green in England.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution met at Freemasons' Hall on the 14th inst.. Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., Vice-President, in the chair, and there were also present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; A. H. Tattershall, Charles Kempton, W. B. Daniell, J. J. Berry, Wm. Smith, W. Belchamber, E. West, L. Stean, C. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Works; Herbert J. Adams, G.S.B.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. J. Perceval, W. J. Murlis, J. M. Case, P.G.D.; C H. Webb, Hugh Cotter, Charles Lacey, W. Hilton, H. M. Hobbs, James S. Fraser, R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. Newton, Alex. Forsyth, John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B.; B. E. Blasby, John Larkin, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting were verified. The deaths of eight annuitants (five males and three widows) were reported.

The receipt of £200, being part of the residue of the estate of the late Miss Louisa McKellar, was acknowledged. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart reported as to the land at Croydon, and the transfer of the building to new trustees.

The widows of three recently-deceased annuitants had half of their late husbands' annuities granted to them.

Four men and six widows were placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224, AT SUDBURY.

A large gathering of Suffolk brethren attended at the Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on Friday last, the 16th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. I. Mason's successor to the chair of K.S. Amongst the number present were—Bros. W. Inglis Mason, W.M.; C. Joslin, S.W.; C. W. Lord, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Chap.; J. F. Hills, Treas.; F. Wheeler, Sec.; M. Reid, S.D.; William Bailey, J.D.; C. E. Mauldon, D.C.; B. H. Hurst, Org.; E. Andrews, I.G.; J. George, Stwd.; H. C. Pratt, P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; D. Alston, P.M.; H. Welham, P.M.; W. G. Walford, P.M.; J. B. Ardley, P.M.; C. W. Grimwood, P.M.; W. H. Smith, P.M.; G. H. Grimwood, P.M.; E. S. Garrett, H. Hills, H. F. Hills, J. G. Steed, A. W. J. Salzmann, J. S. Carlton. Rev. David Hughes, N. Apicle, W. L. Lewis, C. Sewell, G. G. Whorlow, Rev. W. Edmond Dixon, J. C. Sheehan, C. J. N. Row, G. F. Hawkins. Visitors—E. Hennemeyer, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; Frank B. Smythies, 433; A. Taylor, J.W. 332; C. S. Goodchild, W.M. 1823; Charles Cooke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1823; B. B. Syer, P.G. Chap. 1823; Thomas Stokoe, P.M. 1823; E. H. Inman, P.G. Reg. Essex, 2154; F. J. Allen, J.W. 305; Zack Hunt, 2154; Charles E. Porter, 879; W. Clark, P.G.P. 114; James Bardwell, 1823; Robert Bullen, 943.

The officers having entered in procession, the Lodge was opened with solemn prayer and music. A ballot was taken for Bro. G. H. Thynne, of the Parthenon Lodge, No. 581, a joining member, and was found clear. Awaiting the arrival of the Deputy Pro. Grand Master, the subscribing members to the Charitable Association of the Lodge balloted for two life subscriberships to the masonic institutions, which fell respectively to Bros. J. George and T. Ardley, P.M., P.G.S.D. The V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, was then announced, received with salutations, and the ceremony of installation was at once proceeded with. Bro. C. Joslin, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Mason, and was inducted in due form and with perfect ceremony into the chair of K.S., and received the salutations of all present in the usual manner. I.P.M. Bro. Mason was then invested, and the officers appointed and invested were—Bros. Charles W. Lord, S.W.; Mitchell Reid, J.W.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; W. Bro. Joseph F. Hills, P.M., Treas.; W. Bro. Frederick Wheeler, P.M., Sec.; Bernard Hurst, D.C. and Org.; William Bailey, S.D.; Ephraim Andrews, J.D.; Harris Hills, I.G.; Joseph George, Stwd.; Henry M. Sholl, Tyler.

The addresses to officers and brethren were admirably delivered. A very handsome past master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, and certainly one of the best we have seen for some time, was then presented to Bro. W. Inglis Mason, amidst the merited applause of the brethren, for valuable and earnest services to Freemasonry, as well in the Lodge itself as in the locality generally. The charity box was circulated with excellent result, and in peace and harmony the Lodge was solemnly closed.

A very excellent banquet was served at the Rose and Crown, by Bro. J. George, the host of that well-known hotel, and a Steward in the Lodge. To his wife and self many praises went forth from the guests generally for the quality and quantity of the provisions and good service, which it would be found difficult to excel in many Metropolitan hotels. After the cloth had been cleared, the usual *post-prandial* masonic speeches set in with vigour, relieved throughout the evening by the performance of a capital selection of vocal and instrumental music, performed under the direction of Bro. Charles Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O., by Bros. Gowers, F. B. Smythies, and R. O. Coombs. The violin solos by Bro. Smythies were extremely well rendered and called forth many expressions of satisfaction. Brevity in speech was the order of the evening, and the masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in customary set phrases, the principal replies being those of the Dep. Prov. G. Master in acknowledgment of the toast of "The Installing Master;" of Bro. Mason in that of "The I.P.M.;" of Bro. Roe in that of "The Charities," and of Bro. Hennemeyer to the toast of "The Visitors." A collection in aid of Bro. Mason's stewardship at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, resulted in adding the sum of £8 to his present list.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

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Evenings Abroad.

"ATALANTA" AT THE STRAND THEATRE.

Expectation ran high when it was reported that at the Strand, the ancient home of burlesque, there was to be a revival of the traditions of the house. Recollection of productions which are now historical and of triumphs of acting which made their originators celebrated, could not fail to arise; and, when it was stated that the subject of the travesty was a classical story which lent itself well to elaborate *mise en scène* and would provide plenty of opportunities for the clever company engaged to support it, anticipations of pleasure to come became all the more keen—alas! that things which begin "so bridle-y should end so saddle-y," as our friend Kellino in *Nemesis* observes. *Atalanta* has not answered expectation; the verdict of the first night, though adverse, was just; but, doubtless, improvements will soon be made which will render the burlesque more acceptable. No one ever knew a piece of this kind to be perfect on a first representation; actors and actresses after becoming more accustomed to their parts can elaborate and work up the material which they are supplied with; here, however, the author must be called in; he must reorganise his book and he must provide more matter to prevent some of the talent which has been engaged from being wasted. Judicious excision here and there and more strength substituted will tend to do what is wanted. There is no doubt that the author, Mr. G. P. Hawtrey, possesses plenty of humour, but at present it is not of that refined and subtle description which characterised the work of Past Masters of the Craft of travesty-writing. Portions of the work are humorous and graceful enough, but, at times, the fun degenerates into puerility, and weariness is the result. Another fault of the piece is that it is in three acts, while the story could well have been comprised in one. This, doubtless, is the cause of much of the weariness which characterises the production. The effervescence goes off, and, as a natural consequence, the end is tame, while noise cannot compensate for lack of humour. Great credit must be given to the Hon. Lewis Wingfield, who has designed the dresses, and to Messrs. Banks and Bruce Smith, who have painted the scenery. The groupings and stage business are in the safe hands of Mr. John Douglass, and, naturally, the result of his work is quite acceptable. But for the introduction of a lot of unnecessary and ungraceful children, this department merits the highest praise.

The interpretation taken all round was capital. As has been mentioned, however, such clever exponents of burlesque as Miss Marie Linden, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Wm. Hawtrey were utterly wasted in being allotted the sorry stuff which was supplied them. Nevertheless, they proved themselves a tower of strength, and saved the piece at its weakest moments. Of Miss Marie Linden's performance in the title *rôle*, it must first be stated that her imitation of Miss Mary Anderson stands out boldly as an extremely clever and artistic effort, while her dancing is graceful and pretty. Mr. Tom Squire was admirable throughout; his business was eccentric, funny, but by no means too effusive. Mr. Wyatt worked like a veritable Trojan, and with a commendable result; his scene with Aphrodite was as excellent in its way as was that with Miss Linden. Mr. Wm. F. Hawtrey, as the king, had a capital opportunity to distinguish himself; he was unctuous, and satisfactorily fulfilled the duties allotted to him. Mr. Fleming Norton as Socrates, had no chance to be anything but insignificant. Miss Alma Stanley as Aphrodite, looked simply a picture, and sang her music so well as to gain great applause. She only appears in one act, but what she had to do was done excellently well. Mr. F. Wensley as Orpheus sang a ballad prettily. Miss Minnie Cunningham, as Daphne, danced twice, and quite won the hearts of the auditory; her first essay, in classical costume, was the prettiest thing of its kind seen for a long time; her second dance was too protracted.

A pretty little one-act play by Bro. Brandon Thomas, entitled *A Highland Legacy*, formed the curtain raiser. The author, excellently made up as an elderly Scotchman, acted admirably, while Mr. Percy Lyndal, as the hero, and Mr. Graham Wentworth, as our old friend De Lacy Fitz-Altemont of *The Prompter's Box*—here called Cavendish Howley, an actor—distinguished themselves greatly.

Two *contretemps* to curtains occurred on Saturday night last. At the Strand Theatre the curtain, at the end of Bro. Brandon Thomas's play, declined to go down; at the Shaftesbury Theatre the iron curtain, despite the efforts of the scene-shifters and others, declined to go up. The audience had to go away without seeing Miss Wallis as Pauline in the *Lady of Lyons*, and all the money taken at the doors had to be returned.

Query.—Did any of those who went in with orders receive any money on leaving the theatre? Now, Mr. Griffiths, how much were you to the bad on the receipts and the money returned?

A wag in the pit remarked, *àpropos* of this mishap, that "curtains which wouldn't go up certainly wouldn't go down in this country."

On Monday evening all was right, however, and Miss Wallis made her appearance. She is an intelligent and earnest Pauline; while Mr. Forbes Robertson, as the lover in this popular but maukishly sentimental play, was really very acceptable. Mr. Mackintosh had an opportunity of showing his decided talent as Colonel Dumas, and all the other parts were very well played.

Mr. Gilbert's new comedy, *Bramtinghame Hall*, is due at the St. James's Theatre on the 27th inst.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

AS THE MASONIC STAR is written by Masons for Masons, and as they are mostly business men having more or less interest in the Stock and Share Markets, we have determined to include in our columns a weekly money article, written by one of our Craft actively engaged in the markets. We write without prejudice, and with a view to give a general idea of what is going on from week to week. As the writer of the article has some twenty years' experience of the subject, and may fairly say that he knows the ways of doing business, *what* is *what* and *who* is *who*, he will be pleased to answer any inquiries addressed to the Editor where advice is asked upon whatever requires explanation, so that pleasure and profit may be the result. Any letter sent to us, and any reply given, will be treated on the square.

CAPEL COURT, WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOV., 1888.

The Stock markets continue to be agitated by the uncertainty respecting the movements of gold, and the impression is general that an advance in the Bank rate may be looked for. The amounts of bullion expected to arrive are but small, while the further withdrawals for South America are known to be large, so that there is little hope of any alleviation of the present stringency during this year. I am not disposed to put much reliance in the various rumours, set afloat principally in Vienna, of European complications. For one thing the present is not the time of year when any serious disturbance would be initiated, and for another the consequences would be too serious to be considered lightly; nor is there any actual burning question to the front. The fact is, perhaps, that the cheapness of money during the early part of the year carried prices up too high and too fast, and now, with so much money locked up, there is a natural stringency which it will take time to dissolve. In the present state of things, I should not care to buy any foreign stocks, with the exception, perhaps, of the Turkish grouped stocks. The latest reports from the Debt Commissioners are favourable, and give very good hopes of continued improvement; and, as these stocks have to be redeemed by the action of a sinking fund now in operation, a steady advance may be anticipated.

English rails have lately been neglected; but if I look at the satisfactory traffic returns, I cannot but think that prices will rise. North Easterns should go better, while Brighton also would be a good purchase but for the fact that every little punter is a bull of more stock than he is able to carry. Amongst this class of stocks, Furness railway should not be forgotten. Trade in the district of Barrow was for some years very dull; but, with the reopening of some of the old works and the extension of others, no other place in England shows signs of greater activity.

The rate cutting on the American railroads seems to be more serious than was at first thought; why this particular time is chosen for a rate war no one seems to know, and until matters get a little more settled we had better sit on the fence and let the Yankees play it out amongst themselves.

American affairs naturally affect the Canadian lines, and although I am in favour of the Grand Trunk properties, which always show an immense power of recuperation, I am very dubious about the Canadian Pacific. There is too much of the Yankee system in its management. Reckless extensions and a strong tendency to fight its neighbours are the main points in its programme; and this too with an empty exchequer, every available security pledged up to the hilt, and the future discounted. The fall in the price of the shares is slow, but none the less sure.

So much has been said about the Paris Copper Syndicate that for me to give an opinion on the subject seems rash, but I am satisfied to look at the immediate future; what is going to happen some years hence has but little interest for me. Those who are "bears" of copper shares prognosticate the speedy collapse of the syndicate, while the "bulls" say it will last for ever. But of this I am satisfied, that it will last quite long enough to make the bears sit up and howl. For the next year the price of copper is secure, and, consequently, the price of copper shares. Rio Tintos are the great bone of contention, and if the proposed division of the shares into smaller denominations is carried out, they will rise to 30, or the equivalent. Amongst other coppers Copiapo are the cheapest. Nitrate shares are very high, not so much on their own merits as owing to the recklessness of a certain group, who blindly follow where the Woolpack party lead, who will certainly one day clamber out on the backs of their followers.

Next Monday the fortnightly settlement commences, and we may expect heavy contango rates; and let speculators bear this well in mind, that after this one there are only two more settlements this year in which to adjust everything. Bankers have a way of making their borrowers clear out their stocks before the end of the year, so as to show as clear accounts as possible, and this process does not tend to higher prices. *verb. sap.*

CRAFTSMAN.

GOING TO PRESS.

We greatly regret our inability to insert several notices and items of interesting information. The pressure on our space is so great that we must ask for future communications to be made at the earliest possible moment.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee, Mr. Edward Terry.
THIS EVENING at 8.30. SWEET LAVENDER. Messrs. Edward Terry, Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, F. Kerr, H. Reeves Smith, S. Matthews, Prince Miller; Mesdames M. A. Victor, C. Addison, M. Millett, and Blanche Horlock.

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CLOSING OF LODGES IN 2ND AND 3RD DEGREES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have taken THE MASONIC STAR from the period of its birth, and congratulate you on the growing progress of your "Lewis." Particularly interesting to me is the answer you have given to Bro. Sawer in this day's number. However any W.M. can excuse himself in omitting the ritual and beautiful ceremonial of closing the M.M. Lodge is to me a great puzzle. I could never find any "authority vested in me, &c., &c.", and as we are bound by "Constitutions" to watch that the "ancient landmarks, &c., &c.", it behoves all W.M.'s to insist upon closing each lodge in due form.

I hope this matter will be pressed again and again (if necessary) upon the attention of the rulers of all Craft Lodges, and that it will be felt that it is insufferable that such a pleasurable and instructive ceremony, when neatly performed, with just the *one*, the *solitary* reference (which seems very remarkable, and therefore especially to be recognised) to K.S.

Many other points of value to which you have drawn attention have commended themselves to me, and for which I, as an old Mason, feel delighted to acknowledge and to thank you.

Yours fraternally,
P.M. (Craft), P.M. (Mark), P.H. (Arch), K.T., P.P.G.O. Devon.

KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In reply to P. E. P., I beg to inform him that the Priory of Malta attached to the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, Darlington, and also the one attached to the Royal Kent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, are both worked regularly, and I believe nearly all the members of both Preceptories have taken the Malta degree.

Yours truly,
S. F. BOUSFIELD, P.E.P.

P.S.—There will be a Priory of Malta held at Darlington, on Tuesday, circular of which I enclose, and I can assure P. E. P. of a hearty reception if he will do us the honour to attend.

Darlington, Nov. 16th, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In answer to "P. E. P.," the Eminent Preceptor of a Templar Preceptory should be installed a Prior of the Order of Malta before he is entitled to wear a distinctive badge. Any K.T. Preceptory can, under its warrant, work the Malta, and if a few members make up their minds to work the degree, the ritual is not difficult to learn.

I advise those wishing to perfect themselves in the degree, to attend the meeting of Great Priory, where the Great Sub-Prior (Col. Shadwell Clerke) and his officers do the work in excellent style.

Yours fraternally,
HENRY LOVEGROVE,
Past Grand Capt. of Guards.

26, Budge Row, E.C.

PERPETUAL PRESENTATIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR,

Ladies, I believe, are not generally credited with any ability as regards arithmetic. I dare say I am as incompetent in that respect as others of my sex, but I really am at a loss to understand the following :—By payment of £1,050 to either school it appears a perpetual presentation is secured to any province making such payment. This sum, I presume, is invested, as trust funds usually are, in Government securities, consequently returning at the utmost some £31 10s. per annum interest ; but I find on reference that the average annual cost per pupil in the boys' school is about £50, and in the girls' about £47. It seems to me, therefore, that there must be a considerable loss to either institution on every transaction of the kind. Any explanation on the subject you can give through the medium of your journal will much oblige, Yours truly,

A (LADY) LIFE GOVERNOR OF BOTH SCHOOLS.

My husband is a subscriber to your paper. I don't profess to understand much of it, yet take some slight interest in its contents.

November 19th, 1888.

LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In reference to the discussion opened last week, I would like to mention my experience. After being raised I attended a Lodge of Instruction. The ceremony of raising in my Lodge made such a vivid impression on my mind that I was led to consider masonry to be perfection. The same ceremony was presented to me in a Lodge of Instruction in so far different a light that I would prefer to draw the veil over my impression there. Should this be ?

Fraternally yours,
A VERY YOUNG MASON.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. STUART, P.M., Sec. 87.—Thank you for the information you have so kindly sent us. We could wish that many other Secretaries were equally obliging.

C. WOODS, 1869.—Again we are obliged to you, and we shall hope to hear from your friend.

E. T. GRUBB.—We have sent on your communication to "Bell."

J. N. HODGKINSON, AYLESBURY.—We are obliged for communication to hand. A brief notice was given last week, and we regretted then, as we do now, that want of space prevented detailed particulars of the interesting event.

T. C., P.M. & SEC. 157.—Very sorry. Your report came too late; and, moreover, the date of meeting was so far back that the event had become "ancient history."

W.M.'S AND MAYORS.

Amongst the several brethren who will occupy the chairs of their respective lodges as Worshipful Masters, and the chairs of Chief Magistrates of their respective towns as Mayors, during the ensuing year, W. Bro. John Knott, W.M. of the "Lodge of the Four Cardinal Virtues, No. 979" has been elected Mayor of Crewe (Cheshire) and we offer his Worship our hearty congratulations.

The Whittington Lodge, No. 862, held its Installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last, 19th inst., when Bro. Wm. Hill, W.M., installed his successor, Bro. James Irvine, into the chair of K.S. The entire proceedings were of the most satisfactory nature and reflected great credit on all concerned. A lengthened report is crowded out of this week's issue.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

MERCHANTS' LODGE—No. 241.—Regular Monthly Meeting at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 13th inst. There was a large attendance of members and other brethren, amongst whom were several distinguished Prov. Grand Officers. There were two initiations and two passings, and the ceremonies connected therewith were very ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Capt. Macnab and his officers. After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M., in replying to the toast given by P.M. Winser, said it gave him great pleasure to preside over a lodge which had for more than a century done excellent work in the province, and he intended to devote the greater part of his spare time to the furtherance of masonic work. They all knew the interest he took in the West Lanc. Masonic Educational Institution, and he would only remind them that without their help the usefulness of that charity would be greatly impaired. He had, however, no doubt but that the members of the Merchants' Lodge would contribute as readily now as they had done in the past, and, from what he saw of the good that institution was doing, no worthier object could merit their support. A well-arranged programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Ewart, the organist, assisted by Bros. Hogarth, Griffiths, and Latham, &c., was performed during the evening.

ARBORETUM—No. 731.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, on the 14th inst., the Mayor of Derby, Bro. Woodiwiss, the Immediate Past Master, attended. Our distinguished brother was initiated in this Lodge about eight years ago, and has been a zealous officer throughout his career. In his response to the toast proposed in his honour, Bro. Woodiwiss,, referring to the distinction which had been conferred upon him by his fellow citizens, declared that his aim would be to discharge the duties of the Mayoralty in the same spirit and with the same desire to promote the well-being of his fellows which had actuated him as a Freemason. There can be no doubt that the prediction of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Brigg, that Bro. Woodiwiss, in the discharge of his public duties would secure the same amount of confidence and respect which the brethren entertain for him as a craftsman is well founded, and we trust that our worthy brother may be spared to realise it.

JORDAN LODGE—No. 1402.—At the Masons' Hall, Torquay, Devon on Tuesday, the 13th inst. There were present amongst others :—W. Bros. T. Morgan, W.M.; T. Prust, I.P.M.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; T. Crossman, S.D.; John Taylor, J.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; F. Hent, P.M., Secy.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Chap.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; W. Hersey, G. West, E. Henley, W. Hill. A ballot was taken for Mr. E. Henley, a candidate for initiation, and he was duly admitted into Freemasonry. The charge was very ably delivered by the I.P.M., Bro. Prust. Bro. John Chapman presented the Lodge with a framed photograph of an ancient tracing board. The lodge already possessing some valuable masonic works, it was resolved that a suitable book-case should be provided for them, in order to form the nucleus of a lodge library, Bros. J. Chapman, J. Lane, and J. Taylor promising donations of books and pamphlets. Bro. Chapman consented to renew his short addresses, in the form of a Summary of the Masonic events, month by month, and the Lodge was then closed.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

COVENT GARDEN—No. 1614.—On Thursday, 15th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W.—Bros. Lichtenfield, W.M.; Greenway, S.W.; Clare, J.W.; Brindley, Preceptor; Noakes, Actg. Secretary; Lamaire, S.D.; Cursons, J.D.; Leary, I.G.; Hancock, Buxton, and others. The first Section was worked by the W.M., second by Bro. Hancock, third by Bro. Greenway, 4th by Bro. Clare. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Buxton candidate. Bro. Greenway, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1471.—On the 15th inst. at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N., Companions J. Russell, M.E.Z.; H. Jenkins, H.; E. S. Lardner, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; N. Salmon, P.S.; W. Wigley, and several other companions. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wigley candidate. Comp. Jenkins, H., was elected M.E.Z., for the next meeting, and Comp. E. S. Lardner was elected a joining member.

ROYAL STANDARD—No. 1298.—On the 16th inst., at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N.—Bros. Scholtz, W.M.; Angel, S.W.; Yeates, J.W.; Cull, Preceptor; Brown, Acting Secretary; Airey, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Powell, Godwin, and others. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Godwin candidate. Bro. Cull was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

THE GREAT CITY—No. 1426.—On Thursday last, at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30—Bros. J. Gaskin, W.M.; J. K. Pitt, S.W.; J. Tattersall, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; H. J. Whitehouse, Acting Sec. and S.D.; Lazarus, J.D.; Ford, I.G.; H. D. Hills, Treas.; Lillington, W. H. Paddle, Surridge, &c. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Paddle candidate, and the second lecture was worked by the brethren. The fifteen sections are to be worked in this lodge this evening, at 6·30, when a large muster of brethren may be anticipated.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—On the 14th inst., at the George Inn, Catford—Bros. A. A. Drew, W.M.; J. T. Axford, S.W.; James Clarke, J.W.; G. Pickering, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; Reminton, I.G.; H. Shaw, Preceptor; Atkins, Sec.; W. Smith, Treas.; H. Visger, J. Noyes, A. Norris, Hardy Smith, J. Stevens, C. Anderson, J. W. Peters, D. Scott, opened in first, second and third degrees, Ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Peters and Scott candidates. Bros. H. J. Breese, of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, and Templer Down, of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, were elected members. Bro. J. T. Axford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

NEW FINSBURY PARK—No. 1695.—On Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters Road, N.—Bros. McNamara, W.M.; Trinder, S.W.; Hopwood, J.W.; Gush, Preceptor; Berry, Secretary; Reed, S.D.; Frampton, J.D.; Whitchurch, I.G.; Salmon, Oldis, Pugh, S. Good, Green, and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Salmon candidate. The first section, second lecture, and fourth and fifth sections, first lecture, were worked by Bro. Lardner. Bro. Bowden Green was elected a joining member, and Bro. Trinder, S.W., elected W.M.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings
FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd.	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
211	St. Michael's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
176	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, Fulham
861	Finsbury	191, Bishopsgate Street
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford
1421	Langthorne	Swan Hotel, Stratford
1563	City of Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H.
1816	Victoria Park	Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park
1974	St. Mary Abbot's	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
538	Vane	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Masons' Arms, Basinghall Street
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Mark.		
211	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.C.		
97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.
	(4th) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.	
197	Jerusalem	F. M. H.
569	Fitzroy	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd.-Qrs., City Road
R.A.C.		
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.
	(4th) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th.	
1679	Henry Muggeridge	M. H. Tav., Coleman St., E.C.
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Restaurant
R.A.C.		
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
	(4th) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th.	
4	R. Somerset House & Inverness	F. M. H.
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony ...	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. H.
79	Pythagorean	Ship Tav., Greenwich
183	Unity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
222	St. Andrew's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
902	Burgoyne	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
905	De Grey and Ripon	F. M. H.
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1615	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.
1632	Stuart	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1745	Farringdon Without	Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1828	Shepherd's Bush	Athenæum, Godolphin Road, W.
1910	Shadwell Clerke	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1201	Eclectic	F. M. H.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Ditto
R.C.		
2	Plantaganet	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th.	
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
141	Faith	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
165	Honour and Generosity ...	Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields
186	Industry	F. M. H.
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1348	Ebury	Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.
1441	Ivy	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
21	Cyprus	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
180	St. James's Union	F. M. H.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
548	Wellington	White Swan Hot., Deptford
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1365	Clapton	St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate
1472	Henley	Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich
R.C.		
29	Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.	
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
201	Jordan	Ditto
212	Euphrates	Holborn Rest., W.C.
754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Tav., Tottenham
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	6, Newby Place, Poplar
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1719	Evening Star	F. M. H.
1768	Progress	Ditto
1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., Victoria St., S.W.
1820	Sir Thomas White	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A.C.		
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
R.C.		
44	Bard of Avon	33, Golden Square, W.
R.X.		
15	St. Andrew's	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(5th) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.	
22	Neptune	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2192	Highbury	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
R.A.C.		
704	Camden	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	26th Nov	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	5th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	18th Dec	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	11th Dec	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	10th Dec	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	13th Dec	Ditto
887	Leigh	28th Nov	Ditto
925	Bedford	24th Dec	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Dec	Ditto
1016	Elkington	27th Nov	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	12th Dec	Ditto
1163	Emulation TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
1180	Forward	3rd Dec	Ditto
1474	Israel	10th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	18th Dec	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	12th Dec	Ditto
221	St. John	19th Dec	Ditto
348	St. John's TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
343	St. John's	11th Dec	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	17th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	4th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	17th Dec	Ditto
600	Sincerity	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	21st Dec	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	4th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Dec	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	15th Dec	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	1st Dec	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	27th Nov	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Dec	Ditto
1947	Stanford	12th Dec	Town Hall, Hove
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	24th Nov	Royal Pavilion
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Ditto
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	4th Dec	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	12th Dec	Ditto
326	Moira	20th Dec	Ditto
610	Colston	19th Dec	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	11th Dec	Ditto
1388	Canynges	1st Dec	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
2257	Powell	26th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort	27th Nov	Ditto
187	Charity	6th Dec	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief 20th Dec (? 27th Dec);		Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Dec	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	13th Dec	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Dec	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	10th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	3rd Dec	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	27th Nov	Ditto
1422	Alma Mater ...	20th Dec	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	19th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	28th Nov	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	27th Nov	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum... ...	12th Dec	Ditto
802	Repose	20th Dec	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	5th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	12th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	6th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	28th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	5th Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	23rd Nov	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	29th Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	30th Nov	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	11th Dec	M. H., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	28th Nov	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	4th Dec	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	6th Dec	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	11th Dec	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	10th Dec	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	6th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	28th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	7th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	3rd Dec	Ditto
1221	Defence	10th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	8th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	11th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	5th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	5th Dec	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	20th Dec	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	30th Nov	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	11th Dec	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	28th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	20th Dec	Ditto
216	Harmonic	13th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	11th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	6th Dec	Ditto
292	Sincerity	10th Dec	Ditto
594	Downshire TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
667	Alliance	18th Dec	Ditto
673	St. John	4th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	7th Dec	Ditto
724	Derby	28th Nov	Ditto
786	United Service ...	13th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	19th Dec	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	5th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	12th Dec	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	13th Dec	Ditto
1264	Neptune	3rd Dec	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	26th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	10th Dec	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	12th Dec	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	17th Dec	Ditto
1505	Emulation TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	12th Dec	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Dec	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	27th Nov	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	5th Dec	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	27th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	5th Dec	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	17th Dec	Ditto
2215	Anfield TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	17th Dec	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	4th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Dec	Ditto
241	Friendship	26th Nov	Ditto
249	Mariners	17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
594	Downshire	9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	27th Nov	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	16th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel	11th Dec	Ditto

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	7th Dec	Albion Hotel
62	Social	26th Nov	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	21st Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	28th Nov	Ditto
204	Caledonian	12th Dec	Ditto
317	Affability	6th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	19th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	19th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	5th Dec	Ditto
815	Blair	14th Dec	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	12th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	5th Dec	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Nov	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	3rd Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	20th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	18th Dec	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	13th Dec	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	3rd Dec	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	28th Nov	*Grand Hotel*, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	13th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	4th Dec	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	17th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	28th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	14th Dec	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	1st Dec	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	20th Dec	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	28th Nov	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	21st Dec	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	3rd Dec	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	4th Dec	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Dec	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	12th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	10th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	21st Dec	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	6th Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	5th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	10th Dec	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	4th Dec	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	12th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	14th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MOR.,	23rd Nov	Ditto
2260	Ridley	18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	18th Dec	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	5th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	19th Dec	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	13th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	30th Nov	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	9th Jan	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	4th Dec	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	11th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	18th Dec	Ditto
807	Cabbell	29th Nov	Ditto
943	Sincerity	27th Nov	Ditto
1500	Walpole	6th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	*Norfolk Hotel*
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	4th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	*George Hotel*
411	Commercial ...	10th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	7th Dec	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1435	Annesley	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere	21st Dec	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	17th Dec	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland T-DY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Nov	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	4th Dec	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	27th Nov	Ditto
478	Churchill	3rd Dec	Ditto
1515	Bertie	11th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	28th Nov	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	4th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	10th Dec	Ditto
156	Harmony	3rd Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	5th Dec	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	10th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	18th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	6th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	27th Nov	Ditto
1205	Metham	17th Dec	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	13th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	17th Dec	Ditto
1550	Prudence	1st Dec	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	11th Dec	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	27th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	30th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-MOR.,	23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	28th Nov	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	19th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	13th Dec	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	10th Dec	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	14th Dec	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	20th Dec	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	27th Nov	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	26th Nov	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	19th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	12th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	11th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	13th Dec	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Dec	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	27th Nov	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	13th Dec	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	17th Dec	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	20th Dec	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers TO-MR,	23rd Nov	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	4th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester..	6th Dec	Ditto
359	Peace	7th Dec	Ditto
394	Concord TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	11th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	5th Dec	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	13th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	21st Dec	Ditto
2039	Londonderry TO-MOR.	23rd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.

THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd.

13	Union Waterloo	at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„ 7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's	„ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales	„ 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross	„ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak	„ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark	„ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star	„ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.			
188	Joppa	„ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„ 7 30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„ 8	Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.

(4th) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.

9	Albion	at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„ 8	(?)
749	Belgrave	„ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.			
890	Hornsey	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.

(4th) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th.

179	Manchester	at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1288	Finsbury Park	„ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	„ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„ 7	(?)
2012	Chiswick	„ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.			
19	Mount Sinai	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.

(4th) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th.

22	Loughborough	at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

(4th) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th—*continued.*

1507	Metropolitan	at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1662	Beaconsfield	„ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1804	Coborn	„ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C			
206	Hope	„ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.

(4th) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th.

55	Constitutional	at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George	„ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„ 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury	„ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„ 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.			
25	Robert Burns	„ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.

(4th) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.

3	Fidelity	at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry	„ 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence	„ 7	(?)
228	United Strength	„ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
898	Temperance in East	„ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„ 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„ 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom	„ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon	„ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.			
177	Domatic	„ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„ 8	Ditto
933	Doric	„ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(5th) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in November (*see ante*).

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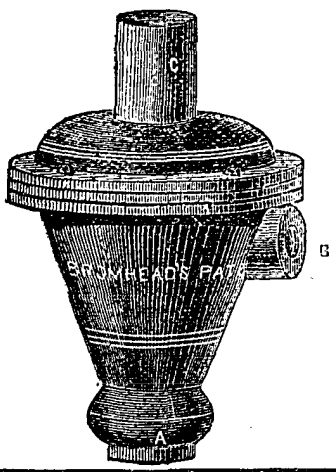
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Freemasonry and Life Assurance.

READING lately one of the lectures or addresses of the late George Dawson, Esq., M.A., of Birmingham, in which he treated of the great importance of life assurance, the thought struck us that many of his remarks would be worthy of consideration by three classes of society: namely,—those who are anxious to become Freemasons before they have taken care to provide for relatives dependent on them; those who, having joined our Order, are lavish in connection therewith, and yet are not amongst the roll of life assurers; and those who, having the direction and management of our public charitable institutions, have not yet taken into account, as a principal factor in qualification for assistance, the early intention of an applicant to provide against the contingencies of life. We will follow out this train of thought; for we believe that very great advantages would mutually accrue to these three classes if a means could be found to ensure the practice of that "prudence" on which we so much enlarge in our theoretical teachings.

In the first place, it must be admitted as a fact that no man has a right to expect admission into our Order unless, in addition to moral character and respectable social position, he is possessed of independent means, or income sufficient to provide for the prospective needs of himself and family. One of our most ancient charges instructs us, in regard to candidates, to "let them first consider their income and family, and know that Freemasonry requires ability, attendance, and a good appearance to maintain and support its ancient and honourable grandeur." Therefore, to be true and loyal to our institution, no man other than such as those above described should ever be proposed into our Lodges; nor then, unless some evidence has been afforded that of the four cardinal virtues that of prudence had been practised, to some extent at least, by assurance against family distress in the event of his death; no matter in how slight a degree, for the desire to increase a slender provision has a natural growth in all good men. Says Dawson: "I would rather beg whilst I am alive, than be begged for after I was dead. If I must be a pauper, I would rather bear what shame there is in it while I am alive, than I would suffer my friends to go round and make a collection for my children after I was dead;" and this should be the inborn sentiment of every man worthy of admission into Freemasonry. And there can be no excuse, on the score of inability to take the initial step, either in regard to condition of health or of cost. In respect of health, if a man's physical state is such as to altogether preclude him from the benefits of assurance, he can hardly be fitted for association with either "labour" or "refreshment;" and, in respect of cost, with what readiness will many men produce their initiation fee of five, ten, or fifteen guineas or more, and in grand style lavish unnecessary money on regalia and personal gratification, whilst not one penny has been set aside for family provision in case of accident or death. This should not be; the outlay does no good to the Order, and it inflicts harm upon those who should be protected. And we say that it should be, if not a regulation, yet, in these days *lex non scripta*, that every candidate for Freemasonry should have first provided by assurance against certain misfortunes. As regards other "unforeseen circumstances," our craft has never yet forgotten splendid provision for those in calamity; and that fact alone should, and, we believe, does, strengthen our arguments in favour of some measures being taken in the direction we point out, to prevent the Order being overwhelmed by the admission of persons unfitted for it.

What we have just said applies to the two first of the three classes referred to; and now as to those who control our Benevolent Fund and our respective Charitable Institutions. Would it not be worth while to consider in what manner it could be made understood that more consideration would be given to applicants for assistance, for support, and for education, to those who had exemplified, on their introduction into Freemasonry, that provident care *for* others which, consequent on "perhaps unavoidable circumstances," they are now seeking *from* others. It could be done without in any way offending the prejudices of those who speak of the Masonic Order as "not a benefit society," and might think that a policy in an assurance office would be a premium to secure grants and assistance from our funds and institutions. By-the-bye, is not the Order already, by the

many years' past admissions of very unqualified persons into our Lodges, fast becoming, if it has not already become, a *big* benefit society? Otherwise, how comes it that we have to listen to applicants who, in some instances, are not even M.M.'s, and in very many not members of even one or two years' standing? But, benefit society or not, big or little, we ought in "justice,"—another of the cardinal virtues we expatiate upon—to do something to check the flow of the improvidence which swamps the masonic soil, and destroys the seed of that brotherly love and relief which should grow to the advantage of those most deserving amongst us. We say, that of the amount any man is prepared to pay for initiation and subscription a portion should be applied to provision against the inevitable; and rather than it should not be so applied he should select less expensive and extravagant Lodges. As to state of health precluding assurance, as we have heard some say, we know better. Here is a packet of prospectuses of Life Assurance Associations beside us. Let us take one at random,—here it is,—and in it we find that second-class lives, as those "whose state of health or family history prevents the acceptance of their proposals at the ordinary premium" (we quote the SCEPTRE LIFE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON) are denominated, *can* be assured by an arrangement which appears to us to be equitable and, in fact, more to the interest of the assurer than the company. In that, however, we have no concern. Our own policies are issued from other offices, whose conditions may be of the same nature and equally equitable as those of the SCEPTRE. We mention that association only in order that what we have said may be verified by reference, should any doubt.

Well, then, as every man *can* be assured, and as every candidate for Freemasonry *ought* to be assured, as well in justice to his family as to the Order to which he is about to attach himself, that he may not, in the first place, leave those he should protect and cherish dependent on his friends, and, in the second, not hinder the relief of those whose misfortunes have not deceased, what should prevent the application of a remedy to the prevalent evil? Probably, this question may be deemed of sufficient importance to interest many, as well Freemasons as others, who are concerned in fostering provident habits in early life amongst the population generally. To all such we are prepared, as far as our limited space will permit, to make public their views on the subject, and, so far as our humble influence can be made serviceable, to support such proposals as may seem best adapted for the purpose of enforcing on candidates for Freemasonry a preliminary provision against the sad results which often follow upon that "awful moment" to which our attention is so forcibly directed in the most solemn of all our ceremonials.

MARK MASONRY.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C., on Tuesday next, the 4th inst., at 4 for 5 p.m., when, after the confirmation of the minutes of the half-yearly communication of the 5th June last, and of the moveable Grand Lodge held at Cheltenham on the 10th July, the report of the General Board will be taken. Among the recommendations arising out of the report, the following will be considered:—

"That the annuity payable to male annuitants be increased to £26, and that to female annuitants to £21, and that a sum of £5 be annually presented at Christmas to each annuitant for the purpose of procuring clothing or fuel, or other necessaries; and that the Book of Constitutions, page 76, clause viii., and page 79, clause iv., be altered accordingly."

The M.W. Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year will be respectively nominated, and subsequently the charity jewels to the stewards at the last Benevolent Fund Festival will be presented. The next festival of that fund will be held in July, and brethren willing to act as stewards on that occasion should forward their names as early as possible to Bro. C. F. Matier, the secretary to that fund, at 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 5th December next, at six for seven o'clock precisely. A Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, submitting and recommending an application from the Body styled "The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales," for recognition, will be read; The Grand Master and Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year will be nominated; The President of the Board of Benevolence will be appointed and invested; A Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence will be elected; as also twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter recommends grants to twelve applicants amounting to £750. The Board of General purposes will submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4,026 0s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £24 8s. 7d. W. Bro. John F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sword Bearer, will move—"That in Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, the five words, 'receive due notice in writing' in line 4, be taken out, and the following inserted in their place: 'had due notice sent to him in writing by the secretary of his lodge in a registered letter to his last known address.'" "Also, in line 10, to add the words 'who vote' after the word 'present.'" This motion will, we learn, be seconded by Bro. Wm. Beavis, P.M., W.M. Harrow Lodge No. 1310, and Prov. G. Pst. Middx., and it being a most practical and important amendment to Rule 210 as it now stands, we call special attention to it and strongly advise its general support. An appeal, by the Star in the East Lodge, No. 918, Queenstown, South Africa, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of South Africa (E.D.) cancelling a sentence of exclusion passed by the lodge on Bro. William Bands for alleged masonic offences will be heard. The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

The following brethren have been nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence:—Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President, and none others have been nominated.

The following Past Masters have been nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence, viz., Bros. George Pole Britten, 183; William Peter Brown, 90; Thomas Cull, 1,446; George A. Cundy, 901; Charles Dairy, 141; James Burgess Grieve, 1,351; Lewis Christopher Haslip, 813; David D. Mercer, 1,641; George Read, 511; Francis R. Spaull, 1,768; Robert J. Taylor, 144; Alfred Cooper Woodward, 1,538, and there being none others nominated will be declared elected.

Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, for the following lodges:—

No. 2278—The Kingswood Lodge, Elstree, Hertfordshire.
2279—The Thornham Lodge, Thornham, Lancashire (E.D.)
2280—The St. John's Lodge, Saugor, Bombay.
2281—The Lodge of Emulation, Perth, Western Australia.
2282—The Lodge of Harmony, Fremantle, Western Australia.
2283—The Euston Lodge, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.
2284—The Smyth Lodge, Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire.
2285—The Eden Lodge, Workington, Cumberland.
2286—The Albion Lodge, Albion, near Brisbane, Queensland.
2287—The Lodge Mokereta, Wyndham, District of Otago and Southland, N.Z.
2288—The Sitapur Lodge, Sitapur, Oude, Bengal.
2289—The Blundellsands Lodge, Great Crosby, Lancashire (W.D.)
2290—The Fairfield Lodge, Fairfield, Liverpool, Lancashire (W.D.)

THE BOARD OF MASTERS AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; and Bro. J. Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, were present and about eighty other brethren attended.

At the Board of Masters, which was first held, the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge in December was submitted to the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence which followed, the brethren confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master to the extent of £510.

On the new list of applicants for assistance were 41 names, whose qualifications for relief were through lodges in the London district 28 cases, Upper Mill 2, Sidcup, Devonport, Doncaster, Melbourne, Weymouth, Newport (Isle of Wight), Bruton, Illinois, Halesworth, Gainsborough, and Harwich.

Three cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total of £984, which was composed as follows: One recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, and two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; four recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of £40 each, and eight of £30 each; thirteen grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, three of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE SQUARE.

In the Holy Land, Oriental Masons teach that while the SUPREME ARCHITECT *used the Gauge, Gavel, Plumb, Level, and other working tools in building the earth, yet when* HE *built the heavens* HE *used the* SQUARE *alone.*

'TWAS in Damascus on an April day;
In the bazaars where pilgrims congregate
I met an aged Mason; on his head
The turban of Mohammed, large and green;
In his right hand the mystic almond rod,
Such as wise Jacob bore, and Moses bore
When the Red Sea was cleft beneath his hand.

Mustapha was his name; tall, gaunt and gray,
Yet his black eye, undimmed, flashed into mine;
And his strong hand exchanged the mystic grip
With sinewy force.

He was my senior by some forty years,
And sixty years a Mason. He had thought
More deeply than the most, of the intent
Of Solomon's wise imagery so quaint and old,
And how it makes its impress on the soul.
I asked him which of all these emblems wise
That glorify our Trestle Board, is best?
Which gives divinest light! which points to us
Most surely the Great Master of the Craft?

In quick reply, he laid that sinewy hand
Upon the SQUARE. It is my favourite type,
One that in a thousand Lodges I have loved
To moralize upon, the Trying Square.

He took it up, and with great reverence
Raised it toward the Throne. "By this," he said,
"The Heaven of Heavens in perfect order fell,
When God took out the Master's implements
From His own chest, and built the universe!
By THIS the radiant Throne—by THIS the Courts
Of His own glory were constructed sure!
Earth and the stars were fashioned well by THESE,
The Gavel, Trowel, Level, Line and Rule;
The Lodge Celestial by the SQUARE alone!"

This was the legend that the Arab told.
I partly do believe it, for I see
In this full angle and these perfect lines
What in no other working tool appears.
And noting that you choose this honoured type
To give your Lodge a name, I charge you now,
Dear brethren, KEEP WITHIN IT! Do your work,
Your praise, your counsels to the listening Craft,
And oh, your daily walk before the world,
WITHIN THE SQUARE.

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Installation Meeting of the Lodge "St. Margaret," No. 1452, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Monday, the 3rd prox., at 4 p.m., when Bro. W. H. Walker, W.M., will instal his successor, Bro. H. W. H. Elwes, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., into the chair of K.S. A banquet will be held at the Suffolk Hotel, at 6 p.m.

——To-morrow, 30th inst, the "Old Masonians," of which society the Dep. Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire, Bro. A. F. Godsen, M.P., is president, have a Cinderella dance at Anderton's Hotel.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Zetland Lodge of Instruction on Monday, the 10th December next. Bro. W. Kew, W.M.

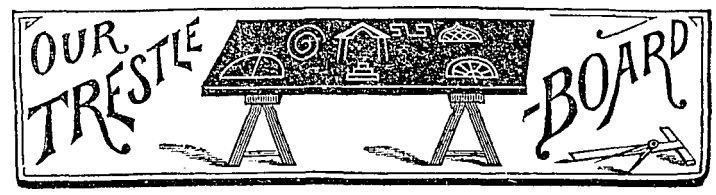
——The Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, Bro. Edmund Dare, W.M., will meet at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on Thursday, the 4th Dec., at 3.30 p.m. prompt. There is a good afternoon's work on the agenda, and a banquet at 7.

——The "Temperance" Chapter, No. 169, will meet next Tuesday evening, the 4th December, at five o'clock, at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford. If the ballot is successful, the exaltation will follow of Bro. George Bolton, of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, the son of Comp. Bolton, P.Z., and treasurer of the Chapter.

——The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 511, at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, N., on Monday, 3rd December next, when the members of the Lodge will be pleased to welcome as many W.M.'s. and P.M.'s. as can make it convenient to attend.

——The lecture by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry," to be delivered this evening in the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, at the Railway Hotel, London Street, E.C., will commence at 7 p.m. sharp.

——Bro. H. Lovegrove, F.S.I., &c., Vice-President of the Architectural Association, has resumed his course of lectures for the session, at 9, Conduit Street, W.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

ALL communications should be forwarded to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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Our pages are always at the service of our contemporaries, masonic or otherwise, but we should like others to do unto us as we do by them, namely, acknowledge the source of the information they publish. This remark is called forth by the announcement of certain paragraphs in the *Weekly Chronicle* which could only be obtainable through our columns, and in respect of which no acknowledgment has been made. Even "exchange" has not been offered.

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Our attention has been called to a printer's error in our last week's editorial, in the substitution of but one letter for another; an apparently trifling matter, yet absolutely destroying the sense of a sentence. Referring to "toleration in matters ethical, being one of the landmarks of our order," we are made to ask "but is toleration extended *up*wards? By one religious body, no!" To this no meaning can be attached. But reading as we wrote, "Is toleration extended *us*-wards?" the context is plain, and the argument incontestable.

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"Benedictine" (*see* "Correspondence"), asks if there is any objection to ladies wearing ornaments in which masonic emblems are displayed. We know of no masonic sumptuary edict which would be disregarded by the practice; and as to objections doubt their utility if made. We ourselves, "permit" the fair partner of our joys and sorrows, when sharing in the more than ordinary "gay and festive" gatherings of the craft, to adorn herself with a gorgeous brooch of K.T. design, "manufactured by Bro. George Kenning," and presented to her by a friendly Sir Knight; and if we did not "permit," 'twould be all the same. It is possessed and must be shown! We would advise "Benedictine," and all other brethren in doubt on the subject, not to interfere with any lady wearing whatever she chooses, "permitted" or otherwise. "Benedictine" should know that—

> "The man's a fool who strives, by force or skill,
> To stem the torrent of a woman's will;
> For if she will, she *will*, you may depend on't,
> And if she won't, she won't, so there's an end on't!"

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Another correspondent asks us for an opinion as to the status of a brother placed in the Junior Warden's chair to supply, during a portion of the W.M.'s year of office, the place of the brother appointed and invested as J.W. at the regular installation meeting of the lodge, but who has resigned his wardenship? The substituted brother is not *the* Junior Warden of the lodge, and cannot exercise any of the functions beyond ceremonial work within the lodge, or enjoy any of the privileges attached to the office, whilst merely acting as *locum tenens* for the regularly appointed and invested officer, who, by his resignation, practically leaves the lodge without a Junior Warden until the next annual period of installation of W.M.

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The Jewish Chronicle of the 16th inst. announces the death of Bro. Levi A. Cohen at the St. Thomas's Home, the department for paying-patients in the hospital of that name. Our deceased brother was a well-known man at Tangiers, and to the Jews in Morocco his death will be a severe and long-felt loss. In association with our order he largely promoted, about three years ago, the establishment of the first Masonic Lodge ever opened in Morocco, and held one of the highest offices in that lodge, which has its headquarters at Tangiers. The event was considered of sufficient interest to be commemorated by portrait sketches in one of the London illustrated papers of the principal officers of the lodge, Bro. Cohen among them. He was a remarkable man in a land where civilization has barely obtained a footing; and the recollection of his short but usefully spent life, which terminated at the early age of 44, will not easily be effaced from those who in this country and in Morocco knew him and appreciated his sterling worth.

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We hail with great satisfaction the terms of a motion to be made at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man, of which the R.W. Bro. Major John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, J.P. and speaker of the House of Keys is the Prov. Grand Master; and which will be held at the Masonic Hall, Douglas, this day, 29th inst. The motion will be made by W. Bro. R. Swinnerton, P.G.D.C. as a recommendation from the Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge, No. 2197, and is to the following effect:—"That, with a view to securing uniformity of working, the Provincial Grand Lodge be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to promote the holding of combined Lodges of Instruction." This is a step in the right direction. If the motion is carried, we shall watch results with much interest, and shall hope to see its adoption in other Provinces prior to a movement to secure something of the sort for the metropolis.

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We regret to hear that Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., Northamptonshire, has sustained another bereavement in the loss of his wife.

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*** *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.*

LADIES' JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Could there be any masonic objection to the lady friend (however near and dear) of a mason wearing a brooch or anything in the way of ornament with a masonic emblem upon it? If this were allowed, I think it would please the ladies and not injure their masonic husband or brother. Yours fraternally,

BENEDICTINE.

*** *See "Our Trestle Board."*—ED. M.S.

CLOSING IN 2ND AND 3RD DEGREES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I very much regret the second paragraph of my letter on the above subject in last week's MASONIC STAR was not sufficiently definite so as to be clearly understood.

By an unfortunate slip of the pen, the word "*that*" follows the word "insufferable"; the phrase should have been "it is insufferable *to omit* such a pleasurable and instructive ceremony when neatly performed," &c., &c. As I am desirous of the attentive consideration of the brethren being given to what I consider a matter of importance, I trouble you with this correction, taking much blame to myself for my carelessness. Yours fraternally,

November 23rd, 1888. A P.M. & P.P.G.O.

M.M. APRON.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I think you misunderstood my query a few weeks ago. I only asked if it would be the proper thing to do to have the dirt removed from a much-used M.M.'s apron; to remove nothing—only clean. Yours fraternally,

ANXIOUS TO BE CORRECT.

*** *By all means clean!*—ED. M.S.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As regular subscribers to your paper, let us add our encouragement to what we consider a long-felt want.

We should like to know by what authority a Prov. Sec. grants a dispensation for a masonic funeral, but "no ceremony whatever is permitted in the church or at the grave side." We hear that in some provinces such a prohibition is not in force, but here it has been made a hard-and-fast rule.

The insertion of this letter would, no doubt, elicit replies from members of other provinces. Yours truly and fraternally,

W.M., FOR SELF AND MEMBERS.

19th November, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A brother is invested with a Warden's collar. Shortly afterwards he receives an appointment which causes him to remove so far from the lodge that he cannot attend the meetings. He, accordingly, writes to the W.M. resigning his office.

Under these circumstances, has the W.M. the power to bestow the collar on another brother at the next regular lodge meeting? And, if so, would this second brother be recognised as a member of Grand Lodge, seeing that the name of the first invested officer has been duly sent up? Yours fraternally,

November 26th, 1888. DEACON.

*** *See "Our Trestle Board."*—ED. M.S.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Will you allow me to inform the editors of other calendars, and those who have communicated with me on the subject, that the calendar will not appear again under my editorship, as, for various reasons, I intend devoting my attention to metropolitan masonry.

I may add that more interest was taken in the calendar out of the province than in, and it seems odd that so large a province cannot properly support a calendar. Fraternally yours,

26, Budge Row, E.C. HENRY LOVEGROVE, P.M., P.Z.

Re MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

With reference to Junior Warden, Bro. Beavis' and other letters, I think it is quite right that the Secretaries of these Benevolent Associations should have some recognition for their valuable and gratuitous services; but I don't see that the head-quarters should be expected to recognise it themselves. What I should humbly like to suggest is this, that when brothers and subscribers are unable to continue their weekly subscriptions, the amount they may have paid towards the funds should form a surplus, which, when sufficiently large, should be appropriated to the purchase of a Life Governorship in any of the Masonic Charities and given to the Secretary, instead of refunding it to the brothers or others who, from some unforeseen circumstances, are unable to continue their aid and support. Yours fraternally,

London, Nov. 27th, 1888. WM. H. LIDDALL, S.D. 45.

Answers to Correspondents.

INDUSTRY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (*not Instruction*), No. 186.—If you wish us to notice your meetings, your scribe should send particulars promptly. A report of a meeting a fortnight ago is too "ancient" for our columns.

UBIQUE LODGE, 1789.—We shall be ever ready to accommodate, and regret setting aside your very interesting report, but it did not reach us so soon as it should have done.

T.G.C., Sec. 2272.—Much obliged, and information noted.

H.B. 1632.—Too late for this issue, and somewhat too lengthy.

AD. O.—Your article is in type. Will do the best we can for you in next number.

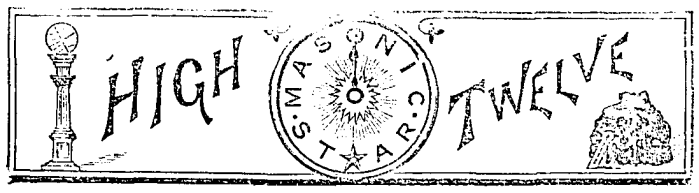
G.P., P.Z. 1185.—Yours shall be noticed next week.

T. F., HAVANT.—Yours of 26th shall have attention.

FOURTH ANNUAL NORTH LONDON MASONIC BALL.

In our advertising columns will be found particulars of the Fourth Annual North London Masonic Ball, to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday, January the 2nd, 1889. This ball is under the patronage of Sir A. K. Rollit, M.P., and Mr. Cowley Lambert, M.P. The president is Bro. Charles Townley, so well known in musical and dramatic circles, and the vice-presidents are Mr. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec., R.M.B.I.; Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Sec., R.M.I.G.; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec., R.M.I.G., and Bro. Edward Terry, P.G.S. and P.M. 29, 1305. The commendable feature of the ball is that the profits arising therefrom are to be given to the masonic charities, and it therefore deserves the hearty consideration and support of all members of the craft, especially those residing in the northern part of our metropolis. The committee is a thoroughly representative one, not only of the craft but of residents of North London, and their names should be a sufficient guarantee to make the ball a greater success even than those which have preceded it. The tickets have been fixed at such a price as to make the company select, and those of our brethren who determine to be present will, we are sure, spend an enjoyable evening, and feel a heartfelt satisfaction in having once more been able to somewhat add to the funds of our several splendid institutions.

MASONIC LECTURE,—On Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, Liverpool, an interesting lecture on "Ancient Masonic Emblems" was delivered by Bro. Captain J. Macnab, W.M. 241. Bro. C. C. Robin, 786, occupied the chair, being supported by Bro. J. Brotherton, the preceptor, and there was a large attendance. Bro. Macnab announced that he had chosen for this lecture the purely ancient emblems only, reserving those of later date for a future occasion, and the novel and interesting manner in which he explained their origin, and accounted for their presence in modern masonry after the lapse of thousands of years, called forth the hearty encomiums of the audience. It is intended by the members of this useful lodge to have these historical lectures at frequent intervals in future, and on next Tuesday evening another member, Bro. West, is to follow on a kindred subject. We strongly sympathise with these endeavours to instruct by means of lectures other than sectional in our Lodges of Instruction, and wish they were more general.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA."

AT THE PRINCESS' THEATRE.

Mr. Henry Pettitt has given us another good, emotional, sensational drama. As an example of pieces of this description, *Hands across the Sea* may take a very respectable position; and it doubtless will for a long time attract profitable audiences. There is always a strong family likeness in plays of this type, but conventionality does not trouble the spectator if only the workmanship be good. For no matter how familiar may be the incidents or the personages introduced, a capable dramatist and one whose instinct, as is the case with Mr. Pettitt, carries him on the right track, weaves his materials together in such combinations, that a new complexion is given to the whole, and the charm of the audience is complete. There is, perhaps, one fault which may reasonably be found in this play. It is a fault, however, for which no remedy can be found by me, because its elimination would necessitate a recasting of a good deal of the play. The villain is far too transparent and unreal, not to say feeble: true it is he indulges in his villainy freely enough, but this does not constitute the strength of mind and purpose which would be necessary to effectually weave the net around the hero, Jack Dudley. Jack is a man of purpose, of will, of intelligence; he would, despite his country breeding, see through Robert Stillwood at a glance. Even little Lucy, a girl in her teens, whose heart and womanhood are all she thinks about, has sufficient worldly sense to frustrate some of Bob's sweet schemes; and yet, Jack Dudley, presumably a strong man who has hitherto been able to fight his way successfully through the world, yields to the wiles of the Stillwood brain without even a mental wriggle with his own common sense. Of course, no drama can do without its villain; the hero and the heroine must of necessity go through their allotted trials during the earlier acts, in order that they may be reunited at last: the exigencies of the audience must be obeyed, and the author has to yield. Sometimes the criminal motive is strong, sometimes it is weak; here it is undoubtedly weak, but its weakness may be condoned in consideration of the other merits of the play. Speaking of originality with regard to this play, it is curious that a scene in it should have been taken bodily from *La Maison du Mari*. But with all the faults which the critical may find in it, *Hands Across the Sea* attracts and interests the public. As the hero, Mr. Neville gives us a touch of his old form; his Jack Dudley is a splendid specimen of an Englishman; in his most emotional moments he is manly and not tearful, and he carries the weight of the play upon his shoulders in the most satisfactory fashion. A sweet heroine is Miss Mary Rorke; her pathos is so natural and real, and her attractiveness is so great that she thoroughly enlists the sympathy of her auditors. Mr. Pateman gives us a marvellous performance; his death scene, indeed, is too terrible, and this is the worst that can be said of it. Mr. Garden is, as usual, highly amusing, and his fun is ably seconded by Miss Webster; and Miss Vizetty, whom I welcome as a clever recruit to the stage, was very nice in a small part. Mr. Abingdon plays the villain in a cool, artistic manner, while Mr. Buchlaw and Mr. Cross lend most valuable aid to a generally capable cast. Altogether, the Princess' piece is well worth seeing.

The Armada at Drury Lane will be withdrawn very shortly to make way for the Christmas Pantomime, which will be on the subject of *The Babes in the Wood, and Robin Hood and his Merry Men, and Harlequin who Killed Cock Robin*—a title which, though comprehensive, is not brief. Augustus Druriolanus announces "unprecedented preparations," and he has engaged a splendid company, chief amongst whom are Messrs. Nichols, Campbell, Leno, Stevens, and Miss Harriett Vernon.

The Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society of Sheffield gave a performance on the 21st inst., at the Baths, Victoria Street, when Tom Taylor's *Sheep in Wolf's Clothing*, and W. S. Gilbert's *Tom Cobb* were performed. These two pieces are somewhat a tax on amateur talent; but, I am informed that everything was done in a highly satisfactory manner. The gentlemen were ably assisted by Misses Ada Melrose, Lilian Hingston, and Ella Stirling.

On Friday evening last I journeyed to Leamington, at the invitation of Mr. Yorke Stephens, there to assist at an interesting *première*, to wit, that of *True Heart*, a powerfully interesting drama by a clever young dramatist, Mr. Henry Byatt, whose play, *The Brothers*, now running at the Vaudeville Theatre, all who see admire. Folk here in London will probably see this new play, and will have an opportunity of comparing it with some of those farragoes of dramatic rubbish which pervade the provinces and attract good business because the towns they are taken to are smothered with blood-curdling posters, and the company carries "real" steam-rollers, or "real" bloodhounds, or other realities of the Vincent Crummel type. Speaking individually, I consider *True Heart* a manly, breezy, and vigorous drama, full of interest and capable of attracting the public, wherever it may be sent. It was excellently acted by the company engaged, which embraces the names of some very popular artists, viz.: Messrs. Yorke Stephens, J. A. Howell, Sidney Vallentine, William Calvert, Henry Elmore, Murray-Innes; and Mesdames Clara Cowper, E. Chester, and Violet Croft.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

AS THE MASONIC STAR is written by Masons for Masons, who are mostly business men having more or less interest in the Stock and Share Markets, we include in our columns a weekly Money Article, written by one of our Craft actively engaged in the markets. It is written without prejudice, and with a view to give a general idea of what is going on from week to week. As the writer of the article has some twenty years' experience of the subject, and may fairly say that he knows the ways of doing business, *what* is *what* and *who* is *who*, he will be pleased to answer any inquiries addressed to the Editor, where advice is asked, upon whatever requires explanation, so that pleasure and profit may be the result. Any letter sent to us, and any reply given, will be treated "on the square."

CAPEL COURT, NOVEMBER 28TH, 1888.

Although no advance was made in the Bank rate last week, in the best informed quarters it is confidently expected that a change will be made before long, and that money will be dearer as we get towards the end of the year. The latest development of the monetary position is the large shipments of gold from New York, and although this may serve to modify the pressure here, it merely shifts the place of the disturbance, and this is to be seen in the very unsettled condition of the New York markets. From day to day it is impossible to tell whether we are to look for better prices in American railway shares, or the reverse, and in this contingency my remarks of last week are equally applicable now. This is not the time to buy stocks in Yankee railways, neither is it safe to sell after the recent fall. We have momentary recoveries followed by relapses, and the dealers in the Stock Exchange are quite at sea as to which way the movement is tending. Looking at it merely from the monetary point of view, I am doubtful of any permanent recovery before the New Year, and still advise that this market, at all events, should be left alone.

When I turn to the English rails there is apparently nothing adverse to apprehend; the traffic returns still show good increases, sufficient to affect favourably the dividend prospects for the half-year, nor is this increase altogether discounted. The movements during the past week have all been upwards. North Easterns, to which I called attention last week, have risen from 156½ to 158, and may go still higher. Brighton "A's" are 1 per cent. better, and, with a continued increase in the takes they should improve. They are now over £15,000 to the good, and the distribution on the "A" stock will probably be at the rate of ½ per cent. better for the year; but, at the same time, it must not be forgotten that this stock is not strongly held, and, as a very favourite speculation, is more liable to fluctuation than any other. It is rather to the heavy lines, such as Midland, Great Western, and North Western, that I would direct the attention of the speculator.

The uneasy feeling in Paris is affecting adversely all Continental stocks, and from the different Bourses the markets are reported weak. Prices have been carried very high, so that there is rather a tendency towards realisations than fresh purchases. The Russian loan, it is said, will be issued on the 7th December and, until that is safely floated, every effort will be made to keep prices up. Paris is so much committed to the Panama Canal scheme that a collapse in that undertaking is an ever-present source of weakness, and this affects the dealing in all other securities. Rio Tinto shares should be watched very carefully, and may be purchased with tolerable safety on any fall.

Since I wrote, Canadian Pacific Shares have been much depressed, and although there is every disposition to think well of them, any advance in prices is taken advantage of by the holders to get rid of them. The determination of the directors to persevere in needless extensions and in a fighting policy is not calculated to inspire confidence amongst the proprietors, nor is it at all likely to benefit the railway; the ordinary shares have been as low as 52½, and, although now somewhat above that price, they are not an improving property. Grand Trunks have been making a hard fight to get themselves up, but the result is not a great success, although there is always a large oversold account in these stocks; there is also a large amount held as security against advances by the Banks, and this is not an element of strength at this time of year. At the fortnightly settlement yesterday, contango rates ruled high, but not so much as had been anticipated.

Mining shares are fairly active, and there is a disposition to buy the South African Gold Shares, but I need scarcely say that there are good and bad lots in this group. Spes Bona shares are not a bad purchase just now, as they are likely to be carried higher. Nitrates have advanced no further, as there is nothing actually to warrant any higher prices, and dealing is confined to a very narrow circle. The public have found they are only made use of by a certain set of wire-pullers as their services are required, so that they are very shy of assisting in the movement. There has been a good rise in the shares of a small company called Bell's Asbestos, but it is only amongst a few speculators that the dealings have taken place. Without going into the merits of the concern, it certainly seems extraordinary that people should give 18½ for £5 shares in a company which has never yet paid a dividend, and about the prospects of which absolutely nothing is known. Looking at the markets generally, I consider that English railways afford the best chance of a rise, but, as regards foreign stocks and American rails, I look for continued weakness and lower prices up to the end of the year, with decided advance in the rates charged for the use of money.

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ANSWERS.

No. 990.—It is the same man under another name; have nothing to do with him.

ASBESTOS.—(1) Yes; the Company is in liquidation. (2) Sell out now; you will buy cheaper later on.

LIGHT.—Cannot advise you; it is too late.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.—The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Swindon, on Thursday, the 22nd inst.. under the banner of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Methuen, not being present, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. Eng., D.P.G.M., presided. The attendance of brethren from the various lodges in the province was good. The roll having been called and duly responded to, the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge meeting were read and confirmed and the various reports received and adopted. The D.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren, and in the course of his remarks said that the P.G.M., Lord Methuen, had desired him to express his regret at his unavoidable absence, being now in Scotland, and having mistaken the date of the meeting. He then made feeling allusion to the illness of the Prov. Charity Sec., Bro. W. Nott; and next congratulated the province on the appointment of Bro. Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.P.G.C., as Grand Chaplain of England. Referring to the Boys' School, he recommended that no steward should be appointed from this province until the charges against the management of that institution were cleared up satisfactorily. He next spoke in complimentary terms of the founding of the new Lodge, "White Horse," No. 2227 (Westbury), and also to the excellent working of Lodges No. 632 (Stowbridge), and 1271 (Bradford), both of which he had recently had the pleasure of attending to instal their Worshipful Masters; and, in concluding, expressed his gratification at the large attendance of brethren and the cordial reception given by the receiving lodge. A vote of 25 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. H. Burt, as steward for that charity, was agreed to, and also one for the sum of £5 towards a testimonial to Bro. W. Nott for his services as Secretary to the Western Provinces Charity Organization Committee. All offices were then declared vacant and the D.P.G.M. proceeded to invest the following brethren as P.G. officers for the ensuing year:—J. C. Maclean, P.M. 355, P.G.S.W.; E. B. Merriman, P.M. 1533, P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, P.M. 1271, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.M. 626, P.G. Treas.; B. H. Watts, P.M. 626, P.G. Reg.; H. Bevir, P.M. 355, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 2227, P.S.G.D.; H. Kemble. P.M. 355, P.J.G.D.; J. H. Foley, P.M. 632, P.G. Sup. of Wks.; J. Chandler, P.M. 355, P.G.D.C.; W. L. Martin, W.M. 355, P.G. Asst. D.C.; F. Barton, P.M. 1271, P.G. Swd. B.; W. H. Brinkworth, P.M. 626, P.G. Org.; E. E. Bartlett, P.M. 586, P.G. Pours.; A. H. Lapham, P.M. 626, P.G. Std. B.; J. Savory, 355, P.G. Tyler. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Goddard Arms Hotel, where, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

WHITTINGTON LODGE—No. 862.—Installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on the 19th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Hill, W.M., supported by his officers and a large number of members and visitors. Bro. F. C. Lockstone was raised to the third degree. The auditor's report was received and adopted, a balance in favour of the lodge, after clearance of all liabilities, remaining in the hands of the treasurer. Bro. Hill, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, comprising twenty-four in number, then installed his successor, Bro. James Irvine, into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom and with full and ably performed ceremonial. The officers appointed were:—Bros. H. Brocklehurst, S.W.; A. P. H. Pauncefort, J.W.; James Weaver, P.M., Secretary; Thomas Kingston, P.M., Treasurer; P. Day, S.D.; J. Sharp, J.D.; T. J. Collis, I.G.; A. C. Bonsall, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. Apologies for absence were received from the Grand Secretary and other high officials. Amongst the very numerous visitors was Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B. and Sec. R.M.B.I., who, as usual, enlisted the sympathies of the brethren in favour of "Aged Masons and Masons' Widows," and secured the W.M. for a Steward at the forthcoming festival, the brethren at once starting his list with the handsome contribution of £62. The banquet was everything that could be desired, and thorough enjoyment pervaded the brilliant company during an evening which was further enlivened by the admirable performance of a more than ordinarily good programme of music, under the direction of Bro. James Weaver, P.M. Amongst the vocalists were the Misses Jenny Chamberlin and Lizzie Dunkley, Bros. Wakefield, Reed and Arthur Cranch, and Mr. Wade. A new quartette composed for the occasion by Bro. Weaver, "The Freemason's Hymn of Praise" (words by the late Bro. Rob. Morris, and reproduced in a former number of THE MASONIC STAR), was exceedingly well sung and gave general satisfaction. The entire proceedings of this installation meeting reflected the utmost credit upon W.M., officers and brethren, and on all others concerned in carrying out the arrangements.

DARLINGTON—ST. CUTHBERT'S PRECEPTORY.—Regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, November 20th. E. P. Sir Kt. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D. in the chair. Minutes confirmed. Comp. Rev. R. Coulton elected. The E. Sub.-Prior of N. & E. Yorks; T. B. Whytehead; the E.P. Moore, of Ancient Ebor Preceptory; the E.P. Macdonnel, of Mount Grace Preceptory, and several other visiting companions of the order received and duly saluted. Preceptory closed and Priory of Malta opened. Five Kts. of T. duly elected and installed by the E. Prior Sir Kt. Dr. Hill Drury. Priory closed and the Kts. adjourned to refreshment.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL—MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE.—No. 1,544, celebrated the festival of St. John under most auspicious circumstances. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Pendray, W.M.; R. Bate, I.P.M.; J. Pengilly, S.W.; E. Lakey, Treasurer; H. H. Vivian, P.M., P.G.J.W.. Secretary; R. Rowe, S.D.; J. G. Shakerley, Organist; J. Whitworth, Steward; J. Nicholas, Tyler; P.M's. J. T. Rodda, P.G., Steward; F. Bartle, F. J. Lee; Bros. W. Teague, E. J. Bennett, F. J. Gardener, A. Dunkin, T. Bennallack, H. Williams, J. W. Jackson, N. Williams, R. S. Behenna, R. Taylor, J. A. Temby, W. Williams, G. Smith, M. Trounson, F. B. Broad, J. Adams. Visitors: Bros. J. Lovell, 121, P.P.G.S.D.; N. Pascoe, 699, W.M.; C. Kent, 699, I.P.M.; J. C. Benny, 75; W. Trevenen, 318, Treasurer; J. M. Richards, 318, W.M.P.G., Steward; J. O. Eva, 318, I.G.; R. Dunstan, 318, P.M.; F. W. Thomas, 450, J.W.; T. A. Kistler, 589, P.P.G.O.; E. M. Cock, 589, W.M., P.G.T.,; J. Sarah, 589, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The W.M.-elect, Bro. J. Pengilly, was most ably installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Pendray. Bro. Pendray was invested as I.P.M., and the following were appointed and invested as officers:—Bros. T. Burge, S.W.; R. Rowe, J.W.; E. Lakey, Treasurer; H. P. Vivian, Secretary; J. Whitworth, A. Secretary; R. Bate, Chaplain; J. Newland, S.D.; W. Viall, J.D.; W. Trevithick, I.G.; J. G. Shakerley, Organist; W. Teague, N. Williams, F. J. Gardener, and R. Taylor, Stewards; and J. Nicholas, Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a banquet admirably supplied by Bro. W. Viall, at the White Hart Hotel. W. Bro. Cock, in replying to the toast of the Provincial G.M. and the officers of P.G. Lodge, complimented the brethren of Mount-Edgcumbe Lodge for the manner in which they welcomed the P.G. Lodge this year, and Bro. Vivian, in responding, said he was proud of the good feeling which marked the meeting of the P.G. Lodge. The toast of the visitors was submitted by Bro. Vivian, and responded to by Bros. J. M. Richards, W. Trevenen, Bogg, N. Pascoe, J. Lovell, T. A. Kistler, Benny, &c. During the evening some capital songs, &c., were contributed by Bros. Kistler, Lovell, Winn, Dunstan, Rowe, &c., Bro. White presiding at the pianoforte.

LIVERPOOL.—The installation meeting of the "Israel" Masonic Lodge, Liverpool, was held on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street; Bro. the Rev. H. M. Silver, W.M., in the chair. Several Provincial Grand Officers and other influential members of the craft were present. The Rev. H. M. Silver installed Bro. David Gabrielson as his successor in the position of W.M. The following were invested as officers of the lodge: Bros. Rev. H. M. Silver, I.P.M.; J. F. Davies, S.W.; John Latta, J.W.; Henry Gabriel, Treas.; Andrew Kirkpatrick, P.M., D.C.; George Thierry, Sec.; David Mathews, S.D.; M. Karet, J.D.; J. O. Roberts, I.G.; H. P. Cowell, Organist; J. Vos, S.S.; W. F. Terry, J.S.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. A sincere vote of condolence was passed to Bro. D. Stern on the death of his father. During the proceedings a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the Rev. H. M. Silver. It was mentioned that the Benevolent Fund of the lodge amounts to £400.—*The Jewish Chronicle.*

ROYAL UNION—No. 382.—Regular meeting, at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, on the 19th inst., Bro. J. Taplin, W.M. About 40 officers and members of the Lodge attended, and amongst the visitors were Bros. E. Terry, P.M. 29; Dharly, 901; Harper and Sanger (Jersey Lodge); Knight (Wayside Lodge); and Taylor (Brownrigg Lodge). Bro. Twamley was passed to the F.C. degree and Messrs. John Dinnis, Charles Hall, Andrew Chappell, Thomas John Pearce and George John Mercer were initiated into the Order, the respective ceremonies being most ably conducted. An excellent banquet was served by Bro. Twamley, the proprietor of the Chequers' Hotel, which gave general satisfaction, and a very pleasant evening was spent after labour. In connection with this Lodge an instruction meeting is held every Thursday evening at eight o'clock, under the supervision of Bro. E. Cotton, one of the Past Masters, and a skilful preceptor.

CORDWAINER WARD LODGE—No. 2241.—On Wednesday, the 21st inst, at the Cannon Street Hotel. Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., W.M., presided in the absence of Bro. Alderman Col. Cowan, S.W., through a domestic bereavement; Bro. Fred West, P.D.C., acting as I.P.M. There were also present: Bros. W. T. Buck, J.W.; Rev. R. C. Lewis, Chaplain; H. J. Adams, G.S.B. Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, Secretary; C. S. Buck, S.D.; J. T. Hepburn, J.D.; J. R. Reep, D.C.; A. Hawkins, J.P., A.D.C.; W. A. Prince and H. Carter, Stewards; W. Eckstein, J. W. Potter, R. Greening, C. Wilkinson, Pimbury, R. Cogan, Mason and A. Bull. Visitors: Bros. J. Brochett Sorrell, P.M. 176; Dr. J. H. Galton, James Wright, J. Cooper, H. S. Mendelsohn and F. Loughlin. The business consisted of one passing and two initiations. Bro. J. Steedman, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, was passed to the second degree, and Messrs. W, D. Ramsay and Arthur Wright were initiated, both ceremonies being well rendered. At the close of the proceedings, twenty-six members and visitors met at the banquet table.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

THE GREAT CITY—No. 1426. *Fifteen Sections.* At the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., on 22nd inst.; Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, P.M.; Bros. T. Hodges, S.W. 1695, presiding as W.M.; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, S.W.; W. M. Snelling, W.M. 1541, J.W.; J. L. Barrett, S.D.; J. Lazarus, J.D.; D. Hills, Treasurer and I.G.; W. J. Ball, Secretary, and between forty and fifty brethren, amongst whom were the members of the Leopold Lodge of Instruction in force. The whole of the sections were worked in most perfect manner by the following brethren, viz:—J. L. Barrett, S.W. 201; Philip Sharpe, W.M. 869; D. Hills, 185; Jas. Stevens, P.M. 1426, &c.; W. W. Snelling, W.M. 1541; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; C. Fox, P.M. 201 and J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463: some of the best section workers in the metropolis. It is almost needless to say that the correct and perfect style of the work rendered by these well-known masons gave unqualified satisfaction to their hearers. In a long experience we have never before heard section work performed in so thorough a manner. Well deserved compliments were paid to all concerned, and honorary membership conferred on the presiding master, who, during the three hours occupied in labour, did not falter for a moment. In an appropriate interval, an opportunity was taken to record the good wishes for safety and prosperity of Bro. E. R. Lillington, a member of the lodge, on the eve of departure for

Australia; and the thanks of that brother were expressively given and cordially received. Several visitors became joining members, and a most profitable evening was brought to a close in usual form.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—On Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the George Inn, Catford, S.E.—Preceptor, Bro. H. Shaw, P.M.—Bros. J. T. Axford, W.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; G. Pickering, J.W.; C. Thomas, S.D.; W. Reminson, J.D.; J. W. Peters, I.G.; C. Atkins, Sec.; J. Stevens, P.M.; Benner, Joyce, Cobb, McCarthy and others. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Cobb candidate. Ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. McCarthy candidate. The work was very ably performed by Bro. Axford as W.M., and an instructive evening resulted.

SOUTHWARK—No. 879.—The annual dinner will take place on Tuesday, the 11th prox., at 7.30 p.m., at the Lodge House, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road, when Bro. Beavis, P.M.P.G.P., Middx., the Preceptor, will preside. Early application for tickets, 4/-, is necessary, as the number is limited. Brethren are cordially invited to attend on Thursdays at 8 p.m. The business is conducted with full musical ceremonial, Bro. W. J. Russell, S.W. 73, presiding at the organ, assisted at times by Bro. Chatterton the organist of the mother lodge. South Bermondsey station (L. & B. Ry.,) and Deptford Road (East London Ry.) are within a few minutes' walk, and trams pass the door at frequent intervals.

CLAPTON—No. 1365.—At the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Dalston, N., on Friday, 23rd inst. Bro. Baker, W.M.; Bros. Draper, S.W.; Cordell, J.W.; Finch, Preceptor; Church, Secretary; Cubbon, S.D.; Campbell, J.D.; Bokenham, I.G.; Bennett, Harrington, Ives, Sawer, Osborn, Robinson, Vaughan, Diamond and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ives candidate. Bro. Draper worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the First Lecture. Bro. Draper, S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

JOPPA LODGE—No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., Bro. R. J. Chillingworth, W.M.; Bros. Dantziger, S.W.; E. Ansell, J.W.; Thom; Saqui, Secretary; Liscombe, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Thom, Preceptor; McDuell, I.G.; Pegé, P.M.; Poppmacher, Dantziger, and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Poppmacher candidate. The second and fourth sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. Dantziger was appointed W.M. for ensuing week.

BROMLEY—ST. LEONARD—No. 1805.—On the 23rd inst., at The Cherry Tree, 321, Brunswick Road, Bromley, E., Bros. J. Bailey, W.M.; H. Johnson, S.W.; B. T. Johnson, J.W.; W. M. Mead, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; W. J. Rawley, I.G.; Archd. Peterkin, P.M. and Preceptor, and several other brethren. After some masonic work the change of date of meetings to Wednesdays was discussed, and will be settled at next Friday's meeting. Bro. W. J. Roberts was elected treasurer, and Bro. W. M. Mead secretary. Bro. H. Johnson was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting.

SIR HUGH MYDDLETON—No. 1602.—At the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road, N., on Thursday, 22nd inst., Bro. Dearing, W.M.; Bros. Garner, S.W.; Baker, J.W.; Weeden, Preceptor; Osborn, S.D.; James, J.D.; Kerk, I.G.; Merrifield, J.G.; W. James, Nillo and others. The ceremony of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Merrifield candidate. Bro. Garner, S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

DALHOUSIE—No. 860.—At the Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, N., on Tuesday, 20th inst. Bro. Allen, W.M.; Bros. Robinson, S.W.; Baker, J.W.; Lorkin, Preceptor; Dunston, Secretary; Johnson, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Le Crue, I.G.; Robinson, Starr and several others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. Le Creu candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Lorkin, Bro. Baker candidate. The 3rd section of the 3rd lecture was worked by Bro. Dunston. Bro. Robinson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

ZETLAND—No. 511.—At the York and Albany, Regent's Park, N.W., on Monday, 19th inst. Bro. Caseley, W.M.; Bros. Eyres, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Mulvey, Preceptor; H. Lichtenfield, Assistant Secretary; Rex, S.D.; Hazel, J.D.; Gittens, I.G.; Shimmonds, Wood, Reed, Monson and others. The ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Reed candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Shei candidate. Bro. Monson was elected a member, and Bro. Eyres, S.W., W.M. for the 26th inst.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings
FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (Last) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.	
22	Neptune	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2192	Highbury	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
R.A.C.		
704	Camden	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
	(Last) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.	
R.A.C.		
134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.&S.M.		
1	Grand Masters	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T.		
26	Faith and Fidelity, &c.	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
	(1st) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st.	
142	St. Thomas's	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1949	Brixton	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
R.A.C		
975	Star of Denmark	Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
	(1st) MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.	
12	Fortitude and Old Cumberland	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
69	Unity	Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
83	United Lodge of Prudence	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
144	St. Luke's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
188	Joppa	F. M. T.
256	Union's	F. M. H.
1319	Asaph	Ditto
1625	Tredegar	Royal Hotel, Mile End Road
1669	Royal Leopold	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1731	Cholmeley	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
2020	St. Botolph's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
R.A.C.		
91	Regularity	F. M. H.
1056	Victoria	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
1704	Cable	Cannon Street Hotel
1891	St. Ambrose	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington
	Mark Grand Stewards	M. H., 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T.		
154	Shadwell Clerke	M.H., 33, Golden Square, W.C.
	(1st) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th.	
	GRAND MARK LODGE, AT 4 FOR 5 P.M., HOLBORN RESTAURANT.	
7	Royal York of Perseverance	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
9	Albion	F. M. H.
18	Old Dundee	Cannon Street Hotel
101	Temple	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
172	Old Concord	F. M. H.
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street

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	(1st) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th—*continued*.	
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
765	St. James's	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1159	Marquis of Dalhousie	33, Golden Square, W.
1257	Grosvenor	F. M. H.
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	C. of G. Hope Tav., Commercial Rd., E.
1261	Golden Rule	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington
1397	Anerley	Thicket Hot., Anerley
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1693	Kingsland	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
2032	Richmond	Station Hot., Richmond
2150	Tivoli	Tivoli Restaurant, Strand
2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
1629	United	F. M. H.
Mark.		
350	Temperance-in-the-East	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
355	Royal Savoy	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th.	
	GRAND LODGE, AT 7.	
511	Zetland	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1298	Royal Standard	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1585	Royal Commemoration	Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney
	(2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th.	
10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall St., E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.
538	La Tolerance	Ditto
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand, W.C.
1361	United Service	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1425	Hyde Park	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton Heath, nr. Crydn.
2128	United Northern Counties	Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields
R.A.C.		
2	St. James's	F. M. H.
9	Mount Moriah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
174	Sincerity	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington
Mark.		
197	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	24th Dec	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	5th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	18th Dec	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	11th Dec	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	10th Dec	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	13th Dec	Ditto
887	Leigh	23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford	24th Dec	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Dec	Ditto
1016	Elkington	?25th Dec	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	12th Dec	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Dec	Ditto
1180	Forward	3rd Dec	Ditto
1474	Israel	10th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	18th Dec	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	12th Dec	Ditto
221	St. John	19th Dec	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Dec	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	11th Dec	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	17th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	20th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	4th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	17th Dec	Ditto
600	Sincerity	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	21st Dec	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	4th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Dec	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	15th Dec	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	1st Dec	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	11th Dec	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Dec	Ditto
1947	Stanford	12th Dec	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa TO-MOR.,	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	4th Dec	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	12th Dec	Ditto
326	Moira	20th Dec	Ditto
610	Colston	19th Dec	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	11th Dec	Ditto
1388	Canynges	1st Dec	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell	24th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort	?25th Dec	Ditto
187	Charity	6th Dec	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	20th Dec (?27th Dec)	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Dec	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	13th Dec	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Dec	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	27th Dec	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	10th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	3rd Dec	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	?18th Dec	Ditto
1422	Alma Mater ...	20th Dec	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	13th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	?25th Dec	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	12th Dec	Ditto
802	Repose	20th Dec	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	5th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	12th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	6th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	12th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	5th Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber TO-DAY,	29th Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	30th Nov	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	12th Dec	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	11th Dec	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	2nd Jan	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	4th Dec	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	6th Dec	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	11th Dec	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	10th Dec	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ...?	16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	6th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	26th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	7th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	3rd Dec	Ditto
1221	Defence	10th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	8th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	11th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	5th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	5th Dec	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	20th Dec	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MOR.,	30th Nov	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	11th Dec	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	26th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	20th Dec	Ditto
216	Harmonic	13th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	11th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	6th Dec	Ditto
292	Sincerity	10th Dec	Ditto
594	Downshire	27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance	18th Dec	Ditto
673	St. John	4th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	7th Dec	Ditto
724	Derby	26th Dec	Ditto
786	United Service ...	13th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	19th Dec	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	5th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	12th Dec	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	13th Dec	Ditto
1264	Neptune	3rd Dec	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	24th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	10th Dec	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	12th Dec	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	17th Dec	Ditto
1505	Emulation	27th Dec	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	12th Dec	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Dec	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	?25th Dec	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	5th Dec	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	?25th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	5th Dec	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	17th Dec	Ditto
2215	Anfield	27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	17th Dec	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	4th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Dec	Ditto
241	Friendship	24th Dec	Ditto
249	Mariners	17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool	24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	16th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
1393	Hamer	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel	11th Dec	Ditto

NOTE.—Fourth Tuesday in December is CHRISTMAS DAY, and ? meetings on that date.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	7th Dec	Albion Hotel
62	Social	31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	21st Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	26th Dec	Ditto
204	Caledonian	12th Dec	Ditto
317	Affability	6th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	19th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	19th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	5th Dec	Ditto
815	Blair	14th Dec	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	12th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	27th Dec	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	5th Dec	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Dec	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	3rd Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	20th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	18th Dec	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	13th Dec	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	3rd Dec	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	26th Dec	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	13th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	4th Dec	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	17th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	26th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	14th Dec	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	1st Dec	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	20th Dec	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	26th Dec	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	21st Dec	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	3rd Dec	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	4th Dec	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Dec	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	12th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	10th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	21st Dec	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	6th Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	5th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	10th Dec	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	4th Dec	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	12th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	27th Dec	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	14th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	28th Dec	Ditto
2260	Ridley	18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	18th Dec	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	5th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	19th Dec	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	13th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian TO-MOR.,	30th Nov	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	9th Jan	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	4th Dec	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	11th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	18th Dec	Ditto
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	29th Nov	Ditto
943	Sincerity	?25th Dec	Ditto
1500	Walpole	6th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	4th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	10th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	7th Dec	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	30th Nov	Ditto
1794	De Vere	21st Dec	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	17th Dec	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	27th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	4th Dec	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	3rd Dec	Ditto
1515	Bertie	11th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	4th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	10th Dec	Ditto
156	Harmony	3rd Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	5th Dec	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	10th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	18th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	6th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	11th Dec	Ditto
1205	Metham	17th Dec	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	13th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	17th Dec	Ditto
1550	Prudence	1st Dec	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	11th Dec	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	?25th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR.,	30th Nov	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	26th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	19th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	13th Dec	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	10th Dec	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	14th Dec	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	20th Dec	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	?25th Dec	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	24th Dec	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	17th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	12th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	11th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	13th Dec	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Dec	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	?25th Dec	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	13th Dec	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	17th Dec	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	20th Dec	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	28th Dec	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	4th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Gloucester..	6th Dec	Ditto
359	Peace	7th Dec	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Dec	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	11th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	5th Dec	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	13th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	21st Dec	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	28th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

NOTE.—Fourth Tuesday in December is CHRISTMAS DAY, and ? meetings on that date.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (Last) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.	
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... ... „ 7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ... „ 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ... „ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Hot., St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(Last) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.	
9	Albion ... ... at —	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.) „ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... ... „ 8	(?)
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's „ 8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bromley
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(1st) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Five Bells, 155, New Cross Road.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... „ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7	(?)
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(1st) MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1507	Metropolitan .. ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	New Market Hot., King St., W. Smithfd.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.		
206	Hope ... ... „ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(1st) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... „ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence ... ... „ 7	(?)
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne ... ... „ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

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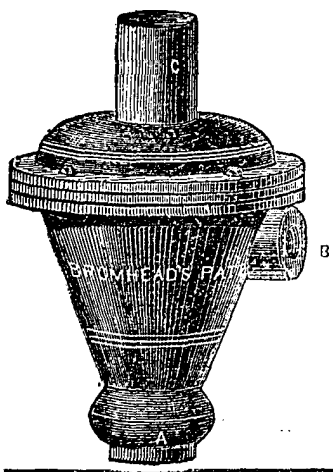
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The Ritual.

REVIEWING lately the admirable work of Bro. Henry J. Whymper, P.Dep. D.G.M., Punjab, we expressed our intention to refer, when opportunity afforded, to two of its chapters in which we take more especial personal interest than in others, viz.: those entitled "The Lectures" and "The Ritual." In his "Religion of Freemasonry," Bro. Whymper places the "Lectures" first, but for the purpose we have in view we shall reverse his arrangement, and endeavour to interest our readers in the work of Masonic Ceremonial, Ritual, and "Sections" in the order in which they are respectively presented to our noviciates.

It is well-known that, of late years, there has been a movement in progress to secure, or more properly speaking to reinstate, that uniformity of procedure which, at the Union of the Lodges forming the United Grand Lodge of England was declared should be maintained throughout the lodges under its jurisdiction. In that movement we ourselves took part, convinced that means could readily be found for carrying the wishes of the Craft, as unanimously expressed in Grand Lodge itself on a most important occasion, into effect. At that time we spoke, and since then have spoken, on the subject from our own point of view. Now it behoves us to refrain from prominent activity, and to afford opportunity to others for expounding their views on the subject; and this we propose to do most fully. At the same time we shall not altogether cease to comment on the arguments which may be advanced *pro* and *con*, but, so far as journalistic power may extend, shall seek to guide and advise where we think guidance and advice may be necessary or advantageous.

As a means to an end, which appears to be almost universally desired by the English Craft, we purpose to utilize with the consent of its editor, the two chapters of Bro. Whymper's work above named, and to reproduce them in the precise words of the author. We shall thereby, we hope, induce much reflection on our *peculiar* system of morality, and the manner in which innovations and divergencies have crept into the teachings of that system, perverting in many respects its original intention, and confusing much that, throughout the past should have been most readily understood,—is in the present made doubtful and disturbing for want of sufficient explanation by those who assume to teach, and who, in many cases we know have themselves much yet to learn,—and in the future may cause dissension and strife between parties, to the permanent injury of the order.

It must be understood by our readers that the author's views on the Religion or Universality of Freemasonry are not to be considered as endorsed by us because we find in his work just such expressions of opinion, and such excellent instruction, as will afford them satisfaction to peruse and study. Nor, on the other hand, must this caution be taken as any evidence of dissent from his premises and arguments. For him, or against him, we think that every Freemason would be the better for acquaintance with the entire work, for it could not fail to enlighten him on many points respecting which some of even the wisest and best amongst us yet walk in darkness. The author's object is apparent, throughout the whole of his work, and to an extent will be obvious even in the portions we select for our present purpose, and which are, in our opinion, the least pervaded by argumentation. Whether or not his object be attainable; whether or not this is just the proper time to discuss the subject; whether or not it would be wise to risk the religious controversy which might create a wide division between brethren of, as it were, "one tribe and family;" all these are beside our present intent, and are matters upon which we would express no opinion. Amongst our readers are men "of every country, sect, and opinion," whose true friendship, conciliated by the dictates of Freemasonry, has hitherto been exercised in brotherly love; and very much consideration must, of necessity, be given to any proposal to set aside the present order of things before individual or even collective opinions can be justly formed. But this fact need not hinder a consideration of the subject in all its bearings; and although we doubt not that many of Bro. Whymper's deductions may not be readily acceptable, we believe that the liberal minds before which we are about to place his remarks on our ritual, will, irrespective of creed or denomination, give their author credit for honesty of purpose and a sincere interest in the welfare of Freemasonry.

It only remains for us to add, before commencing the

promised reproduction, a reminder that the previous chapter is devoted to the consideration of the lectures, and that we are purposely reversing the order of their position in Bro. Whymper's work.

THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.

CHAP. V.—THE RITUAL.

SOME objection may be taken to our separating the Ritual from the Lectures, and placing these first, when considering Masonic principles as displayed in Lodge teaching. The division is of no serious importance, the Lectures are a species of commentary, more or less authoritative, on the Ritual—and their precise wording has never been considered so rigidly necessary as verbal exactitude in delivering the Ritual of the Degrees. Our former Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, himself gave expression to this view. We have a right then in dealing with the Ritual, which we have not when considering the Lectures, to attach the highest significance to the precise language employed. We should not hold ourselves justified in deeming of supreme importance a mere word in the Lectures, whereas we maintain that it is justifiable to weigh every word of the Ritual in the nicest balance attainable. We are aware of the doubts and questions which may be raised from the existence of several Rituals, and will accordingly attempt to confine our arguments to points regarding which dispute can hardly arise.

Holding the belief that there has been a wanton disregard of propriety, if not a criminal contempt for truth and honesty, in the publication of alleged Rituals by individual brethren, we are ourselves compelled to speak somewhat enigmatically in this chapter, as we are barred from stating, with anything approaching distinctness, what are the exact words of our Rituals. We trust, nevertheless, that our quotations will be intelligible to brethren without our resorting to such compromising precision. In passing, we may remark that we are of the number who believe, with all respect, that the Grand Lodge might, at the present time, well consider the advisability of issuing some form of ritual, or appoint somebody to carry out this duty. The want of such a guide has given an opening for misconduct on the part of unscrupulous brethren.

The Ritual of Freemasonry comprises the details of the ceremony of reception in the various degrees, together with the primary exoteric display and the primary esoteric explanation, of the symbolism of the Order. In these explanations sufficient information is supposed to be afforded the Brother to enable him to continue the esoteric teaching on the lines thus laid down. The definition of Freemasonry itself, as given in the ritual is, that it is a *peculiar system* of morality which is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. The early manner in which working Masons emblemised the tools of their handicraft is preserved in the Ritual. There can be little doubt that it was this peculiar symbolism which first induced non-Operative Brethren to join the Society, and it is easily comprehensible that a body of artisans would be flattered by their quaint conceits being deemed worthy of attention, and be quite willing to throw open their doors, wherever it was possible to do so without violating any principle.

A similar symbolism is familiar to any person who has resided long in the East, and who has made himself acquainted with the habits of the people. We have no intention of raising fanciful theories regarding the Oriental origin of any of our ceremonies, but we cannot but express surprise that Eastern customs have not received more Masonic attention. We believe they explain to some extent the avidity with which natives of India grasp the symbolism based on the working tools of Freemasonry; they are perfectly unconscious why the symbology appeals to them—it is the counterpart of their daily life. An exceedingly common sight is to see a native groom touch the hoof of the horse in his charge before commencing his daily work. Similarly, a carpenter will, as a first duty, touch and salute his tools, or some one of them, with an evident respect (his salute is in the ordinary Eastern manner) before he begins his work. Western culture is perhaps unable to enter into the spirit of symbolism which induces the Eastern mind to thus deal with material things. Not far removed from this custom is that of the Mahommedan when undertaking any new enterprise. Even an ordinary tailor will say "Bismillah" before he puts a stitch into a garment. There are so many brethren in India who are more fitted to deal with this subject than ourselves, that we merely note it in passing; but that much of our emblemogy was usual amongst the Chinese at least as long ago as the time of Confucius, the following extract will show—

"What a man dislikes in his superiors, let him not display in the treatment of his inferiors; what he dislikes in inferiors, let him not display in the service of his superiors; what he dislikes in those who are before him, let him not therewith precede those who are behind him: what he dislikes in those who are behind him, let him not therewith follow those who are before him; what he dislikes to receive on the right let him not bestow on the left; what he dislikes to receive on the left, let him not bestow on the right. This is what is called the principle with which, *as with a measuring square*, to regulate one's conduct."*

The tools, with which an ordinary mason would prepare stones for a material building, are in Freemasonry used to illustrate that high morality with should be exercised by the speculative Mason in preparing his mind as a temple fitted for the reception of divine truth. Whilst one tool is to be considered as denoting the incisive force of education, another represents conscience, and so on. There can be little doubt this symbolism is exceedingly ancient.

(*To be continued*).

* The Great Learning, p. 34. Legge's Chinese Classics, Vol. 1.

The Qualifications of our Members.

COMMUNICATED.

TO be admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Free-Masonry it is (or should be), above all things necessary that candidates have "qualifications." These are so well known to our brethren that it is unnecessary, here, to recapitulate them. In this connection we would, however, draw attention to the following rule in our Book of Constitutions:—

"Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our antient and honourable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given or enquiry made into their characters and qualifications, and from passing and raising masons without due instruction in their respective degrees, it is declared to be specially incumbent on all members of Lodges to see that particular attention be paid to these several points."

From a long and intimate acquaintance with the inner working of many private lodges, we can only say that the latter clause of this salutary rule is practically a dead letter, and is much more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

As a general rule, brethren present at a ballot for new members vote, so to speak, blindly, accepting for some reason or another the fact of the candidate being well proposed and seconded as a guarantee that he is a fit and proper person to be allowed to enter the ranks of our order; thus ignoring entirely the incumbency which the rule tells us rests on *every* member to make due enquiry into "character and qualifications." To enable members to carry out this injunction, we are strongly of opinion that a strict observance to Rule 184 should be rigidly enforced, that is to say, a candidate should be proposed and seconded at one regular lodge, and balloted for at the *next* regular lodge. As a general rule, we believe that the proposal, &c., ballot and initiation take place at one and the same meeting, which seems to us not only in direct opposition to said rule, but also to act more or less detrimentally as regards possible observance of the preceding one.

If our various private lodges were to carefully carry out in its integrity this Rule 184, it is our opinion that great good would accrue to the Craft in general, and each individual lodge in particular.

Passing on to the consideration of another section of our subject, we would draw attention to the peculiar system that obtains in appointing various lodge officers. It appears to be an accepted rule that preferment should always be the effect of seniority in a lodge. This is, of course, right, *per se*, *always provided* that the brother so preferred is *fully qualified* to carry out the duties of his office; if, however, such unfortunately be not the case, it is against rule so to prefer him, as we are distinctly enjoined "that preferment should rather come from merit or ability." Of course many would say, having been members of a particular lodge for a term of years, "It is very unfair to pass us by and put a younger (Masonically) brother over our heads." But really, if such should be the case, who is at fault! Lodges of Instruction exist all over the country, and if the older member of any lodge fails to avail himself of this means of gaining the necessary knowledge, he has no one but himself to blame and is not entitled to expect to go forward an ignoramus (which would and does bring ridicule upon a lodge) in face of a younger brother who has devoted time and brain power to the acquisition of the ritual and who would be a credit and ornament to it. This point is worth the consideration of our W.M.'s. Naturally they desire to appoint the best workers in their ranks to office, but in the majority of cases *dare* not do so for fear of the storm they would evoke from the brother passed by and his friends in the lodge, and which, in many instances, might cause the break up of the lodge itself. Thus, in order to promote peace and harmony, the W.M. very often stultifies himself by appointing as his officers brethren whose Masonic qualifications (we had almost written the prefix *dis*) so far as working is concerned, he despises. Can a greater farce be enacted than, say, the appointment to the office of Organist of a brother who is unable to read a line of music? Yet this *is* done under the plea "Seniores priores." And again, to place in the chair of K.S., as Master, simply because, by rotation, he should occupy it, a brother (estimable in every other respect though he may be) who is so deficient in knowledge of the ritual and working as to be obliged to vacate his seat in favour of a more able brother, whenever aught but the barest routine is required of him, is, we say, wrong; and in its very grotesqueness turns our beautiful ceremonial to little better than farcical comedy. False sentiment is allowed to oust, very detrimentally, strict observance of rules, and the body corporate suffers where it ought to gain. Slipshod, halting, vacuous working is bad for all. Perhaps the day will come when candidates (by rotation or otherwise) will be required, as obtains in some lodges, to pass an examination before a Committee of Skilled Past Masters, before they are allowed to occupy any chair or working office in the particular lodge with which they happen to be identified. This would operate in a salutary manner, and put an end to that which in many cases is a scandal to the craft; at the same time doing away with any diffidence the Master of a lodge might, to some extent naturally feel in departing from the beaten track which he has seen his predecessors tread, and (if that is necessary) completely exonerate him from any reflections which could be made upon his action in so far as appointment of officers is concerned.

It may be urged against this system that, were it in vogue in our lodges, some brethren would never hold office at all. Well, perhaps they would not; but why then should they be allowed to do so under present arrangements? The very statement itself appears to us to carry its own condemnation. No; the days of red tape routine should be past for ever. Depend upon it, the theory of "the survival of the fittest" is far more than a mere empty form of words; in like manner the principle of the "induction of the fittest" will have to be made an initial consideration in our masonic lodges if they wish to arrive at anything like the high standard of excellence we believe they one and all aspire to.

(*To be continued*).

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE DOOR OF THE HEART.

TYLE the door carefully, Brothers of skill,
Vigilant workers in valley and hill!
Cowans and eavesdroppers ever alert,
Tyle the door carefully, door of the heart.
Carefully, carefully, tyle the door carefully,
Tyle the Door carefully, door of the heart.

Guard it from envyings, let them not in;
Malice and whisperings, creatures of sin;
Bid all unrighteousness sternly depart,
Brothers in holiness, tyling the heart.
Holily, holily, tyle the door holily,
Tyle the Door holily, door of the heart.

But should the Angels of Mercy draw nigh,
Messengers sent from the Master on high—
Should they come knocking with mystical art,
Joyfully open the door of the heart!
Joyfully, joyfully, ope the door joyfully,
Ope the Door joyfully, door of the heart.

Are they not present, those angels to-night,
Laden with riches and sparkling with light?
Oh, to enjoy all the bliss they impart,
Let us, in gratitude, open the heart!
Gratefully, thankfully, ope the door thankfully,
Ope the Door thankfully, door of the heart.

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The British Union Lodge, No. 114, W. Bro. William Clarke, W.M., will meet at Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, at five p.m. this day (December 6th) for the purpose of installing Bro. R. Tilbury as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony will be performed by his predecessor, Bro. W. Clarke. Banquet at seven p.m.

——The petition for a new lodge, to be called "The West Ham Abbey Lodge," to be held at the Town Hall, Stratford, has been granted to Bro. James Boulton, P.M. 28 and 1056, and other brethren. Bro. Boulton is the W.M. designate, and Bro. C. F. D. Fenn, P.M. 171, will be its first secretary; and to them and their colleagues in the formation of the lodge we wish success and great prosperity.

——The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire will hold its annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Tuesday next, the 11th inst., at 2.30 p.m. A banquet will be served at 4.30. Tickets at 2s. 6d. each, including dinner and dessert, can be obtained not later than Saturday, the 8th inst.

——The installation meeting of the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, Northumberland, on Thursday, December 13th, when Bro. John Ogle Wallace, W.M., will instal his successor, Bro. John Coull, S.W., W.M. Elect, into the chair of K.S. A banquet will be held at the Grand Hotel at 6 p.m.

——The Lodge of Instruction at Newcastle-on-Tyne, No. 24, will meet on the 11th inst. (Tuesday, the 25th, being Christmas Day), at the Masonic Hall, Grainger Street, at 7.30, when Bro. A. T. Alichison, W.M. 24, will rehearse the ceremony of installation Bro. J. B. Gearland, P.M., as lecture master.

——The "Old Masonians" have arranged for a football match between past and present pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be played at the school grounds, on Saturday next, the 8th inst., at 3 p.m.

——The Sydney Lodge, No. 829, at Sidcup, Kent, on the 20th inst., W. Bro. T. Knight, W.M., initiated a son of Bro. Colonel North, of Eltham, into the order.

——The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623—Bro. T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695, Preceptor—will in future be held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Monday evenings as usual, at seven o'clock, commencing on Monday, the 3rd December.

——The presiding officers on the occasion of the working of the Fifteen Sections in the Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 511, at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, London, on Monday next, the 10th inst., will be Bros. James Kew, P.M. 179, W.M.; George Wood, S.W. 1681, S.W.; and T. Caseley, W.M. 1693, J.W. Bro. E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 246, is the Preceptor, and Bro. Sheppard, P.M. 1366, the Secretary; and both will render their valuable assistance.

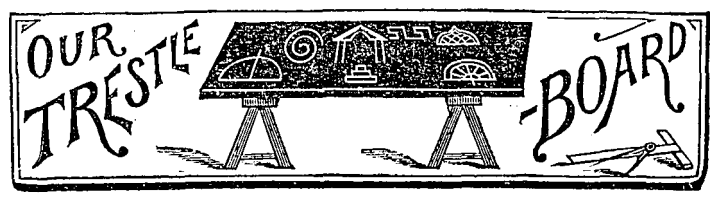
——The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will work the Fifteen Sections at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Monday next, the 10th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Bros. H. Jenkins, S.W. 860, W.M.: H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, S.W.; J. Tattersall, J.W. 1293, J.W.; T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695, Preceptor, and H. Hill, P.M. 1305, Secretary.

——The next regular meeting of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, W. Bro. John Seex, W.M., will be held at Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th inst., at 4 p.m.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Arnold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1981, at the Albion Tavern, West Moulsey, on Monday, 17th inst., at 7 p.m. Bros. Walter Martin, P.M. 879, W.M.; E. Talbot, 65, S.W.; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13, J.W.; and F. C. Croaker, 1981, Hon. Sec. Good workers all!

—— The installation meeting of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on the 14th January next, when Bro. Lord George Hamilton will be installed W.M. of the lodge.

——The Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, now meets every Saturday at seven o'clock, at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E. Preceptor, Bro. Walter Martin, P.M.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

ALL communications should be forwarded to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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Encouraged by a letter which appears in our correspondence columns (page 222), we have arranged that our next number (17), to be published on the 20th inst., shall be forwarded to all the clubs, reading rooms, and principal hotels in India, China, Japan, Straits Settlements, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Cape Colony, West Africa, Canada, Newfoundland, South America, Fiji, St. Helena, West Indies, Gibraltar, Malta, and Constantinople. We notify our intention in the interests of the Craft generally; and of those who may be disposed to avail themselves of the circulation of this special number by advertisement.

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Secretaries of Lodges in London and largest provincial centres will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error by forwarding a post card to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C., thus:

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An esteemed brother, P.M. No. 589, P.G.J.W. and Secy. 1544, writes to us on the subject of masonic mendicancy, and repeats the everlasting question, "Can anything be done to stop or abate the masonic tramp nuisance!" He cautions our lodges against a certain Thomas Fitzgerald, presenting a duplicate certificate from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and asking alms as a Mason. The secretary of the Lour Forfar Lodge, No. 309 (S.C.), from which T. F. hails, states that he is unworthy and undeserving, and "wishes the masonic community could be rid of such a pest." We really do not know how to answer the question other than by recommending the brethren to apply the customary "whip" as a test. Don't altogether refuse *relief*—it is not in accordance with our principles to do so. We might sometimes drive to desperation a worthy man and regret it when too late. Subscribe enough for food and lodging for a night, and in the morning offer the balance of a "whip round" for some sort of work suitable to the applicant's age, trade, and condition. Amongst the members of any lodge there can surely be found something to be done in the way of labour for a day or two. Apply the labour test in this fashion, and it will soon be ascertained what manner of man our brother is. In the case above referred to T. F. is a tailor. Set him to mend some clothes.

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As an example of the manner in which innovations are made in Masonic Ritual and Ceremonial, and which are in too many instances permitted to grow into custom and give some sort of warrant to the phrase, "I was taught so, and so I teach," we narrate the following. In a provincial lodge there is, according to a correspondent who will find his enquiry answered in another column, a P.M. who also on occasion takes duty as a Preceptor. In F.C., as our readers are aware, a certain "advance" has to be made under the instruction of S.D., and that officer in the lodge referred to has been accustomed to the performance of "the proper method" by facing S. and winding to the left. He is now required to reverse that method and to reach the desired position by N., winding to the right; and the P.M. in question declares that he is correct in his teaching and that it is the London working. As he is in a position to exact obedience from his pupils, unless indeed they altogether decline his assistance, it can easily be imagined how such an error might in course of time, and in some districts, be accepted as pure and genuine ritual. The attention of the R.W.G.M. of the province in which the lodge is situated ought to be called to this departure from our established custom.

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The New York correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph* informs us that "Mrs. E. Quimley does not feel the embarrassment of riches. She announces that she is about to deliver lectures and receive subscriptions for the purpose of buying the City of Jerusalem and rebuilding Solomon's Temple according to the original designs. To carry out this modest project, which, she says, will interest Israelites and Freemasons all over the world, she requires about £10,000,000, of which sum 7s. 6d. has already been subscribed by her enthusiastic friends." We wonder will "perseverance in a just cause ultimately overcome all difficulties" in this instance!

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FREEMASONRY AND IMPROVIDENCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have perused with considerable interest the admirable article in reference to improvidence which appeared in THE MASONIC STAR of the 29th ult., and, as a member of the craft specially interested in questions of thrift and unthrift, I venture to accept your invitation to set down a few thoughts upon these important matters.

(1.) Improvidence is one of the chief evils of this country, and Freemasons would be doing good service to the cause, as well as to the country, if they would endeavour to inculcate a spirit of prudence and providence amongst their brethren and amongst those who in due time will seek to be admitted into our order.

(2.) Thrift, and its opposite, improvidence, are, to a very great extent, matters of habit and, like other habits—

"Grow with our growth, and strengthen with our strength."

It is, therefore, most desirable that parents, guardians, instructors and others possessing influence and authority over the young should exercise their influence and authority in this direction, thus preventing the constant increase of the huge army of spendthrifts and wasters, preventing an incalculable amount of misery and poverty, and being the means of securing happiness and independence to multitudes who will otherwise miss it, as so many of their predecessors have missed it, by not knowing the importance of living within their means and setting aside something for the unforeseen and unexpected, for the days of ill-health and accident, misfortune, old age and death.

(3.) Freemasons—as a body and as individuals—should specially practise economy and prudence, and they will thus be the better able to carry out those grand principles of brotherly love and relief which they profess so heartily to believe in.

(4.) Our "peculiar system of morality" should certainly include self-help, forethought and foresight, and we who declare ourselves to be *free* men, of *mature* age and *sound judgment*, should set a noble example in such matters as being "free" from the burden of debt, providing for the welfare of those belonging to us, and making suitable provision for the future.

Various other points might, with advantage, be alluded to in connection with this important subject, but I forbear encroaching further upon your valuable space. Yours fraternally,

1, Finsbury Circus, E.C., 3rd Dec., 1888. THOS. BOWDEN GREEN, 158, Sec. National Thrift Society.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I must congratulate you upon the apparent success of your paper, for in answer to my appeal in your columns for specimens of summons, I beg to say that I have received most welcome and fraternal assistance, not only from all parts of England, but from brethren in Canada, the United States, New Zealand, India, Australia, and the Cape.

I have twelve large volumes ready for their reception, and, although far from being complete, I have no doubt but that many brethren will yet kindly send me specimens of their lodge summons, which now promises to form a most interesting series.

Yours fraternally,
C. E. FERRY, P.M. & P.Z. 65 ; P.M. & Sec. 1743.

THE CLOSING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have been surprised to find from correspondence in your columns that some W.M.'s are in the habit of omitting the closing ceremonies in the M.M. lodge. It was also a surprise to me last year to hear two London Past Masters say that, until they visited our lodge where I was acting as Installing Master, they had never seen the opening and closing ceremonies in the installed Masters' degree ; and that they believed that these ceremonies were not now performed in the metropolitan lodges. Are we in the provinces in advance of our London brethren ; or are we wrong in continuing to act as our "ancient brethren" in this province teach us is right and proper ? I should like to read your opinion on this matter.

May I also ask for your opinion as regards the little "blue book" of the Emulation Lodge, which in many points is at variance with what we have been taught ? Is the teaching of this book to be followed to the letter with the loss, to my mind, of many little impressive parts in the various ceremonies ? Who are right, the older brethren who have never hardly missed a lodge for a quarter of a century, or the younger brethren armed with the "authorised version" ?

One word more—will any brother who is an 18 deg. or 30 deg. member kindly tell me to whom to apply, or what steps to take in order to take those degrees ? Fraternally yours,

P.P.G.J.W.

*** *We will give our opinion and reasons therefor in our next.*—ED. M.S.

NON-SUBSCRIBING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As a young mason I have found THE MASONIC STAR very helpful, and have been very interested with its contents, more especially the admirable leaders, and hope and believe that they will do good in helping to purify the masonic atmosphere. My object in writing to you is to obtain "light," and I shall be obliged if you will reply though the columns of *our* paper what status in the masonic world does a non-subscribing brother occupy ? Of course, he or his children are not eligible for any of the masonic charities, but is he permitted to visit lodges, or accept an invitation to a brother's lodge ? Is he allowed to join a Lodge of Instruction ? Is he generally received with coolness ? I am prompted to ask the last question, because I have quite recently heard a brother spoken of in a very uncharitable manner because he had seen fit to withdraw from his lodge owing to increased domestic responsibilities.

Wishing you every success, I am, yours fraternally,
Nov. 30th, 1888. JUNIOR MASON.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND COMP.,

In your last issue I observe you have corrected the title "Chapter of *Instruction*," to "Chapter of *Improvement*." As in the Royal Arch Regulations, revised by Supreme Grand Chapter, 1886 (Rule No. 80) the style is "Chapters of *Instruction*" I shall be glad to know the reason of your alteration. Are you not a little "ancient" in your term ! Yours faithfully and fraternally,

London, 3rd Dec., 1888. SUBSCRIBER.

*** *See next week's "Trestle Board."*—ED. M.S.

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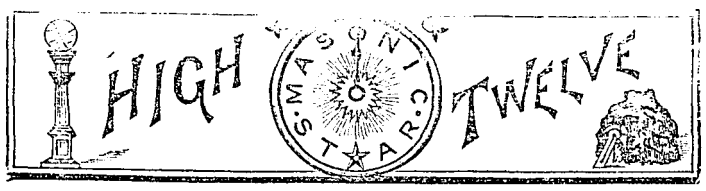
T. T., CAMBERWELL.—Your name and address required before we can insert your letter.

H. M. WILLIAMS, SYDNEY.—Many thanks for remembrance. We look for your support in the colony.

W. H. W., P.M. 1360.—Thanks for kind offer, which we accept as cordially as it is made. See another column for one portion of your communication. As to the other portion, we cannot, at present, add to our lists of Provincial Lodge Meetings.

W.M. *re* D.C.—Refer to your diagram if you have kept a copy :—At A. face J.W. and proceed to B. by way of C. We are surprised that any P.M. and Preceptor should attempt to teach you otherwise. Acknowledge that you have noticed this. Address, 59, Moor Lane.

MASONIC LECTURE.—There was a large gathering of members of several London lodges at the meeting of the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, London Street, E.C., on Thursday last, the 29th ult., when W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered his lecture "On the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry." Amongst the many present were Bros. W. Smith, W.M. ; Larter, S.W. ; Gaskell, P.M., J.W. ; Wildbore, S.D. ; Dormer, J.D. ; Antunovich, I.G. ; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor ; Lewis, P.M., Hon. Treas. ; Colley, Hon. Sec. ; Ives, P.M. ; Pitt, P.M. ; Bruin, P.M. ; Oxford, Young, Thompson, Cunningham, Eames, Arnott, Kirkman, Button, Lagne, Westfield, Penney, Penumell, C. J. Jones, G. H. Williams, Lowe, Leigh, R. D. Smith, Hampson, Barnes, Martin, Bourn and others. After the lodge had been opened up to M.M., Bro. Stevens occupied the chair and for above two hours kept the brethren fully interested by his lucid explanations of the most important points in ritual and ceremonial, and completed his work by closing down in accordance with ancient custom. The thanks of the lodge and the compliment of honorary membership were voted to the lecturer amid much enthusiasm, and wishes were expressed for a similar instructive meeting at an early date. Several brethren were elected members, and Bro. Larter having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

"BRANTINGHAME HALL," AT THE ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.

Mr. Gilbert's new drama was produced on Thursday evening last. In consequence of the plentiful "puff preliminary" which had been bestowed upon this play before its production, speculation ran high with regard to it, and playgoers expected something out of the ordinary category. Indeed, everything seemed in favour of the new venture, and a new actress, whose theatrical sponsor was no less a personage than Mr. Gilbert himself, was announced to sustain the leading part in the production. Truth to tell, a double disappointment awaited the public, for neither the piece nor the leading actress came up to expectation. Despite certain elements of comedy, about which more will be noted hereafter, the play is dull; and, despite a tolerably interesting story, there is not much sympathy with the heroine who debases herself without sufficient motive. Mr. Gilbert's own rules laid down for his own observance in the concoction of comic operas will not do for serious drama: it is all very well for him in these humorous compositions to make his puppets do and say unnatural things: so long as laughs are gained, all that is needed is there; but the same cannot apply to the means which Mr. Gilbert has employed to get a serious situation and a surprise in a drama at a juncture when it is desired to create an emotional impression. To destroy the sympathy of an audience with the hero or the heroine is well known to be a fatal act on the part of a dramatist. In the present instance the heroine, Ruth Redmayne, in whose case every spectator takes the most absorbing interest, suddenly, and with insufficient cause, proclaims herself publicly a mistress and not a wife, a forger and a fraud, and not a loving, generous and devoted woman. In her right senses no woman would thus act. There is one thing a girl would protect through all trials, her honour. That she would sacrifice this to dispel the financial necessities of any man—of one whom she loves even—is more than unlikely; that she would do so to oblige an old man, who has behaved to her with almost ungentlemanly neglect of the noble offer of a noble affectionate woman, is ridiculous. Here, then, the discordant note was struck and the play never recovered from it. Now, about the comedy introduced. It may be bright; but a gem of very second rate value will shine when contrasted with a heap of colourless stone. Before leaving the literary aspect of Mr. Gilbert's play, it may be asked why Ruth is given the Puritan style of diction? Surely a girl, the daughter of an ex-convict, who has lived a bush life all her days, would not speak in the almost biblical diction in which all her speeches are cast. On the other hand, the writing, generally, though not in the author's best vein, is distinctly good, and, at times, extremely effective.

Miss Julia Neilson, the young actress who was cast for the leading *rôle*, has, in her previous work, shown signs of real talent. At present, however, she shows signs of too much tuition. She speaks, she looks, she moves, she attitudinises, one can see, just as she has been told. There is no *ars celare artem* here, it is quite the reverse. In her passionate scenes she fails because she cannot—to use a technical term—let herself go. Her inability to lose herself causes her to fail to enlist the suffrages of her auditors. Thus, some of her biggest efforts were unreal and her best effects were gained in the less important, but certainly not the less moving, scenes. Those which struck me most were the scene with Lord Saxmundham in the second act and with Mabel in the last act. An actress, and it would not be difficult to name half a dozen in as many seconds, of greater experience and power is required for this character. In saying this I have no wish to detract from the promise displayed by Miss Neilson; but she has much yet to learn before she should be intrusted with so arduous a part. Mr. Lewis Waller as Ralph Crampton, the evil genius of the drama, acted admirably: he played with thorough discretion, and his passion, though subdued, was none the less indicative of strength. Mr. Rutland Barrington as Mr. Thursby contented himself with a small sketch which he rendered with freshness and talent; certainly the part lacked dignity, but it was humorous, consistent and natural withal. Mr. Nutcombe Gould deserves more than a passing mention for a very clever sketch of Lord Saxmundham. It was not the actor's fault but rather his misfortune that he was compelled to render the old gentleman in such an unsympathetic mould. He did his best with the materials and he scored well. In distinct contrast was the Lady Saxmundham of Mrs. Gaston Murray. This was delightfully motherly and sweetly affectionate. Mr. William Herbert was a manly hero: he just attained the right point of strength without overdoing it; and in the last act he played a difficult scene with a highly commendable result. Miss Norreys and Mr. Duncan Fleet played a pair of boy and girl lovers. These two might well have stepped straight out of one of Mr. Pinero's comedies. Here we have the greater part of Mr. Gilbert's comedy contribution in *Brantinghame Hall*. It is doubtless laughable; but it is too unreal and too obviously dragged in. Miss Norreys was a sweet little creature as Mabel, and Mr. Fleet was intelligent without being great as Alaric. Mr. Norman Forbes as the Rev. Noel Ross was earnest and good; but his attitudes were by no means graceful. Mr. Charles Dodsworth and Mr. Gilbert Trent, amongst some others intrusted with small parts which were all excellently acted, stood out boldly with two clever character sketches. The piece has been well put on the stage and will draw for a time in all probability; but Mr. Gilbert has not scored a success, I regret to say.

LANCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

AS THE MASONIC STAR is written by Masons for Masons, who are mostly business men having more or less interest in the Stock and Share Markets, we include in our columns a weekly Money Article, written by one of our Craft actively engaged in the markets. It is written without prejudice, and with a view to give a general idea of what is going on from week to week. As the writer of the article has some twenty years' experience of the subject, and may fairly say that he knows the ways of doing business, *what* is *what* and *who* is *who*, he will be pleased to answer any inquiries addressed to the Editor, where advice is asked, upon whatever requires explanation, so that pleasure and profit may be the result. Any letter sent to us, and any reply given, will be treated "on the square."

CAPEL COURT, DECEMBER 5TH, 1888.

There is now more ease in the Money Market, but it is generally felt that this is only temporary, although a renewal of the extreme pressure noticed a few weeks ago is not feared. Business on the Stock Exchange is confined within very narrow limits, the public holding aloof from entering into fresh transactions at this time of the year, and this quietude may be expected to last for some weeks longer. More activity has been shown in the Mining Market where the mad gamble in South African shares is still continued, but even here, we imagine, there is more pretence than reality, the dealers having most of the trade amongst themselves. The greater number of these mines are untried and it is only here and there that there will be found to be anything like a paying property. However, it is only by pushing prices up that buyers can be brought in, so the dealers are no doubt right in making a move.

The prospectus of the New Russian Loan is out somewhat before it was expected, and although everybody is advising others not to subscribe to it, I have very little doubt but that it will be well covered. The price of issue is £85 8s. 6d., which compares not unfavourably with the other four per cent. loan. Looking at the foreign market there seems to be very little doing just now, and the changes in prices not worth noticing; and there is room for further depreciation before the end of the month. Paris houses are so largely interested in Panama Canal shares and bonds that the doubtful condition of that scheme is making the leading financiers there extremely careful as to their commitments in the immediate future, and were it not for this there is no doubt that a better rise in Rio Tinto shares would have been marked. As it is the price is looking up, and will, I think, improve much more before long.

There is one property which I am doubtful about, and that is Mexican Rails. The great increases in traffics which have been so confidently prophesied do not come, and up to this time the total increase for the half-year is only £6,000 gross, while there is the cost of extra repairs to be allowed for, as well as extra haulage expenses. There is, it is true, an advance in the rate of exchange, but this will only affect the latter part of the period, so that the average will be about the same as last half-year. We may now almost venture to form some calculation as to what the result of the half-year's working will be, and although the first preference stock will not be affected, I do not expect to see a full dividend on the second preference.

American Rails do not seem inclined to settle upon their future course. We have a cable from Chicago to the effect that traffic rates are to be advanced on the 17th inst., and at the same time there is a further fall in prices in New York, as though either one or the other cable was for the special purpose of bewildering the London market. For a day or two we shall probably have a rising market, to be followed by greater depression than before, and lower prices.

The apparent immediate future of Grand Trunks is a slight rise, but this will not last for long.

English Rails are, after all, the best market for the speculator to deal in, and the last week has seen an appreciable advance in quotations. Last week I called attention to them, and again I do so. If the readers of THE MASONIC STAR will go back to past history, they will see, by referring to Little and Cherry's making-up prices on the London Stock Exchange, that the greatest move of the year in 1887 in Home railways took place between the end of November and the middle of December settlements, and, in most cases, the best prices of the year were touched during that period, that is to say, during this current month, and everything, in my opinion, points to a repetition. The one stock I would not touch is North British, as the best has already been anticipated.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

EXCHANGE.—The Russian 1873 loan was issued at 93.

LANGLAATE.—The capital is £50,000, in shares of £1 each. Formed in 1886.

No. 40.—Please give the full name of the Bank, so that we may give you a reply.

TERRY'S THEATRE.

Sole Lessee, Mr. Edward Terry.

THIS EVENING at 8.30. SWEET LAVENDER. Messrs. Edward Terry Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, F. Kerr, H. Reeves Smith, S. Matthews, Prince Miller; Mesdames M. A. Victor, C. Addison, M. Millett, and Blanche Horlock.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on November 29th, in the Masonic Hall, Douglas. A large number of the most distinguished brethren in the province supported the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. J. S. Goldie-Taubman. The minutes of October 11th, 1887, having been read and confirmed, it was resolved to leave with the P.G.M. the selection of P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year, and he accordingly nominated Bro. Alex. Bruce to the post. The P.G.M. announced that, in recognition of Bro. Nesbitt's invaluable services, not only to that lodge in particular, but to the craft in the Island, he had conferred upon him the rank of P.P.S.G.W. Bro. Swinnerton moved, as recommendation from the Spencer Walpole Lodge, "That with a view to securing uniformity of working, the Prov. Grand Lodge be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to promote the holding of combined lodges of instruction." He pointed out that in some Insular lodges there were variations in working which did not affect any points of principle, but which would be bettdr removed, and the whole province brought to work on one uniform system.—After some discussion, the matter was referred to a representative committee, to report to a later meeting.

At the Banquet, the usual loyal and masonic toasts having been honoured, the Prov. G.M. urged upon Masters of lodges that they should investigate very carefully the characters of persons they admitted into the craft, as one black sheep very often brought discredit on the whole lodge. Though they were glad to see joining members, they did not wish to increase in numbers at the expense of their character (hear, hear). Due care in this direction would add to the prestige of the craft, and would increase its power —for it was already a powerful body and could do a great deal more than they thought, if they only pulled together. The craft would also advance in the eyes of the world at large, if they managed to to build up a large charity fund, so that Masons might at least keep their own poor, and not leave them to be a drag on the people outside. He did not say they ought not to subscribe to things outside, but they certainly should try to build up a large charity fund, so that if affliction came upon a brother, he or his family could be relieved.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

On the 28th ulto., a new lodge, the Thornham, was consecrated at Royton, East Lancashire, when a number of Prov. Gd. officers were present; amongst whom were Bros. Col. L. Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M.; A. Clegg, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. J. J. Bygoe Bagot, Prov. G.C.; J. H. Tillitoe, P.P.S.G.W.; Pemberton, Prov. G.D.C.; Hollingworth, P.P.G.T.; Bro. Greaves, P.P.G., Sdt. of Wks. Bro. Col. Starkie officiated as the consecrating officer. An impressive oration dealing with the duties devolving upon those who have entered the order was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. J. B. Bagot, P.G.C. Bro. J. H. Tillitoe, P.P.S.G.W. then installed as first W.M. Bro. Haworth. Bro. H. L. Hollingworth invested the officers as follows: Bros. Young, S.W.; J. H. Harrison, J.W.; Riley, S.D.; C. Whittaker, Secretary; Meanock, Treasurer; J. H. Riley, I.G. By this addition, there are now 98 lodges in the province of East Lancashire.

STUART LODGE—No. 1632.—At the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 26th inst. In the absence of Bro. Henry E. Vickers, the W.M., through illness, Bro. Alfred Bannister, I.P.M., presided, Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acting as I.P.M. There were also present:—Bros. Charles Stuart Barker, P.M., acting as D.C.; C. Linsey, S.W.; Edward Pettit, J.W.; T. Poore, P.M., Secretary; G. H. G. Morgan, Organist, S.D.; Charles Friern, J.D.; R. Barham, P.M., A.D.C.; A. J. Croft, I.G.; James Bolding, W.S.; E. W. Westwood, W. H. Vickers, W. Cyril Beaumont, W. Bolding, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Chas. Everist, P.M. 720; Archbd. Walden, 2146; A. Jones, S.D. 1949; and Bro. Rushton Odell, Organist, 2077. A vote of sympathy with the W.M. in his illness consequent on a fall about a month ago, whereby he sustained concussion of the spine, was passed. Mr. William Cyril Beaumont, stockbroker, of Upper Norwood, was duly initiated into Freemasonry and Bro. Edward Westwood was raised, both ceremonies being rendered very impressively. After supper the usual masonic toasts were honoured and a very pleasant evening was spent. Bros. Pettit, Westwood, Baldwin, Poore, Odell and others rendering songs and recitations in capital style. A committee was formed for the purpose of starting a Lodge of Instruction in connection with this Lodge.

LEWIS CHAPTER—No. 1185.—On Saturday, the 24th ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. Comps. Geo. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. H. Crowther, P.Z., H.; H. T. Thompson, P.Z., acting J.; Geo. J. Row, P.Z., Scribe E. and Treasurer; Hildreth, S.N.; Carr, P.S.; Cushing, 1st A.S.; Crunden, 2nd A.S.; Dr. Morris, Orme, Curry, &c., and Rowe, Janitor. The balance sheet was read and adopted. Bro. Henry Curry, late of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228, was exalted by the M.E.Z. Comp. Hildreth announced his intention of serving as steward for the R.M.B.I., representing the chapter, and five guineas were unanimously voted on his list. Two propositions for exaltation in February next were received. The chapter was closed, and the comps. adjourned to the banquet. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the exaltee who had been initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I. Comp. Hildreth, a visitor from America, thanked the Chapter for its cordial welcome and gave an interesting account of Royal Arch Freemasonry in America.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER.—At St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on the 29th ult. Comp. W. C. Wigley, M.E.Z.; J. McLaren, H.; W. B. Kidder, J.; J. E. Sheffield, Scribe E.; N. Salmon, P.S.; and several other companions. The ceremony of exaltation was very ably rehearsed and a very instructive evening resulted. Meetings weekly, on Thursday, at eight p.m. sharp.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

STAR—No. 1275.—Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, Saturday 1st inst.; Bro. Walter Martin, Preceptor, W.M.; Bros. Judge, S.W.; Falkner, J.W.; Wilkinson, Secretary; Barrett, S.D.; Ashby, J.D.; Sykes, I.G.; Newell, Organist. The first meeting of this lodge of instruction, in its new home, brought together nearly 50 members of the craft, and for many reasons the brethren are to be congratulated on their removal. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas candidate; after which the ceremony of installation was very ably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Eagles acting as W.M. elect. Bros. Featherston, Morgan, Overton and Scott were elected members. Bro. Judge, S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and a sum of money was then voted towards a deserving charitable object in the neighbourhood of Deptford.

ZETLAND—No. 511.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, N.W. Bros. Hill, W.M.; Casely, S.W.; Rex, J.W.; Mulvey, Preceptor; H. Lichtenfield, Secretary; Clarke, S.D.; Bartlett, J.D.; Marriott, I.G.; Gittens, Schieu, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marriott candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Mulvey, Bro. Hill acting as W.M. elect. The second section of the first lecture was worked by the W.M. assisted by Bro. Schieu. Bro. Casely, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—At the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on the 29th ult.—Bro. King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor.—Bros. Wade, W.M.; Wing, S.W.; Bond, J.W.; Shell, S.D.; Salter, J.D.; Brasier, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Secretary; Magee, P.M.; Jolliffe, Roffey, Porter, Holmes, McMullen, Ackerman, Burges, Ewen and Johnson. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Ewen as candidate. The first section was worked by the Preceptor. Bro. Wing was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

BEACONSFIELD—1662.—At the Chequers' Hotel, Walthamstow, on the 26th ult., about thirty brethren participated in a social gathering and supper, under the presidency of Bro. J. Wildash, P.M. of the mother lodge. Bro. T. Franklin, P.M. 1662, occupied the vice-chair, and amongst the company we noticed Bros. F. Carr, P.M.; W. Hallows, P.M.; S. Jackson; H. Inman, W.M. 1662; C. Avison, C. Collins, Sir W. Macgregor, Bart., H. French Bromhead, Hon. Sec., &c. A most pleasant and successful entertainment was accompanied by songs and recitations, and was brought to a close in perfect harmony.

EBURY—1348.—At the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, on the 29th ult. Bros. Griggs, W.M.; Beavan, S.W.; Stevens, J.W.; Wimble, S.D.; Hobbs, J.D.; Ingram, I.G.; Warren, P.M., Actg. Preceptor; Thomson, Actg. Secretary; James, and others. The ceremonies of the two first degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Wimble candidate. The first and second sections were also worked. Bro. Thomson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after a most instructive evening the meeting adjourned.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—At the George Inn, Catford, on the 28th ult., the ceremony of installation of W.M. was rehearsed by W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., in the presence of a gathering of brethren, Past Masters, and others, which would have been larger but for the inclemency of the weather. The addresses were delivered in a very efficient manner by Bro. J. T. Axford, S.W. of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, who thereby gave evidence of the masonic proficiency and qualification for the higher duties of his chair, to which it is likely he will be presently elected.

JOPPA LODGE—No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Bro. E. Ansell, W.M.—Bros. F. Jones, S.W.; Garrard, J.W.; Thom, Preceptor; Saqui, Secretary; Poynter, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Lockstone, I.G.; Poppmacher, Cohen, Goodinge, Marcus, and Marks. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Poppmacher candidate. Bro. Thom worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the first lecture. Bro. Jones, S.W., was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.; Bro. F. Jones, W.M.; Bros. Goodinge, S.W.; P.M. Chillingworth, J.W.; Thom, Preceptor; H. Saqui, Secretary; Liscombe, S.D.; Danziger, J.D.; J. Botibol, I.G.: also Bros. Marks, Nightingale, Poppmacher, Marcus, Lockstone, Dodd, Rosenberg, H. Lazarus, J. Davis, Pége, Garrard; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marks candidate. Bro. Danziger worked the 1st section of the first lecture, and Bro. Thom worked the 4th section of the first lecture.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—No. 1275.—On Friday, 30th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; G. L. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; V. S. Murché, J.; Stone, S.E.; Jackson, S.N.; Meierhoff, P.S.; Oldfield, A.S.; Benedetti; Addington, M.E.Z. Elect, 1275; Fleck, Briant, Davis, and C. Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Fleck personating candidate. Comp. Jackson, S.N., 169, was unanimously elected a joining member. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

PROSPERITY LODGE—No. 65.—The annual supper was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Bro. D. Moss, P.M. 1275, Preceptor, presided, Bro. Roberts, P.M. 65, occupying the vice-chair. There were present: Bros. Lashbrooke, Treasurer; Cary, S.D. 1625, Secretary; B. Da Costa, S.D. 1349; L. Da Costa, S.W. 1349; Stone, Fisher, Sarson, Hancock, 192; B. Valentine, A. Valentine, Simmons, Holmes, Rouse, Waterman, Jarrams, Corry, 392. The usual toasts were given and a pleasant evening enlivened by song was passed.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

Masonic Exchange & Mart Column

*** *In answer to several enquiries we desire to state that this column will be open to all subscribers to* THE MASONIC STAR *without charge, for the present at any rate. We wish to see whether or not it is of use for the purpose intended before we make any definite arrangement as to its continuance.*—ED. M.S.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Calcill's Candid Disquisition of the Principles of Freemasonry, 1769 — *Trewman's Principles of Freemasonry*, 1777 — *The Unparalleled Sufferings of John Custos, tortured by the Inquisition*, Plates and List of R.A. Chapters, 17—. — *Masonic Effusions*, F. C. Daniel, 1819—*A Masonic Treatise, with an Elucidation*, W. Finch, 1802— *Vestiges of Genuine Freemasonry*, M. Margalouth, 1852—*The Masonic Charities*, G. Taylor—*An Investigation of the cause of hostility of the Church of Rome towards Freemasonry*, 187-.—*An Essay on the Origin of Freemasonry*, 1880—*Preston's Illustrations*, 1788, 1801, 1812, 1821, 1841—*Freemason's Quarterly Magazine and Review*, 1851-2-3-4-5, in Parts as issued.—T.F.

Speculative Masonry, J. Yarker — *History and Articles of Masonry*, M. Cooke—*Masonic Vocal Manual*, W. Garforth, 1852—*Lectures on Freemasonry*, G. D. Goodyear, 1864—*Lyre Maconnique*, J. A. Jacquelin, 1811—*Code des Francmacons*, 1830—*Masonic Miscellanies*, S. Jones, 1797—*The Anti-Christian Character of Freemasonry*, M. C. Trevilian, 1849 (supposed).—BELL.

WANTED.

The Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror, vols. xvii. to xxiv.—ASPIRANT.

The Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror, for 1866, March 31st; 1868, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, July 11th, 18th and 25th, Sept. 19th and 26th, Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, Dec. 10th; 1869, May 27th, July 1st, 8th and 15th, Sept. 30th, Oct. 7th, 14th and 21st, Nov. 4th and 11th; 1870, Sept. 3rd, 10th and 24th, &c.; and *Freemason's Magazine*, for 1798, 2 vols., 8vo, London. Will purchase in odd parts or volumes, or good exchanges. —T. F.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787-1813—*Royal Arch Regulations before* 1823 —*Preston's Illustrations*, 1772, 1775—*Sketches and Reprints*, W. J. Hughan. First Part, 1871—*Constitutions*, 1855, 1861, 1866—And the following histories: *Freemasonry in Inverness — In China-Amoy—At Bottoms Eastwood—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship—St. Hilda Lodge, South Shields—Imperial George Lodge—Britannic Lodge—Kelso Lodge—Grand Lodge Report, December*, 1871.—T.F.

Ahiman Rezon, 1787, 1800, 1801, 1813—*G. L. Constitutions*, 1855, '61, '65, '66, '67, 8vo.—*Royal Arch Regulations*, 1864, 1879—*Proceedings of Grand Lodge*, December, 1871.—BELL.

*** *We await information as to results of negotiations opened, and are surprised that we are not, in many instances, informed when business is concluded*—ED. M.S.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall St., E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hotel
227	Ionic...	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.
538	La Tolerance	Ditto
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand, W.C.
1361	United Service	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1425	Hyde Park...	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton Heath, nr. Crydn.
2128	United Northern Counties ...	Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields
R.A.C.		
2	St. James's	F. M. H.
9	Mount Moriah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
174	Sincerity	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
1381	Kennington...	Horns Tav., Kennington
Mark.		
197	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.

(1st) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1275	Star	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1489	Marquis of Ripon	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1627	Royal Kensington	F. M. H.
1815	Penge	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1891	St. Ambrose	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington
R.A.C.		
8	British	F. M. H.
Mark.		
8	Thistle	F. M. T.

(2nd) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th.

108	London	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
173	Phœnix	F. M. H.
1426	The Great City ... ...at 4...	Cannon Street Hotel
1671	Mizpah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1928	Gallery	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964	Clerkenwell	Holborn Viaduct Hot.
R.A.C.		
1297	West Kent	Thicket Hot., Anerley
1397	Anerley	Ditto

(2nd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th.

5	St. George's and Corner Stone...	F. M. H.
29	St. Alban's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
90	St. John's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136	Good Report	Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
957	Leigh	F. M. H.
1305	St. Marylebone	Criterion, Piccadilly
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1670	Adelphi	F. M. H.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard	Vestry Hall, Bow Road
2030	The Abbey	Town Hall, Westminster
R.A.C.		
22	Mount Sion	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1118	University	F. M. H.
R.C.		
53	Holy Sanctuary	33, Golden Square, W.

(2nd) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.

96	Burlington	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
180	St. James's Union...	F. M. H.
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
235	Nine Muses	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548	Wellington...	White Swan Tav., Deptford
834	Ranelagh	Criterion, Piccadilly
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1969	Waldeck	F. M. H.
2256	The Warner	Chingford, Essex
R.A.C.		
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
185	Jerusalem	Ditto
Mark.		
223	West Smithfield	Sa, Red Lion Square, W.C.
236	Clapton	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
R.C.		
71	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.

(2nd) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th.

3	Fidelity	F. M. H.
11	Enoch	Ditto
13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
15	Kent...	F. M. H.
147	Justice	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse
1260	John Hervey	F. M. H.
1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1349	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool Street
1586	Upper Norwood	White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1610	Northern Bar	33, Golden Square, W.
1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1718	Centurion	Inns of Court Hotel
1900	Montague Guest	Ditto
2183	Royal Hampton Court	Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C.R.		
1	Grand Metropolitan	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

(2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Ley Spring...	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1791	Creaton	F. M. H.
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
907	Royal Albert	White Hart Tav., Abchurch Lane
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
Mark.		
7	Carnarvon	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
86	Samson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T.		
117	New Temple	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	24th Dec	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	2nd Jan	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	18th Dec	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	11th Dec	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	10th Dec	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	13th Dec	Ditto
887	Leigh	23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford	24th Dec	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Dec	Ditto
1016	Elkington	?25th Dec	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	12th Dec	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Dec	Ditto
1180	Forward	7th Jan	Ditto
1474	Israel	10th Dec	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	18th Dec	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	12th Dec	Ditto
221	St. John	19th Dec	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Dec	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	11th Dec	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	17th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	20th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	1st Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales TO-MR.,	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	17th Dec	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	21st Dec	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	1st Jan	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Dec	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	15th Dec	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	11th Dec	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Dec	Ditto
1947	Stanford	12th Dec	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	1st Jan	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	12th Dec	Ditto
326	Moira	20th Dec	Ditto
610	Colston	19th Dec	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	11th Dec	Ditto
1388	Canynges	5th Jan	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell	24th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort	?25th Dec	Ditto
187	Charity TO-DAY,	6th Dec	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief 20th Dec (?	27th Dec)	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Dec	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	13th Dec	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	3rd Jan	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	27th Dec	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	10th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	7th Jan	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	?18th Dec	Ditto
1422	Alma Mater ...	20th Dec	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	19th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	?25th Dec	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	12th Dec	Ditto
802	Repose	20th Dec	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Canna	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	12th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	6th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	12th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	2nd Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce TO-MOR.,	7th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	2nd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	11th Dec	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	1st Jan	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	19th Dec	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	11th Dec	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	10th Dec	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ...?	16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity TO-DAY,	6th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	26th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	7th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	7th Jan	Ditto
1221	Defence	10th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	8th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	11th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	9th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	9th Jan	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	20th Dec	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	28th Dec	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	11th Dec	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	26th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	20th Dec	Ditto
216	Harmonic	13th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	11th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	6th Dec	Ditto
292	Sincerity	10th Dec	Ditto
594	Downshire	27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance	18th Dec	Ditto
673	St. John	1st Jan	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR.,	7th Dec	Ditto
724	Derby	26th Dec	Ditto
786	United Service ...	13th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	19th Dec	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
1094	Temple	12th Dec	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh	13th Dec	Ditto
1264	Neptune	7th Jan	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	24th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	10th Dec	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	12th Dec	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	17th Dec	Ditto
1505	Emulation	27th Dec	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	12th Dec	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Dec	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	?25th Dec	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	2nd Jan	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	?25th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	2nd Jan	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	17th Dec	Ditto
2215	Anfield	27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	17th Dec	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	1st Jan	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Dec	Ditto
241	Friendship	24th Dec	Ditto
249	Mariners	17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool	24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's	12th Dec	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	16th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel	11th Dec	Ditto

NOTE.—Fourth Tuesday in December is CHRISTMAS DAY, and ? meetings on that date.

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship TO-MOR.,	7th Dec	Albion Hotel
62	Social	31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	21st Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	26th Dec	Ditto
204	Caledonian	12th Dec	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	6th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	19th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	19th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair	14th Dec	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	12th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	27th Dec	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	2nd Jan	*Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton*
993	Alexandra	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Dec	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	20th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	18th Dec	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	13th Dec	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	7th Jan	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	26th Dec	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	1st Jan	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	13th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	1st Jan	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	17th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	26th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	14th Dec	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	20th Dec	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	26th Dec	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	21st Dec	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	7th Jan	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	1st Jan	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Dec	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	12th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	10th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude TO-DAY,	6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	5th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	21st Dec	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne TO-DY,	6th Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	10th Dec	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	12th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	27th Dec	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	14th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	28th Dec	Ditto
1863	Priory	13th Dec	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	18th Dec	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	(?)	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	19th Dec	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	13th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	28th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	9th Jan	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	1st Jan	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	11th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	18th Dec	Ditto
807	Cabbell	27th Dec	Ditto
943	Sincerity	?25th Dec	Ditto
1500	Walpole TO-DAY,	6th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	18th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	10th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell TO-MOR.,	7th Dec	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1435	Annesley	28th Dec	Ditto
1794	De Vere	21st Dec	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	17th Dec	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	27th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	1st Jan	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie	11th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	27th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	10th Dec	Ditto
156	Harmony	7th Jan	Ditto
159	Brunswick	2nd Jan	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	10th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	18th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	6th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	11th Dec	Ditto
1205	Metham	17th Dec	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	13th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	17th Dec	Ditto
1550	Prudence	5th Jan	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	11th Dec	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	?25th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	28th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	26th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	19th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	13th Dec	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	10th Dec	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	14th Dec	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	20th Dec	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	?25th Dec	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	24th Dec	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	17th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	12th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	11th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	13th Dec	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Dec	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	?25th Dec	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Gloucester ..	13th Dec	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	17th Dec	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	20th Dec	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	28th Dec	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	1st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DAY,	6th Dec	Ditto
359	Peace TO-MOR.,	7th Dec	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Dec	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	11th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	13th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	21st Dec	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	28th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

NOTE.—Fourth Tuesday in December is CHRISTMAS DAY, and ? meetings on that date.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th.			
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„	7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales	„	7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th.			
9	Albion	at	—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„	8	(?)
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„	7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W.
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-bury
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bromley
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„	7	(?)
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(2nd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th.			
22	Loughborough	at	8	Ganden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	(2nd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th—*continued.*			
1507	Metropolitan	at	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C				
206	Hope	„	—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Waltham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
861	Finsbury	„	—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside.
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th.			
3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry	„	8.30	(?)
193	Confidence	„	7	(?)
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1922	Earl of Lathom	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„	7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 1st Thursday in December (*see ante*).

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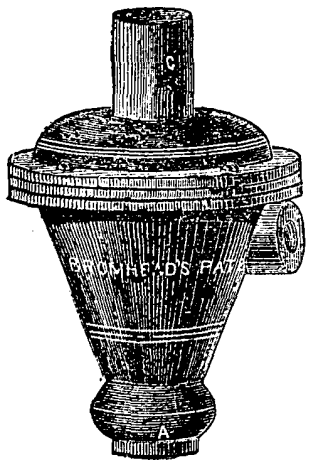
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United Grand Lodge of England.

THE Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 5th inst., the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., on the throne of K.S. The large hall was fully occupied by a brilliant assembly, amongst whom were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, *M.P.*, R.W. Prov. G.M., Hants and the Isle of Wight, who officiated during the first part of the meeting as Deputy Grand Master, and subsequently as M.W.G.M. in the chair; Lieut.-Col. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., as Grand Senior Warden in the absence of the Lord High Chancellor; The Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. G.M. for Suffolk as Grand Junior Warden, in the absence of Bro. Lord John Taylour; and a large number of Grand and Past Grand Officers. The usual preliminaries having been observed, a letter from His Majesty the King of Sweden acknowledging the presentation of the insignia of his rank as Past Grand Master of English Freemasons, and expressing the hope for the continuance of the friendly relations existing between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden was read, received with much enthusiasm, and recorded. The Pro Grand Master, The Earl of Carnarvon, submitted, in most felicitous terms, a resolution on behalf of The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, for the recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England of the recently constituted United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, over which our greatly distinguished and popular brother, Lord Carrington, the Governor of the Colony, has been appointed, and was recently installed M.W.G.M. In the course of his most admirable speech the Pro Grand Master inadvertently stated that the ceremonial of the Installation of His Excellency Lord Carrington took place in the presence of between 400 and 500 Masons. His Lordship really meant thousands, the *Illustrated Sydney News*, of the 27th Sept., stating that the Exhibition Building, Prince Albert Park, occupied by above "4,000 Masons, each wearing more or less regalia, made the scene indeed an imposing one, and one which will not easily be forgotten." Referring to the almost perfect unanimity with which the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales had been formed, the Pro Grand Master stated that, so far as was known, no single lodge in the Colony was dissentient, although two or three lodges had not yet assented. There are 82 English lodges, 56 Scotch and 51 under the formerly dissentient Grand Lodge which have accepted the Union, and there can be no doubt that the self-government which they have secured by such Union will tend greatly to the prosperity of the Order in that part of the world. We greatly regret that our limited space prevents a verbatim report of the whole of the Pro Grand Master's address, for it was in every respect worthy of the important occasion. It is almost needless to add that, after a brief but lucid exposition of the principle of recognition between Grand Lodges by the V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, who seconded the proposition, the resolution was carried enthusiastically. The subsequent announcement made by the Pro Grand Master, that His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master had consented to become the Patron of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was also most cordially received. Bros. Sir J. H. Gorst, Q.C., and Under Secretary of State for India, W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, in a speech which was listened to with great attention, nominated His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., as Grand Master for the ensuing year. The Earl of Carnarvon, being on the eve of a journey, then retired amidst the plaudits of the assembled brethren, and the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, took the Grand Master's chair.

Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry, P.M., Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, &c., &c., and Bro. George Everett, P.M., Domatic Lodge, No. 177, &c., were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer by, respectively, Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, and Bro. Ferguson, P.M. Domatic Lodge, No. 177. The speech of each nominator set forth the Masonic qualifications of the candidate nominated, and we reproduce both in another column. The M.W.G.M. having reappointed Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, that brother was reinvested by the acting Grand Master; who then announced that Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., and Chas. Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., had been re-elected Senior and Vice Presidents respectively of that Board, upon which were also elected to serve:—Bros. George Pole Britten, 183; William

Peter Brown, 90; Thomas Cull, 1446; George A. Cundy, 901; Charles Dairy, 141; James Burgess Grieve, 1351; Lewis Christopher Haslip, 813; David D. Mercer, 1641; George Read, 511; Francis R. Spaull, 1768; Robert J. Taylor, 144; and Alfred Cooper Woodward, 1538.

Recommendations of the Board of Benevolence for grants from Grand Lodge to the amount of £750 were adopted, and the report of the Board of General Purposes, dated 20th Nov., which showed a balance in the Bank of England of £4,026 0s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £24 8s. 7d., was accepted. W. Bro. John F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sword Bearer, moved—"That in Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, the five words, 'receive due notice in writing' in line 4, be taken out, and the following inserted in their place: 'had due notice sent to him in writing by the secretary of his lodge in a registered letter to his last known address.'" "Also, in line 10, to add the words 'who vote' after the word 'present.'" This was seconded by Bro. Wm. Beavis, P.M., W.M. Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, and Prov. G. Pst. Middx., but met with strenuous opposition from Bro. Brackstone Baker, the Grand Registrar, and Bro. T. Fenn, and was lost. The subject is an important one, and will be probably further discussed in our pages. An appeal, by the Star in the East Lodge, No. 918, Queenstown, South Africa, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of South Africa (E.D.) cancelling a sentence of exclusion passed by the lodge on Bro. William Bands for alleged masonic offences was brought up by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, who explained that the unmasonic conduct complained of was that Bro. Bands was Master of a lodge under the jurisdiction of Scotland, in the same district, and had *said* he should induce candidates and joining members to enter that lodge in preference to Star in the East, No. 918 (E.C.) As the Grand Registrar said "there is nothing unmasonic in a brother of an English Lodge being a member of a Scotch or Irish lodge," the appeal was dismissed, and the District Grand Master's decision upheld. This terminated a most interesting and practical evening's work, and Grand Lodge was closed in form. We cannot close this report of the proceedings without expressing, on behalf of numerous brethren, their appreciation of the charming organ recitals from the works of celebrated composers, admirably performed by Bro. Edward Cutler, Q.C., in the absence of the Grand Organist, during the assembling of Grand Lodge, prior to entry of the Grand Officers. Why the dull and tiresome hour of assembly cannot be *always* cheered by "softest music to attending ears" we are at a loss to discover; but have somewhat of an impression that "Grand Officers' Mess" has a great deal to do with it. If so, the sooner other arrangements are made in the interests of those who have a right to be considered, the better.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Frederick Walters, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D., Stephen Richardson, Walter J. Gregory, W. H. Saunders, George P. Gillard, George Mickley, M.A., M.B., W. Maple, W. W. Morgan, J. Glasse, F. W. Imbert-Terry, C. H. Webb, W. A. Scurrah, W. M. Stiles, Andrew Motion, A. E. Gladwell, G. R. Wace, J. S. Cumberland, J. L. Mather, P.A.G.C.; and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B., Secretary. Nine petitions were successively taken into consideration, six of which were accepted as candidates for the election in *April, 1889*; two were deferred, and one was rejected.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 6th inst., Bro. Frank Richardson in the chair, when the following recommendation of the General Committee was adopted—

"That the Centenary Committee be empowered to accept Messrs. Haden and Son's estimate for warming and ventilating the whole of the building in three sections, as under—

1. New Wing—Warming, ventilation, and hot water	£1,572	15	0
2. Centenary Hall, Corridors, &c.—Warming and ventilation	748	0	0
3. Whole of Existing Building—Warming and ventilation	1,364	10	0
	£3,685	6	0

Exclusive of builders' work—say £4,000 in all."

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF THE REV. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 220.)

THE early adoption of the Bible as a guide in a system which is steeped in allegory, would point to the source whence the early Freemasons derived their metaphors, even if we had no other means of forming an opinion. We have however in so many emblems direct references to the Bible, that it is not possible to deny that ours is a purely biblical symbology. The temple the Mason is to erect should be built as was Solomon's, viz., to the glory of God. And to illustrate the duty enjoined on us, to allow none but men of pure morals to share our labours, we are reminded that the Almighty refused to allow David to commence the work (afterwards undertaken by Solomon), for well-known reasons. As David was not allowed to build the Temple, so should we refuse to allow any men whose conduct must of necessity be displeasing to God to join in the work of Masonry.

At what period the bible was adopted in English Masonry as the Great Light we do not know, but we do know that it was considered a necessary part of lodge furniture prior to the erection of the Grand Lodge. The formation of the Grand Lodge did not in any way cancel any principle on which we insist. This body did not stipulate for attendance at holy church as a necessary act of obedience, but in the first Constitutions which it issued the Christian catholicity of Freemasonry was expressed.

There is less reason to suppose that the ritual has been much changed than there is regarding the lectures, although the latter seem to point to very much the same details, however much the interpretation of these details varies. Evidence dating prior to the middle of the last century indicates that in many important particulars our ceremonies, which are based on ritual, are at this day in remarkable accord with old lodge working. The student cannot but be struck with the identity of ceremony, showing that the changes which have taken place are only in the esoteric part of Masonry, the exoteric part being unaltered in all essentials. It is with this fact before us that we attach great importance to the teaching of the last century. Finding, therefore, that nearly every writer of that time insisted that Freemasonry and Christianity were almost identical we can but apply an esoteric Christian meaning to the allegory of the ritual. We are unable to see that any modern succession ever repudiated ancient principles; on the contrary, all unite in asserting that ancient Masonry, whatever it was, was preserved. Of the Christianity of Masonry prior to 1717 there has never been any doubt. The views which writers of the last century took of the ritual will be found in another chapter; our own are admittedly of the same complexion.

The Masonic ritual is consistent with what we have already stated. At the first introduction of the candidate we find that his morality has been a primary Masonic qualification, but this alone has not been deemed a sufficient voucher. Before an atom of Masonic information is vouchsafed to him, assurance has to be given that his religious conceptions are of such a nature as will enable him to appreciate Masonic teaching. It has been well said that a Christian must first be a Theist, so says Masonry regarding its candidates. A Deist believes in a God, it is true, but he does not believe we possess any knowledge of God's attributes, whereas the first declaration required from a Masonic candidate is that he believes in the efficacy of prayer to God. This primary condition is worthy of notice, for in it lies the essence of Theism. The Masonic requirement is emphatically that the candidate shall believe that God will hear and answer prayer, which necessarily involves some conception of God, or of his attributes. A Freemason is thus, perforce, in the first instance a Theist.

This is the chief condition. Should it appear that the candidate is unable to comply with it, he cannot advance; in such case provision has been made that he shall leave the lodge without in any way becoming acquainted with even the method of conducting lodge proceedings.

We next come to a supposition, on which much hangs. It is part of our symbolism to assume that the candidate is in a state of mental darkness, but desirous of receiving light, especially Masonic light. The first part of the first degree is an allegory of this. We care not whether he be a Christian, a Mahommedan, or a Hindoo; it is nothing to us. We have a candidate seeking for light, we believe we possess it, and it is part of the Masonic system that we should impart it to all such as we deem worthy to receive it. No matter how gross his conception of the Deity may be, if there exist, in the candidate, a trust in God such as we have described, we are bound to proceed with our instruction and attempt at enlightenment. The initiate having expressed a wish for Masonic light it is then for the first time intimated to him that the light of English Masonry is the English Bible. It is described as the volume of the sacred law.

We now draw attention to some expressions which have never been varied to any extent in English Ritual. It is taught that the sacred writings are to rule and govern our faith. There is no ambiguity in the exact words of the ritual, with which every brother must be familiar. The faith of an English Freemason should be ruled by the Bible. That is why the sacred volume is in his lodge: it is to him God's law. It contains the code which is to govern his faith and action.

The ritual states, in some brief words, which are not to be mistaken, however wilfully the dissentient might wish to misconstrue them, that it (the bible) is the unerring standard of truth and justice, and that a Mason should regulate his actions by the divine precepts contained therein. There is no use made of the indefinite article in the ritual—we are not left to believe that the bible is *an* unerring standard, although that would be pretty plain; we are told it is *the* unerring standard.

(*To be continued*).

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

SALUTATION TO AN ORIENTAL BROTHER,

These lines were directed to Hon. E. T. Rogers, now the chief commissioner of public instruction in Egypt.

How sweet is friendship in a foreign land!
How warm the pressure of fraternal hand,
When every other voice upon the ear
Falls cold and meaningless, or insincere!

Dear Friend, I swear your hospitable creed
Embodies all that Mason's heart can heed;
The courtesy, unwearied kindness, love—
The ruling principle in things above—
A genial manner, grateful to the soul,
And dignity of mien, to grace the whole.

Is this the work of Masonry? why then
Honour to Masonry, we'll shout again!
But no; 'tis the Great Master Builder's Craft,
Intent on shaping one exquisite shaft.
God makes the good man; ours the humbler part,
To indorse the work, and polish it with Art.

Around thee let me, with prophetic eye,
A band of Moral Architects espy—
Warm with thy fervor, in thy wisdom wise,
Seeking through Masonry a goodly prize;
Bounteous in charities, in honour true,
Yielding to man and God the guerdon due;
Brave in the truth as to each one 'tis shown,
And bold with justice, fearing God alone.

Thus circled, honoured, blest by old and young,
Thy years shall pass as one continued song;
The Temple, rising 'neath thy Master care,
Golden inscriptions in thy praise shall bear.
Jew, Christian, Moslem, blent in one by thee,
Shall show the world how Masons can agree;
And influenced by thy wise and timely thought,
Blood feuds and hatreds shall be all forgot.

Then shall this epitaph as thine be given;
"Faithful and true, *his wages* are in Heaven."

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The fifteen sections will be worked in the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, at the Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, W.C., by the members of the New Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, to-morrow, Friday, 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Bros. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, W.M.; H. Jenkins, S.W. 860, S.W.; J. C. Cross, W.M. 902, J.W.; W. Batty, P.M., Preceptor; G. C. Stafford, Secretary, 6, Doughty Street, W.C.

——The "Old Masonians" will entertain their friends at a social meeting at Anderton's Hotel, E.C., to-morrow, Friday, the 14th inst., at 8.30 p.m., Mr. R. Harold Williams presiding.

——On the 4th January, a complimentary banquet will be given in honour of the return of Bro. Geo. Collins, 1641, at the head of the poll for the Greenwich Division of the London School Board. Bro. T. E. Heller, P.M., 1641, P.Z., 1329, is actively engaged in making arrangements.

——Bro. J. H. McQueen, who twice occupied the chair of Enoch Lodge, No. 11, will be installed as successor to Bro. Dr. Barker, in the chair of W.M., in the Sandown Lodge, 1869, on Thursday, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Sandown, Isle of Wight.

——The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669, W.M., will hold its next regular meeting at the head quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Flodden Road, Camberwell, this evening, 13th inst., at 7 p.m.

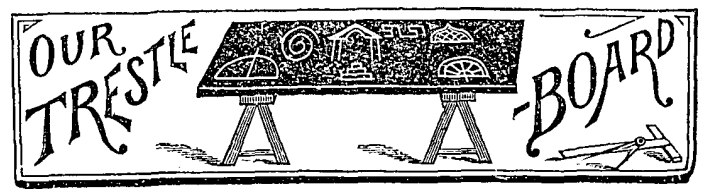
——The York Lodge, No. 236, Bro. W. Smith, W.M., will hold its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m. The ceremony of installing Bro. S. Border, the W.M. elect, will be performed by W. Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. and Lodge Treasurer. Banquet at 6.30.

——The fourth meeting for the session of the Union Lodge of Instruction, the principal school for masonic tuition in Leicester, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, to-morrow, 14th inst., at 7.30 p.m. We recommend brethren visitors to the town to visit this lodge when opportunity affords; they may be sure of a hearty welcome.

——The Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, W. Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, W.M., will hold a Lodge of Emergency, on Wednesday, 19th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, to forward the completion of the masonic introduction of Bro. J. B. Shepherd, prior to his departure to America. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. The proceedings are to be followed by a dance at the Town Hall at 8.30, it being the intention, evidently, of our Dunmow friends to give Bro. Shepherd a pleasant "send off."

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, N., on Wednesday evening, 19th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock. Bros. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205, W.M.; J. A. Powell, 186 S.W.; T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695, J.W.; Rich. Heslop, 1695, Sec.

——The Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, now meets every Saturday at seven o'clock, at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E. Preceptor, Bro. Walter Martin, P.M.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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We promised to answer P.P.G.J.W.'s letter in our last number on the subject of the closing of lodges fully in this, but want of space must necessarily make our answers brief. First then: we believe there are scores upon scores of W.M's. who have no idea what a board of Installed Masters means. Secondly: that the Provinces are most certainly far in advance of the Metropolis, generally speaking, in correctness of ritual and ceremonial working. Thirdly: that the "little blue book," to which reference is made, is at variance with the teachings of a quarter of a century ago, and never was authorised by the Emulation Lodge. Fourthly: that Freemasons of some two or three years' standing, armed with such so-called "authorised versions," ought not to be permitted to overrule older and more experienced brethren. And lastly: that the time is fast approaching when something will have to be done to prevent the continuance of innovations in the ritual of 1813, and secure a nearer approach to uniformity than we have at present.

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In reference to the forthcoming election of Grand Treasurer, CARADOS, in *The Referee*, thus writes:—"Masonic Refereaders may be interested to know that on Wednesday their esteemed brother, Mr. George Everett, was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England. My excuse for mentioning this is that, though not an actor himself, Mr. Everett is very well known to many actors who are masons, and I shall make bold to ask them for their suffrages on this occasion. If thirty years of hard work and steady devotion to the best interests of the craft counts for anything—and it should—Mr. Everett's chance on the day of election will be second to none. If elected, he will be the right man in the right place. I know Everett to be a real good fellow, and PENDRAGON and DAGONET, who are both friends of his, and BORIS and the NOTIONS MERCHANT, who are ditto ditto, cordially unite with me in giving him their good wishes." The words "and it should" are straight and to the point, and go well with other words in frequent use, although not put into invariable practice amongst us, "all preferment amongst masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only."

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"SUBSCRIBER," in last week's correspondence column, called our attention to a correction which we made, and in respect of which he has been good enough to correct us. Until now we have always spoken of Chapters of *Improvement* and not of *Instruction*; but making the reference to the Royal Arch Regulations, edition 1886, we find, as "Subscriber" states, that the style now adopted is "Chapters of *Instruction*," and so for the future we must accept it. Will any of our companions inform us when and under what circumstances the "ancient" appellation was abandoned!

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It is very pleasant to observe that, during the past few years, the custom of "greetings" from W. Masters of Lodges to the members thereof, at Christmas time, has greatly increased. Amongst the many tokens of courtesy and good feeling, we have ourselves received in the shape of Xmas and New Year's "cards" not the least esteemed are those which we keep in the masonic compartment of our library. We would suggest a continuance of this custom in the season, now at hand, and a preliminary inspection of our Bro. Hills' (Hamilton and Hills, Paternoster-row) stock of appropriate masonic designs before selection.

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BRO. WOODWARD'S MOTION IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I think the craft at large is greatly indebted to Bro. Woodward for bringing forward his motion in Grand Lodge on Wednesday night, as he clearly showed how unsatisfactorily Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, worked; and had the brethren realised the true issue, and not accepted the one propounded by Bros. Fenn and Philbrick, the original motion would certainly have been carried.

It is much to be regretted the acting M.W.G.M. did not put the question from the chair in an intelligible manner, as a large number of brethren sitting near me voted for the amendment, thinking it was Bro. Woodward's motion that was put, not Bro. Philbrick's amendment, and after G.L. was closed were exceedingly annoyed when they found out their mistake. There was also much dissatisfaction expressed that the M.W.G.M. did not request Bro. Brackston Baker to withdraw the word "tinkering," as unmasonic. Were the other amendments that have been made to the Book of Constitutions "tinkerings"? I do not think the Grand Secretary would be very pleased if a brother wrote for a copy of the "tinkerings" he issued some time ago. Why then should such an invidious remark be applied to Bro. Woodward's practical motion?

Why did the M.W.G.M., after stating that he would put the two amendments separately, put them as one, the very instant Bro. Fenn sat down, without giving Bro. Woodward the opportunity to reply?

Such a proceeding is quite contrary to Rule 69, Book of Constitutions, which says, "The mover of the original motion shall have the right to reply." Neither Bros. Fenn nor Philbrick really answered a single argument Bro. Woodward advanced, they simply stated that as a strong committee had drawn up the rule, they on that ground opposed the proposed alteration. Strange logic this, seeing at least a dozen rules draughted by this committee have already been altered.

With regard to Bro. Philbrick's remark about a "tyrant majority," what, I ask, can be more tyrannical than Rule 210, which compels a brother either to vote or leave the lodge, when a question of exclusion is under consideration? As Bro. Woodward stated, if I remember his words rightly, "Should a brother decide *not* to vote either for or against an exclusion, he has, no doubt, good reason for his resolve, and I most strongly contend his decision should be respected? but as Rule 210 is at present worded, he is no longer a FREE AGENT."

Can there be a more forcible protest against "tyranny" than such words as these?

As soon as the craft realise that Bro. Woodward's first amendment was really a safeguard against a wrongful exclusion taking place, and the second a protest against a "tyrant law" coercing a brother to vote or leave the lodge when he does not wish to vote at all (which is contrary to our custom on all other occasions when votes are taken) I am convinced the brethren will insist on the rule being altered in the way Bro. Woodward has suggested.

This is how Rule 210 now works. In a lodge say of 100 members, 60 attend, 39 vote for the exclusion, 18 against it, 3 refuse to vote either way, and are consequently *forcibly counted* as voting against the exclusion, so the brother is not excluded, as there is one short of the requisite majority, although taking the actual number voting, there is a majority for the exclusion of 21, so it practically comes to this, that the deliberate decision of 39 brethren is made void by a minority of 18, with 3 non-voters tacked on.

Will the majority of brethren in lodge any longer consent that "TYRANT MINORITIES" shall hinder their getting rid of members who abuse their privileges, and bring discredit on the order?

This is the real issue now before the craft.

Yours fraternally,
A PAST PROV. GRAND DEACON.

P.S.—I enclose my card.

FREEMASONRY AND LIFE ASSURANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I heartily agree with your appropriate editorial on the 29th ult., and myself consider that all those anxious to become Freemasons should give proof of having made suitable provision for those nearest and dearest to them by means of life assurance.

I am a *poor* brother of only three years' standing, but am a member of one of *the* leading sick benefit societies, including its widow and orphan fund; also have an endowment assurance in a first-class society (established nearly 50 years), and which I find is equal to an investment of 3½ per cent., with the advantage of being assured for a "certain" sum (on payment of the first premium) should death occur.

It is, unfortunately, not generally known that a good "investment" may be made by assuring one's life; and of all forms of assurance I think the endowment the most useful, as "the sums assured under these policies are payable during the 'lifetime of the assured' on his attaining a specified age, or earlier in the event of death," and, under certain conditions, these are non-forfeitable, thus :—if a fifth of the total number of the premiums have been paid, the policy does not become void by non-payment of the premium, but remains in force for such a proportion of the original sum assured, as a number of premiums paid bears to the whole number payable. Thus, if five premiums out of twenty, or a quarter, have been paid on a policy for £1,000, the assured may discontinue payment, and the sum assured will be reduced from £1,000 to £250, or a quarter; and if ten, then to £500, or one-half.

I may add that if an intending assurer avoids those offices whose systems operate to the advantage of persons "younger" or "older" than himself, his assurance will cost him *nothing*, because the sum assured will be so largely increased by profits, that the amount to be received when the policy becomes a claim, will exceed all the premiums paid and compound interest thereon. For example :—

A person assuring at age 18 and paying £3 8s. a year for a policy of £100, will have paid in 30 years ..	£102
Add 3 per cent. compound interest	60
Total payments ..	£162
Amount to be received from assurance office—	
Original sum assured	£100
30 years' bonus (assuming office has been discreetly selected)..	88
Total	£188

Yours fraternally,
T. G. ROSE.

P.S.—When a life drops earlier, the amount to be received bears a much larger proportion. I shall be pleased to give any brother my long experience in this work.

Shooter's Hill, Kent, Dec. 5th, 1888.

Answers to Correspondents.

T. T., Camberwell.—We cannot advise you through these pages, but if you will call, for personal interview, will willingly answer your enquiries.

P.P.G.J.W.—If there is a Rose Croix (18 deg.) Chapter in your town or district there should be no difficulty in obtaining the information you seek. We have passed the chair of that degree, but should not like to advise you what steps to take.

G.D.C.—ROSSLYN, 1543.—We never yet heard of a M.M. certificate being handed to a brother on the night of his raising. No doubt, if you previously intimate to the Grand Secretary the necessity of the case, he will direct its preparation the moment you certify to him that the degree has been taken, and you may be able to hand it to the proper recipient within, say, 48 hours.

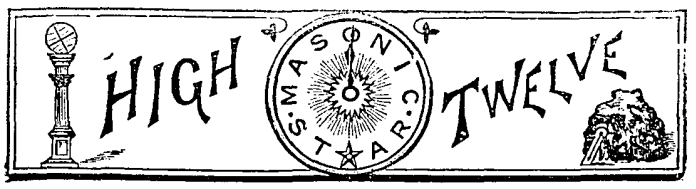
J.W.M., Bradford.—Your enclosures, *re* Priory, to hand; too late for this number; shall have attention in next.

W.D., East Greenwich.—Reserved for next week.

*** Several communications have reached us too late for this number. They shall have attention in our next.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Diary for 1889 (G Kenning, 16, Great Queen Street, London. W.C.); *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, Parts* 1 *to* 4 (Edited by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076); *Liberal Freemason* for November (Edited by Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.); *Masonic Review* (Edited by Bro. Henry D. Moore, 32 deg., Cincinnati, Ohio); *Voice of Masonry*, Chicago, for December; *The South African Freemason*, Cape Colony; *Freemason's Chronicle of Sydney*; *The Freemason*; and *Freemason's Chronicle of London.*



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

FAUST UP TO DATE AT THE GAIETY THEATRE.

When I saw *Faust up to Date* for the first time some few weeks ago, the burlesque, good as it was, needed amendment in certain places. Since then certain excellent alterations and improvements have been effected, and these serve to render the latest travesty of Goethe's immortal work one of the brightest I have ever seen on the subject. Messrs. Sims and Pettitt have, in their book, displayed more than abundant humour, and they have provided amply for the display of the special talents of the company engaged in the representation. The music, by Maestro Meyer Lutz, is graceful, taking, and far more clever than is that of many a comic opera. The good old story of Faust and Marguerite is treated by the authors in a very ingenious manner in order to bring it "up to date" in more ways than the title merely suggests. It is scarcely necessary, now, to detail the points of the plot; suffice it, that the hero and heroine escape the fate of the original personages by having been married by special license, by which ruse Mephistopheles is deprived of his victims, and all ends happily. Miss Florence St. John is the Marguerite; though not seen at her best as an actress in this production, her singing is of the greatest value. She now introduces a pretty new ballad in the second act, "For You," which gained a very decided encore; but, for my part, I much prefer the ballad of "The Dawn of Love," words, music and rendition being alike excellent. Miss Fanny Robina as Faust, acts, sings and dances with vivacity, sprightliness, grace and "go." She has much improved during her absence in Australia, and, while I give this clever little lady all possible credit for the excellence of her performance, I cannot help wondering why the authors did not break through the conventionality of burlesque, and, instead of having a girl to play the hero, engage a male for the part. If one only considers what the Mephisto of Lonnen would be like if backed up by a Faust by, say, Frank Wyatt or Tom Squire, a vision of fun is aroused which even those *laudatores temporis acti*, who praise nothing modern, would be compelled to admire. Of Lonnen's Mephisto, nothing by way of description can be given; from the time that he descends upon the stage *à la* Baldwin in a parachute, until the final fall of the curtain, this clever artist is constantly providing fresh fun. He never flags, and he is eminently successful throughout. Mr. George Stone is delightfully humorous as Valentine. This is one of the features of the piece; the part is so well acted, from a burlesque point of view, that it cannot fail to commend itself to all who love a hearty laugh. Mr. Harry Parker is only fairly good as the Lord Chancellor. Miss Maria Jones, as Martha, is as good a thing in its line as has been seen for years. A clever quartette of ladies, namely, the Misses Lilian Price, Florence Levey, Maude Wilmot, and Eva Greville, create quite a furore by their clever dancing, while their vocalisation is agreeable; the Gossips' Quartette at the beginning of act two was very nicely rendered. Several other clever and attractive young ladies, headed by Miss Jenny McNulty, deserve special mention did space allow. The piece, as is usual under Mr. Edwardes' management, is elaborately staged, and the groupings and dances reflect great credit upon Mr. Charles Harris, the stage manager, and John D'Auban, the ballet master.

The Lyceum re-opens on the 22nd inst. with *Macbeth*. Irving's first essay with this part at the same theatre was not a success. I wonder what will be the verdict upon the present venture. Miss Terry's Lady Macbeth will be looked forward to with the greatest possible interest. So will the new patent moon.

Sims and Pettitt's new drama for the Adelphi Theatre is to be called *Break o' Day* (no connection with *Peep o' Day*), and will be produced on the 21st inst. Friday! *Absit omen*!

Nadgy, at the Avenue Theatre, is drawing crowded houses, mainly through the popularity of Mr. Arthur Roberts, as Professor Pharagas, and Madlle. Vanoni in the title *rôle*. I am sorry that I cannot congratulate either the author or the composer on their work. The "book" is, to my mind, utterly feeble, and the music is only moderately attractive. Everything has been done in every possible way to make the production a success, and in this connection Mons. Marius, whom I have always regarded as one of the best stage managers we have, and Mr. Watkin, are to be highly complimented. Mr. John Crook conducts a more than efficient orchestra, and the chorus is good enough, the female element thereof being costumed most tastefully, added to which the natural charms of these lovely young ladies are by no means hidden. Mr. Joseph Tapley sings agreeably, and Mr. Alec Marsh, who possesses a splendid voice which he manages with taste and skill, made me regret that I did not hear more of his singing. Of his speaking I cannot say much, for he delivers his lines in anything but a satisfying manner. Mr. J. J. Dallas is really most amusing. I was prepared to like Miss Guilia Warwick very much, and she did not disappoint me. Miss Sallie Turner was good as the *duenna*. Of Madlle. Vanoni and Mr. Arthur Roberts nothing can be said which is too complimentary. They each acted with the greatest amount of abandon and "go," and were the life and soul of the opera, which, without them, would scarcely repay a visit.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

AS THE MASONIC STAR is written by Masons for Masons, who are mostly business men having more or less interest in the Stock and Share Markets, we include in our columns a weekly Money Article, written by one of our Craft actively engaged in the markets. It is written without prejudice, and with a view to give a general idea of what is going on from week to week. As the writer of the article has some twenty years' experience of the subject, and may fairly say that he knows the ways of doing business, *what* is *what* and *who* is *who*, he will be pleased to answer any inquiries addressed to the Editor, where advice is asked, upon whatever requires explanation, so that pleasure and profit may be the result. Any letter sent to us, and any reply given, will be treated "on the square."

CAPEL COURT, DECEMBER 12TH, 1888.

The statements that some large amounts of gold are on their way to this country had given rise to a more confident feeling as regards the future, or rather, I ought to say, has to some extent relieved the depression existing, but I am by no means sure that this is much to be depended upon as likely to improve prices for the present. At the fortnightly settlement, commenced yesterday, it was found that the amount of the speculative account open had been very much reduced, so that the contango rates, although heavier than on the last occasion, were not so onerous as was expected, and no difficulty was experienced in carrying forward bargains to the new account.

There is, however, very little business of any kind doing, nor do I think there will be much more until after the holidays. There is a slight recovery from the lowest prices touched during the last few days, but it is not well maintained, and, when we calculate the added contangoes, prices are in many cases actually lower than before. Since I wrote last week there has been little else but depression, in some cases very marked. In New York there is as yet no indication to put prices up, and it looks as if the dealers there were determined that a lower level must be reached before they will make any attempt to improve matters. As a rule it will be found that the last prices of the year are dull, and 1888 gives every indication of keeping up the record. Perhaps the most doubtful stock is Milwaukee, which one day were as low as 60, and will probably be the same again or even lower. There is the most business done just now in Union Pacific, and the tendency here is better.

If there were any bargains doing in the English railway market, I should expect to see higher prices; as it is there is a quick recovery after every fall. The traffic returns keep up well, and in the case of the heavy lines warrant the expectation of increased dividends. Midlands, North Eastern, and Great Western will no doubt be bought for next year, as soon as there is any clearing up of the monetary horizon. And speaking of these particular lines, there is not much stock floating, so that a very moderate demand will have a sharp effect on prices.

In the Foreign Market the feeling is better. In Paris great efforts are being made to prevent any actual collapse in the Panama scheme, and, this danger averted, there will not be much reason to fear that stocks will be recklessly thrown away. The New Russian Loan has fallen very flat in London, and is not even mentioned. What the success has been I do not know, beyond the fact that there is no dealing in the new scrip. The demand for Peruvian Stocks is renewed, and although the smart little rise is not well maintained, I should rather be a buyer than a seller. Egypts are stronger, and of these I consider that Dairas will give the best profit to a buyer. The advance in the gold premium in Buenos Ayres is depressing Cedulas, which look very weak again.

The increase of £1,700 in the Mexican railway weekly traffic did not improve the price of the stock, comparing as it does against a low take last year; up to date the gross increase is £7,800 for the current half-year, leaving three weeks to add, which are usually dull ones as regards business. Trunks do not show much strength and are lower than they were a week ago and give but a very poor chance to the bulls. An attempt is being made by some of the shareholders to induce the directors of this and the Canadian Pacific Companies to come to some terms which will avoid the disastrous competition, but it is evident that the dealers do not put much reliance upon any such well-meaning endeavours; where there is only traffic for one both cannot gain by an equal division. Nitrate rails go up and down with a pretty frequent regularity and will probably vary from 27 to 31, and may be bought at the one price or sold at the other with tolerable certainty of a profit. The shares of the Nitrate Companies are better. The meeting of the Taltal Company's shareholders is calculated to inspire them with confidence in their property, assurance being given that the returns are likely to be better than promised. Of the miscellaneous companies, beyond a few dealings in these different nitrates, there is almost utter absence of bargains; nor do I for the moment see where the next movement will be.

African gold mines continue to absorb the attention of the dealers, and as but little is known of the concerns prices will doubtless be carried higher; whether they will be maintained or not is extremely doubtful. Taking the whole of the markets, I think that prices have got nearly as low as they are likely to touch now, but as no one wants to enter into fresh transactions just yet there will not be much lost by waiting.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

BULL.—The broker whose name you mention is not a member of the Stock Exchange.

EXETER.—You will find the particulars in Skinner's "Mining Manual."

F. J. L.—The price charged does not seem right; ask the broker for name of the seller.

FOUR.—The contango varied from 9d. to 1s. 6d.

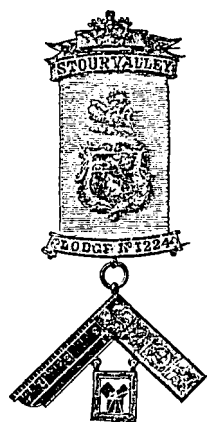
Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

PADSTOW, CORNWALL.—The installation meeting of St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, was held in the Masonic Rooms, Padstow, on the 4th inst. A large number of the members of the lodge attended. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Hawken, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Doney, P.M. 856, P.P.D.G.D.C.; R. Boney, W.M. 1954; J. Robins, J.W. 1954; C. Brewer, J.D. 1529; E. Rickard, O. 1529; J. H. Polkinghorne, 1696; J. Harvey, 1847; G. Anderson, 1954; J. H. Hewitt, 1954. The W.M. Elect, Bro. Major C. R. Prideaux-Brune, was duly installed according to ancient custom, and with full and ably performed ceremonial by Bro. W. H. Pope, P.M., assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. The following installed masters were present: W. Bros. T. Hawken, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Doney, P.P.D.G.D.C.; F. Bray, P.P.G.Purst.; W. H. Roberts, P.P.G. Steward; W. H. Martyn, W. H. Pope, F. G. Harding, J. Stribley, W. H. Martyn, jun.; R. Bonney. Bro. W. H. Martyn, jun., was invested as I.P.M., and the W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers:—Bros. J. B. Williams, S.W.; R. S. Langford, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Murley, Chaplain; F. Bray, P.M., P.P.G.Purst., Treas.; W. H. Pope, P.M., Sec.; P. Blake, S.D.; Jno. Hawken, J.D.; H. F. Marley, D.C.; G. B. Stribley, O.; W. Philp, I.G.; W. Williams and W. H. Pope, Jun. Stwds.; J. D. Lobb, Tyler. The Installing Master explained to each officer what his duties were, and delivered the usual addresses very impressively. At the close of the business the brethren attended a banquet at the St. Petroc Private Hotel. Bro. Major C. R. Prideaux-Brune, W.M., presided, and the customary loyal and masonic toasts were ably proposed and responded to. During the evening several of the brethren contributed songs and recitations. The whole of the proceedings of the installation meeting reflected great credit on the W.M. and the officers and brethren concerned in carrying out the arrangements.

THE JOPPA CHAPTER (No. 188), held its Installation Meeting at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Monday, the 28th ult., when Comp. Lewis M. Myers, C.C., was installed as M.E.Z., and the following members were invested: Comps. H. P. Isaac, H.; J. W. Dewsnap, J.; J. Lazarus, P.Z., Treasurer (re-invested); M. I. Emanuel, P.Z.S.E. (re-invested); J. Myers (Brother of the M.E.Z.), S.N. The visitors included Comps. Sir John Monckton, P.G.P.S., Dr. Lloyd (1319), D. Lazarus (Jerusalem), and Bernard Abrahams. Subsequently to the ceremony of installation, which was performed by Comp. W. Littaur, P.Z., the chapter was closed, and the members adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. Sir John Monckton, in replying to a toast, said that on reading the Charter of the Chapter he found that it was within five years of its jubilee, and he was pleased, although somewhat surprised to see sitting at the banquet table, its first M.E.Z. and Founder.—*Jewish Chronicle.*

HONOUR AND FRIENDSHIP.—No. 1266.—Blandford, Nov. 20, 1888.—Bro. G. E. Turner, W.M.—Installation. Bro. A. Wilkins was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. G. E. Turner, and the following brethren were appointed officers for the year:—Bros. R. Milner, S.W.; W. Watts, J.W.; A. Cherry, S.D.; W. Alexander, J.D.; H. Curtis, I.G.; E. Skivington, Org.; I. Brymer, Chaplain; W. Strickland, Director of Ceremonies. The Installation Banquet which followed gave great satisfaction. Songs, duets and quartettes here proved an attractive addition.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE—No. 1224.—In our issue for November 22nd, we reported the installation meeting of this lodge at Sudbury, and mentioned the presentation to Bro. W. Inglis Mason, M.D., P.M., of a Past Master's jewel, which we spoke of as being "certainly one of the best we have seen for a long time." Our opinion appears to be endorsed by the local paper, which thus describes the jewel, an engraving of which we are pleased to have the opportunity of presenting to our readers:—



"The jewel, which was subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge and presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Inglis Mason, was of a most chaste and elaborate design, and bore an appropriate inscription. The ribbon on which it is suspended bears a fine gold escutcheon, with the borough arms enamelled heraldically surmountedwith Bro. Mason's crest. The jewel itself is shaped as an emblem of his office of Worshipful Master, and is elaborately chased and jewelled with four brilliants. The top of the hanger is surmounted with the crown, the base of which is also jewelled with rubies and diamonds. The whole jewel, with its pendant, is a splendid specimen of the masonic jeweller's art, by Bro. Lamb, of St. John's Square, London."

TEMPLE—No. 558.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Folkestone.—The following extract from a letter from a correspondent is, in our opinion, of sufficient interest for insertion, *verb. et lit.* After a few remarks, and stating that he had visited the above-named lodge, he writes:—"In the first place, I was struck by the size and general appearance of the lodge room. It seemed to me to leave nothing to be desired; was well furnished and complete, even to an organ (American) in a recess or chamber in the rear of the S.W.'s chair. There was a goodly number of brethren of the lodge present, and several visitors, altogether about 60. I send you a summons, and also a copy of the by-laws, which in themselves are interesting, as the subscription is more reasonable than that of any lodge with which I am acquainted. After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for both candidates together, in a manner I had never seen before. The procedure was as follows:—First, the ballot box was submitted for the inspection of the W.M., then locked (the key being retained by the Master), and placed on a small table behind a screen in the N.E. corner of the room. The D.C. then called upon the Master, P.M.'s, officers and brethren in rotation to record their votes, which having been done, the box was again taken to the W.M., unlocked, and the ballot declared unanimous in favour of the candidates. Mr. A. H. Gardner was introduced in due form, and the ceremony of initiation proceeded with up to the "Investment." Lodge was then "called off" and light refreshment (sandwiches, &c.) partaken of, and, after a brief interval, "called on," and the second candidate, Mr. J. P. Sains, introduced and initiated up to the same point as the first. Both were then taken together to the end of the ceremony, the charge being exceptionally well given by one of the P.M.'s. A portrait of Bro. H. Stock, the oldest P.M. of the lodge (he was W.M. in 1857), was then presented to the lodge, in an excellent speech, by the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. G. L. Hart, P.M., and Bro. Stock returned thanks in an eloquent and most feeling address. The lodge was then closed in due form. I have spun this out much longer than I had intended, and I will only add in conclusion that all the officers were present. Bro. Wm. Dunk, W.M., and a very excellent list of officers they are, the work of the lodge having been thoroughly well done throughout. On the whole it was a most enjoyable and instructive evening. There was no banquet, but after the work was done, many of the members indulged in the usual amusements ordinarily to be found in a club. The Masonic Hall and Club belongs to a Company, and all the members are masons.——The brethren of Folkestone are to be congratulated on having a lodge so excellent in its appointments, officers, and evidently correct working of masonic ritual and ceremonial.—ED. M.S.

BARNARD LODGE—No. 1230.—On Friday, the 7th inst., at Barnard Castle, Bro. Joseph Hanby Holmes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. R. C. M. Cooke was again re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Colour-Sergeant C. Todd, Tyler. Installation meeting will take place on the first Friday in January.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SOUTHWARK—No. 879.—The annual dinner of this Lodge of Instruction took place at the Sir Garnet Wolseley Tavern, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., on Tuesday, the 11th inst., Bro. W. Beavis, P.M. 879, W.M. 1310, P.G.P. Middx., Preceptor, in the chair. About forty brethren sat down at the appointed hour, and after an excellent meal, well served by Bro. G. W. Day, the host, a very pleasant evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, under the genial presidency of the chairman. Songs and recitations were numerous, and the brethren separated with best wishes for further happy reunions.

RANELAGH.—No. 834.—On Friday, the 7th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen Street, Hammersmith.—Bro. F. Craggs, W.M.—Bros. A. Williams, S.W. and Treas.; E. Lucas, I.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; H. Purdue, P.M. and Sec. *pro. tem.*; G. E. Higginson, S.D.; J. C. Walker, J.D.; H. Cotton, I.G.; also Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M. and P.P.G.J.D. Middx., J. H. Cumming, P.M., John Davies, Leonard Cox, M. R. Rice, and Stonnill. The ceremony of Passing was rehearsed, Bro. Price as Candidate. The ceremony of raising was also rehearsed, Bro. Cox as Candidate. Bro. A. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The principal offices were filled on this occasion by members of the Mother Lodge, which speaks well for the kindly feeling they have towards its Preceptor, Bro. Sims, one of their Past Masters.

ROYAL ARTHUR.—No. 1360.—On the 6th inst., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.—Bro. Wing, W.M.—Bros. Shelly, S.W.; Salter, J.W.; Cause, S.D.; Mager, P.M., J.D.; Jolliffe, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Sec.; Holmes, Bond, Streeter, Britten, Wade and Smeal. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and proficiency proved by Bro. Holmes. The ceremony of Raising was then rehearsed, the traditional history being given. Bro. Shelly, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

GREAT CITY.—No. 1426.—On Thursday, the 6th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern E.C.—Bro. Gwyn, W.M.—Bros. H. Gaskin, S.W.; W. Bromhead, J.W.; Stells, S.D.; Surridge, J.D.; B. Price, I.G.; J. K. Pitt, Acting Preceptor; W. J. Ball, Secretary; F. Rush, H. J. Whitehouse, I. L. Barrett, T. F. Smith, J. Tattersall, and I. Lazarus. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of "Raising" rehearsed, Bro. F. Lazarus being the candidate. On the unanimous vote of the brethren present, the W.M. of the "Eclectic" Lodge was invited to work the ceremony of installation in January next. A ballot for the Benevolent Fund was held, Bros. F. Rush and T. Lazarus being declared winners and entitled to life subscriptions in the charities. A cordial vote of thanks was passed in favour of Bro. Gwyn for his admirable working in the third degree. This lodge meets regularly on Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.

WANDERERS.—No. 1604.—On Wednesday, December 5th, 1888, at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W.—Bro. Luckhurst, W.M.—Bros. Evans, S.W.; Hollard, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; Clarkson, Secretary; Smales, S.D.; Rymer, J.D.; Goldfinch, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Hobbs, Jones, Sheppard, Bailey, Quick, Glover, Holmes, Holden, Goode, Morgan, Brooking, and Beasley, Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Bailey, candidate. Bro. Holmes was elected a member, and Bro. Evans to the chair for the ensuing week.

CREATON.—No. 1791.—On Thursday, November 29th, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush.—Bro. John Davies, W.M. and Preceptor. Bros. James Sims, P.M., Preceptor of the Ranelagh L. I., S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Higginson, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; A. Cavers, Steward; also P.M.'s George Read, Preceptor of the Kensington L.I.; J. H. Wood, R. Josey, W. Williams, W. A. Cubitt, P. Burton, W. G. Reynolds, J. J. Cantle, D. Stroud, R. H. Rogers, and E. Child. Bros. W. Jennings, J. H. Martineau-Stanley, F. W. Woodard, C. Mote, Bick, Bull, Bridger, Benbrook, C. R. Cross, Hyndeman, W. Dresden, L. Cox, Ridgley, Lindfield, Larter, F. G. Brown, W. W. Williams, T. T. Head, Stonnill, Sanson, J. T. Gracie, Absell, Copley, and Jobson. The lodge was opened in the three degrees. The sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Cross, Cochrane, Cotton, Cox, Higginson, Read, and Sims. The sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. Rogers, Reynolds, W. W. Williams, Cochrane, and Craggs, and those in the M. M. Lodge by Bros. Austin, Wood, and Read, the whole of the working being of the very best. A timepiece of a very chaste and elegant design, and of much intrinsic value, was presented to Bro. John Davies, P.M, the Preceptor, on behalf of the members, by Bro. James Sims, P.M., whose address on presentation was excellently delivered and was appreciated by the brethren generally, as was also Bro. Daniel's feeling response. The gift was a very fitting recognition of many years of zealous service.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 7th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell.—Present: Comps. Wicks, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; Wingham, 25, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; J. Shellard Latham, 1329, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N. Elect, 1275, S.N.; Eedle, P.S. 141, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S. Elect 1275, A.S.; J. Hill, P.S. 1329; Addington, M.E.Z. Elect, 1275; G. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1185; Acocks, 1350; and Jas. Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comps. James Stevens, Acocks and Eedle were elected members, and each returned thanks. Comp. Stevens was particularly happy in replying, and expressed his interest in the chapter into which he was received so heartily. Comp. Wicks was elected to re-occupy the chair of First Principal. A motion by Comp. Grummant to purchase collars for the principals and officers, as well as a vote of thanks to Comp. Wicks for the able way he had filled the chair of M.E.Z. for the first time, was unanimously carried.

COVENT GARDEN.—No. 1614.—On Thursday, 6th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W.—Bro. F. M. Noakes, W.M.—Bros. Russell, S.W.; A. Proudfoot, J.W.; Brindley, Preceptor; W. Hancock, Acting Secretary; Graham, S.D.; Curzon, J.D.; Clare, I.G.; Lambert, Andrews, and several other Brethren. Bro. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Noakes vacated the Chair in favour of Bro. William Andrews, a Visiting Brother from Jamaica, who worked the 3rd Degree in an exceedingly able manner, according to the ritual practised in the Lodges of Jamaica. Bro. Lambert, candidate. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Brindley, assisted by Bro. Hancock. Bro. Andrews, Kingston, Lodge No. 1933 (Jamaica), was elected a member. In returning thanks Bro. Andrews stated that although Freemasonry was practised in all parts of the world, the ceremony he had worked that evening would evince to the Brethren that there was very little difference between the ritual of a lodge in London and one in Jamaica, thousands of miles away, except, perhaps, that in Jamaica they added a little more embellishment, but when he returned home he should use his best endeavours to tone down those additions, so that their working might be practised and assimilated as much as possible with that of the true old English constitution. Bro. Proudfoot, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Andrews for working the Third Degree.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD.—No. 1805.—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bromley, E.—Bro. Bailey, W.M.—Bro. B. T. Johnson, S.W.; A. Paterson, J.W.; G. Warne, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; H. W. Oates, I.G. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. W. J. Rawley, candidate. Lodge opened and closed in the three Degrees. Bro. B. T. Johnson was elected W.M. for next Wednesday. W. M. Mead, Secretary, 24, Tomlin's Grove, Bow Road, E.

LA TOLERANCE.—No. 538.—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Portland Arms, Great Portland Street, W.—Bro. J. Greenway, W.M.—Bros. G. Hill, S.W.; Barter, J.W.; J. Paul, Preceptor; L. G. Langdon, Secretary; G. Lyon, S.D.; T. Bicknell, J.D.; C. Groves, I.G.; Rogers, Burgess, Lonsdale, and others. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Bicknell and Paul. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Bicknell, Candidate. The 3rd and 4th Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by Bro. Greenway, W.M. Bro. E. Smith, No. 1743, was elected a joining member, and Bro. Hill, S.W., was elected W.M. for next meeting.

GUELPH LODGE.—No. 1685.—The Annual Banquet was served at the Holborn Restaurant, London, on Thursday last, the 6th inst., Bro. Bare, P.M. and Preceptor presiding. Covers were laid for between forty and fifty brethren, but half-an-hour after the appointed time twenty-one only sat down. The absentees did not miss much, for a more cold and unsocial evening in Freemasonry we cannot recollect ever spending; and but for the enlivenment afforded by Bro. Tiltman (Signor Alberto) of the Mother Lodge, whose marvellous talent as a prestigiditator kept those present, for a while, greatly interested, the whole affair was of the most depressing character.

We have given Marsden's "Restauro," particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns, a personal and family trial, and can recommend the "health-restorer" to our readers as an undoubted tonic and appetizer.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

THE ANTI-MASONIC VICAR.

"Turn your attention to that magnificent structure, the Temple of Jerusalem Observe, no clay substance, no brick, was used; lest any inferior material should give rise to base ideas. Every part and particle of that grand dwelling of HIM, whose existence is SECRET, was perfect of its kind. Its commonest fragments were matter of attentive survey. Even the stones were quarried in the country of Judæa. And every measure was taken to steep the mind in that serenity, calmness, and intensity of devotion which are essential to the true worship of the ALMIGHTY. The stones, too, were levelled and squared before they were brought to the place, and the waste was left behind, that all might be fully prepared and cleanly wrought. So, in like manner, should all Freemasons level and square their hearts, purging them of every impurity, in order to arrive at that glorious state of mental and spiritual perfection, of which the Temple and its composition was beautifully symbolical."—*Lebanon*, by JOEL NASH.

"I HAVE sent for you, although I know my summons must be inconvenient, because I choose you to be present at an interview which has been forced on me by a deputation from the Freemasons: they aim at persuading me to allow them to assemble in my church. A likely matter indeed! a very likely matter?"

So spake, with flushed cheek and quivering lip, my well-intentioned but nervous incumbent, one memorable Saturday in the month of August.

"Very well, sir," was my reply; "you may depend on my heeding and recollecting the sentiments of each party."

"Would to heaven!"—this was aside—"that these Mason people had chosen some other day than Saturday for their conference. Neither sermon written! The Lending Library accounts all in confusion; Mrs. Watkinson's sick baby to baptise; and two funerals in the afternoon to a certainty!"

"They must be cut short—yes, very, very short!" ejaculated the vicar, decisively and emphatically.

"What! the sermons?" cried I, reverting at once to the topic uppermost in my own mind; "oh, very well. Your views, sir, are mine. They shall be shortened to a certainty."

"You are dreaming," remarked my superior, pettishly. I allude to the speeches, the oratorical displays, the verbiage of these mystics."

"Ah!" precisely so," was my dutiful reply. "You, sir, and no other, hold the check-string; the length of the interview must depend on *your* pleasure. Masons!"—this was another *aside*—"I wish they were all walled up in the Pyramids. Six: and no tidings! It will be midnight before I shall have completed my preparations for to-morrow."

"I am not narrow-minded," resumed Mr. Gresham, fidgeting fretfully in his chair; "far from it; my views are liberal and enlarged; I never by any chance indulge in a harsh surmise touching any one of my fellow-creatures. But these Mason people alarm me. They have a secret; there is some extraordinary bond, stringent and well understood, by which they support each other. I look upon them as little better than conspirators,"—then, after a brief pause—"*in fact*, they ARE conspirators!"

"You really think so?" said I, for the first time feeling an interest in the subject.

"I do, seriously and solemnly," said the vicar, with an air of the most earnest and portentous gravity.

Rat-tat-tat! Rap, rap!

"The deputation, sir," said the butler, bowing five middle-aged gentlemen into the study.

For a set of "conspirators" they were the oddest-looking people imaginable. There they stood, a knot of portly, frank-featured, cheerful men, upon whom the cares of life apparently sat lightly, who greeted their pastor with a smile, and seemed in high good humour with themselves and all around them. Nor, while I curiously scanned their look and bearing, could I, for the life of me, imagine a reason why men so happily circumstanced should take it into their heads to turn *plotters*. The foremost of the group I knew to be a man of wealth. He had "a stake," and no small one, in the permanent prosperity of his country. His next neighbour was a wine merchant, with a large and well-established connection, and blest with a rising and most promising family—what had he to "conspire" about? The party a little in the background was a Dissenter of irreproachable character and tenets strict even to sternness. Moreover, on no subject did he dilate, publicly as well as privately, with greater earnestness and unction than on the incalculable evils arising from war, and the duty of every Christian state, at any sacrifice, to avoid it. What! *he* "a conspirator!" Fronting the vicar was the banker of our little community. And to him I fancied nothing would be less agreeable than "a run" upon his small but flourishing firm in Quay-street. And yet "runs" severe—repeated—exhausting "runs," would inevitably result from any widely-spread and successful conspiracy. The banker's supporter was a little, mirthful-eyed man—a bachelor—who held a light and eligible appointment under Government, and looked as if he had never known a care in all his life. He perplexed me more than all the rest. He, of all created beings, a conspirator! Marvellous!

The spokesman of the party began his story. He said, in substance, that a new lodge being about to be opened within a mile and-a-half of Fairstream, it was the wish of the brethren (the more firmly to engraft on the noble tree this new Masonic scion) to go in procession to church, and there listen to a sermon from a clerical brother. In this arrangement he, in the name of the Lodge, represented by the parties then in his presence, most respectfully requested the vicar's concurrence.

That reverend personage, with a most distant and forbidding air, replied that he could sanctioh no such proceedings.

Perplexed by this response, which was equally unpalatable and unexpected, the deputation, with deference, demanded my incumbent's reasons for refusal.

"They are many and various," replied he; "but resolve themselves mainly into these FOUR. *First: There is nothing church about you!*"

The deputation stared.

"I repeat, that of Freemasons as a body the Church knows nothing. You admit into your fellowship men of all creeds. Your principles and intentions may be pure and praiseworthy; and such I trust they are. But the Church is not privy to them. The Church is in ignorance respecting them. The Church does not recognise them. And therefore, as a ministering servant of the Church, I must decline offering you any countenance or support."

The banker here submitted to the vicar that in works of charity—in supporting an infirmary, a dispensary, a clothing club, a stranger's friend society—identity of creed was not essential. Men of different shades of religious belief could harmoniously and advantageously combine in carrying out a benevolent project. And one of the leading principles of Freemasonry was active and untiring and widely-spread benevolence. Could success crown any charitable project, any scheme of philanthropy, any plan for succouring the suffering and the necessitous (*the operation of which was to be extended, and not partial*), if no assistance was accepted save from those who held one and the same religious creed? "*Charity*," he contended, "*knew no creed*. No shackles, forged by human opinions, could or ought to trammel her. He was no friend to his species who would seek to impose them."

The vicar shook his head repeatedly in token of vehement dissent from these observations, and proceeded:—

"Next I object to you because you are friendly to processions; and I am given to understand purpose advancing to church in long and elaborate array. All processions, all emblems, all symbols, I abominate. Such accessories are, in the sanctuary, absolutely indecent; I will not call them unholy; I term them downright profane. What has a thinking being—particularly when proceeding for the purposes of worship to the temple of his Creator—what has *he* to do with processions? They are, one and all, abominations."

The little placeman here briskly stepped forward and said that "in that Book, with which he was sure the vicar was better acquainted than any one of them, processions were repeatedly mentioned, and never condemned. They occur in all parts of the sacred volume, and in a *very* early portion of it. A procession of no ordinary description followed Jacob's remains when, with filial love, Joseph brought them out of Egypt into Canaan. A procession, long and elaborately arranged, attended the removal of the ark from its temporary sojourn in the house of Obed-Edom. A procession, glorious and imposing, preceded the dedication of Solomon's temple. A procession——"

"Pray," said the vicar, sharply, "do you mean to contend that any one of these processions was at all the counterpart of a Masonic procession?"

"I do not; I disclaim all such irreverent intention," returned the other, gravely; "my object was simply to show that by the VERY HIGHEST authority which man can produce processions are not forbidden. Usage sanctions their adoption among ourselves. They form a part of our most august ceremonies. When the peers present an address to the sovereign on his escape from the hands of an assassin, on the birth of an heir to the throne, on the marriage of one of the royal family, they repair to the royal presence in procession. At the coronation of the sovereign one of the most important features in the pageant is a gorgeous and lengthened procession. That procession, let me remind you, sir, wends its way to the house of God, and for the purposes of worship. It enters the abbey. There divine service is performed, in the course of which the sovereign receives the crown and takes an oath to the people. These points are pressed on you as pertinent to the subject. Surely, after considering them, you will hold us blameless if, as Masons, we wish to 'go up to the house of God in company,' in other words, 'in procession?'"

"Plausible, but hollow," was the vicar's comment. Then, after a pause, "You have failed to convince me. I object to you strongly on the score of your processions, and I object to you still more decidedly on the score of your —— secret. You are a secret society; are held together by a stringent oath; now I hold that wherever there is mystery there is iniquity!"

"A harsh conclusion, indeed," exclaimed Mr. Walford, the wine merchant, who now took part in the discussion; "you cannot be serious in maintaining it. When you assert secrecy to be criminal you have forgotten its universal agency. It has escaped you how argely it pervades both public and private life. In every department its operation is traceable. The naval commander sails from his country's shores under sealed orders. He has private papers which contain his instructions. These he is to open in a certain latitude and longitude. Meanwhile their import is 'secret' to him and to those who serve under him. But he accepts his trust unhesitatingly. The 'secrecy' in which his orders are veiled does not indispose him towards their fulfilment, make him suspicious of their origin, doubtful of their necessity, or render their faithful performance one whit less obligatory upon his part. His duty is to obey. Take another instance: The Cabinet Council which deliberates on the interests of this great country, and advises the sovereign in matters of policy, is sworn to secrecy. No member of it is allowed, without distinct permission from the reigning prince, to divulge one syllable of what passes at its sittings. *It is a* SECRET *conclave*. But no one questions, *on that account*, the legality or propriety of its decisions. In private life secrecy obtains. In a commercial partnership there are secrets—the secrets of the firm. To them each co-partner is privy; but is solemnly bound not to disclose them. In a family there are secrets. In most households there are facts which the heads of that household do not divulge to their servants, children, and dependents. Prudence enjoins secrecy. So that, in public and in private life, in affairs of state and in affairs of commerce, secrecy more or less prevails. Why, then, should it be objected to the Freemason, that in his order there is a secret which is essential to the existence of the fraternity, and which he is bound to hold sacred?"

"Ha! ha! ha! An adroit evasion of a very awkward accusation," cried the vicar, with an enjoyable chuckle. "Who is the general of your order? There must be Jesuits amongst ye. No arguments from Stonyhurst could be more jesuitically pointed." And again the vicar laughed heartily.

The deputation did not join him. They looked on in silence. Perhaps they thought the refusal of the church a sufficient annoyance, without the addition of the vicar's bantering. His pleasantry was not infectious. Perchance they held with the delinquent negro in one of our West India colonies, who was first severely reprimanded and then soundly thrashed by his owner: "Massa, massa; no preachee too and floggee too!"

At length one of them, with great gravity, inquired. "Whether Mr. Gresham had any further objection to urge?"

"Oh dear, yes. I am hostile to you because you COMBINE."

The banker now fired his broadside.

"We do. We are as a city in unity at itself. We form a band of united brethren bound by one solemn obligation, stringent upon all, from the highest to the lowest. And the object of our combination? boundless charity and untiring benevolence. We must be charitable and kindly-affectioned to all; but more especially to our brethren. With them we are ever to sympathise readily, and their necessities to succour cheerfully. Respect are we to have none, either as to colour, creed, or country. And yet is our charity to be neither indiscriminate, wasteful, nor heedless. We are to prefer the worthy brother and to reject the worthless. And our warrant for so doing is HIS command, who has said, "Thou shalt open thine hand wide to thy brother, and to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land."

"The latter remark none can gainsay," said the vicar, coldly; "and thus, I believe, our interview terminates."

The deputation retired, desperately chagrined.

The church was closed against them. The new lodge was opened; but there was no public procession, and no sermon. To me, lightly and carelessly as I then thought of the fraternity, there seemed much that was inexplicable in the rebuff which it sussustained. Here was Mr. Gresham, a conscientious and well-intentioned man, who lamented, Sunday after Sunday, the prevalence of sorrow, care, and suffering around him; who spoke, with tears in his eyes, of the apathy of the rich and endurance of the poor; who deplored the selfishness of the age; who averred, bitterly and repeatedly, that "all sought their own"—here was he, withstanding to his utmost a brotherhood who declared—and none contradicted them—that their leading object was to relieve distress and sorrow. Of him they seek an audience. When gained, they use it to request the use of his pulpit, with the view of making their principles better known; of effacing some erroneous impressions afloat respecting them; in other words, of strengthening their cause.

That cause they maintain to be *identical with disinterested benevolence and brotherly love.*

Mr. Gresham declares "off," refuses them his church, and will have nothing to do with them. "They may solve the riddle who can," said I, as, thoroughly baffled, I sought my pillow. "Each and all are incomprehensible. I don't know which party is the most confounding: the Masons with their well-guarded secret, or Mr. Gresham with his insurmountable prejudices."

MARK MASONRY.

The half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on the 4th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, London. M.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master, presided. Baron de Ferrieres, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, occupied the S.G.W. chair, and the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton took the chair of J.G.W. Bro. C. L. Mason, Deputy G.M. of West Yorkshire, acted as Deputy G.M., and the Rev. Canon Portal, M.W.P.G.M., as Past Grand Master.

A large number of Grand and Past Grand Officers, and many Mark Master Masons representing private lodges, attended.

The minutes of the half-yearly Communication of 5th June, and of the November Grand Lodge, held at Cheltenham, 10th July, were read and confirmed. The Grand Secretary read the reply of Sir Francis Knollys from the Prince of Wales to the address of condolence on the death of the German Emperor Frederick, as also the address of condolence voted to the Empress Frederick on the same melancholy event, and the reply of Count von Hatzfeldt, German Ambassador in London, thereto, and it was resolved that the several documents should be entered on the minutes.

The report of the General Board presented a most favourable view of the progress and prospects of this popular Order in Freemasonry. In the six months ending on the 30th September last, warrants for five new lodges and 577 Mark certificates were granted. Five new provinces have been re-organised under newly-appointed Prov. Grand Masters, and the patents of three other P.G.M.'s have been renewed for the customary term of three years. Financially, the position of this Grand Lodge is most satisfactory, the balances on each Fund being on the right side of the account, that of the General Fund amounting to upwards of £203, and that of the Fund of Benevolence in its several branches, and including the Festival Account, to over £1,442, while the investments are not far short of £10,000, taking the General and Benevolent Funds together. The report was received and adopted. M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal moved:

"That the Annuity payable to Male Annuitants may be increased to £26, and that to Female Annuitants to £21, and that a sum of £5 be annually presented at Christmas to each Annuitant for the purpose of procuring clothing or fuel, or other necessaries; and that the Book of Constitutions, page 76, clause viii., and page 79, clause iv., be altered accordingly."

He said it was only necessary to inform Grand Lodge that their Annuity Fund amounted now to a considerable sum, no less, according to the report the brethren had in their hands, than £2,800; and thanks to the exertions of the Stewards from year to year at all the festivals their funds were increasing to a large extent annually. Last festival the sum realised was £1,818. Therefore, being in very good funds indeed, he did not think Grand Lodge could do better than increase the amount of the annuities to ten shillings a week to the males and eight shillings a week to the females, to all those who from unfortunate circumstances were compelled to appeal to Grand Lodge for assistance. He could assure Grand Lodge it was well to give them also a gratuity of £5 at Christmas in order that they might provide themselves with some little comfort. They had now four male annuitants and no females, and they could well afford to do it.

Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg., seconded the motion, which was carried.

The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was nominated for election as Grand Master for the ensuing year; and Bros. Henry Faiga, P.S.G.W. Middx. and Surrey, and W. M. Stiles, Old Kent Lodge and founder of the Royal Savoy Lodge, respectively for the office of Grand Treasurer. Charity Festival Jewels and Bars were then distributed to Stewards who had served at the last Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and Grand Mark Lodge was then closed.

REPORTS, &c., RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

——A Special Smoking Concert will take place at St. James's Hall (Banqueting Room) on Thursday next, the 20th inst., under the management of Bro. Walter Abbott. Among the well-known artistes and brethren will be found the names of E. J. Lonnen, Chirgwin, A. Coombes, W. H. Pennington, S. B. Garcia, Odell, and many others. Mesdames the Sisters Preston, Nellie Lennox, Kate Seymour, and Alice Leamar are among the many ladies who have promised to support Bro. Abbott on this occasion.

WEST SMITHFIELD—No. 1623.—On the 10th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Bro. Jenkins, W.M.—Bros. Gush, S.W.; Tattersall, J.W.; Hodges Preceptor; Hill, Secretary; Salmon, S.D.; Case J.D.; Billings, I.G.; Turner, Berry, Reid, and about 30 other brethren. The fifteen sections were worked by Bros. Frampton, Salmon, Billings, Trinder, Snelling, Hodges, Hill, Tattersall, Powell, Berry, Gush, Case and Jolly. Bros. Barker, McFarlane, Draper, C. Smith and Groner were elected joining members. A vote of thanks, together with the honorary membership of the Lodge of Instruction, was accorded Bro. Jenkins, the W.M. A vote of thanks was also accorded the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the fifteen sections.

ST. MARGARET'S—No. 1452.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., the Installation Meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, when Bro. W. H. Elwes, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., was installed into the chair of K.S. by W. Bro. G. F. Crane. The following officers were appointed: Bros. H. B. Walker, I.P.M.; J. B. Blackmore, P.P.G.C. Chaplain; F. S. Ellen, S.W.; W J. Roberts, J.W.; P. Allez, P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; H. J. Eastaugh, P.P.J.G.D., Secretary; J. P. Smith, S.D.; T. Wilson Ward, J.D.; F. A. Mann, Organist; Kerry Rix, Steward; J. W. Brooke, I.G.; J. Symes, Tyler. A banquet was served at the Suffolk Hotel, the W.M. presiding. Amongst the visitors were the Mayor, Bro. Wm. Maddison, P.M.; Bros. W. E. Holt, United Friends, 313; Brockbank, P.P.G.S., Social, 93, Norwich; Bray, P.P.G.S.D., W.M., St. Andrew's, 1631; G. H. Cooper, Unity, 71; Wilton, Everitt, A. Stebbings, &c.

CHISWICK—No. 2012.—On Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, W.—Bros. E. Ayling, Preceptor W.M.; J. Sims, S.W.; J. Davis, J.W.; A. Williams, Secretary; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; F. Osborne, J.D.; F. W. Biggs, I.G.; J. H. Wood; Dr. Lawrence, Aslete, Stroud; J. Williams; and others. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Dr. Lawrence, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Bro. Gardner acting as W.M. elect. The 2nd section of the 1st lecture was worked by Bro. Sims, S.W. Bro. J. Williams was elected a joining member of the lodge. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Dr. Lawrence for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. A testimonial in the form of a handsomely engraved silver cigar case was "presented to Bro. Arthur Williams by the members of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, in recognition of his valuable services as secretary, 1888."

DERWENT—No. 40.—The monthly meeting of this old and successful Lodge took place on Monday, at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, when there were present: Bros. Markwich, W.M.; Rev. J. Puttich, P.P.G.C., S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treasurer; J. Pearce, P.M., Secretary; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randell, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S.W., D.C.; H. Muscat, Organist; R. Walmsley, I.G.: F. H. Hallett, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; W. M. Glenister, P.G., Std. B., P.M.; Captain Hennah, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; P. Robinson, P.M.; T. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D.; A. Wells, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; T. J. Rubie, P.M.; H. C. Bennett, E. J. McCormich, L. J. Jukes, H. Boyce, G. H. Gaze, C. Reinmann, F. Duke, W. H. Rodda, A. Bray, C. J. Lindridge, G. W. Councillor Bryant, S. T. Councillor Weston, J. T. Edmed, J. Taylor, L. O. Glenister. Visitors:—P. H. Palmer, 811; T. Bunker, P.M., 232; W. T. Jordan, W.M., 1184. Bro. Bennett was raised to sublime degree of W.M. Brother Taylor was passed, the work being done by the W.M. in an excellent manner. As this was the first appearance at Lodge of Bro. Trollope, after his severe illness, he was received with hearty congratulations. Rev. J. Puttich, P.P.G.C., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Rossiter was again re-elected Treasurer, both of whom suitably acknowledged the honour conferred. A long discussion ensued on the report of Board of General Purposes, which recommended a respectful suggestion to be made to the P.G. Master that the meetings of the P.G. Lodge may be held at different parts of the province. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. C. W. Duke mentioned how the lodge was situate in regard to the candidature of the boy Newns for the R.M.I.B., and ventured a hope that they may be able, with assistance outside the province, to secure his election. Mr. Heophy was proposed as a candidate. The annual installation meeting will be held on the 14th January next.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1889.

AS recorded in another column, the nomination of candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was made in Grand Lodge, on the 6th inst. The following speeches of the respective nominators contain particulars of the masonic services of the brethren nominated, which will doubtless interest our readers :—

Bro. SIR J. R. SOMERS VINE, W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, said : Most worshipful Grand Master in the Chair—It is my great privilege, as the selected representative of a large and influential committee, numbering over 700 members of the craft, and comprising brethren in all parts of the country, to nominate for the high office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year an eminent brother, whom I believe to be universally known, highly esteemed, and eminently qualified to discharge the duties of that position ; I allude to Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry. That brother, M.W.G.M. in the chair, entered the ranks of masonry more than 20 years ago ; he was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, No. 382 ; he joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, which most of our brethren may know is a lodge composed mainly of professional gentlemen connected with the liberal arts and sciences, in which he served all the offices, and was installed W.M. in 1877. He also joined the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, of which he is a Past Master. He is a member of the Savage Club Lodge, of which I am at this moment in the proud position of being W.M. ; he has been Treasurer for the last two years ; he is also a Past First Principal of the Asaph Chapter, and was appointed a Grand Steward in 1885-86, and has been two years a member of the Board of General Purposes ; he is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Life Governor of the two other Masonic Institutions ; he has also served the office of Steward eight times. That, M.W. Sir, I think, is a masonic record which would commend itself to any brother. But, apart from all masonic associations. I venture to assert that the public and private life of Bro. E. O'Connor Terry is such as should commend him to the unanimous suffrages of the brethren in Grand Lodge. For several years past he has occupied positions of public trust, and has discharged the duties appertaining to those positions in a manner which has reflected credit on him as a patriotic citizen. He has also the pleasure of being among those who have his private acquaintance, a most consistent friend, and, therefore, as I said before, in public and private life he has shown those attributes which are essential to a good mason. On those grounds, M.W. Grand Master, I beg to nominate him for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. FERGUSON, P.M. Domatic Lodge, No. 177 ; M.W.G.M. in the Chair : I have also to nominate a distinguished Mason for the office of Grand Treasurer, a brother who has worked justly and honestly in Masonry for 30 years, one who has worked in founding lodges, and in keeping those lodges going in such a manner that they have been enabled to supply large sums of money to the charities. He is not only a brother who exercises charity in general, but he is forward in promoting the same virtue in others. I have very great pleasure in proposing Bro. George Everett, Past Master, and Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177 ; founder and Past Master of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381 ; founder and Past Master of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, and about seven years its Treasurer ; he is also a founder, Past Master, and Treasurer of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012. He has not only laboured in Craft Masonry but also in Arch ; he is Past Z. of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975 ; Past Z., founder, and Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381 ; he has also served the office of Steward five times ; he has been the means, as a member of the lodges with which he has been connected, in subscribing money which they might not have done, and had not done until he was their treasurer, one of them being the Domatic Lodge, and by the example that he has shown the brethren themselves have supplied far more to the funds of Grand Lodge of England. He has also made himself a Vice-President of each of the three Masonic Charities. A record of services like that shows that this brother is worthy of being elected Grand Treasurer. I have been deputed by the brethren of the various masonic bodies with which he has been connected, to represent to you that we have a perfectly worthy brother among us, one whose merits have been pretty well explained by what he has done. I might say that he is an independent man ; free from the anxieties and cares of business ; and with these qualifications, as I have laid them before you, I am sure you will think he is a proper person for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Ley Spring...	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1791	Creaton	F. M. H.
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
907	Royal Albert	White Hart Tav., Abchurch Lane
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
Mark.		
7	Carnarvon	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
86	Samson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T.		
117	New Temple	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.

(2nd) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th.

134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1201	Eclectic	F. M. H.
1536	United Military	Lord Raglan, Plumstead
1559	New Cross	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1997	John Carpenter	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
2000	Earl of Mornington	Holborn Restaurant
2157	St. Mark's College	Victoria Mansions Rest., Westmins er
R.A.C.		
569	Fitzroy	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd.-Qrs., City Road
Mark.		
144	Grosvenor	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
K.T.		
	Great Priory	Cannon Street Hotel
26	Faith and Fidelity, &c.	Ditto

(3rd) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th.

1641	Crichton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1732	King's Cross	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street

(3rd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th.

1	Grand Masters	F. M. T.
8	British	F. M. H.
21	Emulation	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
185	Tranquillity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
720	Panmure	Balham Hot., Balham
862	Whittington	F. M. H.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

(3rd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th—*continued.*

1728	Temple Bar	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R..A.C.		
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
1657	Aldersgate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
Mark.		
173	Temple	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
294	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich

(3rd) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th.

30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
162	Cadogan	F. M. H.
166	Union	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
255	Harmony	Greyhound, Richmond
1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2021	Queen's Westminster	Holborn Rest., W.C.
2022	Haven	Lyric Hall, Ealing
2146	Surbiton	Maple Hall, Surbiton, Surrey
R.A.C.		
7	Royal York of Perseverance ...	F. M. H.
11	Enoch	Ditto
19	Mount Sinai	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel

(3rd) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6.

174	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
969	Maybury	Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1624	Eccleston	Criterion, Piccadilly
1673	Langton	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1803	Cornhill	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
R.C.		
105	Cœur de Lion	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

(3rd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th.

49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
147	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1613	Cripplegate...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1681	Londesboro'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
Mark.		
	Bon Accord...	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	24th Dec	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	2nd Jan	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	18th Dec	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	8th Jan	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	14th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance TO-DAY,	13th Dec	Ditto
887	Leigh	23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford	24th Dec	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Dec	Ditto
1016	Elkington	?25th Dec	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	9th Jan	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Dec	Ditto
1180	Forward	7th Jan	Ditto
1474	Israel	14th Jan	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	18th Dec	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	9th Jan	Ditto
221	St. John	19th Dec	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Dec	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	17th Dec	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	20th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	1st Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	9th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	17th Dec	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	21st Dec	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	1st Jan	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick TO-DY	13th Dec	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	15th Dec	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	29th Jan	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Dec	Ditto
1947	Stanford	9th Jan	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	1st Jan	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	9th Jan	Ditto
326	Moira	20th Dec	Ditto
610	Colston	19th Dec	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges	5th Jan	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell	24th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort	?25th Dec	Ditto
187	Charity	3rd Jan	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief 20th Dec (? 27th Dec)		Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Dec	Bridge Inn
191	St. John TO-DAY,	13th Dec	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	3rd Jan	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	27th Dec	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	14th Jan	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	7th Jan	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	?18th Dec	Ditto
1422	Alma Mater ...	20th Dec	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	19th Dec	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	?25th Dec	M. H., Gower Street
751	Arboretum... ...	9th Jan	Ditto
802	Repose	20th Dec	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	15th Dec	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	20th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	26th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	2nd Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	2nd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	15th Jan	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	1st Jan	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	19th Dec	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	10th Dec	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ...? 16th or 23rd Jan		M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	3rd Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	26th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	4th Jan	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	7th Jan	Ditto
1221	Defence	14th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	12th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	8th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	9th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	9th Jan	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	20th Dec	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	28th Dec	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	8th Jan	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	26th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	20th Dec	Ditto
216	Harmonic TO-DAY,	13th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	8th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	3rd Jan	Ditto
292	Sincerity	14th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance	18th Dec	Ditto
673	St. John	1st Jan	Ditto
680	Sefton	4th Jan	Ditto
724	Derby	26th Dec	Ditto
786	United Service TO-DAY,	13th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	19th Dec	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
1094	Temple	9th Jan	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edinbgh. TO-DY.,	13th Dec	Ditto
1264	Neptune	7th Jan	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	24th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	9th Jan	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	17th Dec	Ditto
1505	Emulation	27th Dec	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	9th Jan	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Dec	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	?25th Dec	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	2nd Jan	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	?25th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	2nd Jan	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	17th Dec	Ditto
2215	Anfield	27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Brock Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	17th Dec	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	1st Jan	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Dec	Ditto
241	Friendship	24th Dec	Ditto
249	Mariners	17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool	24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's	13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	16th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel	8th Jan	Ditto

NOTE.—CHRISTMAS DAY falls on the FOURTH TUESDAY in this month; query all meetings on that date.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.			
44	Friendship	1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social	31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	21st Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	26th Dec	Ditto
204	Caledonian	9th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	3rd Jan	Ditto
325	St. John's	19th Dec	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	19th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair TO-MOR.,	14th Dec	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	9th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	27th Dec	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	2nd Jan	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Dec	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	20th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	18th Dec	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	13th Dec	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	7th Jan	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	26th Dec	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	1st Jan	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David TO-DAY,	13th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	1st Jan	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	17th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	26th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers TO-MOR.,	14th Dec	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	20th Dec	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	26th Dec	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	21st Dec	Town Hall, Pendleton
1793	Zion	7th Jan	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	1st Jan	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	9th Jan	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	9th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	14th Jan	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian ...	17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	5th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	21st Dec	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	3rd Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	14th Jan	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	9th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	27th Dec	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	14th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	28th Dec	Ditto
1863	Priory TO-DAY,	13th Dec	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex TO-MOR.,	14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	18th Dec	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	(?)	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
471	Silurian	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	19th Dec	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward T-DY,	13th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	28th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	9th Jan	Ditto
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 52	Union	1st Jan	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	8th Jan	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	18th Dec	Ditto
807	Cabbell	27th Dec	Ditto
943	Sincerity	?25th Dec	Ditto
1500	Walpole	3rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance TO-DAY,	13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto
NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 47	Newstead	18th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	14th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	4th Jan	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1435	Annesley	28th Dec	Ditto
1794	De Vere	21st Dec	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	17th Dec	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	27th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

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OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
340	Alfred	1st Jan	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie	8th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto
PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.			
Lo. 70	St. John's	27th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	14th Jan	Ditto
156	Harmony	7th Jan	Ditto
159	Brunswick	2nd Jan	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	14th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	18th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	20th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	?25th Dec	Ditto
1205	Metham	17th Dec	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-DAY,	13th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	17th Dec	Ditto
1550	Prudence	5th Jan	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	8th Jan	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	?25th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	28th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			
257	Phœnix	26th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	19th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth TO-DAY,	13th Dec	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	14th Jan	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service T-MR.,	14th Dec	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	20th Dec	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	?25th Dec	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	24th Dec	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	17th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	9th Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	8th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street
SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
139	Britannia TO-DAY,	13th Dec	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	?25th Dec	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	17th Dec	Ditto
SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS			
130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DY,	13th Dec	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	17th Dec	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	20th Dec	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	28th Dec	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	1st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ..	3rd Jan	Ditto
359	Peace and Harmony	17th Dec	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Dec	Ditto
SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
80	St. John	8th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY,	13th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	21st Dec	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	28th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

NOTE.—CHRISTMAS DAY falls on the FOURTH TUESDAY in this month; query all meetings on that date.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.	
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... ... „ 7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ... „ 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury ... ... „ 8	(?)
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lecture Hall, High Street, Deptford.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ... „ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7 30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th.	
9	Albion ... ... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.) „ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... ... „ 8	(?)
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn'
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... „ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7	(?)
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(3rd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(3rd) MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th—*continued.*	
1507	Metropolitan .. ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C		
206	Hope ... ... „—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... . „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... „ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence ... ... „ 7	(?)
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne ... ... „ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's „ 8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(3rd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th.

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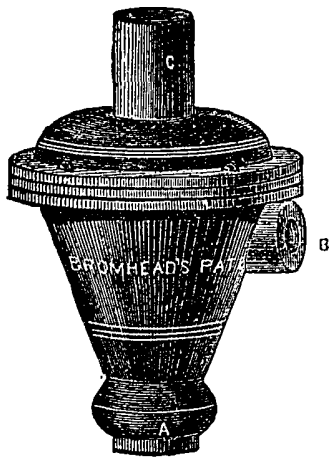
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Rule 210—Exclusion.

BEFORE the endeavour of Bro. J. F. H. Woodward to amend the somewhat ambiguous reading of Rule 210, which treats of the "mode of permanent exclusion" from lodge membership, is altogether shelved, as it appears likely will be the case, it would be, in our opinion, to the advantage of the Craft generally if a careful consideration of the regulation as it now stands, and of the amendment suggested, were given without personal bias or the influence of debate in Grand Lodge. There, unfortunately, the limit of time wherein to properly and fairly discuss important questions arising out of our system of Jurisprudence prevents the necessary conception in many minds of the nature of the arguments adduced for or against any projected measure of reform, and the voting power is more frequently than not exercised before judgment is sufficiently matured. We think something of this character has caused the total rejection of our worthy brother's motion to amend the rule which, as it affects the individual character and position of each member of the Masonic Order, is probably the most important of the 312 sections which comprise the General Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Craft under the English Constitution.

Let us dissect that Rule:—"Every Lodge has the power to permanently exclude any of its members for sufficient cause, provided that such member *shall have received* (italics are ours) due notice *in writing* of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard." Here is a distinct proviso without the observance of which no action can be taken. We can find no clause which determines the mode in which the fact of due notice having been received shall be substantiated or even presumed. It is positive that the member "shall have *received* due notice," and proof that same has been sent to him does not comply with the regulation; nor would Bro. Woodward's proposal that such notice should be sent by a registered letter, and a post office receipt for same produced, be "evidence" of the absolute fact of receipt by the person implicated, unless indeed such receipt were signed by the addressee himself, which is not invariably the case. So that to render this part of Rule 210 effective, a clause for substituted service appears to be absolutely necessary to secure, in the words of Bro. Woodward, "some finality as to a lodge's responsibility, as regards service of the notice, which should be accepted by the Board of General Purposes in case of appeal."

We are assuming that the necessity for sending any such notice at all arises from some gross act of moral turpitude or aggravated Masonic offence, which, if proved, could not be purged by other than the penultimate penalty of exclusion. We hold that even in such case the actions of the presumed delinquent Brother should be of such importance as to justify, on proof, the infliction by Grand Lodge itself of the ultimate penalty—Exclusion—and if desired, and justice requires it, that is secured by direct reference to the Board of General Purposes. But if the power of exclusion is sought to be exercised on a question of non-payment of Lodge dues, then we say the application of Rule 210 is needless, for the ordinary provisions of the Bye Laws of most, if not all, of our Lodges are, or should be, sufficient for the exclusion from membership of any one or other of them, and the necessity for its amendment on that ground does not exist.

The next clause of Rule 210, and the only other with which we are now immediately concerned, says: "This power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present."

Bro. Woodward contends that to this clause should be added the words "who vote," the effect of which would be that all others present, when after discussion the question is put from the chair, are to be placed in the category of absentees. In this contention we cannot agree with our worthy brother, and are disposed to consider Bro. Samuel Pope's remarks on the subject unanswerable. He says: "It is conceivable that brethren present may not be able to make up their minds to exclude, but still hesitate to vote so as to express any toleration of the conduct objected to." And when we reflect on the serious importance of the resultant verdict on the individual brother to be affected thereby, it is not only reasonable, but kind and consistent with our masonic principles, as well as abstract justice, that the defendant should have the benefit of the doubt. There is

also to be taken into account the possibility—we might fairly say the probability—that, whilst entertaining the belief that the malfeasance of the incriminated brother deserves severe censure, it may not merit the infliction of the severest penalty, and those who entertain doubt on either point should, by their abnegation of their voting-power, be counted as favouring the retention of the erring brother on the roll of members of the lodge. For our part, and in view of what the penalty sought to be inflicted masonically means, if any alteration to this clause were necessary, which we do not think is the case, we would rather see the proportion of "excluding" voters raised to two-thirds of the number of brethren on the roll of members irrespective of all absentees or non-voters.

We are in full agreement with Bro. Woodward and his supporters as to the necessity for expressing in our laws and regulations the fullest meaning which can be attached to each requirement in respect of Masonic procedure; and that if the same be not generally understood, fitting amendments should be made. In regard to the first portion of Rule 210 there is, no doubt, reason for alteration. As to the second, it is explicit enough, as intending that "all present," whether passive or active, are to be considered in the final decision, and that unless two-thirds of the total number say "Aye" the "Noes" have it.

It is possible that this question may be again brought before Grand Lodge. If so, it is to be hoped that any honest attempt to make plain that which is at present confused, may not be met by unmasonic expressions. "Tinkering," applied to a Brother desirous of amending that which he thinks in the interest of the Craft requires amendment, is not a pleasant epithet to hear in the course of debate; and we do not wonder that a somewhat general feeling exists that the distinguished brother, who, probably in the heat of argument did not readily hit upon a less offensive word, should have been called upon to withdraw it. It is also a pity that a too strict adherence to parliamentary form and custom, not universally understood by the members of Grand Lodge, should have misled some who would otherwise have made the answer to the enquiry of the M.W.G.M. in the chair not quite so apparently unanimous in their negative as is supposed.

The Qualifications of our Members.

COMMUNICATED.

(*Continued from page 220.*)

IN our previous article under this heading we dwelt upon the qualifications necessary for admission to the ranks of our Order, and also those which ought to be possessed by all who are elected to the offices connected with our private lodges, pointing out that in this latter case "merit and ability" should be the first consideration of those in whom the power of appointment is vested. It goes without saying that any, and every, thing must be first learnt before it can be taught, and, as our readers must be aware, a good deal of "learning" is necessary for the acquisition of the various set sentences and phrases which it is imperatively necessary for any lodge officer to be thoroughly cognizant of, if he wishes to do himself and his companions credit. As we have said, there is no lack of Lodges of Instruction all over the country, and many of our brethren take advantage of the opportunities afforded them thereby of gaining Masonic education, but we would submit that there is room for reformation in some of these. "Qualifications" are of the highest import so far as preceptors are concerned, and any brother accepting such a position ought to be thoroughly *au fait* with every detail of craft ceremonial and ritual. Many of our worthy brethren are, without doubt, so qualified, but, on the other hand, some are not. In many cases an amount of pedantry is apparent, verbiage familiar only to the preceptor and his regular students is used, often in the most autocratic manner, innovations introduced and omissions insisted upon in accordance with his lights, frequently utterly wrong, so that the student who has, as he may have fondly imagined, been acquiring the knowledge he so diligently sought, finds himself, on visiting another Lodge (fancying himself well coached), confronted by a mass of alterations, corrections, interweavings and differences; and is as much at sea as students of old Lindley Murray are amongst grammarians of the present day. This, our readers must admit, is not as it should be; but how can it be rectified, they ask? Well, for much, the members of our Lodges of Instruction have no one but themselves to blame. In them is vested the power of appointment of their teachers, and care ought to be exercised in using this power. The office, though purely a labour of love, should only be filled after mature consideration and deduction, bearing in mind that besides the knowledge, which is the primary consideration, a preceptor ought to possess as qualifications both "tact and temper." We know of many Lodges of Instruction which, from a flourishing condition, have become like "the deserted village" simply through change in the preceptorship, the new-comer not happily uniting these in his person; but beyond all this we would point out that a more sweeping and radical reform could be, and the day is approaching when it will have to be, effected. For years past the question of uniformity of ritual has from time to time cropped up; suggestions have been made and resolutions passed dealing with the subject, but at these points it appears that all efforts have ceased, for nothing whatever has been done to put into practical shape or carry out, the suggested, and much-to-be-desired end. Why this apathetic neglect has been displayed we know not; certainly an universal authorised version would be preferable to those concocted by many of our preceptors. Quite recently several lodges have had this subject under consideration, and on the 29th ult. the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man received the following "recommendation" from the Spencer Walpole Lodge: "That with a view to securing uniformity of working, the Provincial Grand Lodge be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to promote the holding of combined Lodges of Instruction." It was, at the same time, pointed out that in some lodges there were variations in working which would be better removed, and the whole province brought to work on one uniform system. This recommendation was referred to a representative committee, and we trust, for the good of the craft in general, that a step will be taken in the direction suggested, and which will only be the precursor of similar ones affecting the Instruction Lodges nearer home. The question is, of course, a large one to deal with, but surely with the organization at command, and cheerful co-operation on the part of all interested, the difficulties of arrangement which at the first blush may appear insurmountable could be overcome, and the anomaly at present existing done away with. We commend for serious consideration to the whole craft the action of the Spencer Walpole Lodge. If similar representations could be made by our multifarious Provincial Lodges to their Grand Lodges, and thus the whole question be brought prominently forward, we do not think any great length of time would elapse before this, as we consider, imperatively necessary result would be attained; meanwhile the instruction vouchsafed is as diversified as Joseph's many coloured coat, for a good deal of which we have to thank certain preceptors and their so-called qualifications, as well as the laxity which has allowed variations to creep in, apparently without any other authority than their good pleasure.

Our final remarks on the subject of this article may be approved by some, reprobated by others, still as they are, we consider, very germane to the matter, they may not be altogether ill-timed.

For a long time past, Grand Lodge honours have been distributed in a manner which has, to our knowledge, evoked a spirit of hostile criticism amongst many members of the craft, members in all stations of life, even including those whose names have become household words amongst us. It is stated, we think rightly, that in conferring such honours the external advantages of rank and fortune have been made more a *sine quâ non* than merit and ability. Cases have occurred in which young sprigs of nobility, the *jeunesse dorée*, have been pitchforked into high office and prominent position for no other reason than their social standing. Brethren who, in scores of ways, have unwearingly for years given, and that ungrudgingly, their most earnest efforts for the furtherance of the interest of the craft, have been passed aside; sometimes entirely ignored, sometimes with a half-apologetic minor recognition; and find, though they have borne the burden and heat of the day, some practically newly-made brother is awarded the fruit which they, with justice, ought to have gathered. We do not know the circumstances under which appointments to the higher offices of our order are advised to our M.W.G.M., or who proposes and makes them, but it is nevertheless a fact that, whoever may be responsible for such appointments, would do well to consider the advisability of making some alteration in the system which appears to regulate choice, and so avoid causing feelings nearly akin to bitter resentment in the breasts of those who, though amply fitted in every respect to sustain dignity and discharge high office, are ignored in favour of those whose sole (apparent) "qualification" is the advantage of having, vulgarly speaking, "friends at court."

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 236.)

THIS is not all. The Ritual proceeds to give reasons *why* the Mason is to accept it as his authority through life, by stating that the Almighty has been pleased to reveal *more of his Divine word and will in that Holy Book than by any other means*. Now the height of absurdity would be reached if it were insisted on that this Ritual was ever meant to apply where *several* sacred volumes were under consideration. If it is Masonic, as we ourselves believe it to be, to try to make men earnest by living up to their religious belief, no matter what that belief may be, how could such an end be attained by the misuse of this Ritual, or by interpreting it in any sense save in that conveyed by the strict words we have employed?

It is not an altogether insignificant circumstance that the Mark Degree which now flourishes as a side or independent Degree was once, or some portion of it was once, part of the original Fellow Craft Degree. It is not now recognised by the Craft proper in England, but it is the Fourth Degree in American Freemasonry, coming between the Third and the Royal Arch. There is some doubt as to what portion of the Mark Degree was used in the Second, but it is tolerably certain that the Christian allusion to "the stone rejected by the builders becoming the head-stone of the corner," was used in Craft Masonry.*

* We are aware that our contention of the former connection between the Mark and Second Degrees is not admitted by all Masonic Students. This argument is therefore one of those to which we have already alluded, as subject to rejection without materially diminishing the mass of evidence on which we rely.

Another noticeable circumstance is that the Grand Lodge of All England, held at York, recognised five Degrees in 1779. These were—

1st. The Apprentice Degree.
2nd. The Fellow Craft Degree.
3rd. The Master Mason's Degree.
4th. The Royal Arch.
5th. The Knight Templar Degree.*

The full significance of this arrangement of the Degrees will be evident to every Christian Freemason.

We would now draw the attention of those brethren who hold that Freemasonry has no religious import to certain references in the Ritual. The first working tool with which the Entered Apprentice is presented is, amongst other uses, to mark that portion of time which should be passed in prayer to Almighty God; we fear that the lapse of time has made some Masons forget this, or they could hardly argue or assert that Freemasonry has no religious significance. The second working tool, in a similar manner, is so to be used that our words and actions may ascend unpolluted to the Throne of Grace. Has not this been forgotten? Passing to the Second Degree, the tools there presented to the brother are to be so applied, symbolically, that the candidate may hope to ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates.

In the Third Degree we are reminded of the straight and undeviating line of conduct laid down for our pursuit in the Volume of the Sacred Law. Is any Mason satisfactorily assured that in every volume in this world, esteemed as sacred by some section or other of the community, there is a straight and undeviating line of conduct laid down? We do not ask, has some one or other asserted that this is the case? but we ask the brethren who use this formula, do they possess any knowledge which carries with it the required conviction? The two tools, the last, which are next presented to the brother are to remind us of God's unerring and impartial justice. We here admit that as He has defined in the Bible certain limits of good and evil, we shall be rightly punished if we disregard His divine commands. What we have stated must be familiar to every Mason, and it is impossible to apply this teaching to all sacred volumes, or to all that are so esteemed; the application can only be to the Bible.

There is one circumstance to which we think sufficient attention has not been paid, and which supports our arguments used in other places. This is the great difference in the obligations of performance expected from the Fellow-Craft as compared with the Apprentice Freemason. We find Preston and Emulation working agree regarding this.

After his initiation the neophyte is *recommended* to seriously contemplate the Volume of the Sacred Law; he is *charged* to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate his actions by the divine precepts it contains. This point is of the highest importance in considering what are the duties of a brother, who is not a Christian at the time of his initiation. The Ritual makes it perfectly clear that neither at, nor after, his initiation is the brother obliged to support principles of which he was, previously thereto, ignorant. He is, in effect, merely charged, recommended to be a Christian, for the words used can only refer to the Christian's Bible.

It is obvious that after their disclosure he might disapprove of those principles and decline to conform to them without prejudice to his status as an Apprentice, but the position is changed when the Second Degree is taken. In taking this Degree a distinct approval of the principles of the First is given. To make sure of this a preliminary and solemn engagement is exacted that the principles inculcated in the First Degree, which, as we have shown include Christianity, will be maintained. In the Charge after Passing the Craftsman is told that he is bound to perform certain duties, and that in his *new* character it is expected that he will conform to the principles of the Order.

* See quotation from Minute Book, Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite," p. 68.

(*To be continued*).

REVIEW.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR 1889. Published by Bro. George Kenning, London, &c.

Is a most comprehensive and useful work of reference, as well as an efficient pocket book and diary for Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Master Masons, attached to the several lodges working under the English Constitutions at home and abroad. The members of Rose Croix Chapters, Knight Templar Preceptories, and Red Cross Conclaves, and also Freemasons connected with the Scotch, Irish, and most of the foreign Grand Lodges, will find in it abundant information of considerable interest. The present is the nineteenth year of its publication, and a continual reference to its pages during all that period has proved it to ourselves to be as nearly perfect in respect of the information afforded as could be possibly expected, having regard to the continuous changes taking place in removals of lodges, alteration of dates of meetings, and the substitution of newly-appointed officers of Grand Lodges for those named in it. The Diary of Metropolitan Lodges shows at a glance the forthcoming meetings of the several lodges, and affords space for the entry of engagements. We commend the work for its utility, not only to those who have availed themselves of former issues, but also to those new members of our Order who may desire more general information than they could otherwise obtain, without much difficulty and loss of time. Its price (2s.) brings it within the reach of all.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(*Original and Selected.*)

TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE

BRO. DR. ROB. MORRIS, MASONIC POET LAUREATE,

BY BRO. JNO. K. HALL.

And thou art gone,
And Masonry has lost
A Pillar from her Temple.
And while a Mason lives
The memory of Rob. Morris ne'er will die.
Through opposition he has fought his way,
And spent a life in deeds of usefulness.
No selfish motive ever had a place
In all his acts of charity and love;
He lived for others, with no thought of self.
When Masonry had need of a defender,
She found a champion in Bro. Morris.
His whole and earnest life
Was spent in carrying out its principles.
He journeyed from the rising
To the setting sun,
Disseminating its important truths,
And living up to its requirements.
No obstacle he did not overcome;
He bore the slurs and taunts of those
Who should have aided him,
With meekness and compassion;
They, in envy of the position
He held in every true Masonic heart,
Misrepresented and maligned him;
But true and faithful to our lessons
He lived, and died
A Martyr in its cause.

To use Bro. Morris' own words—

"We'll set the green sprig deep in love;
We'll water it with sympathy;
We'll give it fond and faithful care,
Nor shall a single leaflet die."

FAITHFUL AND TRUE, HOW SWEET HE RESTS.

[Reproduced from the *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, for November.]

"THE CRAFT."

[AS GIVEN IN ST. MANGHOLD LODGE, No. 1075, ISLE OF MAN.]

BROTHERS of the Craft arise!
Pledge with me Free Masonry!
Closer bind our mystic ties,
Our motto—"Strength and Unity."

We strive for Freedom and for Truth,
We labour for the common good;
With hand and heart, in age and youth,
Promote the Perfect Brotherhood.

Let the Light of Knowledge spread!
Prosper, the Science of the Free!
Heaven's blessings on our Royal Head!
Brethren—The Craft—with three times three.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 12th inst. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided as Chairman, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; J. Newton, Samuel Brooks, W. A. Scurrah, Charles Kempton, A. H. Tattershall, Alexander Forsyth, M.D.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, W. Hilton, Hugh Cotter, H. M. Hobbs, J. J. Berry, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

The Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants (two men and one widow).

The petitions were fifteen in number, ten being from men and five from widows. Seven of the former were accepted, two rejected, and one deferred, while four of the latter were accepted and one rejected.

MARK MASONRY.—A half-yearly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on the 11th inst. The Prov. G.M., R. W. Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, presided, supported by the Past Prov. G.M., R. W. Bro. J. Walker, and a full attendance of Prov. Grand officers and members of the province, among them Bros. O. Shellard, P.M., 243 and P.G.S.W.; T. Blinkhorn, P.M.; J. Marchant, P.M.; John Davies, P.M.; H. S. Marchant, R.M.; John Barnes, P.M.; Edward George, J.O.; G. J. Caldwell, I.P.M.; T. G. Chance, S.D.; W. Margrett, I.G.; C. A. Stephens, tyler, of St. Ethelbert, 243, Hereford. The principal business was the appointment and investiture of W. Bro. Shellard (ex-Mayor of Hereford) as Deputy Prov. G.M., in succession to the late Bro. H. Jeffs, whose death occurred shortly after his appointment to the office in July last. A vote of condolence with Bro. Jeffs's family was placed upon the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and a vote of thanks in aid of the proposed memorial to Bro. Brooksmith, the oldest Past Master of the province and a Past Officer of Grand Lodge, was also unanimously made. A banquet was afterwards held which was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, supported by his deputy, Bro. Shellard.

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BRO. WOODWARD'S MOTION IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

It seems a pity that Bro. Woodward's motion on Rule 210 was not divided into two parts; for it is obvious that there might be a difficulty in showing that the member had "received" the notice, but none in showing that it had been "sent to him" as proposed; and this part of the motion could hardly be objected to.

The other part admits, I think, of more diversity of opinion, and, in common with many others, I prefer the rule as it stands, because it leans rather to the side of charity than to that of punishment. Should any brother decide not to vote either way, it would surely be easy for him to retire from the lodge for the time.

Yours fraternally,

P.S.—I enclose my card. M. M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Knowing something as I do of the working of several provinces, I am growing each year to feel that the formation of London into provinces, or districts, would have a most beneficial effect on the craft. It seems absurd that a brother living at, say Richmond, must go to the neighbouring town of Twickenham to obtain purple.

Provincial lodges are far from perfect; a defect appears to me that one brother holds office as deputy far too long. It should not be for more than three years, as there can be no doubt that this officer has really more to do with the appointment of officers than his chief, and his personal friends naturally get the best appointments. I will cite one case out of many: In a chapter south-west of the metropolis, the installing P.Z., and general handy man, got Sword-bearer; and a medical brother, who had done very little in the ritual, got Prov. Third Principal.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer should be elected by the brethren, and should not be proposed by the P.G.M., as was the case in the province during the present year.

Next year, London will become a county, and it would be easy to form from the electoral divisions a certain number of District Grand Lodges, leaving the portions now in the London District, which would then be outside London County, to be absorbed into the respective counties of Middlesex, Surrey, &c.

Yours &c.,

OBSERVER.

*** *We are with you in this matter now, as we have been in the past, and should be glad to have an opportunity of publishing the opinions of other brethren.*—ED. M.S.

FREEMASONRY AND LIFE ASSURANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I fully endorse the remarks of Bro. Bowden Green in your paper of the 6th inst., and I think it will be admitted that he has laid the axe to the root of an evil we all must see, and which, with many of my brethren, I heartily condemn. Amongst the craft, as a body, if thrift were exercised there would be no poverty, or, at least, it would be reduced to a minimum.

The obligations of the rich and influential to help lift up those in humble life by encouraging industry, rewarding merit, promoting temperance, and other excellent virtues, would place Freemasonry in the position of something like a paradise.

What, then, is the hindrance? The answer is too clear to be mistaken—the public house!! In the 36 years of my connection with the craft, I have known, and can point back with aching heart, to some of those who, before their initiation, ranked amongst the brightest characters and adornments to society; but, on joining us, the concomitants, on which I need not dilate—the mistaken kindness in prompting them to be sociable and jolly good fellows with the glass—has had an ascendancy over them, and dozens I can name, through its deadly influence, now fill premature graves, leaving widows and fatherless children to curse the name of masonry, whilst others going in the same direction may be picked out by hundreds. Brethren once in wealthy circumstances and moving in the highest spheres by its influence have been reduced to penury and dishonour, to receive the cold shoulder from those who have profited by their ruin.

Our lodge is said to be situated on holy ground, our principles resting on the purest piety and truth. I can as readily imagine the ceremonies of any religious community conducted in a public house as the sublime principles of masonry; and as a lover of genuine masonry I adopt its principles as my religion, apart from the curse of creed or dogma, believing in its tendency to unite, in the strongest fraternal ties, men of all distinctions, religious or political, whilst recognising in "every son of Adam a brother of the dust."

All honour to Bro. Clerke, Grand Secretary, for the initiative taken by him in consecrating temperance lodges; brethren generally, and the clergy in particular, will prevent poverty and dishonour to the craft by using all the influence they possess to remove lodges from where the temptation to drink exists.

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I should like to see in your valuable paper a good healthy discussion as to whether it is advisable, or not, to discharge boys from the school at the age of 15 instead of 16, as at present. By reducing the age, more boys could be assisted than at present. Then, again, could not the expenses be reduced without detriment to the boys? I have before me the balance-sheet of an orphan asylum, one where the education and placing-out are quite equal to that of the M. B. School, and the cost of each child averages £30 5s. per head, *including the cost of obtaining and administering income and office expenses, which is £4 10s. 2d. per head.* Of course, I would not suggest to sacrifice efficiency to economy. Leaving the argument to abler pens than mine,

I am, yours fraternally,

AN ORGANIST.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Probably you have already noticed that the report you publish in this week's MASONIC STAR of a meeting of the "Derwent Lodge, No. 40," states that "Bro. Bennett was raised to the *sublime* degree of W.M." Doubtless that position *is* sublime (!), but I presume, of course, it should be "M.M." and not "W.M."

Yours fraternally,

December 15th, 1888. MASTER MASON.

*** *Thanks for correction.*—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. C., Halifax.—See "Our Trestle Board" for fuller reply.

H. J. E., Lowestoft.—Many thanks; shall always be pleased to notify and report. We reciprocate your seasonable wishes.

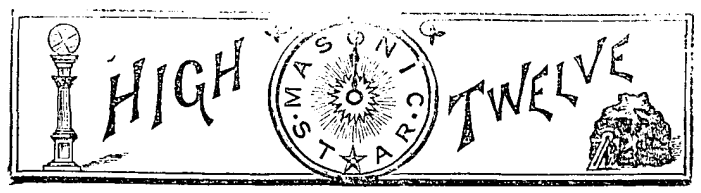
M.S., M.M. No. 19.—We shall be obliged to you if you will carry out your promise as occasion offers.

A member of the Outer Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge—No. 2076—and writing from Devon, shall have a direct reply to his letter in a few days.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Masonic Review for November (Edited by Bro. H. D. Moore, 32 deg., Cincinnati, Ohio); *Masonic Advocate* for December (Edited by Bro. Martin H. Rice, 33 deg., Indianapolis); *Society*, London; *The Masonic Record of Western India* (No. 8).

The Installation meeting of the Loyal Lodge—No. 251—Barnstaple, Devon, will be held at that place at 4 p.m., on Thursday next the 27th inst., when Bro. Jas. Bosson, S.W. and W.M. elect will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by the present W.M., Bro. W. A. Roberts. The banquet will be served at the Golden Lion Hotel, at 6.30 p.m.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

An amusing little dramatic skit, entitled *The Duchess of Bayswater & Co.*, was produced on the 8th inst., at the Haymarket Theatre. The little satirico-farcical production serves to keep Mr. Beerbohm Tree's audience in good humour, while the "style and fashion" are finding their way to the theatre. It was well played by Messrs. Brookfield, Allen and Harrison, and Misses Rose Le Clercq and Angela Cudmore. Without pretending to be ambitious, the author, Mr. A. M. Heathcote, has succeeded in being amusing.

The Grand Theatre, Islington, was opened under favourable auspices on the first of the current month. I congratulate Mr. Charles Wilmot, who is the very best Chadband I have ever seen, upon having got his handsome theatre finished at last, and I also congratulate that clever architect, Mr. Frank Matcham, upon his achievement in his particular *metier*. It is now close upon a year since the former house was destroyed by fire, an occurrence which I am not likely to forget, seeing that on the disastrous night I spent the evening at the theatre, and had only left the building a few minutes when the calamity occurred. Miss Kate Vaughan and her company were appearing here during the cattle show week in *Love and Honour*. The theatre will now remain closed until the production of the pantomime, which has been written by Geoffrey Thorn, of which great things are anticipated.

Of *Love and Honour* I have not much to remark which is complimentary. It is an adaption of *Monsieur Alphonse* by Alexandre Dumas, *fils*, and I confess I don't like it. The version now in use by Miss Kate Vaughan is that which I saw under the management of the late Madlle. Beatrice, and I well remember her excellent acting as Raymonde, as well as that of Miss Charlotte Saunders, whose impersonation of the *parvenu* Madame Guichard was a perfect piece of acting. Miss Kate Vaughan, who has done well with the play in the provinces, is thoroughly moving and sympathetic as the heroine, and she is well supported by the company engaged. Mrs. Campbell Bradley and Messrs. Lethcourt and Fulton merit high praise.

Neither at Covent Garden Theatre, Sanger's Amphitheatre, nor at the Standard Theatre, Shoreditch, will there be pantomimes this year. Covent Garden will be transformed once more into a circus, which will be exploited by the Messrs. Hengler; and I believe it is intended to make this one of the finest hippodromatic shows ever seen. The other two houses named will remain closed. Good business for the Surrey and the Britannia and Pavilion Theatres respectively.

Macbeth does not put in an appearance at the Lyceum until the 29th inst. Look out for the "disappearing ladies"—meaning, of course, the witches. Buatier de Kolta may have been enlisted for aught I know; anyway, the three witches are going to disappear in so short a time as to put that well-known period called "a jiffey" to the blush.

Break o' Day is no longer to be the title of Sim's and Pettitt's Adelphi drama: latest advices give the name as *The Silver Falls*, a far prettier and more attractive line for the bills. From all I can hear the new piece is in the authors' best style, and there is to be plenty of sensation. The scene is laid in London and in Mexico, so there ought to be variety enough. I have the greatest faith in this collaboration, and look forward to the new piece with more than ordinary interest.

Atalanta at the Strand has been revised and considerably improved. If only it had been produced, originally, in something like its present form, it would have had a good chance of a successful run. Even now, I hope *Atalanta* may run her race with *Hippomenes* for many a night to come. Mr. Dan Leno has been added to the company. Though I yield to no one in admiration of Mr. Dan Leno in the ordinary way, I yet think his style slightly jars upon one in this travesty; nevertheless he is immensely funny. I hear that the management is petitioning Augustus Imp. Dru. to cancel the engagement for the pantomime, so that Leno may stay at the Strand instead of joining the forces engaged for *Babes in the Wood*, &c. We shall see. Meanwhile, it is reported that arrangements have been entered into by which a well-known and fascinating musical composer will assume the *bâton*, and will introduce some taking musical novelties. Mr. Tom Squire has now a better chance of distinguishing himself than formerly; and a medley, introduced into the first act, goes extremely well. Most of the nonsensical racing business in the last act has been eliminated, and all this portion of the play has been much improved. Miss Alma Stanley is now replaced by Miss Leigh, who does her work gracefully and well. During the holidays I hope to hear that *Atalanta* is being extensively patronised.

A new play, by Mr. Robert Buchanan, is on the stocks at the Vaudeville Theatre. It is novel and peculiar in idea, and that is why I am a leetle timid about its "catching on." It is to be of the time of our great-grandfathers; the scene is laid principally at Bath, the old Assembly Rooms of which City are to be accurately reproduced. The name given to the play is *Cupid's Bow*. *Joseph's Sweetheart* will run yet for a bit, methinks.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, DECEMBER 19TH, 1888.

There is greater ease in the Money Market and a disposition towards lower rates. People had become so frightened at the possibility of a money scare at the end of the year, that the precautions taken have probably averted it; at all events, there is a better tone all round, and business latterly has been so much restricted that there is room for an upward movement as soon as business is resumed.

The end of the Panama scheme, so long looked forward to, has come; at all events, the first phase is ended, and the disappointment throughout France is bitter. The collapse, however, has not caused as much distraction on the Bourse as was anticipated, perhaps owing to the great financial houses having foreseen and provided for this result by selling bears of the stock. It is hoped by the proprietors that something may be done "for the honour of France." More excitement is just now produced by the heavy failure of a French broker, and this will probably lead to lower prices yet in some of the securities particularly affected by Parisian speculators. As Rio Tinto shares fell heavily on this failure, I think they should be bought. The increased difficulties at Suakin must put the Egyptian Government to a great expense, and in this case we shall probably have Unified stocks lower. At all events this stock and Daira's should stand at a nearer level than they are at now. The new Russian Loan appears to have been well subscribed for in Paris, but only to a very limited extent elsewhere. This is not calculated to keep up the price of the old stocks, and the 1873 loan will probably go lower. English rails are well supported, and the rise since last week is fairly good, considering the fewness of the transactions. Every now and then we have a rumour that the ordinary stock of one or other of the heavy lines is about to be divided into preferred and deferred stock, and a sharp rush up in price is recorded, though why the value should improve by division it is not easy to see. From the point of view of the investor it is not a desirable thing to do, but from the speculator's or the Stock Exchange point it is a consummation devoutly to be wished. Last week the North Eastern was to be divided, and this week it is the Midland. A rise of one or two per cent. was the result, which no doubt was what was wanted, as nothing more is heard of the projects. The outlook for most of these stocks is still very good, and the time is approaching when expectation will be on tiptoe as to the result of the half-year's working, so that everyone should be on the right side and buy some of the stocks that have had good takes, as a smart rise will certainly follow the resumption of business.

After a good tumble on Saturday last, American rails have again spurted, this time from New York, where they pretend to believe in a return of peace. I have my doubts of the genuineness of the rise, nor do I think that the ordinary speculators on this side care to follow the move. They have been deceived so often that they are very shy of being caught again, consequently the bargains done have been more amongst the professionals than the public. Mexican rails have as usual had their ups and downs, but there is no decided move. The traffic for last week showed no change, nor is there likely to be much addition to the gross takes for this half-year. There is a "bull" account in these stocks, therefore the wish is to get them up, but my own opinion is that the net result for the second half of 1888 will be a disappointment. It may be observed that the rise in American rails is hardly reflected in Canadian Pacifics; they are no worse, that is all. Although it is stated that the memorial to the directors of both this and the Grand Trunk lines has received large support, it does not follow that it will have any practical result. A careful perusal of the correspondence between the managers of the two companies will show the complete variance between them. The difference lies deeper than the question of mere mutual arrangements as to traffic between the eastern parts and Detroit or Sault St. Marie, and those shareholders who have signed the document would, if face to face with their respective Presidents, pledge themselves to support him in the fiercest warfare. Canadian Pacifics must go lower.

South African Mines have been dull, and have again improved, and I think will go higher. The Spes Bona Shares, which I mentioned when they were at two pounds, have since been to 7½. Henry Nourse and Moss Rose are perhaps the best purchase just now.

In new ventures there appears to be nothing like nitrates. Anything bearing the least relation to that article is carried to the most absurd premium. San Jorgés keep very high, and, as usual, the allotments have not been made indiscriminately. In the same way the new Nitrate Bank shares, even before anything at all is done, are quoted at 10 premium. These things are all gambles pure and simple, and if one is on the right side, the game is very nice and apparently easy; but this is one side of the matter only. There are some very good small investment companies which will, in the end, be found to have paid the buyer better. One of these is the Dental Manufacturing Company, which after paying dividends of 7 per cent. for some years, lately made a further issue of ordinary shares, which were principally taken by the existing shareholders. It is such companies as these which really are the best investments for people who want an income for their money.

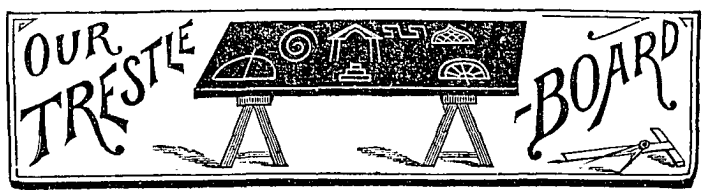
CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

W. M.—Forward the correspondence to us and we will advise you.

DOCTOR.—Do not sell yet.

NEYLAND.—The greater part of the capital has been lost. A scheme of reconstruction will be presented shortly; when we have seen it we will give our opinion in the City Article.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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Our Publishers ask us to acknowledge the receipt by them of several communications, expressing the favourable opinions of brethren with respect to their reprint of the articles on Lodge Officers which appeared in the earlier numbers of this paper. Amongst other letters is the following :—

"Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.

"Sir F. Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales to thank Messrs. Adams for the copy of the pamphlet which they forwarded to His Royal Highness, entitled 'Lodge Officers: their qualifications, duties and responsibilities.'"

"Dec. 11th, 1888."

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In reference to the foregoing paragraph, we would respectfully direct the attention of our readers to the notice of the work in our advertisement columns.

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We wish our readers to distinctly understand that we do not profess to endorse, either much or little, the opinions of our correspondents as expressed in the letters we publish. In the spirit of fairness we open our columns to all, and so long as controversy is kept within the bounds of prudence, and the writers—

"Do as adversaries do in law—
Strive mightily; but eat and drink as friends,"

we shall not withold their communications. This notification we consider necessary in reference to the letter of "An Old P.M." in our present number, with which we cannot altogether agree, and have no desire that it should be thought we do. We will take an early opportunity to explain our views in relation to the connection of Freemasonry with the Tavern, Temperance in contradistinction to Teetotalism, and the constitution of Class Lodges for the promotion of any particular object whatsoever, except the working of the pure and unsullied system of Masonic ritual and practice.

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On the subject of electing officers in Grand Lodges, the *South African Freemason* writes :—"Wherever the system of electing officers is carried on extensively, wrangling, touting, canvassing, and unmasonic recrimination follow. It is not pleasant to read of the election of a D.D.G.M. in a sister colony exciting much interest, or that active canvassing is being effectively carried on. We do hope that the English Grand Lodge is not going to introduce the thin end of the evil wedge." *We* hope, with our contemporary, and feel assured, that "wrangling, touting, and unmasonic recrimination" will not characterise the forthcoming or any subsequent election in our Grand Lodge; but where two individuals are put in nomination for the same office, 'tis not in human nature to avoid the solicitation for support from friends, and so far "canvassing" is not to be condemned. Indeed the candidate would be extremely foolish if he did not ask for that which he would be glad to receive; and would deserve defeat. We have no fear of any wrangling or recrimination in the pending election for Grand Treasurership. Our candidates, are both good freemasons, and therefore, of necessity, gentlemen.

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A correspondent, referring to a report of the proceedings at a recent Provincial Grand Lodge, writes: "The Prov. G.M. stated that he had conferred upon a certain brother the rank of P. Prov. G.S.W. for services rendered. I thought a Prov.G.M. had no power to confer *past* rank, and I consider such a course ought to be nipped in the bud. Why not have appointed him the actual Warden, if his services were deserving of such a mark of distinction? I hope you will draw attention to this violation of the Book of Constitutions."

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In respect of the foregoing, Rule 87 of the Laws and Regulations is very definite, and, in accordance therewith, the appointment is certainly null and void, *unless* made under a special power to confer *past* rank—such, for instance, as was exercised in regard to Jubilee honours last year; but even for the granting of such power there appears to be no provision made in the Book of Constitutions. We wonder if it comes under that presumed all-sufficient title of *Perogative?*

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We are glad to hear from the V.W. Recorder of "Ye Antiente Fraternitie of ye Rahere Almoners" that the ticket benefit at Drury Lane Theatre, granted by Bro. Augustus Harris in aid of the funds of the Almonry, was successful. The value of the tickets presented at the theatre reached the sum of £107 6s. The pinch of winter is now upon the poor souls whom this charitable association so greatly helps, and any assistance which can be rendered to it will be gratefully received by Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C. (the V.W. Recorder), 62, Long Lane, E.C., London.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The next meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Chapter Rose Croix will be held at 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday, the 2nd January. The Treasurer is W. Bro. H. Lovegrove, and the Recorder W. Bro. John Read, while the duties of M.W.S. are admirably performed by Ex. Bro. H. H. Shirley, M.A.

——Lodge Temperance, No. 169, will meet this evening (Thursday), at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, at five o'clock, Bro. I. G. Dale, W.M. Ceremony in the third degree. Business: Election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler, and the usual routine business.

——The Annual Masonic Festival and Ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 15th January, and it promises to be a most successful entertainment, more than 100 stewards having sent in acceptances, and his Worship the Mayor, Bro. E. H. Cookson, of Lodge No. 32, having also promised his patronage and presence. It is hoped that the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, the D.P.G.M., the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, will also be present.

——The Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, now meets every Saturday, at 7 p.m., at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E. Preceptor, Bro. Walter Martin, P.M.

——The inaugural meeting of the Montefiore Lodge of Instruction, No. 1017, will take place this day (the 20th inst.), at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8 o'clock p.m. Bro. S. V. Abraham, P.M. 1017, W.M.

——The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, on the 23rd inst., at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Rising Sun Tavern, 248, Globe Road, E. Bros. B. Da Costa, S.D. 1349, W.M.; W. Musto, P.M. 1349, S.W.; L. Da Costa, S.W. 1349, J.W.; Durass, P.M. 1275, I.P.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 11th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the province. The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. H. C. Okeover, presided. After the usual routine business and the reception of the various reports, Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., was re-elected Grand Treasurer for the twenty-fifth time. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Provincial Grand Officers :—S.W., A. Woodiwiss, I.P.M., Arboretum Lodge; J.W., J. H. Orme, P.M., Buxton; S. Chap., Rev. H. Price; J. Chap., Rev. E. Morris, Dorothy Vernon; Treas., Bro. T. Cox, P.M., Derby; Registrar, Bro. Silver Hall, P.M.; Secretary, Bro. W. Naylor, P.G. Sd.B., Eng., P.P.S.G.W., Derby; S.D., Bro. J. D. Wragg Carnarvon; J.D., R. Knowles, P.M., Royal Alfred; Superintendent of Works, Bro. R. Slater, P.M., Repose; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. J. Piper, P.M., Repose; Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Elphilstone, P.M., Mundy Grove; Sword Bearer, Bro. J. C. Webb, P.M., Royal Sussex; Standard Bearers, Bro. H. B. Boag, P.M., Arkwright, and Bro. J. F. Donegani, P.M., St. Oswald; Organist, Bro. H. N. Biggin, Scarsdale; Assistant Secretary, Bro. J. H. Clarke, Tyrian; Pursuivant, Bro. S. Warhurst, P.M., Devonshire; Assistant Pursuivant, Bro. J. D. Simpson, P.M., High Peak; Stewards, Bros. H. V. Edwards and E. McInnes, Tyrian, Brown and F. Huggins, Repose, Gray, Derwent, and Hardstaft, Royal Albert; Tylers, Bros. T. Day and W. Stone. Subsequently a large number of brethren dined together.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

THE ST. LEONARD LODGE—No. 1766.—On the 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Joseph Cox was duly installed by his predecessor, Bro. F. Matthews, W.M., into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The addresses to W.M., officers and brethren were delivered by Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., and Bro. L. Stean, P.M. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. F. Matthews, I.P.M., which was suitably acknowledged by that worthy brother. The principal officers invested were Bro. H. J. Thrower, S.W., and Bro. L. A. Harrison, J.W. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Messrs. Beale & Co., of Holloway Road. In addition to the usual speeches, a selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, Mus. Doc. (organist of the Earl of Zetland Lodge), to whose finished musical accompaniments the success of the installation ceremony was also partly due. Signor Alberto (of the Guelph Lodge) was one of the visitors, and he kindly entertained the brethren a full half-hour with some exceedingly clever illusions. The occasion was voted successful and enjoyable all round, and it may be hoped the lodge will continue to prosper.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER—No. 72.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., the Installation Meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. The convocation was opened by the Principals, Ex. Comps. John Smith, M.E.Z., L. S. Fountaine, H., C. I. Axford, J., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Members present, besides those previously named:—Ex. Comps. H. Lovegrove, P.Z., S.E.; F. Dunn, P.Z., Treasurer; E. Walker, P.Z. Comps. C. R. Williams, P.S.; A. Davit, S.N.; E. Lewcock, N. Turner, and J. Webb, with Comp. Potter, Janitor. Visitors :—Ex. Comps. W. H. Lee, P.Z, Prov. G.S.E. Middx., and F. W. Driver M.A., P.Z. Comp. Lee installed Comp. Fountaine as First Principal. Comp. Axford, H. 2048, took his seat as Second Principal, and Comp. Walker installed Comp. Davit as Third Principal. The other officers were Comp. H. Lovegrove, S.E.; F. Dunn, Treasurer; C. R. Williams, S.N.; W. F. Bates, P.S.; Davey, First Asst.; E. Lewcock, Second Asst., and R. Potter, Janitor. A jewel was presented to the I.P.Z. Ex. Comp. J. Smith.

ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE—No. 19.—A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, E.C. Bro. G. H. Hoyle, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Nicholson, S.W.; Arthur Wormull, J.W.; B. W. Bilby, J.D.; J. Glenn, I.P.M.; Wm. Bywater, P.M., Treasurer; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Secretary; D. Nicholson, P.M.; W. Pound, P.M.; J. Charles, P.M.; G. A. Corderoy, P.M.; G. Sneath, P.M.; J. P. Hinchel, C. E. Moser, F. W. W. Honischer, W. S. Pound, H Paston, A. D. Green, Milton Smith, E. G. Young, J. A. Davies, W. F. Stauffer, A. E. W. Gwynn, and G. R. Carsberg. Visitor, F. A. Barton, 2216. The principal business of the evening was the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, which was unanimously in favour of Bro. Wm. Nicholson, S.W. Bro. Wm. Bywater, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Paston was elected on the Audit Committee. The W.M. announced that an organ was subscribed for by the members, and presented to the lodge, through the instrumentality of Bros. Moser and Gwynn. Bro. Gwynn was appointed organist, and enlivened the lodge working to the greatest satisfaction of the brethren

present. Bro. Glenn, P.M., reported the illness of Bro. Starling, P.M., the father of the lodge, which was deeply regretted by all the brethren. Bro. Glenn also appealed to the brethren to support him at the next Festival of the R.M.B. Institute for Aged Freemasons, saying he hoped the lodge, in its 119th year, would become Vice-President of that charity as it has done in respect to the Boys' and Girls' Institute. The brethren subsequently adjourned, as usual, to the banquet, at which the various toasts were duly proposed and eloquently responded to. These were interspersed by the musical talent of the brethren. Bro. Corderoy, P.M., sang the National Anthem and "The Lass of Richmond Hill," Bro. Moser "Daddy," Bro. Young "Good Company." Bro. D. Barton (Visitor) treated the brethren to wonderful natural whistling, accompanying himself at the piano.

ECLECTIC LODGE—No. 1201.—At the usual meeting, held on Friday, the 13th inst., A. J. Foreman, W.M.; J. Leach Barrett, S.W.; Ch. Chauffourier, J.W.; there was a large attendance of brethren. Mr. Freulich was duly initiated into the mysteries of the order, and Bro. Reside was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The following officers were then unanimously elected for the coming year:—Bro. J. Leach Barrett, as W.M.; Bro. J. Mander, as treasurer; Bro. Potter, as tyler. The deaths of Bros. Johnson and Higgs, also of the daughter of the Secretary (Bro. P.M. Taylor) having been announced, letters of condolence and sympathy were voted, and the lodge resolved to go into masonic mourning at the next meeting. A letter of sympathy was also sent to Bro. P.M. Saul on his severe accident, which had necessitated the amputation of his leg.

DORIC—No. 933.—On the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.—Bro. James Smith, W.M.—Bros. J. H. Brown, S.W.; John Grey, J.W.; W. Walnwright, P.M., treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., sec.; W. Smith, S.D.; E. E. Pearson, as I.G.; T. G. Scott, stewd.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., org.; J. Rawles, tyler; P.M.'s Barnes, Calver, Tucker, Ayton, Crane, Edney, West, and Hollington; Bros. J. Bagg, Newport, Caslake, Rushforth, J. T. Johnson, A. Dutfield, J. R. Hunt, Steedman, C. J. Dance, H. T. Dutfield, jun., G. W. Austen, and others. Visitors: Bro. Jensen, 1685, and Bro. Hubbert, P.M. 1625. The business included a vote to a distressed brother from the Benevolent Fund, the appointment of an Audit Committee (Bros. Moore, Steadman, and Pick), and the passing of Bro. H. T. Dutfield to the degree of a fellowcraft. After lodge a capital dinner was partaken of, and the customary toasts honoured. The proceedings were agreeably varied with recitations and songs by Bros. Calver, Newport, A. Dutfield, Steedman, and Scott.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE—No. 104—STOCKPORT.—This lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John on the 10th inst. The lodge was opened at three p.m. by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Gleave, who was supported by his wardens and other officers, and the following past masters of the lodge, viz:—Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. H. Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. Wm. Booth, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. George Balfe, P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. E. Johnson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Bro. Major F. Preston, P.G.J.W.; Bro. J. Bell, P.M., secretary; Bro. Joseph Fox, I.P.M., and about 45 brethren, amongst whom were the following visitors:—Bro. R. Newhouse, Pro. Grand Secretary; Bro. T. Roberts, P.M. 323 and 611; Bro. J. Williamson, P.M. 322; Bro. J. Leigh, P.M. 287, P.P.G.Sd.; Bro. J. Cookson, W.M. and P.G.Sd. 1030; Bro. C. Dawson, W.M. 287; Bro. D. Higson, W.M. 322; Bro. John Smith, W.M. elect 323; Bro. J. Eyres, P.M. 322; Bro. H. Lomas, J.W. 1957; Bro. M. Stafford, P.M. 361; Bro. Jackson, P.M. 293, P.P.G.D., and Bro. A. G. Cumming, W.M. 293, P.G.Sd. Bro. Charles Clarkson was very ably installed in the W.M.'s chair of the lodge by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Gleave, who was assisted in the work by several of the past masters, Bro. W. Booth, P.P.G.D.C., officiating as director of ceremonies. As usual in this lodge, the ceremony was rendered chorally, and passed off with great *eclat*, the working being such as to merit praise from the assembled brethren. In the course of the lodge business the W.M. presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Gleave, with a gold past master's jewel, presented by the lodge in recognition of his services during the year. A banquet followed, and the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, that of the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Clarkson, being received with enthusiasm. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. C. Clarkson, W.M.; Bro. W. Gleave, I.P.M.; Bro. G. Gaskill, S.W.; Bro. J. D. Kain, J.W.; Bro. C. H. Andrew, treasurer; Bro. J. Bell, P.M., secretary; Bro. W. H. Harrison, S.D.; Bro. Thomas Haslam, J.D.; Bro. W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. as D.C.; Bro. H. R. Nickal, I.G.; Bro. J. F. Lomas, S.S.; Bro. H. R. Barrington, J.S.; Bro. J. Scott, P.M. 322, tyler.

The installation of the Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge (No. 323), and Festival of St. John, took place at the Florist Hotel, Stockport, on the 12th inst. Forty-two sat down to an excellent dinner, supplied and served by the host, Bro. John Slack. The visiting brethren included representatives from Liverpool and Chorley, amongst other places. Bro. John Smith was installed W.M., the installing master being Bro. Thomas Brookes, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. During the evening the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured, with musical items interspersed, and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

HAMPSHIRE.

The Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, celebrated the festival of St. John, at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on the 12th inst., when W. Bro. W. J. Miller was installed into the chair, the ceremony being ably performed by W. Bro. Brown, P.M. The newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Mitchell, S.W.; W. Fowler, J.W.; Rev. G. Hughes, P.M., chaplain; J. Methven, P.M., treasurer; Walter Bowyer, P.M., secretary; E. A. Edwards, S.D.; H. C. Sims, J.D.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Smith, organist; J. Martin, I.G.; T. O. Spencer, and R. H. Weeks, stewards; and C. Henley, tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bro. E. T. Wise for the admirable manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair during the past year. W. Bro. W. Bowyer was reappointed the lodge representative on the Provincial Charities Committee. Thanks were voted to the installing master. The installing banquet was afterwards served in excellent style, Bro. Henley, the new W.M. presiding.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

PRIORY LODGE—No. 1863.—The annual meeting and installation festival was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, when Bro. John Coull was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring W.M., Bro. John Ogle Wallace, in the most efficient and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year—Bros. J. O. Wallace, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. Bott, P.G.C., S.W.; Wm. Spicer, J.W.; the Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treasr.; C. Roope, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; W. Fawcett, S.D.; H. E. Hollis, J.D.; J. H. Beckingham, P.M.P.G.J.W., D. of C.; W. H. Besant, I.G.; R. F. Kidd, S.S.; J. F. H. Maass, J.S., and J. W. Surtees, tyler. The installation banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, the W.M. presiding. There was a large attendance of visitors, and amongst those present were Bro. J. Strachan, P.M. 1664, P.G. Regstr.; Geo. Cockburn, P.M. 24, P.P.G.J.W.; G. E. Macarthy, P.M. 1427, W.M. 2260, P.P.G.R.; W. Blencowe, P.M. 1676, P.P.G.P.; H. E. Jepps, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Durham, &c., &c. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on January 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

YORKSHIRE, W.R..

On the 14th inst., the Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458) held the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Boothferry Road, Goole. Bro. Major Porter, W.M., presided, there being a large attendance of brethren from Hull, Leeds, Doncaster, Pontefract, Wakefield, Howden, Thorne, Crowle, &c. W. Bro. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.T., West Yorkshire, impressively installed Bro. R. Dayson, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Special attention had been paid to the musical portion of the ceremony in compliment to the musical tastes of the incoming W.M., who, having been installed, invested the following officers:—W. Bro. Major Porter, I.P.M.; Bro. R. C. Bruce, S.W.; Bro. A. Gooderidge, J.W.; Bro. W. R. Staveley, chaplain; W. Bro. J. A. Bray, P.M., treasurer; Bro. C. Chappel, secretary; Bro. Jos. Leach, S.D.; Bro. A. J. Peacock, J.D.; W. Bro. E. Gooderidge, P.M., D.C.; Bro. R. Earnshaw, I.G.; Bro. B. W. B. Wood, steward; Bro. T. S. Mills, steward; Bro. G. Wintringham Cutts, organist; Bro. J. Robinson, tyler. W. Bro. H. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B., was unanimously appointed charity steward. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to tea.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—On the 13th, at Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon—Bro. Shelly, W.M.—Bros. Salter, S.W.; Cawse, J.W.; Magee, P.M., S.D.; Wing, J.D.; Bond, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Holmes, Ewen, Wade, and Hoey, P.M. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Holmes candidate. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Salter, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Meeting adjourned to this evening, Thursday, December 20th, at 7.30.

RANELAGH—No. 834.—On Friday, the 14th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen Street, Hammersmith.—Bro. A Williams, W.M. and Treasr.—Bros. E. Lucas, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Secretary *pro tem.*; John Davies, S.D.; Horace Cotton, J.D.; M. R. Rice, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M. & P.P.G.J.D., Middlx.; David Stroud; W. G. Coat. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. E. Lucas, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to Bro. D. S. Long, who was absent through illness.

CHISWICK—No. 2012.—On Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith.—Bro. W. G. Coat, W.M.—Bros. F. W. Biggs, S.W.; J. H. Wood, P.M., J.W.; Geo. Gardner, P.M., Treasr.; J. Brown, Sec.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; D. Stroud, P.M., S.D.; R. H. Wimpey, J.D.; E. Fox, I.G.; E. D. Aslett, Organist; James Sims, P.M.; D. Cartmell, P.M.; H. Clark, and F. Craggs. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wimpey candidate. The 1st section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Sims. Bro. Biggs, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. E. Fox a joining member.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Wicks, M.E.Z. Elect 742, M.E.Z.; Fred Hilton, P.Z., 1275, Preceptor and H.; J. Addington, M.E.Z. Elect 1275, J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; Oldfield, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S. Elect 1275, A.S.; and John E. Latham, 1329. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Latham personating candidate. In proposing Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor and H., as M.E.Z. for the next meeting, Comp. Woods eulogised the manner in which the duties of Preceptor were performed, thanked the Preceptor in the name of the "listening" companions for the knowledge they received, and expressed a hope that many members would seize the opportunity to hear the work of the first chair rehearsed as it should be on Friday next. Comp. Hilton was unanimously elected to that position.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings
FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th.		
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1613	Cripplegate...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1681	Londesboro'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
Mark.		
	Bon Accord...	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
(3rd) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st.		
6	Friendship...	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
Mark.		
226	Excelsior	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
R.C.		
10	Invicta	33, Golden Square, W.
.T.		
6	St. George's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
(4th) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.		
1364	Earl of Zetland	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(4th) MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th.		
4	Royal Somerset Ho. & Inverness	F. M. H.
222	St. Andrew's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
(4th) TUESDAY (Christmas Day), DECEMBER 25th.		
1744	Royal Savoy (?)	F. M. H.
(4th) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th.		
201	Jordan	F. M. H.
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
R..A.C.		
1624	Eccleston	F. M. H.
(4th) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.		
Mark.		
118	Northumberland	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	24th Dec	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	2nd Jan	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	15th Jan	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	8th Jan	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	14th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh	23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford	24th Dec	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	16th Jan	Ditto
1016	Elkington	?25th Dec	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	9th Jan	Ditto
1163	Emulation	27th Dec	Ditto
1180	Forward	7th Jan	Ditto
1474	Israel	14th Jan	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	15th Jan	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	9th Jan	Ditto
221	St. John	16th Jan	Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Dec	Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	14th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY,	20th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	1st Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	9th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	14th Jan	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence TO-MR.,	21st Dec	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	1st Jan	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	19th Jan	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	29th Jan	Royal Pavilion
1821	Arlingworth TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Ditto
1947	Stanford	9th Jan	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	1st Jan	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	9th Jan	Ditto
326	Moira TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Ditto
610	Colston	16th Jan	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges	5th Jan	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell	24th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort	?25th Dec	Ditto
187	Charity	3rd Jan	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief 20th Dec (? 27th Dec)		Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	16th Jan	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	10th Jan	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	3rd Jan	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	27th Dec	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	14th Jan	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	?8th Jan	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	5th Feb	Ditto
1422	Alma Mater TO-DAY,	20th Dec	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	?25th Dec	M. H., Gower Street
751	Arboretum	9th Jan	Ditto
802	Repose TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ... Ap to Jy only		Ditto
1512	Hemming	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	20th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	26th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	2nd Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva TO-DAY,	20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	2nd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	15th Jan	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	1st Jan	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	16th Jan	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	14th Jan	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ...? 16th or 23rd Jan		M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	3rd Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	26th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	4th Jan	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	7th Jan	Ditto
1221	Defence	14th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	12th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	8th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	9th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	9th Jan	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt TO-DY.,	20th Dec	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	28th Dec	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	8th Jan	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	21st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	26th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union TO-DY,	20th Dec	Ditto
216	Harmonic	10th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	8th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	3rd Jan	Ditto
292	Sincerity	14th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance	15th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John	1st Jan	Ditto
680	Sefton	4th Jan	Ditto
724	Derby	26th Dec	Ditto
786	United Service ...	10th Jan	Ditto
823	Everton	16th Jan	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
1094	Temple	9th Jan	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edubgh. ...	10th Jan	Ditto
1264	Neptune	7th Jan	Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	24th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	9th Jan	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY,	20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	21st Jan	Ditto
1505	Emulation	27th Dec	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	9th Jan	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur. ...	15th Jan	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	?25th Dec	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	2nd Jan	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	?25th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	2nd Jan	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	21st Jan	Ditto
2215	Anfield	27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	21st Jan	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	1st Jan	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Ditto
241	Friendship	24th Dec	Ditto
249	Mariners	17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool	24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's	13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	24th Dec	Ditto
823	Everton	?25th Dec	Ditto
1094	Temple	22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	16th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel	8th Jan	Ditto

NOTE.—CHRISTMAS DAY falls on the FOURTH TUESDAY in this month; query all meetings on that date.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social	31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	26th Dec	Ditto
204	Caledonian	9th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	3rd Jan	Ditto
325	St. John's	16th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	16th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair	11th Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	9th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	27th Dec	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	2nd Jan	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Dec	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	15th Jan	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	10th Jan	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	7th Jan	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	26th Dec	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	1st Jan	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	10th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	1st Jan	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	21st Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	26th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	11th Jan	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	26th Dec	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	7th Jan	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	1st Jan	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	9th Jan	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	9th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	14th Jan	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Ditto
325	St. John's	3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	3rd Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	14th Jan	Ditto
541	De Loraine TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	9th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	27th Dec	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	11th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	28th Dec	Ditto
1863	Priory	10th Jan	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	15th Jan	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	(?)	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	16th Jan	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	10th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	28th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	9th Jan	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	1st Jan	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	8th Jan	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	15th Jan	Ditto
807	Cabbell	27th Dec	Ditto
943	Sincerity	?25th Dec	Ditto
1500	Walpole	3rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George TO-MR.,	21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	8th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	15th Jan	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	14th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	4th Jan	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1435	Annesley	28th Dec	Ditto
1794	De Vere TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	21st Jan	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	27th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	1st Jan	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie	8th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	27th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	14th Jan	Ditto
156	Harmony	7th Jan	Ditto
159	Brunswick	2nd Jan	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	14th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	15th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	20th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	?25th Dec	Ditto
1205	Metham	21st Jan	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	10th Jan	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	21st Jan	Ditto
1550	Prudence	5th Jan	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	8th Jan	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	?25th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	?	?
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	28th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	26th Dec	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	16th Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	16th Jan	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	14th Jan	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	11th Jan	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	?25th Dec	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	15th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	24th Dec	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	21st Jan	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	9th Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	8th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	10th Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	?25th Dec	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	10th Jan	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	21st Jan	Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY,	20th Dec	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	28th Dec	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	1st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ..	3rd Jan	Ditto
359	Peace and Harmony	4th Jan	Ditto
394	Concord	27th Dec	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	8th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	10th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick TO-MOR.,	21st Dec	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	28th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

NOTE.—CHRISTMAS DAY falls on the FOURTH TUESDAY in this month; query all meetings on that date.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th.	
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian ... ... „ 7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ... „ 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury ... ... „ 8	(?)
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore ... ... „ 8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ... „ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st.	
9	Albion ... ... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „ —	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.) „ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne ... ... „ 8	(?)
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne ... ... „ 7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(4th) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... „ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7	(?)
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav.. Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(4th) MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th.	
22	Loughborough ... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(4th) MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th—*continued.*	
1507	Metropolitan .. ... at 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C		
206	Hope ... ... „ —	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(4th) TUESDAY (Christmas Day), DECEMBER 25th. Query all meetings this date.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... ... „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „ —	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „ —	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... „ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean ... ... „ 8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian ... ... „ 8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 8.30	(?)
193	Confidence ... ... „ 7	(?)
228	United Strength ... „ 8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance ... ... „ 8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure... ... ... „ 7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ... „ 7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington ... ... „ 7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak ... ... „ 8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East ... „ 7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham ... ... „ 8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne ... ... „ 8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... ... „ 8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett ... ... „ 7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's „ 8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom ... „ 8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ... „ 7.30	Rock Tav., Battersea Park Rd.
2206	The Hendon ... ... „ 8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.		
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric ... ... „ 7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(4th) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in December (*see ante*).

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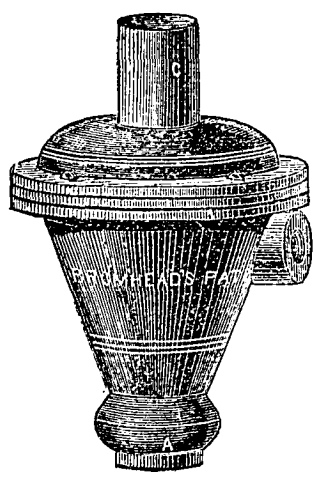
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"By the Power in me Vested."

IN a recent number of this journal we asked, in the interests of many Craftsmen, and of the integrity of the Ritual as arranged for the adoption of all lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England by the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1813, whence came the power for the substitution of the above expression for the direct performance of a most important and solemn duty in respect of the proper closing of Fellow Crafts' and Master Masons' Lodges? In other words, whence is derived that exclusive and peculiar privilege known by the style or title, Prerogative? Our inquiry has not, as yet, produced a reply; not even from any one of the numerous brethren who are so ready to express their regret that "nothing is done to prevent the addition of innovation upon innovation, and error upon error." It would almost seem as though the apathy and indifference which has of late years practically lowered the status of Freemasonry from its elevated and beneficent mission as a science to that of a mere social and pleasure-seeking community is rather on the increase than otherwise. We hope such is not the case; and would submit to all earnest members of our Order—above all things desirous that the true working should not be lost or its principles disturbed—that no further time should be permitted by them for the increase of those departures from text and fact to which they take objection.

Do we tread, as far as our own interests are concerned, on "ticklish" ground, in using what opportunity we have for directing most serious attention to that which is fast becoming an universal practice, and which militates so strongly against an ancient custom, referred to, amongst others, in the Obligation taken by every Worshipful Master on Installation? Well, if so, we must suffer for our temerity. But we cannot think a fair exposition of the dangers with which this innovation is fraught can possibly affect us to our disadvantage.

It cannot be denied that the use of the expression "By the power in me vested," and which we have heard still further strengthened by the addition of the adjective "high," assumes that a privilege, beyond that conferred upon any other brother in his Lodge, has been granted to the user. That, therefore, admitted, we can naturally and properly require to know by whom, at what time, and under what circumstances the grant was made. And that we know cannot be answered; for nowhere in our Code of Laws or in our Ritual can be found any authority or instruction for that purpose. It will be observed that we are standing out for the fact which so many are ready to forget for the sake of what they consider convenience, that, although the working thereof may be comprised in one meeting, the respective degrees of Craft Masonry are separate and distinct, and that the respective Lodges of the three degrees are altogether different in purpose and in procedure. Each has a distinct and different ceremony of opening, working, and closing; and there is not, nor can there be, agreeable to our Constitutions and our Ritual, any power to set aside the minutest portion of the ceremonies which prove their distinctive character.

When, on occasions, objection has been taken by ourselves and others to the practice we are now condemning, it has been met by the, as it appears to us, irrelevant reply, "The King can do no wrong." Can he not? Where then is the constitution he has sworn to maintain and uphold; where the laws and regulations he has engaged himself to obey and enforce? Can he legitimately over-ride these and become "a law unto himself" without infraction of the most solemn obligations? No; what they may set forth is the very limit of the "cable tow" which binds him to the strict performance of the duties he has declared he will "in every respect faithfully and conscientiously discharge," and no person whatsoever can properly or consistently extend that limit.

It is not our present purpose to show, as we might easily do, how this assumption of perogative which does not really exist has a tendency to elevate itself into the higher ranks of Freemasonry, and to spread its maleficent influence amongst many who are placed in high authority, yet are none the less amenable to constitutional law. We are not arguing the subject in any connection it might have with Masonic Jurisprudence; but only so far as it concerns, and that very materially, the wholeness or totality of Masonic Ritual. We have stated in a former number that "in our own knowledge there are Masters of

Lodges under our constitution who have never seen the closing of a Master Masons' or a Fellow Crafts' lodge with the respective ceremonies connected therewith!" In face of such a fact, is it not a great scandal that those who are entitled by virtue of their membership to know every portion of the work should be deprived of full tuition by the exercise of an authority which, by the use of a phrase having no foundation of truth to justify it, hinders their attainment of a perfect knowledge of our ritual?

For the sake of a consistent upholding of not the least of the three grand principles upon which our order is founded—*Truth;* as well as for that of the transmission of a perfect and unimpaired ritual to those who have to follow us, and, in course of time to teach their successors; to say nothing as to the undignified evasion of what should be, and to the majority of Worshipful Masters is, a most agreeable duty, as an evidence of that skill and ability to which reference is made at their installation, we trust this assumption of a power which never has, and never can be granted, will be discontinued. We admit that, for the convenience of working the three degrees, when occasion requires at any one meeting, the W.M., having opened in the second or third may lower by resumption to and from the first for the proper discharge of Masonic business; but he is bound by all the conditions of ancient custom (so far ancient at any rate as 1813), and the conservation of the Ritual itself, to close each distinct lodge with its distinctive ceremonial. But little reflection is needed to give assurance that the repetition of the questions "What is the first care, &c.?" and "What is the constant care, &c.?" are intended to impress on the minds of the brethren the diversity of the respective lodges of E.A., F.C., and M.M., and their respective opening and closing ceremonies which the framers of our ritual desired to enforce; and that if aught else had been intended they would have themselves provided therefor by making truthful that which is at present a false representation, "By the power in me vested."

NEW MASONIC BUILDINGS AT SUNDERLAND.

THE FOUNDATION STONE of the New Masonic Buildings for the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, in North Bridge Street, Sunderland, was laid on the 20th inst., by the R.W. Acting Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G.C. England, supported by a numerous gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and distinguished brethren, and with full and imposing Masonic ceremony. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Workmen's Hall, and thence proceeded in procession headed by the constabulary band, and in full regalia, to the site of the intended buildings. After prayer and an anthem Bro. Stonehouse, P.G., Treasurer, by the command of the R.W. Acting P.G.M., deposited in the cavity a phial containing coins and the *Freemason* and MASONIC STAR newspapers. The R.W. Acting P.G.M. then descended from the platform to the stone and proved it properly adjusted by the plumb rule, which was delivered to him by the Prov. G.J.W., by the level delivered to him by the Prov. G.S.W., and by the square delivered to him by the Deputy P.G.M. At the conclusion of the customary ceremony a collection was made on behalf of the building fund of the lodge. The cost of the whole building, including the furnishing, is estimated at about £1,700. We regret that our limit of space prevents a more detailed account of this interesting addition to our private lodge rooms.

MASONIC OFFENCES.—It seems strange, and yet it is a fact, writes the *Voice of Freemasonry*, that many incongruous expressions long pass unchallenged, their unsuitableness and inappropriateness not being discerned by any of those who use them. Thus it has been with the phrases "Masonic offence" and "Masonic crime." They have been used in reports of committees on grievance and appeal, in addresses of Masonic Grand Officers, in reports on Masonic correspondence, and in Masonic periodicals and papers, unquestioned as to their correctness. Doubtless, thousands of the Fraternity have uttered them without thinking of their impropriety. Hundreds of times, when searching for gems for this magazine, we have observed them without perceiving their inconsistency, and not till we were in the midst of our review work for this issue of the "Voice of Masonry" did we discover their discordance, incompatibleness, and irreconcilableness. Then, like an inspiration, the questions came to us, How can an offence or a crime be Masonic? How can a Mason do a Masonic wrong, or commit a Masonic sin? Instantly the answers followed. There is no concord of Masonry with offences and crimes, and it is impossible to reconcile a Mason's wrong-doing with the pure principles of Masonic morals. Offences and crimes are un-Masonic, and a Mason who so seriously errs that he must be disciplined, never is charged with *Masonic* conduct, but always the contrary. He is not tried on specifications of *Masonic* doing, but just the reverse. If he is found guilty, the verdict is not that his offence or crime was Masonic, but just the opposite. And if he is expelled, or suspended, or reprimanded, it is not for anything Masonic in his Acts, but for the measure of grossness they possess un-Masonically. This being true, the phrases named should be dropped, and for them we should substitute un-Masonic conduct, or un-Masonic acts, or some other phrase that contains no disagreement in its signification—no contradiction in its terms.

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 257.)

THE language used by Preston in his book a hundred years ago and that used in the Ritual at the present day are alike.* He is no longer *recommended* or *enjoined* (charged) to be a Christian, but in future it is, in conformity with *his solemn obligation, expected of* him. It is thus emphasized that a knowledge of principles is all that an *Apprentice* is expected to preserve, *but that a Fellow Craft is bound to maintain those principles.*

Our contention therefore is, that no matter what the position of the brother was before he took the Second Degree, however little he agreed to Masonic teaching whilst he remained only an Entered Apprentice, when he has once given his formal assent to the principles of the First Degree before taking the Second, he is no longer free to accept or reject any one of the principles of the Order. One of these principles in English Masonry relates to the Bible, and we assert, without the least fear of adverse authority, that no Fellow Craft Mason can reject the Bible and be true to his obligation. That he has not taken this into consideration is very probable; indeed it must be so when we find that after, as before initiation, some decline to accept the Bible as the guide of their life. Their requiring any other volume for the purpose of obligation is proof that they still retain their old faith in their former guide.

This should have been foreseen if Freemasonry was to have an Universal application; it certainly was not. A Ritual which is thus anomalously improper for Universality continues to be used, and it must sooner or later work confusion.

The expression of belief, required in the First Degree, enables us to embrace as brethren many of the principal religions of the world. To preserve our secrets we insist on a promise of secrecy. We consider that, to be binding, this obligation should be on that book which the candidate believes to be divinely inspired. This is the only use for any book except the Bible in a Lodge of Freemasons. A mistaken view of this has already led to error. We properly open our doors to any man who believes that there is a God who will hear and answer prayer, without reference to whatever other conceptions he may cherish. It is Masonic teaching that even a man with this initial belief is yet in a state of darkness. The glimmer of light he possesses is, according to Masonic teaching, of no avail, for long after he has acknowledged this initial belief he is presumed to be in darkness. He is supposed to enter Freemasonry with a desire to find light, and, by a ceremony familiar to all Masons, light is given. This light is not represented as afforded by the Koran—the Grunth—or the Shasters, but by the Bible. We have nothing to do with the element of absurdity which surrounds this matter, by being treated in Lodge as *a secret* whilst it is published in every Lexicon of Freemasonry in England and America; we only insist that we have correctly described a Ritualistic ceremony. The Ritual does not offer any theory by which a brother, who is not a Christian, could at once apply a symbolical meaning to the Bible and thereafter consider it simply as an emblem of some other volume,—neither does any decision of Grand Lodge with which we are acquainted. It is unquestionably open to the brother to refuse to receive the Bible as his Great Light in Masonry, or in any other sense. He may have the utmost contempt for its teachings, and yet there is no known way of entirely cancelling his connection with Masonry. Neither do we desire to do so, if he be a just and God-fearing man: he remains our dear brother in Masonry. He may, in short, by choice remain in darkness; Masonry can only show him the light, it has no power to compel him to accept it. But it must be remembered that this is only in the primary stage. Before Freemasonry can be further disclosed an assent to principles is demanded. This is too often lost sight of. It is impossible for any man, no matter what his former belief may have been, to become a Fellow Craft Mason in English Masonry and refuse to accept both the Old and the New Testaments. The great principle taught has to be accepted in the Second Degree. We do not assert that this entails the adoption of any specific form of Christian belief. We do not wander beyond the exact length we are entitled to go—which is, that a Fellow Craft Mason must accept the Bible as the guide of his life or he has not done that which he has solemnly promised to do.

The more the Rituals of the Four Degrees in Masonry are studied, the more will it be evident that if the end of Masonry were merely to proclaim the unity of the Godhead, three of the Degrees are superfluous. If the end were (what we unhesitatingly assert is only the beginning) merely to express a belief in one God—then nothing more than the First Degree is required. The succeeding Degrees do not in any way further exemplify unity *per se*,—this is overlooked by the Universalist. The Degrees after the First introduce matter which establishes that Masonic belief goes further. If we are not to proceed beyond mere unity, why is the Ritual so careful to display the doctrine of the Trinity? We are not ignorant that Triad faiths are exceedingly common. We admit it might be possible to establish that a belief in some kind of a Trinity is as widely spread as any conviction of the Unity of God. The Hindoo would at once oblige us in this respect and satisfy enquiry by producing a Trinity, but no one can seriously argue that our system was founded with any such idea of Universality: if not, then what interpretation is bound up with our Triads, which are admittedly but mere symbols?

Have any of our readers ever thought out this matter of the ever recurring Triads in our Ritual? In the Library of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London, No. 2076, is a MS. book,—original and unique,—designed and compiled by Bro. C. E. Ferry, a member of the Correspondence Circle or Literary Masonic Society attached to that Lodge.

* See Preston's "Illustrations," p. 59; also Emulation working, Charge after Passing.

(*To be continued*).

Shall I be a Mason?

[TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH OF BRO. P. TEMPELS BY BRO. G. W. SPETH, AND REPRODUCED WITH HIS PERMISSION FROM PART 3 OF *ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM*.]

THERE is a chapter under this same title in a book written for the public in the xviiith century. The author indicates the disposition required in order to make those sacrifices to which one is exposed in Freemasonry. Those who do not possess this temperament, he counsels to abstain. Do not offer yourself, he says, without due consideration.

Read a History of Masonry: there is no lack of them. Read the libels published against Masons; the Bulls of Excommunication; examine the charges made. Read some earnest work on its tenets; for example, "Morals and Dogma," by the learned and Venerable Bro. Pike, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern States of America.

Do not present yourself out of mere puerile curiosity; you will only be disappointed.

Do not join the Craft except with a firm resolution to study the institution. It partakes of the nature of certain natural phenomena, of certain masterpieces of art, of the genius of certain men. The first view destroys the illusion; one must study them to comprehend them.

If, combined with the love of the true and the good, you have not also a slight mental attraction towards the poetry resident in all things, and a judgment tempered by feeling and sentiment, enter not; you will be bored. He who, with the culture of progress, combines that of old memories; who, whilst pursuing exact science can yet understand all the charm of a venerable myth; who loves custom *because* it is old, antique forms *because* they are beautiful, even prejudice *because* it is at the root of human history, such a one will find full play for his instincts as an archæologist. But, should you enquire how it will benefit your pocket or influence the elections,—go not in!

If, in religious matters, you start with the assumption that your opponent is a fool or a knave, venture not to approach. But, if you respect every sincere opinion, or if, being of a religious temperament, you can bear with those who are not so, or rather, are so differently from yourself, then go; no one will wound your susceptibilities, and you will hurt no one.

If, as regards God and your soul, you appreciate the majesty of the issue, whilst possibly of the opinion that the science of some does not differ greatly from the agnosticism of others, your aspirations may probably encounter comforting support.

If, as a physician or lawyer, a tradesman or merchant, official or clerk, you seek to find there either clients or patrons, you will be grievously disappointed. As an official you would inspire the good-humoured contempt of the minister, were he a mason, and his successor would, perhaps, send you about your business. As a merchant, you would cause both your masonry and your merchandise to be regarded with suspicion.

If, being ambitious, you have capabilities equal to your ambition, go: many will learn to know you thoroughly. But if you merely seek to acquire stilts for your too diminutive legs, keep aloof: and for the very same reason.

As a politician, do not dream of making partisans in a Lodge: you will only prevail with those who already follow you; and you will possibly lose them and have to endure their reproach that you have imported discord within the sacred precincts: your success will be short-lived.

If you hold opinions which possess *you* rather than you *them*, if your disposition be such as to render you too prone to blame others, or if you have no pride in your birthright independence in all matters that concern yourself, the education of your children, the actions of your religious, civil or family life, you will never possess the requisite masonic qualifications, you will never understand those who do.

If you be entirely absorbed by your profession, your associations, your position in society, approach not! Why should you undertake obligations which will be onerous to you?

If you owe all your time and resources to your family, abstract nothing from a duty which is above all others. The Lodge is an incentive to outlay. You would either regret not being able to do even as the others, or you would violate our statutes in consecrating to your pleasure that which is justly claimed elsewhere.

If you be a hypochondriac, keep away! but, if you love a word in season and a merry jest, enter in.

And cherish no illusions! Do not allow yourself to be carried away by the idea that you owe a sacrifice to humanity, to progress, and all the rest! Masons are apt to laugh at high-flown notions of self-sacrifice.

Join the Masons only if you desire it for your own sake; whoever you be, they can get on excellently well without you.

MELBOURNE.

The ceremony of installing Bro. J. Cook into the chair of the Admiral Collingwood Lodge, No. 727, E.C., took place on the 8th November, at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, amongst whom were the District Grand Master of Canterbury, N.Z., and the Grand Sword-bearer of England, besides many other distinguished brethren of rank. The ceremony was performed by Bro. C. H. Bayley, P.M., P.P.G.P., assisted by Bro. G. H. Dickason, I.P.M., in a very impressive manner. The musical portions were rendered by a select choir, Bro. Stewart presiding at the organ. The following officers were also invested:—Bros. J. C. Hooghklimmer, S.W.; J. Gahan, J.W.; C. H. Bayley, P.M., D.C.; W. Smith, Treas.; J. Ure, Sec.; H. R. Stewart, Organist; R. Dickason, S.D.; J. H. Bell, J.D.; M. S. Tadich, I.G.; G. Anderson, E. Dickason, and Ure, jun., stewards. The business of the evening being concluded, the company adjourned to a banquet.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

A WELCOME INTO MASONRY.

Directed to one who subsequently acquired a distinguished name as a Masonic writer.

THERE were many with me were glad, Brother,
When we read your latest thought,
And to one another we said, Brother,
'Tis an omen of good import!
For the battle of law has begun, Brother,
The strife for "the good old way,"
And we need just such an one, Brother,
As we know you of old to be!

Yes, one of the daring type, Brother—
Such men as they had of yore,
With a head that in age is ripe, Brother,
And a heart that is brimming o'er;
To know what a LANDMARK is, Brother—
In love to be warm and true—
Oh, how have we longed for these, Brother,
And 'tis these we shall find in you!

In the day when your sands are spent, Brother,
And the Craft shall your history tell,
They'll say, as their grief has vent, Brother,
"He has done his labor well!"
For you know we have ARCHIVES, Brother,
And a COLUMN rent in twain,
And a NAME that still greenly lives, Brother,
Though the dust hath its dust again!

And these they'll give to you, Brother,
As the guerdon of your meed;
For the love that is warm and true, Brother,
For the heart and for the head;
For the battle of law has begun, Brother,
The strife for "the good old way,"
And we need just such an one, Brother,
As we know you of old to be!

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The next social meeting of "The Old Masonians" will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Friday, the 4th January, at 8.30, Mr. R. S. Speight presiding. A committee meeting will be previously held, at 7.45. The next Cinderella dance will take place on 1st February.

——The annual masonic ball will be held at the Warrior Square Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on Wednesday, the 16th January; the balance, if any, to be devoted to the R.M.I. for Boys.

——The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (*or Instruction*, which is it?) will not meet until the 8th January next. On the 15th, Comp. Brown will deliver a lecture explanatory of the R.A. Jewel, at 6.30 p.m., and no other business will be done on that evening.

——The installation meeting of the Loyal Lodge, No. 251, Barnstaple, Devon, will be held at that place, at 4 p.m. 7th January next, when Bro. Jas. Bosson, S.W., and W.M. Elect will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by the present W.M. Bro. W. A. Roberts. The banquet will be served at the Golden Lion Hotel, at 6.30 p.m.

——A masonic ball will be held in the Royal Concert Hall, at Hastings, on the 16th January. Former re-unions of a similar character have been most successful, and it is anticipated that the same result will attend the forthcoming entertainment.

—— The next meeting of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on Tuesday, the 1st January prox., at 4 o'clock p.m. Initiation, Passing, and Raising. Banquet 7 p.m.

——The Fourth Annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball, the profits arising from which are to be given to the Masonic Charities, will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., London, on *Wednesday evening next*, the 2nd January, 1889. Masonic clothing may be worn. Other particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

——The usual meeting of the Star Chapter of Instruction will not be held to-morrow, as the convocation was adjourned to Friday, January 4th.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

By-Laws of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford; *Night and Day*, Edited by T. J. Barnardo, F.R.C.S.E.; *Freemason* (London) *Christmas Number*; *The South African Freemason*, Cape Colony.

Too many W.M.'s measure their success during their term of office by the number of initiations. This is a fatal mistake. A Master who feels he is not fulfilling his mission, or properly discharging his duties unless he has initiations at every meeting, is a curse to the craft. Such a brother, directly or indirectly, duns for candidates as he would for ordinary business, and thus robs Freemasonry of its dignity, placing it on a level with more modern societies.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

The Masonic Star.

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THE CLOSING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Kindly advise if a W.M. has by "virtue of his office" the authority to "close down" the lodge from one degree to another?

I can find no authority for such practice, but am assured that it is a general practice.

Yours fraternally,
J. P.

*** *See our Editorial on this subject, which was in type before receipt of your letter.*—ED. M.S.

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I regret that such a letter as that of "An old P.M." should ever have been penned by a Mason. Although not so old in the craft as the writer, I still have been taught that "temperance should guide me" in *all* my dealings with men, more particularly masons, and I think the letter is wanting in that particular.

I may say that I have had 28 years' experience of total abstinence from alcoholic drinks, and enjoy splendid health; but I cannot bring myself to say that my fellow masons shall be as extreme (and intemperate) as I am in entirely ignoring wines, &c. It may be that it would be better for a few weaker brethren, and possibly we legislate for the weak, but the majority of masons I have met, have known *when* to stop, and have stopped accordingly.

I heartily approve of *Total Abstinence* (not temperance) lodges, and should any steps be taken to found one in S. London, should be an active member of the same. My reason, however, would be that there would be *more money* for benevolent purposes in such a lodge. I honour all who deny themselves for the sake of the brethren, and hope always to be found among them; but I shall never be so intemperate as to dictate what a brother should eat or drink.

I must not trespass more on your valuable space now, but shall hope to have more to say in the future.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLIE WOODS, 1869, R.A.C. 1275.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I notice in your impression of last week a letter signed "Observer" under the above heading; and also your editorial foot-note appended thereto, inviting opinions on the subject. I have no wish to inflict my views on either you or your readers, as they may be unsound at best, but more especially because I doubt, even though theoretically they may be good, if benefit to the craft will accrue from their exposition,—"vested interests" being far too strong to allow of their being put to practical proof; still, you may consider the matter in a different light, and as worth space in your columns.

For the purposes of argument let us assume that out of a total of some 2,400 lodges there are about 400 (or one sixth of the whole) included in the ten miles radius from Freemasons' Hall, called London Lodges; I ask how is it possible for "visitation" of these Lodges to be carried out, this being, I have always understood, some "Grand Official's" duty? Such an unwieldly mass is quite beyond existing power to deal with properly, and scores of them are necessarily left to their own devices, year in and year out, not a soul from head-quarters ever going amongst them or taking part in their individual proceedings. Brethren affiliated to Provincial Lodges are far better off in this respect, and their P.G. Officers are able to, and frequently do, give them the light of their countenances, and thus, by personal acquaintanceship with those under their immediate sway, being able to form a pretty correct opinion as to their relative merits. Grand Lodge honours are consequently much more likely to be consistently meted out than in the case of Metropolitan Lodges.

The sub-division of the Metropolitan Masonic area could be easily effected by, say, taking Freemasons' Hall as a centre, allowing all lodges meeting within a radius of one mile therefrom to be styled London Lodges, and incorporating the remainder into the Provinces (Middlesex, Surrey, Essex and Kent), to which respectively they are immediately contiguous. It may be pleaded in opposition to this scheme that those particular provinces would thereby become unduly enlarged, and hence unwieldly in their turn. This could, however, be very easily remedied by a sub-division into East and West, North and South, as has been done in other large counties. The obtainment of purple, which "Observer" alludes to, would be brought within reach of many brethren, were this re-arrangement carried out, who under the present system have practically little or no chance of ever attaining to that honour. The relation of D.P.G.M. by one brother, for a lengthened period, is as your correspondent thinks, a defect, and certainly should be limited to say three years. How this is to be remedied, however, perhaps he can suggest. It seems to me that the rank and file in our order, though vast in numbers, have very little voice in aught that pertains thereto. They may talk and talk as much as they please, but that's what it amounts to and what it ends in, after all. "Their's not to to reason why," but to submit themselves lowly and reverently in that station to which they may have been called. Perhaps in time some change may be made, but I fancy it is distant.

Fraternally yours,
22nd December, 1888. RUS IN URBE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I am glad to see that a discussion on "Provincial Grand Lodges" is to be raised in your columns, for it is a subject which sadly needs ventilation and reform.

The suggestion that the office of Deputy P.G.M. should be held for a term of years, instead of for life, is a good one. But why should not the office of Provincial Grand Master be dealt with in a similar way, or as it is under the Mark Constitution?

There is, however, a reform which is very urgently called for, and that is a revision of the areas of the present provinces, as they are now most unequal and bear no sort of proportion to each other. Take "West Yorkshire," for instance. In that province there are 73 lodges and upwards of 600 P.M.'s who have never had, and never will have, P.G. honours—not only because the distribution of these collars often goes like "kissing" by favour, but because the province is at *least three times* too large, and it is simply impossible for the P.G.M. to do anything like justice to the province.

On the other hand, there are several provinces which possess less than half the number of lodges and brethren of "West Yorkshire," where nearly every P.M. wears the purple! Indeed, I know of one province in which there are at least three members of one of its *junior* lodges who had P.G. honours bestowed on them within a few years of their initiation, and they now take precedence at Masonic gatherings of those who, like myself, passed the Chair before they were born into the Masonic world, but who have not yet been fortunate enough to catch the Speaker's Eye!

Fraternally yours,
22nd December, 1888. VOX POPULI.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

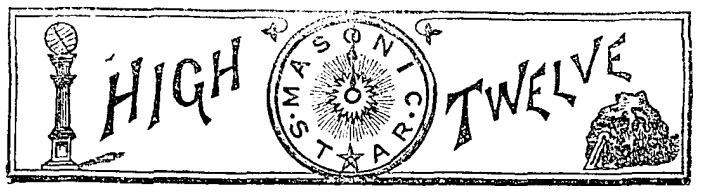
I entirely agree with "Observer" with regard to the *purple* and London Brethren, and look forward to the time when the great opponent of such a policy shall alter his mind, and let the brethren respect him as much for that as they do for all his other Masonic actions.

My idea would be to found a new Order of Grand Lodges as far as London is concerned. I would have five DIVISIONAL GRAND LODGES, particulars of which I shall be glad to give in another letter.

The chief change that I should advocate in these Divisional Grand Lodges would be that *all* the officers should be *elected*. I have duly weighed the *pro's and con's* and can in no other way solve the difficulty that has arisen in regard to provincial and other honours for "*Vox populi est vox Dei*" in most instances.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLIE WOODS, 1869, R.A.C., 1275.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

The Actors' Christmas has now set in with a vengeance, and many are the anxieties of certain managers to get their houses in order for the holidays. Those not "in the know" can scarcely imagine the tremendous mass of work that has to be got through to produce a pantomime. Now-a-days, elaborateness is carried to such an extent that every manufacturing department of the theatrical tradesman is taxed to the utmost, while scene painters, musical directors, stage managers, and artists of all descriptions and grades have scarcely breathing time. Little do spectators know or care when they see the first performance of a pantomime what pains and trouble have to be bestowed upon it before it is submitted to public criticism; and I often think when "cat-calls" are indulged in, or derisive remarks are made at some hitch, trifling or otherwise, which must inevitably occur on first nights, what a pity it is that more consideration is not extended to those who are responsible for these seasonable entertainments. I am not one to shield anyone whose work exhibits signs unmistakable of neglect in preparation; but I sincerely pity these heavily taxed functionaries when things do not work well, and, therefore, get "guyed," as the phrase goes.

Nevertheless, it must be admitted that audiences are, as a rule, not unreasonable; and, generally, are tolerably good-humoured over what must be to them a certain disappointment. When people have paid to be amused, they sometimes are intolerant of shortcomings; still, after all, let us hope this year that no one will need to be too severely tried in their early experiences of the special Christmas entertainments which are now in full swing.

The fact that so many novelties are preparing just now has caused last week to be very unproductive of news theatrical; therefore, I can only note the forthcoming special dramatic novelties. I have already foreshadowed the coming events which are, let us hope, to cast their glamour of success over the fortunes of Drury Lane, the Lyceum, the Adelphi, and some other establishments, east and west. I may now note that the Surrey Pantomime will be on the subject of *The Forty Thieves*; *Sweet Cinderella* at the Grand Theatre; *Beauty and the Beast* at Sadlers Wells; *Babes in the Wood* at the Pavilion and Elephant and Castle, this same story, with et cæteras thrown in, being also the subject of the show at Old Drury; *Dick Whittington* at the Marylebone; *Cinderella* (I trust this version is to be as "sweet" as that at the Grand) at the Crystal Palace; *The Magic Demon* at the Britannia; *The Forty Thieves* at Greenwich, and *Sinbad, the Sailor*, at Stratford.

Sanger's Ampitheatre will have a pantomime after all. I made a misstatement in my last; I was misled. I correct my error, and at the same time cordially welcome Mr. Sanger and his extensive troupe, human and animal, to the scene of their former triumphs. *Robinson Crusoe* is the story to be pantomimically illustrated, and a good equestrian company, including, for the first time in England, Andries' Spanish Equestrians and Gymnasts, and "the only lady somersault act rider in Europe." This ought to be a great "draw." There, Mr. Sanger, if I left you out in the cold last week, I hope I have now given you good advertisement as a recompense.

Paul Jones at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, which, when re-opened, will be found to have been beautified by the decorators, is proceeding apace. Everything shapes very well; and, it is reported, that M. Planquette is so much pleased with Miss Agnes Huntingdon who is to play the title *rôle*, that he has added two numbers to his score, which have been composed specially for the lady named.

The foundation stone of Mr. D'Oyley Carte's new theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue was laid on Saturday, the 15th inst. Success to Carte! But speculators in amusements had better beware. It seems that we are getting too many new theatres.

The Olympic Theatre is to be opened by Mr. J. Pitt Hardacre with *East Lynne*, and the Jodrell Theatre with Pattie Rosa in *Bob*. Mr. Toole returns to his own theatre with *The Don:* The Shaftesbury re-opens with *The Lady of Lyons*, and Mr. Mansfield has removed from the Lyceum to the Globe, where *Prince Karl* is preceded by *Editha's Burglar*, in which that capital actor and humorist, Lionel Brough, appears.

A new ballet, *Irene*, has been produced at the Alhambra. It promises to be a great success. Mons. Jacobi has supplied the music, and Signor Cassati has invented the plot. It is admirably sustained by a new principal dancer, Signorina Legnani, and also by Signora Cossio, Mdlle. Cormani, Mdlle. Marie, Madame Roffey, and last, but by no means least, by Mi s Thurgate. Mr. Ryan's scenery, and Mons. and Madame Alias' costumes, designed by Cedat de Lavigerie, have been rapturously admired.

Mr. George R. Sims has published "The Dagonet Reciter," which contains some excellent pieces for reciters. *The Long Strike* is a very powerful poem and is quite new; altogether, this is a capital shilling's worth.

The next novelty, after the run of *Hands Across the Sea*, at the Princess's, will be Mr. Wilson Barrett's new play, in which the author will appear. Matinées, it is said, will shortly be given of *Oliver Twist*, in which Miss Hawthorne will play Nancy to the Bill Sikes of Herbert Standing. The nightly performances and Saturday matinées of Mr. Pettitt's drama will remain uninterrupted.

The new Lyric Theatre opened on Monday, the 17th inst. It is a most elegant theatre. *Dorothy* will be continued there until further notice.

Faust up to Date, and *Nadgy*, have had extra special attractions added for Christmas.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, DECEMBER 24TH, 1888.

The receipt by the Bank of England of a considerable amount of gold has had a very reassuring effect on the markets all round, and there is no longer much fear of any pressure, and the tendency towards better business and better prices, which I called attention to last week, has become more marked. This is reflected in nearly every description of securities, Consols being ⅜ better than they were a week ago, while the rise in English rails is to be measured by whole figures.

For some reason or other, whenever there is a rise in the price of a railway stock, it is said that that stock is about to be divided into two classes, in the same way as the South Eastern and the Brighton Stocks have been, as accounting for the rise. An article in last week's *Bullionist*, however, will go far towards dispelling this delusion, as it is there shown that those stocks which are so divided are actually lower in value than the undivided ones. Why a division should ever have been supposed to enhance the value, is one of those mysteries which must ever be shrouded in darkness. The prospects of most of the English Railways look very bright, the traffics still show large increases, nor is there any reason to anticipate any increase in the proportion of working expenses. Up to now, the Caledonian Railway has received £92,479 more than at the same period last year; and the North British £82,338, the net increment in both cases being equal to an additional dividend of 1 per cent. for the half-year. None of the other lines have done so well as these two, but in most cases the improvement has been very satisfactory, sufficient, in fact, to give an appreciable advance in the returns. The buying during the last few days has been very good, which is somewhat unusual at this particular time of the year. I think that North Staffordshire Stocks affords the best opportunity for a successful bull just now, the heavy lines should also advance further during the next few weeks.

The rise in prices has also extended to Americans. Here I am in doubt, but should on the whole consider that they will now go better, as there is apparently a disposition on the part of the responsible directors to take a more active part in the settlement of disputes, instead of leaving everything to the traffic managers, who are guided more by their own personal ends than by the interest of the companies they are supposed to serve.

The Grand Trunk line after for a few weeks having increased takes, again shows a decrease, and the prospects for the half-year now nearly ended are anything but happy. The difficulty with the Canadian Pacific is as far from amicable settlement as ever, and in my opinion has not even yet reached the acute stage which is probable. As regards the last mentioned, a telegram from Canada announces that the Manitoba people have gained their point, and the Red River extension line is to be allowed to cross the Canadian Pacific. This is very serious for the C. P., as in consequence, some of their best paying traffic will most certainly be diverted, and a severe rate war may be looked for in this district.

The rise in Foreign Stocks must not be taken to indicate anything more than a desire on the part of Paris to get prices up, and the response here is not very warm. I should take Greek Stocks to be the best to buy, but as for Russians, Hungarians, Egyptians, and Spanish, they will probably recede again.

In miscellaneous shares there is no activity, attention being more given to the mining market where South Africans are still in great favour. The rise in some of these shares has been very large, and from the next rise I take Jumpers and Nabobs. Some of the cheaper mines should be looked after, as they will probably be run up, if not on their own merits, in sympathy with the rest. In this list Denvers are likely to be again in the ascendent, as the latest telegrams give better hopes of the prospect. The settlement now proceeding shows that Contangoes are not heavy, and as a consequence, there is a general rise in English rails, which are being largely bought for the new year.

CRAFTSMAN.

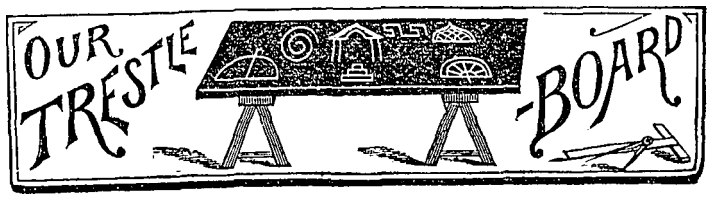
ANSWERS.

DEACON.—The Company was brought out in March, 1886. It has paid no dividend nor is it likely to. The shares have changed hands at 3/9, and you might find a buyer at a little under that price.

F. R.—The new edition will be published early in January.

NUNQUAM DORMIO.—We have handed the papers to our solicitor, as requested.

No. 40—Have nothing to do with it.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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Erratum.—In our Editorial of last week, referring to "Rule 210—Exclusion," the word "Exclusion" in the 23rd line of second column should *read* "Expulsion."

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Depreciation of stock £9,000! Current debt £2,067! Excess of grants in 1888 over those in 1887 £785! This represents the present monetary condition of our Fund of Benevolence. Let us again ask, as we did in the seventh number of this journal, "if the time has not fully arrived for earnest consideration of the whole subject of relief through the direct contributions of our several lodges?" We refer our readers to the number mentioned for particulars which we imagine should give cause for some anxiety in regard to the future, and we reiterate "that the boasted prosperity of the Order will not be exemplified very grandly by the possible exhaustion of its most important fund; and that there must be something wrong, somewhere, if we get so much as we do from amongst us for the three charitable institutions, and leave the oldest and most masonic fund to die out."

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We regret to hear of the accident that befel Bro. H. J. Butter, the deeply respected manager of the carriage department in Woolwich Arsenal, by which he lost his left hand on the 18th inst. We trust he will safely recover from the severe shock.

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The Christmas number of *The Freemason*, London, published by Bro. George Kenning, is a more than ordinarily interesting production. Amongst its contributions is a well written history of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 290, in narrative form, under the title of "Told by the Lodge Register," written by Bro. G. Blizzard Abbott, and which cannot fail to please the large number of our brethren who delight in recognizing the services of distinguished freemasons in past times, as well as the present connection of well known names perpetuating ancient records. The "Thomas W. Tew M.S." of "Old Charges," with a transcript from "The Book of Masons," by Bro. William James Hughan, is also of considerable interest to those who desire to carry their masonic researches into the distant past. For lighter reading "The Masonic Talisman," by T. Johnston Evans, and "The Bells of St. Barnabas," by J. Marsden Sutcliffe, will serve to pleasantly wile away a leisure hour; whilst musical brethren will find entertainment in the double page of music entitled "The Craft," the words of which are the production of Bro. F. W. Driver, P.M., No. 45, and the score by Bro. W. O. Dunkley, P.M., 1777 and P.G.P., Middlesex. An engraving, on loose sheet for framing, of the late Bro. Rosenthal's painting of the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as P.G. Master, Dec. 1st, 1869, is presented as a supplement. We commend the number to our readers as well worth its trifling cost.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The usual monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W. Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D., president, James Brett, P.G.P., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., vice-presidents, and about 55 members and brethren being present. Recommendations of the November meeting to the amount of £400 were confirmed, and a list of 47 applications were considered. These comprised cases from Metropolitan Lodges, and from others at Aberystwith, Adelaide, Canterbury, Croydon, Chard, Calcutta, Deal, Dagshai E.I., Jersey, Keynsham, Ledbury, Meerut, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, New York, Netherlands, Old Brompton, Port Elizabeth, Sidcup, Stonehouse, Shanghai, Wisbech, and York. Of these, two were dismissed, and three deferred; and the remainder were relieved by donations amounting to £967, inclusive of recommendations to the Most W. Grand Master. It was stated that the total amount awarded in the course of the present year was £11,468, and to meet the same stock to the amount of £9,000 had been sold out. When the Board commenced its proceedings on the above occasion it was in debt as much as £1,100. The business terminated with seasonable compliments and good wishes from the president.

DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS IN INDIA.—The present list of District Grand Masters of English Freemasonry in India, in order of appointment, is as follows:—R. W. Bro. the Hon. T. Prinsep, District Grand Master of Bengal; R. W. Bro. E. W. Parker, District Grand Master of the Punjab; R. W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master of Bombay; R. W. Bro. Lord Connemara, District Grand Master of Madras, elect.

THRIFT.—Bro. J. Knowles Rowbotham has recently been elected chairman of the National Thrift Society, and Bros. William Boddington, Capt. Darley, &c., have joined the committee. The society, the secretary of which is Bro. T. Bowden Green, 1, Finsbury Circus, E.C., is doing good work in London and the provinces, and deserves encouragement as well as support.

SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT JOHANNESBURG.

We extract from *The Standard and Transvaal Mining Chronicle*, published at Johannesburg, on the 9th October last, the following interesting description of a new building for the purposes of Freemasonry in that "two-year-old city." We should like to see similar erections in many of our large and populous towns in England, where at present places of public resort alone afford meeting places for Masonic lodges:—

"MASONIC TEMPLE.—We had the pleasure of inspecting the interior of this edifice the other day, and were agreeably surprised to note its artistic character and general architectural beauty. It is not any exaggeration to say that from a decorative point of view the Johannesburg Temple is the finest in South Africa. Entering by the eastern door there are two rooms, one on the right being the refreshment room, having communication with the temple, and on the left the preparing room. Behind the latter, from a lobby which may also be entered by a door on the south, there is a principal entrance to the temple proper. As the door opened, and we obtained the first glimpse of the snug little hall, we were filled with astonishment and admiration that there should be such a building erected in this two-year-old city. It is 55 × 25 feet in area, and to the top of the cornice 17 feet high. The walls are decorated by a series of Grecian pilastres, and the top and lower portions of the cornice by a frieze. Between each alternative pilastre the panel is relieved by nitches in which will be placed statuary. The room is lit by windows divided into three parts, about 12 feet from the floor. The painting and decorating was done by two tradesmen, Messrs. George West and Alfred Thomas of this town, as their subscription to the erection of the building, and truly it was a munificent gift, being valued at about £250. Apart from the monetary value, however, the donation was one the brethren should be proud of, being a labour of love; the whole art and talent of the donors were put into the work with the result as stated, that the temple is the prettiest in South Africa. The variety of designs, and yet uniformity, the blending and arrangement of colours are truly astonishing. The work, whilst as elaborate as it well could be, is chaste. The painting is bright, but there is no approach to the gaudy. The ceiling, which is lined, is of sky blue, spangled with stars in gold. The work, in fact, is that of the artist rather than the painter. The Master's chair, placed on a dais 2 feet high, approached by steps on either side, is beautifully carved with masonic pedestals, whilst the other official chairs are of the same design, these being the work and gift of Bro. Jorgenson. The portrait of the first master, Bro. Hart, a beautifully oil painted enlarged photo by Mr. Davis, has a fitting place at the opposite end of the room from the dais. Mr. Davis has just completed a photograph of the interior of the Temple, which is equal to anything in the photographic art which we have yet seen, considering the difficulty of obtaining the exact degree of light in a room so peculiar as this one necessarily is according to usage. Mr. Davis, however, after exposing the plates in each case for upwards of three hours, succeeded in taking two views, which give a correct idea of the temple. They are beautifully lighted, and the toning is excellent. All masons, and all who have a taste for good pictures, ought to secure copies."

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

ROYAL ATHELSTAN—No. 19.—On the 13th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.—Bro. G. H. Hoyle, W.M.—Election meeting. Bro. W. Nicholson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M., was re-elected treasurer. The W.M. announced that an organ had been presented to the lodge, through the instrumentality of Bro. Moser and Bro. Gwynn. Bro. Gwynn was appointed organist, and enlivened the lodge working to the greatest satisfaction of the brethren present. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet, at which various toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.

LOYALTY LODGE—No. 320 MOTTRAM.—On the 12th inst., Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was opened by Bro. Alfred Turner, W.M., and after the usual routine business had been transacted the installation ceremony was proceeded with according to the ancient rite and custom, the W.M. elect being Bro. Joseph Walker, S.W. The installing master was Bro. J. E. Steward, P.M. 336, P.P.G.J.D., who was assisted by Bros. the Rev. John Walker, W.M. 1427, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Chaplain 2060, and P.P.G. Chaplain, Northumberland, and Alfred Walker, W.M., Devonshire 625 (brothers of the W.M. elect); Alfred Turner, P.M. and W. S. Hadfield, P.M. The service was a full choral one, and the interesting ceremony was gone through in a most impressive manner. The officers for the ensuing year were invested in the following order:—Bros. W. F. Norman, S.W.; Alan Nield, J.W.; James Crook, P.M., treas.; John Wagstaff, P.M., secty.; George Sykes, S.D.; William Taylor, J.D.; R. S. Holland, I.G.; F. G. Thomas and W. T. Lee, stewards, and Robert Collier, P.M., tyler. This was Bro. Collier's 28th consecutive year of being appointed tyler of the lodge. Bro. Joseph Walker, W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a handsome past master's jewel to Bro. Alfred Turner, in recognition of his services to the lodge as W.M. for the past year. Besides the above-mentioned brethren there were also present:—Bros. R. H. Swindlehurst, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Woodhouse, P.M.; John Whittaker, Wm. McMath, W. Hampshire, J. W. Scholes, H. Wyatt, E. Thornley, B. Hurst, J. Mills, and the following visiting brethren:—From the Devonshire lodge, 625, Glossop, Bros. Alfred Walker, W.M.; G. E. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Derbyshire; W. Eversden, S.W.; W. H. Bowden, S.D.; Charles Wilde, Hervey Smith, Industry, 361, Hyde; John Sherwin, W.M., Benevolence, 336, Marple; G. Holland, secretary, Stamford and Warrington, Stalybridge; J. Rowley, Probity, 61, Halifax; and S. T. Smethurst, 1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne. The installation banquet was presided over by the W.M. During the evening a number of songs were contributed by Bros. W. Fielding, C. Wilde, A. Walker, W. F. Norman, R. Woodhouse, J. Mills and W. Taylor. Bro. E. Thornley was the accompanyist, and the proceedings throughout were of a successful and enjoyable character.

DEVON.

PRUDENCE—No. 1550—PLYMOUTH.—On the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, the Annual Banquet was held, under the presidency of Bro. A. Goodman, W.M., who was supported by the officers and past masters of the lodge, including W. Bros. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.Sec.; J. R. Lord, P.G.T.; T. Goodall, P.P.G.O., Sec.; R. G. Bird, J.Y. Avery, M. C. Lakeman, G. H. Selleck, G. Dimier, G. F. Watson, and J. Maton. Among the visitors were W. Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.G.J.W.;

J. Griffin, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. Kinton Bond, P.P.G.D.C.; W. T. Hocking, W.M. 70; J. Little, W.M. 156; H. Haynes, W.M. 954; W. H. Hamblyn, W.M. 1247; T. R. E. Olver, P.M. 1247; J. Wallis, 1255; J. Gidley, 2025; W. Coath, 893 (Cornwall). Covers were laid for 70 brethren, and an excellent dinner was provided. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and the health of the W.M. was received with great cordiality, testimony being borne to the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. since his appointment to the office. It was also reported during the evening that the lodge was in a satisfactory financial position. An excellent band, under Bro. Elford's direction, was in attendance, and played some choice selections of music during the evening, and valuable musical service was also rendered by several of the brethren.

CHARITY LODGE—No. 223.—On the 18th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Installation.—W. Bro. P. H. Bridgman, W.M., presiding.—Messrs. J. B. R. Orchard, of Plymouth, and N. Tregaskis, of Bude, were duly initiated. Bros. J. C. Pellow and E. J. Hallahan were passed to the second degree, and Bros. J. Goad and J. Edmonds raised to the third degree. The lodge was then called off from labour to refreshment, and at 7 p.m. resumed business. The W.M. Elect, W. Bro. W. Stenlake, was ably installed as W.M., by W. Bro. P. H. Bridgman, the retiring W.M., assisted by the following Board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. W. Browning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Hilley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. W. Cornish, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. P. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; S. R. R. Anniss, P.M.; T. C. Lewarn, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. S. Hill, P.M.; R. Blight, P.M.; J. Moysey, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., J. Neno, P.M.; F. R. Goodyear, P.M.; J. Hoyten, P.M.; W. J. C. Hannaford, P.M., all of 223; W. Bros. Major M. Tracey, R.A., P.M., W.M. 2258, P.G.S.W.; Bros. S. Jew, P.M. 1847, 2258, P.P.G.T.; T. W. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.J.G. Warden; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.P.G.O.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.G.T.; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; B. Johns, P.M. 159; P. G. L. Pearce, P.M.; J. Bray, P.M. 1212; H. E. Sitters, W.M. 1205; R. Rawlings, W.M. 1071; R. Selmon, W.M. 159; Frank R. Thomas, W.M. 189; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. H. Williams, P.M. 1847; W. T. Hocking, W.M. 70; J. Leonard, W.M. 230; F. Hooper, P.M. 2025, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bro. R. Pike, P.M. 202, P.P.G.O.; W. H. W. Macey, P.M. 1847; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; and P. J. Wallis, P.M. 1255. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. J. A. Lavers, S.W.; H. Earl, J.W.; W. Bro. Fred. R. Goodyear, P.M., treas.; W. Bro. W. Browning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., sec.; Bros. G. Payne, S.D.; H. Rogers, J.D.; W. Hutchings, I.G.; I. A. Court, D.C.; C. B. Gale, A.D.C.; C. H. Soper, musical director; P. Hannaford, organist; S. Yeomans, S.S.; S. W. Sanders, J.S.; W. Biscombe, 1st Assistant Steward; C. H. Tozer, 2nd Assistant Steward; and W. Bro. W. H. Phillips, tyler. W. Bro. J. Neno was appointed charity steward. The W.M. welcomed the brethren in their new home. They had been in the old rooms for 27½ years, and he trusted they would not regret the change—(applause.) The I.P.M. proposed that the amount realized by the sale of lodge furniture, &c., be added to the reserve fund, increasing it to £200, which was carried *nem. con.* The annual banquet was fixed for Wednesday, January 9th, at the New Masonic Hall. It was decided to make a presentation to Bro. T. Mair, the late tyler, and his wife, in appreciation of their services. The lodge then adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant evening was spent by all.

ESSEX.

BLACKWATER—No. 1977.—On the 17th inst., at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, the regular monthly meeting was held under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. M. W. Mead, who was supported by the Rev. Thos. Lloyd (chaplain), Rev. E. H. Crate, P.P.G.C., S. Shawyer, P.G. Std. B.; W. Strutt, treas.; G. A. Eustiss, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., sec., &c., and the following visitors:—W. Bros. A. Barritt, W.M. 1024; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. 1024; W. H. de Cean, P.M. 1024; and Bros. Joseph Sadler (Mayor of Maldon), C. F. Rush, and H. T. Baker, 1024, and F. Harris (O'Tentosanna Lodge 1263, Yokohama, Japan). After lodge was closed about 30 brethren sat down to supper. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of the Mayor of Maldon, was received with enthusiasm, as was also "The health of the Treasurer, Bro. William Strutt." During the evening songs were contributed by W. Bros. S. Shawyer and Edward Gowers, and Bros. W. Hunt, C. F. Rush, H. T. Baker, and N. E. Blaxall, and recitations by W. Bros. A. Barritt and W. H. de Cean.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

YARBOROUGH LODGE—No. 551.—On the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Ventnor.—W. Bro. Clough, W.M.—Installation Meeting. A large number of brethren from all parts of the island, and of visitors from the main land, attended. The ceremony of installation of Bro. F. P. Ansle, was performed by W. Bro. Scott in a most impressive and able manner. The W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows:—F. Trueman, S.W.; John S. Ineson, J.W.; J. J. Webber, P.M., treas.; E. A. Swane, sec.; F. H. Sheppard, S.D.; W. Drake Bidgood, J.D.; W. C. Norman, I.G.; M. Hibberd, D.C.; Rev. W. M. H. Elwyn, chaplain; Rev. J. A. Alloway, organist; S. Tuddenham and W. J. Wetherick, stewards; and C. Small, tyler. The W.M. then uncovered a very handsome new banner, which had been presented to the lodge by some of the brethren, and most artistically painted and worked by Mrs. Cole Norman, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded. Mr. Woodman was initiated into Freemasonry by the newly installed W.M., in a most efficient manner, and after the dispatch of ordinary routine business, the brethren adjourned to Cass's Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was served in the style for which this old-established hostelry is famous. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured. In proposing that of the M.W. the Grand Master, the W.M. made the following happy quotation:—

"He is complete in feature and in mind,
With all good grace to grace a gentleman."

Bro. G. A. Mursell and Bro. F. Topham Jones responded to the toast of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and the Grand Officers. The toast of the Charities was proposed by W. Bro. Alloway, and a collection was made, resulting in the sum of £3 8s. 6d. being handed to the treasurer. The W.M. was then honoured by a most gratifying reception. For the visitors Bros. Walker of the Southampton Lodge, Greenham of the Chine Lodge, and Linfield, a former member of the Yarborough, responded in full acknowledgment of the pleasure afforded them by the visit. A very pleasant evening was spent by all the brethren before the inevitable separation for distant homes.

WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE—No. 1883—WINCHESTER.—On the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall. W. Bro. W. H. Jacob, P.M. 76, W.M. Installation meeting. Amongst the visitors were the following Provincial Grand and other distinguished brethren:—R.W.P.G.M., W. W. B. Beach; Bros. Jewel, P.G. treas.; Groves, P.G.R.; Wise, P.G.S.D.; Marks, P.G.J.D.; Jenkins, P.P.G.J.W.; Palsgrave, P.G.A.D.C.; Webb, P.G. std.; Taylor, P.G. std.; Webber, P.G. std.; Swansborough, W.M. 2016; I. Harris, W.M. 76. The ceremony of installing Bro. I. Greig as Master was performed by the retiring Master. The following brethren were invested as officers:—Bros. F. Bascomb, S.W.; S. Frampton, J.W.; F. H. King, P.M. treas.; Geo. Harrison, sec.; C. Campbell, S.D.; H. Sealey, J.D.; A. Somerset, org.; D. Davis, I.G.; R. Snook, D.C.; E. Chalkley, A.D.C.; J. Sillence, S. std.; S. B. Cook, J. std.; C. Sims, tyler. The P.G.M. was heartily welcomed and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Jason, for his service as Installing Master. The lodge and the visitors, about forty, dined together after the ceremony, and W. Bro. Greig received a hearty welcome and hopes for a prosperous year of office.

LANCASHIRE.

CROSTON LODGE, No. 986, CROSTON.—W. Bro. T. Baildon, W.M., Installation meeting. At the Grapes Inn, on the 17th inst. The members present included Bros. W. J. Melling, P.M.; T. Baildon, W.M.; T. Whittle, P.M. treas.; J. S. Warburton, P.M. asst. sec.; H. Catterall, P.M., P.P.G.P. sec.; I. Ashcroft, P.M.; James Ashton, S.W.; J. Bowling, J.W.; Dr. A. T. H. Kerr, S.D.; W. Bretherton, J.D.; C. Taylor, S.S.; J. Singleton, J.S.; A. Mills, G. Houlden and J. Hale, tyler. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. A. Beattie P.M. 343; J. Haigh 844; J. Threlfall, sec. 1,032; Robert Riding 580; H. Archer 580; Jos. Rothwell 1,403; Henry McCartney 246, Ireland, and Jas. Houseman 730. Bro. Jas. Ashton, W.M. Elect, was installed by Bro. W. G. Melling, P.M., in an able and eloquent manner. The officers were invested as follow:—Bro. J. Bowling, S.W.; Bro. Dr. A. T. H. Kerr, J.W.; Bro. T. Whittle, P.M., treas.; Bro. J. S. Warburton, P.M., sec.; Bro. W. Bretherton, S.D.; Bro. G. Houlden, J.D.; Bro. C. Taylor, I.G.; Bro. J. Haig, org.; Wm. J. Melling, P.M., D.C.; Bro. J. Ashcroft, P.M., S.S.; Bro. W Blackwell, J.S.; and Bro. J. Hale, tyler. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Thos. Baildon, for the very able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the last twelve months. After dinner had been partaken of, the usual loyal toasts were honoured. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Dr. Kerr, J.W., who insisted upon the necessity of all Masons exercising self-denial in order that they might individually, as well as collectively, help on those grand Masonic institutions. He also suggested the advisability of holding once a year, in certain centres, Masonic reunions, to which all Masons should be invited, the different lodges in the district joining in the expense. A pleasant evening was spent.

SOUTH WALES.

BUTE LODGE—No. 960—CARDIFF.—On the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Installation, W. Bro. James Radley, W.M., presiding, supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—Bros. John Munday, P.G.R.; C. Carey Thomas, S.W.; D. S. Varzopollo, P.G.T., J.W.; W. C. Peace, P.M., Treas.; R. Elliott, sec.; John Hussey, D.C.; John Dutton, S.D.; Thomas James, J.D.; John Rees, I.G.; W. B. Ferrier, steward; Amos Jenkins, tyler; P.M.'s H. White, P.P.G.T.; W. H. Davies, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Matthews, P.P.S.G.W.; D. Williams, P.P.A.G.O. Members:—Bros. P. L. Thomas, J. Harris, W. S. Prestage, S. O. Williams, A. Taubmann, J. Lancaster, T. H. Anderson, S. Sheldrick, James Rate, F. H. Simpson, H. Siemens, J. Edwards, T. H. Storkey, John Radley, W. B. Davies, A. M. Passons, C. E. Davey, Charles Jones, Thomas Elliott, John Williams, Thomas Rees, W. H. Williams, Charles Knabe, A. C. Botterill, Arthur V. Dovey, Thomas Evans, C. H. Owen, George New, W. Evans, E. I. Champney-Smith, A. K. Hamilton. Visitors:—F. W. Dingle, Royal Albert Edward, Bath, P.M.; J. Gordon, St. Jerman, P.M.; R. J. Watkins, Glamorgan; Hugh Brown Tennant; S. Cooper, Glamorgan, P.M.; C. Cullen, W.M.; Albert Edward, J. E. Strangala, Windsor; E. Waring, Glamorgan; J. W. Peacock, W.M., Glamorgan; J. Brittain, Royal Somerset; D. E. Davies, Albert Edward; J. H. Pettengell, Homfray, W.M. elect; Arthur W. Price, Glamorgan; F. E. Hodges, Windsor, P.M.; H. A. Rowan, St. John, N.B.; F. Harris, P.M., Loyal Cambrian; J. E. Davies, W.M., Loyal Cambrian; George Thomas, P.M.; Glamorgan; Walter Nicol, Glamorgan, J.D.; S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M., Mon.; H. M. Tainsh, Tennant; Isaac E. Thomas, P.M.; George Hazell; Edwin J. Whiteley, W.M. Silurian Lodge.

Bro. C. Carey Thomas was installed by Bro. James Radley, W.M.P.G.D.C., the ceremony being of a most interesting and successful character. The following officers invested:—D. S. Varzopollo, S.W.; R. Elliott, J.W.; W. C. Peace, treas.; C. E. Dovey, sec.; John Munday, D.C.; J. Dutton, organist; T. James, S.D.; J. Rees, J.D.; W. B. Ferrier, I.G.; C. J. Champneys, Smith, and H. Samuel, stewards; and Amos Jenkins, tyler. Subsequently the brethren dined at the Park Hotel, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, speeches alternating with songs and instrumental music.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

MENTURIA LODGE—No. 418—HANLEY.—W. Bro. W. Tunnicliffe, W.M. The festival of St. John and the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, took place on the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside. There was a very large number of brethren present, including members of the lodge and visitors from neighbouring lodges. Bro. Herbert Windle was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being very effectively performed by the retiring W.M., assisted by W. Bros. W. H. Hales, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Bromley, P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.G.J.W.; J. S. Crapper, P.P.G.D.; and E. V. Greatbatch, P.G., superintendent of works. The officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows:—Bros. J. Robinson, S.W.; W. Hampton, J.W.; the Rev. F. E. Waters, chaplain; W. H. Hales, treas.; E. B. Devereaux, sec.; Joseph Barlow, S.D.; David Jones, J.D.; E. V. Greatbatch, D.C.; C. F. Baker, org.; Edmund Jones, I.G.; W. Jones and J. Goodson, stewards; G. Wilkes, tyler. A banquet was served in the Court room of the Town Hall, at which the W.M. Bro. Herbert Windle presided, and about ninety brethren sat down. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured; and that of the Worshipful Master was made more than ordinarily interesting by comments on the fact of the day of his installation being the 46th anniversary of his birth, and the year that of the celebration of his silver wedding. It was also stated that the lodge since the formation of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association had contributed as much as £584 16s. During the evening songs were contributed by several brethren.

SUFFOLK.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP LODGE—No. 376—IPSWICH.—On the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Installation meeting. W. Bro. F. A. Bales, W.M. Amongst the members present were:—Bros. R. E. Younger, S.W., W.M. elect; N. Tracey, P.M., P.G.S.; S. R. Anniss, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Albert Cannon, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Buckham, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. A. Bennett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. B. Fraser, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. B. Jeffries, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Fred. C. Atkinson, J.W.; W. P. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., treas.; H. E. Leach, S.D.; H. Sidney, P.M., sec., P.P.G.R.; A. J. Wright, D. of C., P.G.S.; H. Campion-Monteith, I.G.; T. Thwaites and A. Spalding, stewards; R. Anniss, A. Hayward, E. T. Read, H. George Tunmer, J. Snare, W. Darby, N. Vogan, J. Tibbenham, and G. Gould, tyler. The visitors included:—Bros. A. J. H. Ward, W.M., H. G. Everard, P.M., 650; C. H. Vincent, P.M. 1823, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Tidbury, W.M. 114; W. B. Hanson, P.M. 959; S. J. Morley, W.M. 225; John H. Pearson 442; T. Palmer, S.D. 114, P.P.G.O.; G. T. Pick, S.W. 959; T. B. Read 114; W. Leathers 225.

The installation of Bro. R. E. Younger as W.M., was ably and impressively performed by P.M. Bro. S. R. Anniss. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Fred. C. Atkinson, S.W.; H. E. Leach, J.W.; W. P. Mills, P.P.G.S.W., treas.; H. Sidney, P.P.G.A.D. of C., sec.; H. C. Monteith, S.D.; T. Thwaites, J.D.; A. Spalding, I.G.; H. J. Wright, P.G.S., D. of C.; J. Norman Vogan and J. Tibbenham, stewards; G. Gould, tyler. The installation banquet was admirably served by Bro. J. Hardwick. Excellent songs were given during the evening by several brethren, Bro. Palmer, Mus. Bac., kindly presiding at the pianoforte.

YORKSHIRE.

YORK—No. 236.—On the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place—Bro. W. Smith, W.M.—Bro. S. Border (ex-Sheriff of York) was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., treasurer. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. M. Forbes, S.W.; T. S. Brogden, J.W.; the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, P.G.C. England, P.P.G.C., chaplain; J. Todd, treas.; E. W. Purnell, sec.; J. B. Sampson, S.D.; H. S. Hopton, J.D.; E. Carter, D.C.; A. Sample, organist; F. Watkinson, I.G.; M. Bryson and T. Archey, stewards; and W. G. Calvert, tyler. The installation banquet followed.

THREE GRAND PRINCIPLES—No. 208.—On the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury—Bro. W. D. Quarmby, W.M.—Installation meeting. Bro. F. W. Reuss was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by his predecessor, Bro. Quarmby, and appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Geo. Clay, S.W.; Marmaduke Fox, J.W.; Thos. Richards, P.M., sec.; A. C. McIntyre, P.M., treas.; C. J. Fox, S.D.; John Lane Fox, J.D.; P. R. Sewell, I.G.; James France, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as D.C. The usual banquet took place afterwards, at which a large number of visiting brethren from Leeds, Wakefield, Bradford, and the neighbouring lodges were present.

FALCON LODGE—No. 1416.—At Masonic Hall, Thirsk, Bro. John T. Hansell was installed Worshipful Master. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. F. R. Hansell, S.W.; J. H. Buchanan, J.W.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., treas.; C. Greensides, sec.; W. W. Hall, S.D.; A. W. Cass, J.D.; Rev. Eusebius Richardson, chaplain; A. C. Bamlett, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Moss, P.M.; Z. Wright, P.M., org.; Henry Longford, P.M., I.G.; J. C. Coulson, and H. Smith, P.M., stewards; G. Ayre, P.M., almoner and charity steward; John S. Farmery, tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous repast at Bro. W. Hall's Fleece Hotel, at which the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

ST. AMBROSE—No. 1891.—A small gathering of the members took place on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when two ceremonies were rehearsed and other business transacted. *The lodge was adjourned until Monday, the 7th January next,* Bro. J. T. Gracia being W.M. elect for that occasion.

THE STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, 21st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Fred. Hilton, P.Z., 1275, M.E.Z. and Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, H.; Needs, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; W. Briant, 1329, S.N.; A. C. Wood, P.S.; Addington, M.E.Z. Elect, 1275; Eedle and R. C. Davis, 1329. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, which was fixed for the first Friday in January.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1471.—Held at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Convocation December 13th, 1888, at 8 p.m. Comps. Wm. Radcliffe, M.E.Z.; J. McLaren, H.; W. B. Kidder, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; W. C. Wigley, S.N. and T. C. Edmonds, P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was very ably rehearsed, and a pleasant and instructive evening was spent under the guidance of Comp. T. C. Edmonds, preceptor.

REPORTS, &c., RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

ST. NICHOLAS, THORNE—No. 2259.—At the December regular meeting of this lodge, on the 19th inst., Bros. C. W. Darley, W. Walker, and A. Goodkins, were passed to the second degree. Capt. G. Dove, W.M., in the chair. Bro. J. Constable, sec., was presented with a Founder's Jewel. A Masonic Ball will be held in connection with this lodge on January the 31st.

THE PYTHAGORAS CHAPTER—No. 88.—CAMBRIDGE.—On the 19th inst., held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. An illuminated address of thanks was presented to Miss Chennell, of Foley House, Newmarket, in recognition of her artistic work in the painting of a new set of twelve banners, which had been given to the Chapter by her father, M. E. Comp. Chennell, the First Principal. The address was enclosed in a casket, elegantly mounted with pierced and engraved silver. This work had been carried out by Comp. F. R. Leach, of Cambridge. The presentation was made to Comp. Chennell, on behalf of the Chapter, by M. E. Comp. Andrew H. Moyes, P.Z., and Comp. Chennell suitably replied on behalf of his daughter.

ELIOT LODGE—No. 1164—CORNWALL.—This lodge held its annual meeting on the 20th inst., when the installation of Bro. Roberts as W.M. was ably performed by W. Bro. Joseph Doney, P.P.D.G.D.C., assisted by the following board of installed masters:—Bros. J. Bedford Kerswill, P.P.J.G.W.; W. F. Creber, P.P.G. Std.B.; J. Crossman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Roberts, P.P.G. steward; and W. R. Rawling, W.M. 1071. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were:—Bros. J. Bersey, S.W.; Fred. A. Rawling, J.W.; W. P. Wood, S.D.; C. W. Bickle, J.D.; S. J. Ball, I.G.; J. Bedford Kerswill, treasurer; W. H. Maynard, secretary; F. W. Hawke, tyler. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the Eliot Arms, where the annual banquet was held, the W.M. presiding.

Can any of our readers help a brother who is collecting Masonic autographs, seals, parchments, drawings of clothing in all degrees and rights in all countries, to obtain a copy of the Old Edition of the Irish Constitution, which has coloured plates, and was published at 3s. 6d. a few years ago? If so, a communication addressed to us shall receive immediate attention. Our brother also requires an old "Royal Arch Parchment" and one of the 18th degree.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

In the opinion of many Brethren the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the Brethren, whose names are subjoined, may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft universal, who, in this way, will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned Brethren have formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual Subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer (Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.), and will be duly acknowledged.

COMMITTEE.

Chairman—THE EARL OF CARNARVON, PRO GRAND MASTER.

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Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.	
Mark. 118	Northumberland	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.
	(4th) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th.	
	(Last) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th.	
	(Last) MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st.	
	1889.	
	(1st) TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st.	
9	Albion	F. M. H.
166	Union	Criterion, Piccadilly
172	Old Concord	F. M. H.
765	St. James'	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1662	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow
2032	Richmond	Station Hot., Richmond
R.A.C. 1	Grand Masters	Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
1159	Marquis of Dalhousie	33, Golden Square, W.
Mark. 1	St. Mark's	M. H., 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd.	
1298	Royal Standard	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1687	Rothesay	St. James's Hall, Piccadilly
1827	Alliance	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
R.A.C. 1328	Granite	Holborn Restaurant
	(1st) THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd.	
538	La Tolerance	F. M. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
R.A.C. 181	Universal	F. M. H.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
Mark. 244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	28th Jan	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	2nd Jan	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	15th Jan	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	8th Jan	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	14th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh	23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford	21st Jan	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	16th Jan	Ditto
1016	Elkington	22nd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	9th Jan	Ditto
1163	Emulation TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1180	Forward	7th Jan	Ditto
1474	Israel	14th Jan	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	15th Jan	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	9th Jan	Ditto
221	St. John	16th Jan	Ditto
348	St. John's TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1723	St. George	23rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	14th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	17th Jan	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	1st Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	9th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	14th Jan	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ..	18th Jan	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	1st Jan	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	19th Jan	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	29th Jan	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	17th Jan	Ditto
1947	Stanford	9th Jan	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	1st Jan	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	9th Jan	Ditto
326	Moira	17th Jan	Ditto
610	Colston	16th Jan	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges	5th Jan	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell	28th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort	22nd Jan	Ditto
187	Charity	3rd Jan	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief TO-DAY (?)	27th Dec	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	16th Jan	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	10th Jan	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	3rd Jan	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	14th Jan	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	?8th Jan	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Unvsty.	5th Feb	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	17th Jan	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	22nd Jan	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	9th Jan	Ditto
802	Repose	17th Jan	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	3rd Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	9th Jan	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	2nd Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	17th Jan	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	18th Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	2nd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	15th Jan	M. H., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	1st Jan	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	16th Jan	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	14th Jan	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ...?	16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	3rd Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	30th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	4th Jan	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	7th Jan	Ditto
1221	Defence	14th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	18th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	12th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	8th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	9th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	9th Jan	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	17th Jan	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	8th Jan	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	21st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	23rd Jan	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	17th Jan	Ditto
216	Harmonic	10th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	8th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	3rd Jan	Ditto
292	Sincerity	14th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance	15th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John	1st Jan	Ditto
680	Sefton	4th Jan	Ditto
724	Derby	23rd Jan	Ditto
786	United Service ...	10th Jan	Ditto
823	Everton	16th Jan	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	2nd Jan	Ditto
1094	Temple	9th Jan	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edubgh. ...	10th Jan	Ditto
1264	Neptune	7th Jan	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	17th Jan	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	14th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	9th Jan	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	17th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	21st Jan	Ditto
1505	Emulation TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	9th Jan	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	15th Jan	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	22nd Jan	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	2nd Jan	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	22nd Jan	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	2nd Jan	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	21st Jan	Ditto
2215	Anfield TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ...	Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	21st Jan	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	1st Jan	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship	28th Jan	Ditto
249	Mariners	17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool	24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's	13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	15th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer	3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel	8th Jan	Ditto

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social	31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	18th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	30th Jan	Ditto
204	Caledonian	9th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	3rd Jan	Ditto
325	St. John's	16th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	16th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair	11th Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	9th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	2nd Jan	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	17th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	15th Jan	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	10th Jan	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	7th Jan	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	30th Jan	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	1st Jan	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	10th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	1st Jan	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	21st Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	30th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	11th Jan	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	17th Jan	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	23rd Jan	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	18th Jan	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	7th Jan	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	1st Jan	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	9th Jan	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	9th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	14th Jan	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	3rd Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	14th Jan	Ditto
541	De Loraine... ...	18th Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	9th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	11th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	Ditto
1863	Priory	10th Jan	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	15th Jan	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	16th Jan	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	10th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	9th Jan	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	1st Jan	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	8th Jan	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	15th Jan	Ditto
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
943	Sincerity	22nd Jan	Ditto
1500	Walpole	3rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	8th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	15th Jan	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	14th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	4th Jan	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	Ditto
1794	De Vere	18th Jan	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	21st Jan	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	1st Jan	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie	8th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	14th Jan	Ditto
156	Harmony	7th Jan	Ditto
159	Brunswick	2nd Jan	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	14th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship TO-DAY,	27th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	15th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	3rd Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	8th Jan	Ditto
1205	Metham	21st Jan	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	10th Jan	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	21st Jan	Ditto
1550	Prudence	5th Jan	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	8th Jan	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	22nd Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	16th Jan	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR.,	28th Dec	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	23rd Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	16th Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	16th Jan	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	14th Jan	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	11th Jan	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	17th Jan	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	22nd Jan	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	15th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	21st Jan	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	9th Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	8th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	10th Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	29th Jan	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	10th Jan	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	21st Jan	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	17th Jan	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers TO-MR.,	28th Dec	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	1st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ..	3rd Jan	Ditto
359	Peace and Harmony	4th Jan	Ditto
394	Concord TO-DAY,	27th Dec	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	8th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	2nd Jan	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	10th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	18th Jan	Ditto
2039	Londonderry TO-MR.,	28th Dec	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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No of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.			
13	Union Waterloo ...	at	8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„	7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ...	„	7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury	„	8	(?)
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ...	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ...	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ...	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ...	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ...	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ...	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar...	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(4th) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th.			
9	Albion	at	—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ...	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„	8	(?)
749	Belgrave...	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ...	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„	7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ...	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ...	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ...	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey...	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn·
946	Strawberry Hill, ...	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(Last) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ...	„	7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„	7	(?)
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav.. Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry...	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(Last) MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st.			
22	Loughborough... ...	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union ...	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ...	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(Last) MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st—*continued.*			
1507	Metropolitan	at	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ...	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ...	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C				
206	Hope	„	—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(1st) TUESDAY (New Year's Day), JANUARY 1st, 1889.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ...	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury...	„	—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ...	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ...	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ...	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ...	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ...	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd.			
3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ...	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ...	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry...	„	8.30	(?)
193	Confidence	„	7	(?)
228	United Strength ...	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure...	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ...	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East ...	„	7.30	Greenwich Pens'r., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ...	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... ...	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom ...	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ...	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ...	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(1st) THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd.

Lodges and Chapters, as 4th Thursday in December (*see ante*).

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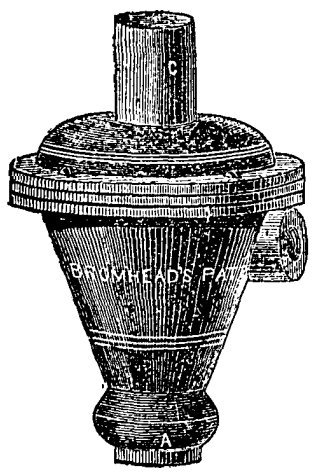
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"Ars Quatuor Coronatorum,"

TRANSACTIONS OF THE LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076.

BY the courtesy of W. Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., the Secretary of the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge* (the Lodge of the Four Crowned Martyrs), we have been favoured by the receipt of the fifth part (completing the first volume) of the transactions of the Lodge since its consecration on the 12th January, 1886. The great majority of the Craft may not be aware that this new Lodge was formed by the following brethren distinguished as *literati* and for their Masonic researches, namely, Bros. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., Wm. Harry Rylands, Robert Freke Gould, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford (since deceased), Walter Besant, J. P. Rylands, Major Sisson Cooper Pratt, William James Hughan, and George William Speth, "in honest attachment to the Craft, and in a sincere desire usefully to extend the many claims masonic history and archæology have on our time, our intellects and our sympathy as Freemasons who take pride in the Order, and who feel, and feel strongly, that knowledge and light, the opposites of ignorance and darkness, are, ever have been, and it is to be hoped ever will be, characteristic features and the abiding distinction of Freemasonry."

With such a programme, every particular of which has been strictly adhered to, it is not to be wondered at that *Lodge Quatuor Coronati* is fast becoming that exponent of true Masonic working which has been so long needed to stay the devastation of the true principles of the Order, of late years almost effaced by innovations and departures from ancient customs. No true Freemason—in which term we can include only those who are careful to put before every other consideration the practice of each and every of its beneficent precepts—can fail to rejoice in having so representative a body of what Freemasonry should be. A report of its permanent and Audit Committee has been circulated and is now before us, and we feel assured that we cannot, at this season, better discharge our duty as journalists, or more fittingly accompany our hearty good wishes for the individual happiness of our several readers, and the general prosperity of the Craft during the year of Masonry, 5889, than by briefly recording the progress and present position of the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge*.

It commenced the past year with a membership of twenty-one, which by the accession of Bros. Whymper (the author of "The *Religion of Freemasonry*"), Castle, Macbean, Goldney and Williams, reached a total of twenty-six, now reduced to twenty-five by the lamented death of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. The lodge met six times during the past year, and on each occasion in addition to the ordinary ceremonial working very interesting papers on Masonic subjects have been read, and these are most correctly described as being of such literary merit "as no society in the world would need to be ashamed of." These valuable contributions to Masonic literature, together with full and elaborate reports of the several meetings, and other useful information, form together the work so ably edited by Bro. Speth, and entitled *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, a work we have the utmost confidence in recommending for the perusal of every member of the Craft, without distinction of station, sect or country. It is no small claim to make, but to our mind it is perfectly justified, that the work "cannot fail to enhance our (*the lodge's*) reputation in the Craft, and the world outside it."

By a very happy arrangement, the spread of the vast amount of knowledge which the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge have the opportunity of gaining amongst themselves is secured to other brethren who might otherwise be precluded in sharing the benefits thereof by direct membership. A correspondence circle has been established with what we consider extraordinary success, and in the short period of two years no less than 500 brethren have been admitted, at what may be looked upon as merely a nominal subscription, to a participation in the advantages of hearing and reading the several essays we have referred to, and in claiming connection with some of the brightest lights of our Order as masonic historians and students. Not content with even this attractive addition to their work, the Lodge has still further evidenced its devotion to the best interests of the Craft, by commencing the establishment of a Library, already numbering between six hundred and seven hundred volumes now frequently utilized by members of both circles. It should here be

explained that by "both circles" is meant:—1st, The regular members of the Lodge itself, restricted to forty in number, which comprise the Inner Circle; and, 2nd, The brethren who, not being absolutely members of the Lodge, are sharers in its literary work and recipients of the advantages we have endeavoured, but feebly, to set forth, and these are known as the Outer Circle. Amongst these latter we note, in the list of members, some *sixty* Masonic Lodges and Chapters, the numbers and names of which we would, if our space permitted, announce in this present writing as examples which should be followed by every Lodge and Chapter attached to the English Constitution; for, if it be not already so, it soon will be recognized that Membership of the Correspondence, or Outer Circle, will be esteemed a "hall mark" of masonic distinction.

We could greatly extend our remarks as to the work of the lodge during the past two years by detailed information in respect of its financial position, and show that notwithstanding a large outlay in the production of its printed works, and in something beyond the ordinary expenditure of even the most expensive of our lodges, good balances are found in favour of the several accounts. This results from the devotion of masonic subscriptions and fees to masonic working purposes only, and not to the pleasures of the table on all occasions of meeting. In fact it does not appear that one single penny of lodge funds has been spent in the latter direction, but that on all occasions the brethren have dined together at their individual cost, and with much to be commended moderation. This is as it should be, and the practice of Lodge Quatuor Coronati in this respect might be followed with considerable advantage to Freemasonry.

With the report has also been forwarded to us a copy of the "St. John's Card" of the Lodge, bearing the date "St. John's Day in Winter, 1888" (Dec. 27th), and which is a Christmas Card, *in excelsis*, to the members of the lodge and Correspondence Circle from W. Bro. William Simpson, the present W.M. This book contains very interesting addresses from both Master and Secretary, lists of Lodge Members, and of the lodges and brethren who are members of the outer circle, and other interesting matter, including a full page illuminated allegorical design by Bro. Simpson who is an ardent student of symbolism, and the interpretation of which is left by him to the ingenuity and judgment of each individual brother. One portion of this design is expressive of the "Hearty good wishes" of the W.M. and his officers to those with whom they are more nearly connected in relation to the *Lodge Quatuor Coronati*, and we feel assured such wishes will be appreciated by all to whom they are addressed.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE FOR THE YEAR 1888.

During the year which closed on Monday last, Masonic benevolence produced an amount for the three English Masonic Charitable Institutions combined far surpassing that of any previous twelvemonth, and exceeding the largest annual sum hitherto collected for them by £21,855.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the oldest of the three institutions, which celebrated the completion of its first hundred years of existence on June 7th, shows a total receipt of £49,259 4s. 4d.; the youngest of the institutions, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, a sum of £21,361 15s. 1d.; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was ninety years old last year, the amount of £12,293 2s. 5d., a less sum than either of these institutions has received in any one of the previous seven years.

The largest amounts in former years obtained by these institutions were £25,968 4s. 4d. in 1887 by the Benevolent Institution, and £25,010 17s. 1d. in 1883 by the Boys' School, but both these institutions were most seriously affected in 1888 by the special effort made to celebrate the centenary of the Girls' School last year by an extraordinary subscription, which realised ,under the chairmanship of the Prince of Wales, at the festival at the Albert Hall, £44,660 14s. 11d.* The Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution will not have such an adverse circumstance to contend against this year, and the totals of the three will probably resume their normal amounts.

Apart from these institutions, another body which is doing a great work in relieving distress is the Board of Benevolence, which meets once a month, and dispenses the Fund of Benevolence, to which every English Freemason, by the very fact of his becoming a Mason and subscribing to a lodge, contributes. During the year 1888 the Board of Benevolence made grants to cases of distress to the amount of £11,468.

[*In reference to the foregoing, which has appeared in most of the daily papers, we may state that this is, to our knowledge incorrect, the total of contributions having been £51,500, not all yet paid over, but in course of collection.—ED. *M.S.*]

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 272.)

IT is called "The Triad," and presents us with no less than 78 Triads selected from our Ritual. The collection is still obviously incomplete, and the author states that motives of prudence caused him to omit some. Surely only the partial blindness of familiarity can prevent us seeing the significance of this pregnant fact!

We are not here raising any theory as to Hiram being a type of Christ. If any other than the English Constitution can receive Hiram as typifying some one else, well and good, it is nothing to us. If another Constitution can differently apply all the symbols which, when introduced into our system, were intended to have a Christian significance, so be it: but any applicability which may be discovered concerns us not. If it really be the case that when our Society was formulated, by some happy chance, all its esoteric teaching regarding matters relating to religion was available by all religions, then Freemasonry must have a right to lay claim to higher consideration than any Mason, in his very wildest dreams, has ever as yet vaguely imagined. Nothing short of the inspiration of Omniscience could aforethought produce such a miraculous result.

The manner in which the high degrees in Masonry, which are admittedly Christian, came into existence, we think somewhat bears out our views. We believe that as the genuine principles of Masonry began to suffer by the ideas of Universality, the system was seen to have no finality, or that it would have none with the removal of the Christian element. It could then only be unsatisfying and incomplete. There was immediately a reason for high degrees—to complete the structure—which did not previously exist. The high degrees are said to have "crept in" at a time of Masonit degeneracy. They could not have crept in unless there was some room for them. Now we are told that the reason why the Craft does not recognise the high degrees is because the latter are Christian. We are of opinion that this theory could be fully supported by argument, for the present we will merely draw attention to the strong grounds there are for surmising that the Royal Arch degree was originally part of the Master Mason's degree.

A reference to Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," p. 52, will be instructive. He there quotes from Bro. Whytehead (of York), Dr. Mackey, Dr. Oliver, and the late lamented Bro. Woodford, none of them mean authorities, and some of the very first rank, and all agree in the opinion, for which they give their reasons, that the Royal Arch degree is a shred torn from the cloak of the Master Mason's. Then we have the fact that in a Ritual of 1730 the third degree contains an allusion to the word "which was once lost and is now found."* We are bound to confess that that excellent authority, Bro. Hughan, does not himself hold these views, although he goes some short way with us. He says,† "We favour the theory that a *word* was placed in the 'Royal Arch' *prominently*, which was previously given in the *Sections* [*i.e.*, lectures] of the third degree, and known 'as the ancient word of a Master Mason.' We understand that it is still so communicated in some Master Masons' Lodges on the Continent, and we know that it is to be found on old tracing boards of early last century." Bro. Hughan therefore admits that some part of the present Royal Arch degree formed a part of the Master Mason's, and considering the importance attached by Masons to words under certain circumstances, our Brother's admission is of some consequence to us.

But whether the Royal Arch degree ever was or was not identical with, it is in reality now part of the Master Mason's degree, the complement thereof, and can hardly possess Masonic significance apart from it. We will as briefly as possible enumerate the Christian references in it.

In the course of the ceremony a Redeemer is specially mentioned.‡ Portions of the Scriptures are read at various stages. The Lord God of Israel is referred to, thus excluding all but Jews, Mahommedans, or Christians. At one time allusion was made to the prediction that the sceptre should not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from beneath his feet until Shiloh come. This is now usually omitted.

In a Ritual before us of the first half of the century, occurs the opening verse of the gospel according to St. John—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God." Whatever may be the present meaning attributed to the *Word*, there can be very little doubt, after this, what it used to be.

The Royal Arch degree is the capestone of Craft Masonry. The discovery of the long lost word or knowledge of God is its subject, and its relation to its predecessors is briefly as follows—

Throughout the ritual of the preceding degrees, one idea is ever brought prominently forward, which is, that by a course of study, by earnest and arduous search, by a pure and moral life, a fit temple can be prepared for the reception of the knowledge or word of God. The ultimate discovery and acquirement of this word is the subject of the Royal Arch degree and the crowning or completion of the ideal Masonic edifice.

The actual characters which are feigned to be discovered, and which are supposed to form an ineffable name, are, like all else in Masonry, symbolical. The characters and the name they form are in themselves of no value whatever, but symbolically they are of the greatest importance. The meaning of the name itself is of doubtful authenticity. One acknowledged authority writes—"The name of God must be taken in Freemasonry as symbolical of truth, and then the search for it will be nothing else but the search after truth."§

* "Origin of the English Rite," p. 55. † *Ibid*, p. 61.
‡ Metropolitan Working R.A. § Mackey and Peck's Encyclo.

(*To be continued*).

Lodge Secretaries.

UNDER the above heading, we find in *The South African Freemason*, of 20th November last, an article which cannot fail to be interesting to each of the more than two thousand worthy brethren who discharge the secretarial duties connected with their respective lodges working under the English constitution. And probably, in almost an equal degree, it may prove of interest to those who have the selection of that all-important officer, the lodge secretary. We, therefore, reproduce it in its entirety, merely premising that whilst we do not perfectly agree with all its propositions, we think many of them worthy of earnest consideration. It would be interesting to learn the opinions of other members of the Craft on the suggestions made, and we shall be pleased to receive and publish the same for the information of our readers. Here is the article, *verb. et lit.*:—

"Next to the W.·.M.·. himself, probably the welfare of a lodge depends more upon the Secretary than upon any one else. If he does not bring energy and intelligence to bear upon his work, there is an end to smooth and harmonious progress. Not only does the interior economy of the lodge suffer, but the minds of Grand and District Grand Secretaries are sorely tried by bungled returns and neglected correspondence. So obvious is the necessity of a competent Secretary that it has become almost a general rule amongst English lodges to bestow the cross pens on a P.·.M.·., who having reached the *summum ultimum* of lodge honours, can afford to look upon the office as a sort of permanency, and can occupy it sufficiently long to acquire a ready knowledge of the multifarious duties attached thereunto, and to place that acquired knowledge at the disposal of the lodge for an indefinite period. This practice of appointing a Past Master is spreading amongst our Colonial lodges, and we are bound to admit that there is very much to be said in its favour. It furnishes the lodge with an official who may be relied upon to know his work, and to bring a fund of acquired experience to bear upon it. The W.·.M.·. is relieved from the task—very often a difficult one—of finding a junior brother of education and business-like habits to take the Secretary's collar, and, moreover, has the satisfaction of feeling that there is no necessity for him to be constantly giving his personal supervision to the petty details of bookkeeeping and correspondence. We cannot forget that even a well-informed brother, already pretty well acquainted with the requirements of the Constitutions and with the proper mode of making returns and the like, will find in what we call the office routine of the lodge very much which, although A.B.C. to the outgoing Secretary, is very difficult for a new man to understand. In fact, it is usually only about the close of his term that the Secretary begins to thoroughly understand his work. In short, all considerations connected with the efficient performance of that work militate very strongly in favour of always having a permanent official. But against it several weighty arguments may be urged. Firstly, we have the consideration that a salary must annually be paid to the incumbent of the appointment. It may be only a small one, but however modest, will be a consideration with most Colonial lodges. Then we have the undoubted fact that a year or two at the Secretary's desk is an invaluable training for the chair of K.·.S.·. Many experienced Masons go indeed so far as to say that no man is fit to be a Master who has not previously been a Secretary. And there is another consideration, not perhaps in a sense altogether justifiable, but still very weighty with many of the most experienced rulers of the craft, that is, that to a certain extent the fact of the Secretary's collar being taken in the ordinary currency of Lodge office is an indirect means of guarding the approaches to the dais against unsuitable men. What we mean is this: in almost all Colonial lodges there is a varying number of men, oft-times very worthy and industrious Masons, but grievously deficient in education. Now, without any wish to disparage such men, and whilst heartily welcoming them as brother Masons, we are bound to say that their advent to the Chair of K.·.S.·. very seldom brings very great credit to Masonry or their own lodge in particular. However sound a man's moral nature may be, yet he is not fit to handle the delicate duties of the Master's chair, unless his mental faculties have received some little cultivation likewise. Now, a Secretary must needs be a man of some education or he could not attempt to perform his duties. It is laid down by a pretty well understood unwritten law that every Secretary has a prescriptive right to a Warden's chair. The W.·.M.·. must have been a Warden, *ergo* the Board of Past Masters has at its hand an easy and delicate way of restricting admission to its ranks to men who can be expected to perform the duties of the dais in an appropriate way. We repeat this argument as we have heard it given, and we are certain that it is present in the minds of many brethren who argue in favour of retaining the Secretary's collar as a link in the current chain of promotion. But whilst granting it a certain amount of weight, we do not think that argument or any other should stand against the paramount consideration of securing an efficient performance of the secretarial duties, and this, we are convinced, will best be attained by making the Secretary a permanent and salaried official of P.·.M.·. rank."

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

South African Freemason, Vol. 2, Nos. 8 and 9, East London, Cape Colony; *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, Vol. 1, Part 5; and *St. John's Card*, December, 1888, Edited by W. Bro. G. W. Speth.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

NEW YEAR'S REFLECTIONS.

There is nothing esoteric in these initials. They are read, "The Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides."

SHALL we see it, loving Brothers,
Ere another New Year's day?
Shall we join those loving others,
Whom the past year tore away?
Shall we change this toil and drudge,
For the bright CELESTIAL LODGE,
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

Shall we tread that one more station,
Take the last and best degree,
Whose consummate "Preparation"
Is *to set the spirit free?*
Lay our bodies off, that then
Souls unburdened may go in,
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

Shall we find beyond the river,—
Shall we find beyond the tomb,—
Those who left us, not for ever,
Left us till we, too, should come?
Shall we learn the long-lost WORD
That admits a man to GOD,—
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

Then, be zealous, loving Brothers,
While your lives so swiftly tend;
Emulate those faithful others
In the prizes they have gained;
O'er the river, on the shore,
They are happy evermore,—
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

Toil,—your wages rich are ready;
Bear,—your burdens all shall cease:
Give,—however poor and needy;
Pray,—and God will give release
From this bitter toil and drudge
To the bright CELESTIAL LODGE.
T. C. L. A. W.
T. S. A. O. T. U. P.

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

We desire to thank the brother who, anonymously, sends us New Year's Greetings accompanied by the following

ACROSTIC.

THOU art come at last bright little Star,
Henceforth effulgent rays to throw afar;
Each Mason bids thee welcome, shining light!

Masonry's tenets thou'lt preserve aright,
Alter no landmarks, but maintain the truth;
So shall success on thee attend, forsooth!
Onward the Craft advance: take thou thy stand
Nor falter; wield the pen with mighty hand;
Into the front rank push thy glorious way,
Cease not to strive, courageous brave the fray.

Stand staunch to those who struggle against might;
To pause 'twere folly, thou would'st lose the fight!
Ambitious be, all Mason's rights maintain,
Relying always that thou wilt not shine in vain!

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT TO THE AGED POOR.—At the invitation of the officers and members of St. Kew Lodge (1222), Weston-super-Mare, about 350 of the aged and deserving poor of the town were entertained to a meat tea and subsequent entertainment. About 40 of those to whom invitations had been extended were unable, by reason of their infirmities, to put in a personal appearance at the Victoria Hall, but their little comforts were in no way neglected in consequence, those who were unable to attend being each presented with a good-sized packet of tea, in addition to fare, from the general board, at their own homes. The cost of the entertainment was entirely defrayed by the brethren of the above-named lodge, and the duties of the tea tables were discharged by ladies, for the most part wives of the brethren of the mystic tie—who wore prettily designed badges of Masonic pattern, whilst their "lords and masters" officiated as waiters, attired in evening dress and wearing jewels representing the several offices they have filled. The repast was of a bountiful description, and having been thoroughly enjoyed, a capital vocal and instrumental entertainment was given by those intimately associated with the order, which afforded thorough enjoyment to the venerable guests, whose post-prandial enjoyments included fragrant weed for the men and beer and non-intoxicants for both sexes, according to their respective tastes.

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HOW INNOVATIONS IN RITUAL ARE MADE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

This week I visited an old lodge which has passed its centenary, and in opening up to the third degree in answering the W.M.'s question, "Whence come you," the J.W. replied "the W.," and the S.W. followed by saying he was going to "the E."

I have once heard this answer given in another old lodge, but was inclined to think it was a slip. This time, on enquiry, I find that it is the regular working. My lodge is only 22 years old, but it is supposed to have the Emulation working, and in it I am taught that, in opening up, the J.W. is travelling from E. to W., and in closing returning from W. to E. Now which is correct?

Fraternally yours,

Denby Leigh, Yorks, Dec. 21st, 1888. B.

*** *You can unhesitatingly inform the brethren who permit the above deviation from ancient ritual that they cannot have the slightest conception of the beautiful allegory contained in our traditional history, and that they are doing Freemasonry a great wrong by perpetuating such error.*—ED. M.S.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The various letters in your paper under above heading doubtless express the feelings not only of their writers but of many members of the Craft fairly well; but I quite agree with "Rus in Urbe" when he says "They may talk and talk as much as they please, but that's what it amounts to and ends in after all." On the subject of division of the metropolitan lodge area a great deal of talking was done a few years ago, and with what result? Perhaps all your readers do not file their newspapers as I do; so I've taken the trouble to unearth a few, all bearing date the year of grace 1882, in which reference is made to this very subject.

On May 6th, 1882, I find in the *Freemasons' Chronicle* a letter suggesting the subdivision of the metropolitan area into four Metropolitan District Grand Lodges, each taking one-fourth of the lodges then meeting at the hall. On May 10th, a letter in the *Freemason* approving the idea, but varying details. On May 27th, a letter in the *Freemason* treating on the subject, and saying the writer "thinks the time has fairly come," &c. In the same issue of this organ a leading article is devoted to the consideration of the subject, which says that "there are advantages in the way of a friendly discussion," but that "no action can properly or legally arise from public discussion or abstract resolution, as Grand Lodge itself could not pass any such resolution favouring such ideas without invading the direct and distinct prerogative of the Grand Master"; such a re-arrangement, &c., must come from the "*propio motur*" of the Grand Master alone. This article then says, "We see no reason why the G.M. should not be *advised*," &c.

The next step appears to be a notice of motion thus: "That, having regard to the great increase in the number of lodges in the metropolitan area during the past twenty-five years, and the consequent almost total exclusion of the members thereof from any participation in Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge honours, this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the propriety of subdividing such metropolitan area into four District Grand Lodges."

In the *Freemasons' Chronicle* of 3rd June, the proposer of that resolution writes that "he has heard from the Grand Secretary that that resolution has not been received by the Board of Masters, and therefore will not be placed on the agenda of business at the ensuing Quarterly Communication. The reason given is the receipt of the following opinion from the Grand Registrar :—

"I think the motion is out of order, and ought not to be received. In my opinion any number of brethren may *out* of Grand Lodge petition or memorialise H.R.H. the Grand Master to establish a new Provincial Grand Lodge, but I do not think it would be regular to take a vote of our Great Legislative Assembly binding Grand Lodge to make the representation on the subject to the Grand Master. The matter is entirely within the prerogative of the Grand Master; Grand Lodge has no power or authority with respect to it."

The proposer then writes to the Grand Secretary, stating that he considers this to be an unconstitutional interference, &c., and that he, at the next Quarterly Communication, will rise in his place and question the propriety, &c., of the rejection by the Board of Masters, &c. On June 7th, appears the agenda—resolution omitted.

The Freemason of 10th June thus writes :—"The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday. The proposer of the rejected motion raised a question of privilege, and brought forward a complaint as regards a motion which had been refused (as we held) properly by the president of the Board of General PURPOSES" (!) but after an exhaustive speech by the G.M. it was ruled to be distinctly out of order (as we ventured to surmise) by the Pro. G.M. The question here, it will be remarked, was not the consideration of the suggested subdivision, but the refusal of the Board of MASTERS to place same on the agenda paper; Bro. Æneas McIntyre stating "that the board was right in rejecting a motion on a matter that could not be properly discussed in Grand Lodge," and that "it was not a matter that came within the cognizance of Grand Lodge at all," and further that the constitution of provinces, &c., was a prerogative of the M.W.G.M." To this the brother replied, stating that his proposition was "that a respectful *representation* be made to the G.M.," &c.

The Pro. Grand Master finally said :—Now, this was obviously a very serious question. It touched the prerogative of the Grand Master. Rightly or wrongly, the subdivision of the metropolis into four Grand Lodges raised a constitutional question in the craft as serious as any that could be conceived, and therefore it became, as he apprehended, a matter of absolute necessity that any motion for that purpose should be expressed in language to which no possible objection, technically, or on larger grounds, could be taken. But those words were absolutely unintelligible; there could be no such thing as four *District* Grand Lodges in London. It was absolutely without sense or meaning. A District Grand Lodge was a totally different thing to a Provincial Grand Lodge, and therefore, in a motion that was as serious as this, it became necessary to contrast every word with the greatest care, and to require that a motion that goes to affect the highest and most constitutional interests of the craft should be couched in the most apt and precise language; and on that ground, though it was upon a narrow ground, he conceived that the Board of Masters were right in refusing to submit such a motion to the Grand Lodge; and he thought that he, in that chair, and the Grand Lodge, should give their support to the Board of Masters, and he had, consequently, no doubt or hesitation in ruling that such a motion was out of order.

On 17th June, *The Freemason* again alludes to the subject at length, but stating that "the Pro. G.M. carefully and cautiously expressed no opinion as to the other and very important question—the absolute prerogative of the Grand Master." *The Freemasons' Chronicle* of same date publishes long letters on the subject, one of which, signed Peter, says that "the Metropolitan Lodges require more looking after than they can possibly get under existing circumstances." So ends Act I.

The question comes up again on 12th August, 1882, when *The Freemason* told us the subject is to be brought up again with some slight verbal alterations in the motion—and on 19th August adversely criticises same at length, saying that "the whole proposition is *ultra vires*,"—though *The Freemasons' Chronicle* of same date says: "We see nothing in this notice to evoke anything like an objection to its being inserted in the agenda paper." However, this amended notice is thus referred to in the *Chronicle* of 26th August :—"Extract from a letter received, 24th Aug., from Grand Secretary."

"The proposed notice of motion was submitted to the Board of Masters at their meeting last evening, when the following communication from the Earl of Carnarvon, &c., was read :—

"Bro. ———'s notice of motion, dated 25th July, has been duly laid before me by the Grand Sec., and having carefully considered its import I am clearly of opinion that the notice is one which cannot be placed on the agenda paper for Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it might lead to interference with and encroachment on the undoubted prerogative of the Grand Master, and with his action in the performance of the important duties of his high office, as set forth in the Constitutions of the Order; and consequently the Board of Masters ruled the notice of motion could not be received." End of Act II.

I believe there is a third act to this comedy, but have not time just now to make myself fully acquainted with the details. It may be that I shall ask your indulgence for a further letter on the subject, perhaps next week. Meanwhile, MASONIC STAR readers, this was what occurred in 1882. Write and ventilate the whole

subject as much as you please, I predict that, if any similar attempt is made in 1889, a similar fate will befall it, should interposition between Grand Lodge and its Grand Master be still maintained If any doubt this, well, let them put it to the proof.

Pardon my bringing this before your readers at such length. I have condensed the details as much as possible.

Yours fraternally,

NIHIL FIT.

P.S.—The key note of the situation is Prerogative, *and* ADVISERS; "proprio motur," is a very good card to conjure with, but I am doubtful as to "advisers." Which edition of the constitutions couples the M.W.G.M. with ADVISERS?

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In my last letter to you I dealt with the objection of those who, like myself, are total abstainers to monopolise the virtue of temperance, stated that it was commanded to all Freemasons to be temperate, and gave my reason for being ready to work enthusiastically in a total abstinence lodge. With your permission I will now take the parts of "An Old P.M.'s" letter and deal with them *seriatim*.

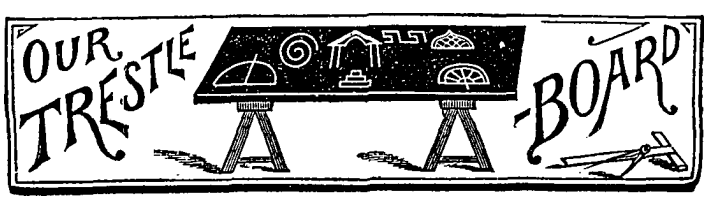
To state that there would be NO poverty among the craft if thrift were exercised is without question not consistent with the experience of mankind. True, the writer goes on to say that at least it would be *reduced to a minimum*. This is undoubtedly true, for there may be instances of poverty produced by carelessness, but there are surely more cases over which the BROTHER had no control. There is a tendency in this age to consider poverty as a crime, and I would beg the members of our order to keep themselves from being led away by anyone to this uncharitable way of thinking.

Surely the rich and influential do exercise those virtues which are eulogised by the writer! Having, however, to deal with mortals, they can hardly be expected to produce that millenial period to which we look forward as a reward, when all lodges shall cease to work and all brethren shall receive the reward of their labours.

It is *probable* that there are objections to the meetings of lodges in public houses, but to my mind there are insuperable objections to forbidding the same. We truly boast that in every corner of the globe, however unsophisticated, where man is found, there will be freemasons. Why, then, object to those worthy masons meeting together to practise their rites? For, without doubt, hundreds of lodges would cease to meet if they were forbidden to meet in the only public building which will answer *all* the requirements of a lodge, that can be found within measurable distance. "An Old P.M." knows that the Book of Constitutions contains a paragraph which specially forbids drunkenness; he also knows that every initiate is specially instructed to peruse that volume and make it his own, for he is told that therein will be found all that he requires to guide him in his dealings with his fellows. May I ask, here, that all P.M.'s will help us younger brethren to understand that volume by encouraging lectures and discussions upon its contents. I will conclude this part of my letter by saying that I am a member of *four* Lodges of Instruction, meeting in three different public houses, also that in each instance the lodge room is entirely removed from all sounds even that might be met with in such a building, and that admission is by a private door.

Fearing that I may have trespassed too much upon your space, I would conclude for the present. Fraternally yours,

CHARLIE WOODS, 1869, A. Soj.-Elect 1275.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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A worthy correspondent will persist in describing the opening of a private Lodge by the W.M. as "an opening in *ample* form," and our refusal to insert the exact wording of the reports he is good enough to send us is taken as an offence. As far as we can determine, by reference to the Constitutions, the expressions "ample form," "due form," and "form," are reserved for the distinctions arising in Grand Lodge only according to the Masonic rank of the President for the time being (see Sec. 61, B.C). "According to ancient custom," is, we think, the proper phrase when alluding to the opening of a private Lodge, but our opinion may be erroneous, and we are therefore open to, and shall be glad to receive any, correction it may be in the power of any better skilled brethren to afford us.

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As far back as the 8th November, J. M., of Redhill, asked us to inform him, if we could, the *raison d'etre* for the title of the Choughs Lodge, No. 2264, and we in our turn asked if any brother "interested in the enquiry would kindly answer it." With what appears to be the customary apathy amongst Freemasons, no answer was vouchsafed to our correspondent, who will now have to thank the *South African Freemason* for the following:—"A new Lodge, the 'Chough,' 2264, has been consecrated in London. It is composed entirely of members of the Chough Musical Society. No lodges are more successful than those composed of men with kindred occupations and tastes." How true is the old saying that "you should go from home to learn home news!"

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The *Sydney Freemason*, referring to the indifference with which the great majority of Freemasons treat masonic literature, excepting only, in some degree, the so-called "ritual instruction books," which may be likened to the "body without a soul," and more frequently than not mislead rather than instruct, says: "How many Masons are there who seem to be satisfied with what they can learn of the Craft, its history, traditions, symbolism, work and progress by what they can gather in the lodge room, or by consulting the pages of a pocket monitor! The literature of the institution is, to them, a closed book. They never think of acquiring a masonic library. They do not even care to subscribe for and read a *Sydney Freemason*." We fear that this sweeping comment on masonic apathy in relation to aught beyond the mere routine of ceremonial within our "temples," and subsequent social enjoyment, is far too truly merited. We hope, however, that what is stated in reference to the *Sydney Freemason* may never require endorsement by THE MASONIC STAR.

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In last Saturday's *Standard* the following enquiry in relation to the ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS was made by a SUBSCRIBER:—"The year of the Queen's Jubilee having expired, can you kindly inform me if any portion whatsoever of the large sum subscribed at the Festival Meeting (over fifty thousand pounds) has been applied towards the benefit of the girls? I venture to ask you this, as many like myself, life governors or subscribers to the Institution, although not Masons, have no other means of ascertaining the facts, and the apparent delay is causing much dissatisfaction." We hope that in the best interests of the institution some account will be promptly rendered, in as public a manner as possible, of the purposes to which the large amount referred to has been, or is in course of being, applied. To longer withhold such information would be, we think, a great mistake, and lay the institutions generally open to much injurious misrepresentation.

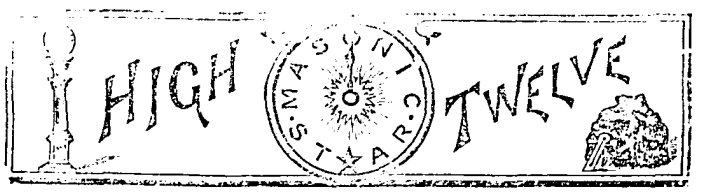
We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, Bro. Wm. Simpson, W.M., will meet at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., London, to-morrow, the 4th inst., at 5 p.m., when, after the election of joining members and members of the Correspondence Circle, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, the W.M. will read a paper on "The Worship of Death." We refer more fully to this Lodge and its "Transactions" in another part of this number.

——The Warner Lodge, No. 2256 (consecrated last year) will hold an emergencey meeting for ceremonial work, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex.

——The Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, will entertain their members and friends, their sweethearts and wives, at a Cinderella dance, at the Town Hall, Leyton, on Saturday, the 19th inst.

——A social meeting of "The Old Masonians" will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., to-morrow, Friday, the 4th, at 8.30, Mr. R. S. Speight presiding. A committee meeting will be previously held at 7.45. The next Cinderella dance will take place on 1st February.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

Evenings Abroad.

The week last past has been an exceptionally busy one. In all no less than thirteen pantomimes, a new drama, a new eccentric American play, four revivals of popular plays, a new circus, two Christmas fairs, two "new editions" of popular musical pieces, two new minstrel programmes, and an adaptation, fresh to London, of a well-known Australian novel, besides a grand Shakesperian revival by the Lyceum company, and somewhere about twenty-four special programmes at as many music halls. The above total up to more than fifty different entertainments; and no one could have "done" the lot in the time at disposal since my last writing. Therefore, I can only give space for generalisation, at the moment, and must leave details to be recorded at some future date.

First comes *The Silver Falls* at the Adelphi. This piece has scored well, and has been pronounced a genuine success for the authors, Messrs. Sims and Pettitt. Chief honours amongst the exponents have been given to Mr. Terriss, Mr. Cartwright, Mr.

Shine, Mr. Beveridge, and to Miss Millward, Miss Nethersole, and Miss Jecks. The drama has been magnificently put upon the stage, and it has attracted audiences of such enormous numbers as to be exceptional, even at Christmas time, at this well-favoured house.

The Drury Lane pantomime, which Mr. Harris promised would exceed in elaborateness and beauty those preceding it, has realised expectations. The Toy ballet, and the Bird ditto, have fairly enraptured all beholders, and the doings of Messrs. Nicholls, Campbell, Stevens, Leno, Lauri, Andrews, and Griffiths have caused spectators to hold their sides with laughter, while the Misses Vernon, Dysart, Duggan, Grey, and many other fascinating and lovely female members of the Company have sent many an impressionable youth away with a heartache. The scenery has aroused boundless admiration.

The Lyceum revival of *Macbeth* has proved a bit of a poser to the critics; they cannot cordially praise Irving's representation of the murderous Thane at the present day any more than they did when he originally played the part at this theatre thirteen years ago; and of Miss Terry, though she always commands admiration for all she does, the judges do not pronounce altogether in her favour. The second "leads" and the minor parts are fairly played taken all round, and Mr. Alexander, as Macduff, scored heavily. As may be readily imagined, the *misè-en-scène* is characteristic of the Irving *régime* in its marvellous correctness, attention to detail, and picturesqueness. Sir Arthur Sullivan's music, too, is made a great feature and doubtless will add to the attractions of this splendid revival.

At the Court Theatre in the afternoon, in the evening "Mamma" still occupies the bill and is likely so to continue for a long time to come, Mrs. John Wood has produced a fairy story for children, acted by children, and a pretty and interesting production this is. The whole entertainment reflects the greatest credit upon the able manageress, who is responsible for the general arrangements, and to all those concerned therein. There is not a single item that can reasonably be objected to, and one can indulge in the pleasure of recording the most cordial admiration of the whole. It is simply marvellous to see the perfection which has been attained; and some of the juvenile actors and actresses wholly exceed expectation. Masters Groves, Tucker, Phillips, and Solomon, and the Misses Dot Hetherington, Tucker, Martin, Carter, and Ashton, are a few of the performers who deserve singling out as little people of great promise; whose work, in some instances, was so clever as to denote natural talent, ably directed. The music by Mr. Levey, and the book by Miss Filippi, are alike excellent. Ballets are introduced, and are capitally executed by all concerned; altogether this juvenile play ought to become one of the features of the season.

Another juvenile play ought to be mentioned here—the revival of *Alice in Wonderland*. This musical dream play, originally produced two years ago at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, is now to be seen at the Globe. Mr. Walter Slaughter's music is simply charming, and the characters are admirably portrayed.

The new American play, entitled *Bob*, at the Jodrell Theatre, introduces to the London public Miss Patti Rosa, a clever actress, vocalist, dancer, and instrumentalist. This comely looking lady deserves to do well, as she is a good actress, whose talents ought to be given some better means of display than are afforded by the late Mr. Fred Marsden's play.

The St. James' Theatre has closed suddenly. A new play by Messrs. B. C. Stephenson and Outram is announced for production shortly. This must be rather a blow to Mr. Gilbert, whose *Brantinghame Hall* has collapsed so completely. Somehow there seems to be a sort of fatality which has attended some of Mr. Gilbert's serious plays.

The revivals of *Tricoche et Cacolet* at the Royalty Theatre, *Lady of Lyons* at the Shaftesbury, *East Lynne* at the Olympic, and *Prince Karl* at the Globe, are all in full swing, and I trust will do well.

Of the circus at Covent Garden, the Moore and Burgess and the Mohawks' new programme, and of the pantomimes at the Surrey, Grand, Pavilion, Britannia, Sanger's, Sadler's Wells, Elephant and Castle, Marylebone, Greenwich, Stratford, and the Crystal Palace, I hope to speak later on; those that I have sampled up to date are all good, some exceptionally so, and I do not think that anyone who will go to the Pavilion, the Grand, the Crystal Palace or the Surrey, will consider the time or the cost has been spent in any way other than profitably.

At the Lyric Hall, Ealing, there has been produced a dramatic version of Mr. Fergus Hume's story, *Madame Midas*. The dramatisation has been done by Mr. Philip Beech in a manner which does not commend itself to me. The play, as a play, is weak; it should be strong, indeed, for there is plenty of suggestion in the book from which it has been taken. The only noticeable features of the play were the acting of Mr. D'Esterre Guinness in the part of Vandeloupe, and the Kitty of Miss Cresswell; both these parts were excellently played—the gentleman's was a fine performance. Miss Kinton, who played *Madame Midas*, was evidently unwell, so that criticism is disarmed as regards this performance. The parts of Dr. Noel Yorke and Randolph Villiers were tolerably well given. The remaining characters were not at all satisfactory.

At the Masonic Theatre, Lincoln, Mr. Henry Walsham's Opera Company have been giving their *repertoire* to good houses.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, JANUARY 2ND, 1889.

Owing to the ordinary demand for money to settle outstanding obligations to make a show of a good balance at one's bankers, money was in request on Monday, and 6 per cent. for short loans was freely given. The settlement, the last of the year, passed off quietly, without any appearance of pressure nor were there recorded any instances of difficulties. Had it not been for the warnings of a month ago, disaster might have been as widespread as in the year 1886, when prices fell so sharply. This price of money is not, however, likely to last, although I am not at all disposed to think that we shall have any reduction in the Bank rate yet. There is still a considerable amount of gold required for shipment to South America, and the vacuum in our reserve has not yet been filled up.

Everyone is now looking forward and anticipating improved business and higher prices in the year, but it appears to me that to a great extent this has been anticipated; at all events prices have been put up even before many dealings have taken place. It is unfortunately too true that the dealers in the Stock Exchange invariably strangle business by moving markets in anticipation of demand, and in the present instance they appear to have done as usual. There is scarcely any stock that has not advanced in price, and in some cases this is warranted, but not in all.

Foreign stocks generally are better, and will, I think, further improve. There is a talk of a fresh Greek loan, and this of itself is sufficient to give a lift to the stocks of that country, which can hardly be called a bad investment at present prices. Egyptian Dairas are also cheap, and will probably rise yet, as well as the grouped Turkish stocks. These last afford at the current prices as good a return as can be obtained from any foreign stock, to say nothing of contingencies. South Americans are doubtful, but I consider that an investment in Argentine Hard Dollars would not turn out badly. The present high rate on gold will not continue for ever, and with any fall a rise in securities may be surely anticipated.

Home railways are decidedly better, and it appears to be admitted that there was room for an advance. The heavy lines, as I have before pointed out, are the ones that afford the best opportunity for a rise, seeing that even now, with considerably improved prospects as to dividends, the prices have advanced but little. While the actual investment value of money has increased, owing to various causes, and which increase was evidenced by the success of the Goschen Conversion Scheme, if we look back for a few years we shall find that, with dividends such as the heavy lines will probably get, not only for the half-year just passed, but in the new year at all events, we shall find that there is room for a considerable rise, equal in fact to the best prices touched in recent time. The southern lines, however, seem to have run ahead too fast, and to have already reached as good a price as is warranted by facts. North British is also in this category, the present price being actually equal to 130 as compared with last year. Caledonian, on the other hand, have not improved so much in price, while traffic returns are fully equal to the improvement in North British. The air is still full of rumours of division of stocks, but there is nothing in it, and anyone who has bought stock upon no better reason than this had better take advantage of a run and get out.

I have before said that I would rather buy American railway stocks than sell them, and this is now further confirmed by advices I have recently seen from New York, and I think we shall have a recovery of three or four dollars in most of the active shares, New York Centrals, Louisvilles, Northern Pacifics, and Denver Prefs.

There has been a recovery in Canadian Pacifics owing partly to the last monthly statement showing a reduction in the working expenses. This, I am afraid, is more apparent than real, and was really only made use of by those interested to put the price up so as to turn out a little or as much as they could; that this is so would seem to be the case, seeing that the dealers very soon let them down again when none but sellers came into the market. Trunks are somewhat better; well, let them remain so, they are not bad enough to buy nor good enough to sell, so they must be left alone.

The reported insurrection in Mexico turned out to be a hoax, but the reputation of the report did not put Vera Cruz rails up. I know that there is a big bull account open, but if that is depending upon any good report to lift prices, I fancy there will be some disappointment. Whether or not the second preference gets a full dividend depends upon the government paying something on account of arrears, for certainly they will not get it out of traffics so far as they have been published.

Miscellaneous shares are not very active. We have just now two new big Trust Companies on the scene, and as there is more truth in the remark ordinarily attributed to Carlyle, but which with more truth be attributed to Solomon, I suppose they will find supporters. But as far as a Trust Company is concerned, unless I happened to be one of the managers or directors, I would much prefer to arrange my own little investments, or gambles, at first hand, without the intervention of a middle man, who, without the help of myself and fellow fools, can do no better than I can myself. It is strange that a British public, which every day howls aloud about the middle coal-man, or the middle butcher-man, eagerly grasps the hand of the middle stock-man. Perhaps it is that the latter comes to us in such a respectable garb, and does not smell of the commodity he "middles" in. These "trusts" are not conducive to any good at all, and the expense of maintenance has to be paid for by poor little Tommy Tomfool.

Let the wary investor look out for the new ventures coming from Witwatersrandt. Some of the South African shares are perhaps

quoted too high, but there is no doubt that the bulk of the returns of gold are being got from this district, and there is no reason why some of the overlooked mines should not soon be at as good prices as the others. The interest in this market is not likely to cease yet.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

D.M.P.—There is no likelihood of a quotation being granted.

FULLER.—I have heard a very good report of the property, and would advise waiting.

J.P., 87.—The person has several businesses, but not one is carried on in his own name, which we will send you privately if you wish it. In the meantime, get your money back, *if you can*.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

PROVINCIAL.

CORNWALL.—CHACEWATER.—BOSCAWEN LODGE.—No. 639.—At the meeting of the members, on the 27th ult Bro. W. E. Grose, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. W Bro. W. A. Bennett, P.M., was re-appointed treasurer, and Bro. Lean tyler.

CORNWALL.—ST. AUSTELL.—At the December lodge meeting of "Peace and Harmony," No. 496, under the presidency of W. Bro. W. Isaac Watts, W.M., Bro. James Bunt, S.W., was elected W.M. for 1889, W. Bro. William Guy, P.M., P.P.G., Treasurer, was elected treasurer for the twenty-fifth year in succession, and Bro. William Real was elected tyler.

CORNWALL—HAYLE.—CORNUBIAN LODGE—No. 450.—The annual festival of St. John took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., when Bro. F. W. Thomas, the J.W., was installed W.M., according to ancient custom. The ceremony was impressively carried out by the retiring W.M., Bro. Wagner. Bros. G. B. Pearce, P.P.G.S.W., and Tope, P.M., assisting. Among the brethren present were:—W. Wagner, P.M.; W. H. H. Tope, P.M. 450; G. Stevens, P.M.; F. Harvey, P.P.S.W.; J. P. Smith, P.P.J.D.; J. Pool, P.P.D.C.; W. Buthmance, P.P.S.W.; T. Mills, P.M.; G. H. Eustice, P.P.G.S.B.; B. Spray, P.M.; J. B. Pearce, P.P.S.W.; H. J. Warren, P.M.; J. Mudge, P.P.G.J.W.; H. P. Vivian, No. 589, 1544, P.G.J.W.; J. M. Richards, 318, P.G.S.; J. T. Cox, P.M. 227; W. Edis, P.M. 318; and J. Pengelly, W.M. 1544. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James Richards, S.W.; W. N. Rowe, J.W.; F. Harvey, P.P.G.S.W., treas.; J. P. Smith, P.P.G.J.D., secretary; T. Mudge, S.D.; R. A. James, J.D.; T. Mills, P.M.D.C.; Rev. C. R. D. Carter, chaplain; Jebus Bickle, I.G.; J. L. Vincent, S.S.; John Pope, J.S.; J. V. Bray, tyler. Bro. Pearce was re-elected librarian to the Coombe Library. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a capital banquet was supplied.

DEVON.—DEVONPORT.—LODGE FRIENDSHIP, No. 202.—On the 27th ult., Bro. R. Carter, S.W., was installed W. Master for the year ensuing. The installing officers were W. Bros. E. J. Knight, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Welsh, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Murch, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Viggers, P.M., 202; and J. Price, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Among the visitors present were W. Bros. M. Emdon, P.M. 105-202, P.P.G.D.; John Burns, P.M. 202, P.P.G.S. Wks.; H. J. Trethewy, P.M. 159-202, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Allsford, P.M. 202; H. Langmead, P.M. 202; John Leonard, P.M. 202; C. Price, P.M. 202; W. G. Taylor, P.M. 202; R. Jackman, P.M. 202; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.P.G.O.; F. Hooper, P.M. 1212-2025, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Poor, P.M. 1136, P.P.G.D. The W. Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. G. Bray, S.W.; J. Oldfield, J.W.; W. Bros. H. Welch, P.M. Treas.; D. H. Sandey, Sec.; Bros. H. Holman, S.D.; G. W. Hancock, J.D.; W. G. Coombe, I.G.; A. J. Verdi, D.C.; S. Martin, A.D.C.; M. Axworthy, Chap.; R. Maunder, Orgt.; W. Corry, S.St.; J. S. Collings, J.St.; J. Lark, 1st A.St.; Joseph Tilley, 2nd A.St.; T. Shears, Tyler. Previous to the installation Mr. Edward J. Leonard, aged 20 years and 3 months (by dispensation from the Grand Lodge); Mr. A. H. E. Latham, 2nd North Stafford Regiment; and Mr. Charles A. Egerton, 2nd South Staffordshire Regiment, were duly initiated, and Bros. Sargent and Lockie were raised. The brethren then adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant evening was spent. The W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. J. Leonard, on behalf of a number of brethren. The jewel bore the following inscription, "Presented to Wor. Bro. J. Leonard, I.P.M., by the brethren of the lodge as a mark of their high esteem and regard, 1888.—Richard Carter, W.M., A. J. Verdi, hon. treas."

DEVON—BARNSTAPLE.—LOYAL LODGE—No. 251.—On the 27th ult. the annual meeting of this lodge took place. Among the brethren present were:—Bros. W. A. Roberts, W.M.; J. Bosson, S.W.; O. J. Stoley, J.W.; C. Guppy, sec.; F. J. Codd, I.G.; G. C. Davie, P.G.S.; W. Ivimy, P.G.S., 1135; J. A. Kingdon, jun., J.D. 421; C. W. Kite, P.M.; C. A. Youngs; J. Smyth; T. Russell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Seldon, P.M.; H. E. Russell, S.W. 1973; R. Probert, 1135; J. Crook; C. Pigot, org.; J. Brewer. P.M.; W. Coulthard, J.D.; J. H. Seldon, P.M.; R. Lake, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., 251, 1135; E. C. Cordes, W.M. 303; A. Thorne; T. W. Pearce, S.S.; T. Ebsworthy, P.M.; R. P. Morrison, P.M., P.P.G.W.; H. Tardrew, 489; W. J. Joint; R. Harper; W. G. Craig, J.S.; J. Gaydon, P.M.; H. J. Edwards, I.P.M.; J. Cummings; M. Squire; and H. Hancock. The new W.M., Bro. J. Bosson, was installed by Bro. G. C. Davie. After the installation the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. O. J. Stoley, S.W.; A. F. Seldon, J.W.; J. F. Chanter, chaplain, J. Brewer, treas.; W. A. Roberts, sec.; W. Coulthard, S.D.; F. Coad, J.D.; T. Ebsworthy, D.S.; C. Pigot, org.; T. W. Pearce, I.G.; W. G. Crang, S.S.; R. Harper, J.S.; A. Bate and H. Hancock, tylers. Bro. W. A. Roberts was presented by the lodge with a Past Master's jewel in acknowledgment of the able manner in which he has carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel.

DEVON.—PLYMOUTH.—ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.—The installation of Bro. W. King, S.W., as W.M. for the year ensuing, took place on the 27th ult. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., W. Bro. W. T. Hocking, W. Bro. James Griffin, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.; W. Bro. J. B. Gover, P.M. and Secretary 70, P.P.G. Secretary; and W. Bro. W. Frank Westcott, P.M. Among the brethren present were W. Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.M., P.P.G. Ch., Pro. J.G.W.; R. Pengelly, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.C.; V. Bird, P.M. 70, P.P.G.T.; John Moysey, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.; John Du Pre, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.C.; F. B. Westlake, P.M. 70,; R. Pike, P.M. 230-70, P.P.G.O.; E. Tout, P.M. 70; G. Sercombe, P.M. 70; W. F. Westcott, P.M. 70; W. T. Hocking, P.M. 70; C. G. Withell, P.M. 70, W.M. 205; S. Jew, P.M. 105-2025, P.P.G.T.; W. K. Michell, P.M. 156, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Cawsey, P.M. 230, P.P.G.D.; John M. Hifley, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C. The following brethren were appointed officers for the year ensuing:—W. Bros. F. Wreford, S.W.; J. H. Evans, J.W.; W. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, P.P.G. Ch., P.G.J.W. Chap.; R. Pengelly, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.M., Secy.; W. L. D. Colling, S.D.; John Hicks, J.D.; W. H. Symons, D.C.; John Carr, A.D.C.; John Goad, I.G.; Mark Jacob, Organist; H. Griffin, S.Std.; A. Brock, J. Std.; G. E. Sercombe, J.Std.; J. Burton, Asstd. Std; and Bro. W. H. Phillips, Tyler. The Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, P.G.J.W., then presented to the lodge an old tracing board (framed) of the Athole Masons (Lodge St. John having been a member of the Athole lodges), and a framed photo of an engraving of the Temple of Solomon, with sections of Council Chamber, Sanctum Sanctorum belonging to the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554. The thanks of the lodge were accorded to Bro. Lemon. The brethren, to the number of 100, adjourned to the refectory, where they sat down to the annual banquet. Bro. Elford's String Band provided an excellent programme of music. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to W. Bro. W. T. Hocking, in appreciation of his masonic zeal and ability.

ESSEX.—PRIORY LODGE—No. 1000.—On Thursday, the 17th ult., at the usual monthly meeting of this lodge at Southend, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Worshipful Master, Bro. G. J. Glasscock; Bro. F. Wood, treasurer; Bros. E. Burton Durham and C. H. Bowmaker, auditors; and Bro. A. Martin, tyler.

GLOUCESTER.—PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.—A special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Cheltenham on Tuesday week, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presiding, to consider resolutions of the committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of the decoration of the reredos in Gloucester Cathedral. The reredos was erected fifteen years ago by the Freemasons of the province at a cost of £1,300. The cathedral authorities being desirous of decorating the interior of the niches of the reredos, and of gilding the details of the tabernacle work, a communication on the subject was laid before the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Stow-on-on-the-Wold in May last, and a committee was appointed to ascertain the views of the brethren of the province, and to take such action in the matter as might seem to them desirable. It was now proposed that the decoration of the reredos be carried out in accordance with a plan approved by the committee, at a cost not exceeding £350. An amendment was proposed practically negativing it. On a vote being taken, the amendment was rejected by a considerable majority, and the original resolution carried.

HEREFORD.—PALLADIAN LODGE—No. 120.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. Among the brethren present were Bros. G. J. Caldwell, the retiring W.M., J. S. Norton, S.W., the W.M. elect; O. Shellard (Deputy Mayor of Hereford), P.M., D.C., the oldest officer of the lodge and a Past Provincial Grand Officer; Thomas Smith (G.W.R.), P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.W.; H. C. Beddoe (Mayor of Hereford), Trea. and Pro. G. Treas.; Wm. Earle, P.M., P.G., Sec.; John Marchant, P.M., P.G. Supt. W.; Edward Madison (Eastnor Lodge), P.M., P.G.D.C.; M. J. Ellwood (Royal Edward Lodge), P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Blinkhorn, P.M.; John Davies, P.M.; W. Rowe, P.M.; Edward Blinkhorn (Islington), P.M. 751; E. George, J.D.; Wm. Parlby, secretary; E. Stephens, steward; W. A. Gurney, Frank Richardson, W. F. Marvin, T. Wainwright, George West, F. S. Prosser, J. Watson Morrison (Ancient Lodge, Dundee, 49); C. A. Stephens, P.G.T. The newly installed W.M., Bro. J. S. Norton installed the following brethren as officers of the lodge:—Bros. B. Calwick, S.W.; C. Caldicott, J.W.; H. C. Beddoe, treasurer; Wm. Parlby, secretary; Ed. George, S.D.; T. G. Chance, J.D.; O. Shellard, P.M., D.C.; G. J. Caldwell, I.P.M., Organist; E. Stephens, I.G.; W. C. Gethen and W. A. Gurney, stewards; C. A. Stephens, tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. Caldwell with a Past Master's jewel for his efficient services during the past year. Bro. Caldwell suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Hearty good wishes were received from the visiting lodges, and the business shortly terminated.

LANCASHIRE.—WESTERN DIVISION—BLACKPOOL—No. 703.—The Clifton Royal Arch Chapter held their annual meeting for the purpose of installing principals and investing officers at the Clifton Arms Hotel, on 27th ult. The following were the officers invested:—W. B. Richardson, Z.; J. Winn, H.; W. Bond, J.; A. Hall, P.Z.; H. M. Ormsby, D.C.; J. Harling, P.S.; Rev. Baynes, A.P.S.; G. E. Litchfield, A.P.S.; J. Wray, S.E.; H. Gardner, treas.; W. Longbottom, S.N.; W. H. Hampson, steward.; J. Hopwood, janitor. The companions afterwards partook of banquet.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—ST. MARTIN'S LODGE—No. 93.—BURSLEM.—On the 20th ult., at the Lodge Room, Town Hall.—W. Bro. Stephen Bentley, Prov. G.J.D., W.M.—Installation meeting. Bro. John Godwin was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. Dain, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Pedley, P.P.G.S.Wks.; Weston, P.P.G.S.B.; and Pierpoint. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Pearson, S.W.; W. Garner, J.W.; Rev. L. G. A. Edgeworth, M.A., LL.D., chaplain; R. Dain, P.P.G.A.D.C., treas.; Pedley, P.P.G.S. Wks., sec.; Weston, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. Mason, S.D.; Platt, J.D.; J. Garner, org.; *S. G. Torr and R. Wilkinson, stewards*; *J. Scarrett, I.G.*; *Boardman*, tyler. Before the installation Bro. Bentley presented to the late chaplain, Rev. Bro. Riddlesden, a resolution, very neatly engrossed on vellum, expressing the regret of the brethen at his removal from the district. The Rev. Bro. briefly and feelingly responded. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet.

SUFFOLK.—WOODBRIDGE—DORIC LODGE No. 81.—The anniversary meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on the 28th ult., when Bro. H. W. Page Phillips was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. F. J. Horsey, the chair was occupied by Bro. Edward Smith, P.M., P.P.G.P. Amongst those present were Bros. H. W. Page Phillips, S.W. (W.M. elect); W. P. T. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Grimwood, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Alfred Barnes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; B. Gall, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Major-General Hessey, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Bro. H. W. Page Phillips was installed by his father, Wor. Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. invested his officers for the year as under:—Bros. Booth, S.W.; Gross, J.W.; Gall, treasurer; Parrett, secretary; A. S. Gross, S.D.; Brooke, J.D.; Kirkpatrick, I.G.; Hall, tyler.

NORTH WALES.—LLANGEFNI.—THE ANGLESEA LODGE—No. 1113.—December 17th, 1888. The W.M.-elect Bro. E. G. Humphreys, (Menai Bridge), and the members present at the installation included Bros. G. Davies-Dew, the retiring W.M.; E. G. Humphreys, S.W.; Dr Evan Williams, P.P.S.W., P.M.; R. G. Thomas, J.W.; R. H. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G.Std.B.; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Rev. Hugh Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.C. Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. E. Harris, P.G.Sec., P.M.; John Pritchard, P.G., J.D., P.M.; Rev. H. Lloyd, P.S.G.C., P.M. 1488; Dr. O. T. Williams, P.P.G.St.B., P.M. 597; Rev. James Smith, P.G.C., P.M. 1488. The W.M.-elect (Bro. E. G. Humphreys) was installed by Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, P.G.S.W., and appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. R. G. Thomas, S.W.; J. Wells, J.W.; Rev. Hugh Thomas, P.P.G.C., chaplain; Dr. J. W. Rowlands, secretary; Dr. E. Williams, treasurer; Edward Langtry, S.D.; Dr. W. Francis Jones, J.D.; R. H. Hughes, director of ceremonies; W. A. Hughes, organist; R. Ross, I.G.; W. R. Jones, S.S.; and H. Jones, J.S. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards dined at the Bull Hotel.

YORKSHIRE, W.R.—LEEDS.—EXCELSIOR LODGE—No. 1942.—The installation of Bro. William Bingham, as W.M., took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, on the 20th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft, comprising, in addition to members of the Excelsior and of the other Leeds lodges, brethren from York, Ripon, Huddersfield, Ilkley, and other towns in the province. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. William Flockton, P.M., assisted by the V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth, Past Grand Chaplain of England. The officers were invested as follows:—Bros. H. Cowborough, S.W.; J. W. Booth, J.W.; J. B. Mays, secretary; H. Cowborough, jun., treasurer; W. Flockton, P.M.D.C.; Newby, S.D.; J. W. Blackburn, J.D.; Grisdale, I.G.; R. J. Smith, S.S.; Turley, J.S.; and Barrand, tyler.

YORKSHIRE, W.R.—AIRE AND CALDER LODGE—No. 458.—GOOLE.—On the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Boothferry Road. Festival of St. John, and installation meeting. W. Bro. Major Porter, W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren from Hull, Leeds, Doncaster, Pontefract, Wakefield, Howden, Thorne, Crowle, &c. W. Bro. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.T., impressively installed Bro. R. Dayson, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Special attention had been paid to the musical portion of the ceremony, in compliment to the musical tastes of the incoming W.M., who, having been installed, invested the following officers:—Bros. R. C. Bruce, S.W.; A. Gooderidge, J.W.; W. R. C. Staveley, chaplain; J. A. Bray, P.M., treas.; C. Chappel, sec.; Jos. Leach, S.D.; A. Peacock, J.D.; E. Gooderidge, P.M., D.C.; R. Earnshaw, I.G.; B. W. B. Wood, and T. S. Mills, stewards; G. Wintringham Catts, org.; and J. Robinson, tyler. W. Bro. H. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B., was unanimously appointed charity steward. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to tea.

YORKSHIRE, N. & E. RIDINGS.—RICHMOND.—LENNOX LODGE—No. 123.—On Thursday, 27th ult., the installation ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, and was conducted by the Honourable W. T. Orde-Powlett, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, North and East Yorkshire. Brother John Gibson was duly installed Worshipful Master, and afterwards appointed the officers. At the conclusion of the business the members adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a banquet was held.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—At the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on the 27th ult.—Bro. Cawse, W.M.—Bros. March, S.W.; Ewen, J.W.; Bond, S.D.; Hallet, J.D.; Shelly, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Sec.; O'Connell, Chapman, Morris, Johnson, Magee, P.M., and Salter. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chapman candidate, the charge being given by Bro. Ewen. Bro. Morris was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was passed for the able manner in which the *W.M. had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time.* Bro. *March*, S.W., was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week.

JOPPA—No. 188.—On Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Bro. R. J. Chillingworth, W.M.—Bros. Ansell, S.W.; Dodd, J.W.; Saqui, secretary; P.M. Pege, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; J. Botibol, Marks, Poppmacher, Carrociero, Da Costa and Moss. Bro. Moss worked the 1st, 2nd, and 4th sections of the First Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Da Costa, candidate. It was resolved that the annual dinner of the lodge take place on the 15th inst., at the Manchester Hotel.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

In the opinion of many Brethren the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering his field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the Brethren, whose names are subjoined, may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft universal, who, in this way, will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned Brethren have formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual Subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer (Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.), and will be duly acknowledged.

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Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd.	
538	La Tolerance	F. M. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney
1288	Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1790	Old England	M.H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1950	Southgate	Railway Hot., New Southgate
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
R.A.C.		
181	Universal	F. M. H.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1716	All Saints	*Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow*
Mark.		
244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, JANUARY 4th.	
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
1815	Penge	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2076	Quatuor Coronati	F. M. H.
R.A.C		
3	Fidelity	F. M. T.
1489	Ezra	Metropltn. Asylum, Balls Pond Rd., N.
	(1st) SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th.	
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2182	Sterndale Bennett	Ditto
	(1st) MONDAY, JANUARY 7th.	
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
144	St. Luke's	Ditto
188	Joppa	F. M. T.
862	Whittington	F. M. H.
1319	Asaph	Ditto
1924	Wickham	St. Peter's Ho., Wickham Park, Brockley
R.A.C.		
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. T.
Mark.		
5	Mallet and Chisel...	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
Red X.		
	Premier Conclave	16a, Great Queen Street, W.C.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th.	
46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
180	St. James's Union...	F. M. H.
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
548	Wellington...	White Swan Tav., Deptford
917	Cosmopolitan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1604	Wanderers	Ditto
1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1635	Canterbury	33, Golden Square, W.
1668	Samson	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1969	Waldeck	F. M. H.
Mark.		
22	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9th.	
11	Enoch	F. M. H.
13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
15	Kent	F. M. H.
87	Vitruvian	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
147	Justice	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
749	Belgrave	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse
820	Lily of Richmond	Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1349	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1718	Centurion	*Inns of Court Hotel*
1986	Honor Oak	White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood
R.A.C.		
1260	John Hervey	Holborn Restaurant
1305	St. Marylebone	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1446	Mount Edgcumbe	St. Botolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishpsgte St.
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
Mark.		
284	High Cross	Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham
K.T.		
129	Holy Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
	(2nd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th.	
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
91	Regularity	F. M. H.
206	Friendship...	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2033	University of London	F. M. H.
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
2163	Derby Allcroft	Athenæum, Camden Road
R.A.C.		
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
619	Beadon	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
898	Temperance-in-the-East ...	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
R.C.		
42	St. George	33, Golden Square, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge or Chapter.	Place of Meeting.
43	St. Paul's ... ... 28th Jan	M. H., New Street
74	Athol ... .. 6th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light ... ... 15th Jan	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful ... ... 8th Jan	M. H., New Street
587	Howe ... ... 14th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance ... 14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh ... ... 23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford ... ... 21st Jan	Ditto
938	Grosvenor ... ... 16th Jan	Ditto
1016	Elkington ... ... 22nd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ... ... 9th Jan	Ditto
1163	Emulation ... ... 24th Jan	Ditto
1180	Forward ... ... 7th Jan	Ditto
1474	Israel ... ... 14th Jan	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity ... ... 15th Jan	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ... 18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
43	Fortitude ... ... 12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol ... ... 26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe ... ... 7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor ... ... 5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ... ... 5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ... 14th Jan	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity ... .. 9th Jan	Ditto
221	St. John ... ... 16th Jan	Ditto
348	St. John's ... ... 28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George ... ... 23rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
37	Concord ... ... 15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John ... ... 6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's ... ... 12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope ... ... 14th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony ... ... 17th Jan	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha ... ... 5th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ... 9th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales TO-MR., 4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
302	Charity ... ... 14th Jan	Ditto
600	Sincerity ... ... 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence .. 18th Jan	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ... 5th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ... 10th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ... 13th Jan	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ... 5th Jan	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia ... ... 29th Jan	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ... 17th Jan	Ditto
1947	Stanford ... ... 9th Jan	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.		
271	Lennox ... ... 1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ... 19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ... 24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ... 8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ... 1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ... 14th Jan	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort ... ... 5th Feb	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality 9th Jan	Ditto
326	Moira ... ... 17th Jan	Ditto
610	Colston ... ... 16th Jan	Ditto
686	Jerusalem ... ... 12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges ... ... 5th Jan	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent ... ... 24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell ... ... 28th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
68	Royal Clarence ... 19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort ... ... 22nd Jan	Ditto
187	Charity TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief ... ... 17th Jan	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ... 16th Jan	Bridge Inn
191	St. John ... ... 10th Jan	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales TO-DY, 3rd Jan	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton ... ... 24th Jan	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.		
42	Unanimity ... ... 28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ... 18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific ... ... 14th Jan	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles ?8th Jan	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Unvsty. 5th Feb	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ... 17th Jan	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.		
88	Pythagoras... ... 26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity ... ... 23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid ... ... ?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian ... ... 22nd Jan	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum ... ... 9th Jan	Ditto
802	Repose .. ... 17th Jan	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ... 6th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.		
253	Justice ... ... 8th Jan	Ditto
731	Truth ... ... 16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers ... ... 16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett ... ... 26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell ... ... 13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ... Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming ... ... 17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave .. ... 16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric ... ... 25th May	Ditto
2105	Canna ... ... 24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court 13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.		
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett ... ... 12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... ... 15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva ... ... 9th Jan	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston ... ... 6th Feb	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole ... ... 25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce TO-MOR., 4th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
57	Humber ... ... 31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva ... ... 17th Jan	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston ... ... 18th Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole ... ... 25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole ... ... 6th Feb	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ... 15th Jan	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald ... ... 9th Jan	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ... 5th Feb	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ... 16th Jan	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ... 12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ... 14th Jan	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C		
1004	Athole ...? 16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 30th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR., 4th Jan	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ... ... 17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich ... ... 7th Jan	Ditto
1221	Defence ... ... 14th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland ... ... 18th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence ... ... 12th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
289	Fidelity ... ... 8th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 9th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ... ... 8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ... ... 17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's ... ... 6th Feb	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ... 17th Jan	Ditto
1391	Commercial ... 25th Jan	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ... 8th Jan	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ... 21st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.		
279	Fortitude ... ... 28th Feb	Ditto
1560	St. George's ... 7th Jan	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ... 23rd Jan	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ... 15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ... 17th Jan	Ditto
216	Harmonic ... ... 10th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants ... ... 8th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto
292	Sincerity ... ... 14th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire ... ... 27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance ... ... 15th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John ... ... 5th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR., 4th Jan	Ditto
724	Derby ... ... 23rd Jan	Ditto
786	United Service ... 10th Jan	Ditto
823	Everton ... ... 16th Jan	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ... 6th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple ... ... 9th Jan	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edinbgh. ... 10th Jan	Ditto
1264	Neptune ... ... 7th Jan	Ditto
1299	Pembroke .. ... 17th Jan	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley ... ... 14th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 14th Jan	Ditto
1356	Toxteth ... ... 9th Jan	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer .. .. 17th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel ... ... 21st Jan	Ditto
1505	Emulation ... ... 24th Jan	Ditto
1547	Liverpool ... ... 9th Jan	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ... 15th Jan	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic 22nd Jan	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ... 6th Feb	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ... 22nd Jan	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo ... ... 6th Feb	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence 21st Jan	Ditto
2215	Anfield ... ... 24th Jan	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ... Ja & My only	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.		
32	Jerusalem ... ... 21st Jan	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem 5th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta .. 15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship ... ... 28th Jan	Ditto
249	Mariners ... ... 17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool ... ... 24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire ... ... 9th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John's ... ... 13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton ... ... 22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton ... ... 26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple ... ... 22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 16th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon 6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto
1502	Israel ... ... 8th Jan	Ditto

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship ... ... 1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social ... ... 31st Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude ... ... 25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue ... ... 18th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity ... ... 30th Jan	Ditto
204	Caledonian ... .. 9th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto
325	St. John's ... ... 16th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ... 16th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham 6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair ... ... 11th Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland ... ... 9th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony ... ... 24th Jan	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ... 6th Feb	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra ... ... 11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ... 25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere ... ... 7th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond ... ... 17th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender ... ... 15th Jan	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby ... ... 10th Jan	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton ... ... 7th Jan	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ... 30th Jan	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall ... ... 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David ... ... 10th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon 5th Feb	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George ... ... 21st Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ... 30th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers ... ... 11th Jan	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth ... ... 5th Jan	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord ... ... 17th Jan	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon ... ... 23rd Jan	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ... 18th Jan	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion ... ... 7th Jan	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley ... ... 5th Feb	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ... 9th Jan	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ... 9th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick ... ... 14th Jan	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.	———	
62	Social ... ... 13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue ... ... 25th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian ... ... 17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability ... ... 21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude ... ... 7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham 19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair... ... ... 22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie ... ... 10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra ... ... 11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby ... ... 15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne TO-DAY 3rd Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties 6th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ... ... 14th Jan	Ditto
541	De Loraine... ... 18th Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ... 5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker ... ... 9th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy ... ... 15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur ... ... 24th Jan	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ... 11th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's ... ... 25th Jan	Ditto
1863	Priory ... ... 10th Jan	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley ... ... 15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.	———	
24	De Swinburne ... 17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex ... ... 8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ... ... 20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ... 15th Jan	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory ... ... 11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian ... ... 6th Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca ... ... 16th Jan	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ... 10th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.	———	
471	Silurian ... .. 25th Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos ... ... 9th Jan	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union ... ... 5th Feb	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social ... ... 8th Jan	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ... 15th Jan	Ditto
807	Cabbell ... ... 31st Jan	Ditto
943	Sincerity ... ... 22nd Jan	Ditto
1500	Walpole TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.	———	
52	Royal George ... 15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ... 14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell ... ... 10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead ... ... 5th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ... *15th Jan	George Hotel
411	Commercial ... *14th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell TO-MOR., 4th Jan	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ... 7th Jan	Ditto
1435	Annesley ... ... 25th Jan	Ditto
1794	De Vere ... ... 18th Jan	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ... ... 21st Jan	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland... *24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.	———	
47	Abbey ... ... 29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ... 12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ... 26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley ... ... 8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ... ... *28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred ... ... 5th Feb	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University 26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill ... ... 4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie ... ... 8th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.	———	
340	Alfred ... ... 20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University 27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's ... ... 25th Jan	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ... ... 14th Jan	Ditto
156	Harmony ... ... 7th Jan	Ditto
159	Brunswick ... ... 6th Jan	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ... ... 14th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ... ... 24th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity ... ... 15th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... ... 8th Jan	Ditto
1205	Metham ... ... 21st Jan	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's ... ... 10th Jan	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas ... ... 21st Jan	Ditto
1550	Prudence ... ... 5th Jan	Ditto
1847	Ebrington ... ... 8th Jan	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George ... ... 22nd Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	16th Jan — East Stonehouse
R.A.C.	———	
70	St. John's ... ... 28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ... ... 19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony ... ... 6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick ... ... 23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ... ... 28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ... ... 14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord ... ... 25th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity ... ... 22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... ... 21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott ... ... 28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas ... ... 23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George ... ... 21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix ... ... 23rd Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ... 16th Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ... 16th Jan	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ... 14th Jan	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ... 11th Jan	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ... ... 17th Jan	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught 22nd Jan	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar 15th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation 9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance 28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair ... ... 21st Jan	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C	———	
257	Friendship ... ... 9th Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ... 16th Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth .. 8th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ... 15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ... ... 28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance (?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia ... ... 10th Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ... 14th Jan	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ... 7th Jan	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe ... ... 29th Jan	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July) 24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.	———	
139	Paradise ... ... 21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty ... ... 18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ... 10th Jan	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony 21st Jan	Ditto
394	Southampton ... 17th Jan	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ... 25th Jan	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ... 5th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C	———	
130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DAY, 3rd Jan	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony TO-MR. 4th Jan	Ditto
394	Concord ... ... 24th Jan	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John ... ... 8th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix ... ... 6th Feb	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine ... ... 10th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick ... ... 18th Jan	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ... 25th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.	———	
80	St. John's ... ... 19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ... 29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence 21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd.			
13	Union Waterloo	... at	8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„	7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ...	„	7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury	„	8	(?)
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ...	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ...	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ...	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ...	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ...	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ...	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar...	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, JANUARY 4th.			
9	Albion	at	—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ...	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„	8	(?)
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ...	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„	7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ...	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ...	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ...	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey...	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn'
946	Strawberry Hill, ...	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(1st) SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ...	„	7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„	7	(?)
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry...	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(1st) MONDAY, JANUARY 7th.			
22	Loughborough ...	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union ...	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ...	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(1st) MONDAY, JANUARY 7th—*continued.*			
1507	Metropolitan	at	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ...	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ...	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.				
206	Hope	„	—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ...	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ...	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
861	Finsbury...	„	—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ...	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ...	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ...	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ...	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ...	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall ...	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
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3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ...	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ...	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry	„	8.30	(?)
193	Confidence	„	7	(?)
228	United Strength ...	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure...	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy ...	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East ...	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught ...	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough... ...	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom ...	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany ...	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union ...	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

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(2nd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th.

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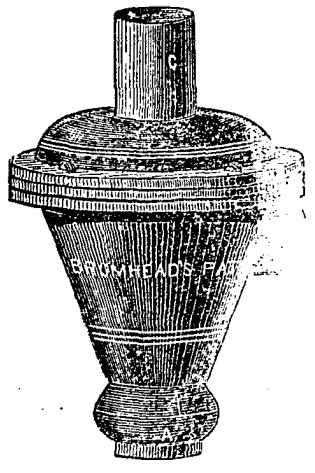
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The Masonic Charities.

THERE is, we fear, a great storm brewing in regard to the present position and management of our principal Masonic Charitable Institutions, and probably also of the Fund of Benevolence. The cloud, "no bigger than a man's hand," which first appeared above the horizon in connection with the expulsion of one of the lads from the Boys' School, has spread, and the spirit of enquiry bids fair to ride rampant over the now troubled sea of Charity which upholds them. We trust that they will be enabled to weather the storm without much sacrifice, but evidences are not wanting that they will have to be considerably lightened, and will probably lose some of their respective top-hamper before the tempest be past.

Publicity has lately been given, as well in journals non-masonic as in those connected with the Order, to the financial position and prospects of each of the Institutions above-named; and there is much cause for earnest reflection on the part of all who have the best interests of Freemasonry at heart, to note the many objections which have been and are still being made to their present management. How far these objections may be justified it will be impossible to decide until after the storm has expended its force, and enquiry shall have done its work. But there can be no doubt that much of the inevitable result can be at once anticipated, and, probably, provided for. It is not our purpose, nor have we the least intention to institute, promote, or support in any degree any attack upon individuals connected with our great institutions. But in all instances wherein the elementary principles upon which these institutions were founded have been departed from; where we find without doubt that the accumulation and dispersion of the funds supplied by the brethren generally for charitable purposes are effected at too great a proportionate cost; and where abuses of any sort can be proven, we shall not hesitate to use whatever influence we may possess to bring about a better order of things.

In another column will be found the official statements of income of the Institutions for the Aged and Widows, the Girls and the Boys respectively, for the past year. It may fairly be said, that, whatever might have been the expectations of some, and the disappointments of others, the grand total of Masonic Charity with regard to those three institutions only is something for the Craft to be justly proud of. 'Tis not in regard to the income provided by the members of our lodges that objection can be taken—very much the reverse; but the manner and method of its expenditure by those entrusted with its application to the purposes for which such amounts have been contributed. This is exercising the minds of many men not at all antagonistic to the institutions themselves—as how could they be and be true to the principles they have pledged themselves to support?—but diametrically opposed to those acts of management which lessen the power to extend the greatest good to the greatest number, and to apply what has been subscribed in the sacred name of Charity to the relief of all those "poor and distressed" on whose behalf their sympathies have been awakened.

We shall not, in this article, specify the very many important questions which have been put forward by eminent brethren in the Craft, and which as yet remain unanswered. Our readers have but to refer back to our pages for the past few weeks, and to those of our London contemporaries for many months past, to learn what they are and the direction in which they point. There can be no doubt that it is the intention of the brethren who have raised those questions that they shall be answered, and satisfactorily so, if the support of former years is to be continued; and to our mind any ostrich-like policy which may be adopted would be much more injurious to the institutions than a bold, honest, and Masonic admission of error, where such exists, and a declaration that none such should have continuance in the future. We nevertheless shall consider it our duty in future issues to afford those brethren who cannot, by any other means, make public their grievances,—the same being in our opinion just and proper to be made,—the opportunity of expressing their views and of stating their propositions. And all the platitudes which may be put forward to condemn controversy, and we know of many which will doubtless be freely used, will not influence us one whit against such procedure. The reticence and indifference to the wishes of others which has for so many years past withheld from the great

majority of the members of our Order, those particulars which by their zealous service, expenditure of money, and general observance of masonic principles they were justly entitled to be placed in possession of, has not benefitted the Order generally, and certainly not the institutions in particular. These are our views, and it remains to be seen how far they are shared in by other brethren. At any rate, at the present moment, it looks as though there were many besides those who have spoken who would desire to speak their minds on the matter.

We honestly believe that the ordeal to which we feel the Charitable Institutions of the Order will be presently subject will prove to their ultimate advantage. There will be a clearer and more healthy atmosphere after the storm; and though perhaps in some particulars losses may be sustained, the general result will be to place our charities nearer to the hearts and affections of our, at all times and in all places, most charitable brethren. So mote it be!

FREEMASONRY IN THE WEST OF ENGLAND.

THE CRAFT IN DEVON AND CORNWALL has not made any very brilliant strides during 1888, but has done much good work, which will be to its credit as the years roll onward. The new Masonic Hall, at Plymouth, the first stone of which was laid with due ceremony by Lord Ebrington, M.P., as Prov. G.M., on 28th December, 1887, was completed a few months since; Harmony Lodge, No. 156, having been the first to use it on October 1st, 1888. It will generally be used by the lodges and other Masonic bodies; the building also being fitted up as a club. The company bids fair to be very successful, financially and masonically. The large hall was dedicated to the purposes of the Craft on the 2nd January, 1889, by the Prov. Grand Master, a Prov. Grand Lodge meeting being convened for that object, and likewise to confirm an alteration in one of the bye-laws. The banquet was served in the new buildings on that occasion, the arrangements of the club portion, at Princess-square, being such as to provide for all festive occasions, as well as the ordinary assemblies. The music for the odes at the dedication was specially composed by Bro. W. S. Hearder, Prov. G.O., the appropriate "dedication ode" being composed and written by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, organist of No. 2,189, Ashburton.

The Prov. G. Lodge for Devon was held at Ilfracombe on the 13th June, and went off most satisfactorily, all the reports being of a favourable character, and the arrangements for the central Masonic charities being such as to lead all to look forward (now that all the debts are paid) to many candidates being elected as eligible opportunities offer.

The Prov. G. Lodge for Cornwall was held at Camborne on the 23rd August, and was one of the most successful ever held in the county. The reception tendered to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the members of the Province was most enthusiastic, and so lavish in character were all the arrangements that the meeting will long be remembered most gratefully by the large number who attended.

Many of the halls in the Three Towns have been considerably beautified by the presentations of pictures by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The hall for the use of the two lodges in Torquay has also been decorated and much improved. The new Masonic Hall at Ilfracombe has been occupied from July last, and is an ornament to the town.

The annual assembly of the Mark Prov. G. Lodge for Devon was held at Rose Ash, Southmolton, the selection being due to the decision of the W. Bro. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., to lay the corner stone of Rose Ash Church, on its being restored. This was the first ceremony of the kind in England. The committee appointed to provide a suitable memorial to the memory of the late Colonel J. Tanner-Davy, Prov. G.M.M., had decided in favour of a mural tablet being erected in this church, and but for the delay in the restoration the loving tribute would ere then have been put in position.

No. 383 St. George's Lodge, Stonehouse, and No. 372 De la Pole Lodge, Seaton, have been consecrated by the D. Prov. G.M.M., and also the Jordan Lodge of R. Ark Mariners, No. 319, at Torquay.

Mark Masonry is very popular in both counties, and the membership is still on the increase. On the whole, Royal Arch Masonry has also been well sustained, but as respects the "higher degrees" they remain as before, with but few adherents.

In the charities there has been no lack of interest exhibited, but nothing like the material support requisite for the great amount being received from such sources. Locally, the educational institutions in Devon and Cornwall are liberally patronised, and as all the moneys thus contributed are spent in the neighbourhood, this system of aid is becoming increasingly popular. The Cornwall Masonic Association in aid of the central charities is still pursuing its most useful work, and has been the means of raising large sums on behalf of the institutions.

The great event of the year, Masonically for Devon, was the fact that the esteemed Prov. G.M. (Lord Ebrington, M.P.) presided at the "Boys" Festival, the province subscribing over £800 in honour of the occasion. The anniversary, however, was the lowest in amount of the three, owing to the 100th festival of the girls, which produced over £50,000, and the Benevolent was first in the field for 1888, with over £15,000. The Board of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge during the year has distributed upwards of £10,000 in grants to needy brethren and widows, so that with provincial charities the total sum devoted to benevolence in England, for 1888, will far exceed £100,000.—*Western Times.*

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 288.)

THE Ritual explains the allegory to a certain extent, stating that Father Lord, *Word* Lord and Spirit Lord are contained in it. To this explanation, none other than a Christian interpretation appears possible. But we know that a purely Jewish meaning has been attached to the discovered word. Whether, in a system which, it is generally admitted, leads up to a pure Christianity (if it does not typify Christian life itself?), there be not retrogression when a Jewish interpretation crowns the edifice, we leave others to decide. We are, however, justified in asserting that no system can be made *more universal*, than a Christian one, by adopting a Jewish interpretation. Christianity is at least more generally prevalent than its forerunner, Judaism, and possibly more acceptable to those who are at present of neither persuasion. Overlooking this very self-evident fact, Freemasons have been content to allow that to be variously expounded which should be carefully preserved as a Christian allegory. Accept a Jewish exposition and Universality must go to the winds. It is not our wish to say anything which could give the least offence to our Jewish Brethren, but, it is our duty to point out, that the most exclusive religion in the world is not likely to satisfy aspirations of Universality.

We trust it may not be imagined that we attach any serious importance to the particular word supposed to be discovered in the Royal Arch Degree. Our belief in the matter is, that for Masonic purposes it might just as well be any other word. It may, or may not be, capable of the interpretation attributed to the combinations formed from it; this is of no importance: its use is to convey an idea, and this idea is not solely and entirely the Unity of God.

An advance has been made in Masonic belief, and we now find Masonry teaching a more important doctrine than that which was required of the Candidate for the First Degree. Masonry here shows itself progressive. All Royal Arch Masons know that a certain explanation of the combinations which it is thought possible to form out of a single name is given in this Degree, and that this explanation marks an advance on a mere doctrine of unity. The English words which are employed denote in the plainest manner that the primary Masonic belief has developed into something higher.

Admitting therefore, for argument, that the primary belief is universal, we have now to consider whether this supplementary doctrine is also capable of being universal?

It is conceivable, for instance, that there is nothing in the lower Degrees of Masonry which could not be, by the adoption of certain renderings, received by a Mahommedan, but we are unable to imagine how any doctrine which specifically advances beyond a precise recognition of the unity of the Godhead can be acceptable to him. Certainly he cannot acquiesce in any form of Trinitarian belief.

If the Royal Arch Degree taught a doctrine of divine duality, no one would care to assert that this would obtain the concurrence, after clear explanation, of a Mahommedan. It requires no argument to show that the teaching could not be received; the ability to accept it would not exist. The Royal Arch Degree does not teach a doctrine of duality, but what it does teach is even more unacceptable to such a one than duality would be. Each Degree in Masonry is a part of the system, and if any Degree be liable to rejection, then the system is not Universally applicable.

The acquiescence of a Mahommedan in this Degree can only arise from not comprehending what is taught, for if every allusion to Christianity were ignored, there must yet remain in this Degree points which conflict with the Mahommedan faith.

It should be remembered, but it is sometimes forgotten, that there are several Degrees in Freemasonry with pecular secrets attached to each. Together they form one harmonious whole. These Degrees are only supposed to be conferred according—firstly, to merit; and, secondly, to ability. Every Mason is familiar with this old law, indicating that it was foreseen that some would not possess the ability to take successive Degrees. If there be in the religious belief of a brother some main principle which conflicts with the teaching of a Degree, inability to proceed becomes self-evident. In order to advance in Masonry certain articles of faith are necessary, which are supplementary to those originally insisted on. If these are not possessed by the Brother he has not the requisite ability.

It therefore logically follows that it is an anomaly to confer a Degree in which the teaching is known to be contrary to the Candidate's religious belief. If he believes one thing and the Degree teaches another, he does not possess the required Masonic ability to advance. The most complete admission of this logical principle distinguishes the First Degree in Masonry.

In the Royal Arch, as in the case of Craft Lodges, we think the name selected for the first chapter is not a little significant. It was "The Rock and Fountain Shiloh." We do not ourselves think that any but a Christian interpretation of this is possible.

The distinct manner in which the Triune character of the Deity is emphasised in the Royal Arch Degree is its most remarkable feature. Without any argument from us, most Masons will admit that the triple T is an emblem of salvation and eternal life. Brother Nash says, with regard to the triangle, "the equilateral triangle viewed in the light of the doctrines of those who gave it currency as a divine symbol, represents the Great First Cause, the creator and container of all things, as one and indivisible, manifesting himself in an infinity of forms and attributes."*

* Mackey.

(To be continued).

We are requested to Notify that:—

——A Masonic Ball will be held at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park, S.E., on Wednesday next, the 16th inst., under the patronage of the Royal Victorian Jubilee and Stanley Lodges, Nos. 2184 and 1472 respectively. Bro. Geo. Hughes, Sec. 2184, 11, Argyle Road, Leytonstone Road, Stratford, E., is Hon. Sec. to the Ball Committee.

——The Installation Meeting of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, Bro. A. T. Foreman, W.M., will be held at the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Friday next, the 11th inst., at 5.15 p.m., when, after other business, Bro. John Leach Barrett, the W.M. elect, will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Members are to appear in masonic mourning for the late Bros. Higgs and Johnston.

——The ceremony of Installation will be worked by the W.M. and officers of the Eclectic Lodge, in the Great City Lodge of Instruction, meeting at Masons' Hall, Coleman Street, E.C., on Thursday, the 17th inst., at 6.30 p.m.

——A Lodge of Sorrow in memory of the late Emperor Frederick, and of departed members, will be held this (Thursday) evening, at Freemasons' Hall, at 6.30 p.m., by the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, and brethren generally are invited to attend.

——The Annual Ball of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday next, the 17th inst., under the auspices of a strong Committee, the Hon. Secretary to which is Bro. Ernest Augustus Hamlyn, of 53, Cheapside.

——The installation meeting of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, at Hastings, will be held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday the 14th inst., at 3.30 p.m., when Bro. the Rev. J. Puttick, P.Pro. G.Chap., will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The banquet will be served at six p.m. Communications should be addressed to the secretary, W. Bro. J. Pearce, P.M., Cecil House, Ore, Hastings.

——The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, W. Bro. John Seex, P.M., W.M., will hold a regular meeting at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday next, the 12th inst. W. Bro. William Baber, P.M., secretary, 44, Gutter Lane, E.C.

——A benefit in aid of the funds of the National Thrift Society, available from 21st to 31st inst., has been granted by the lessee of the Royal Princess's Theatre. *For particulars, see our Advertisement Columns.*

——The Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, W.M., will hold a Lodge of Emergency at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, Essex, on the 16th inst., at 7 p.m., for the purpose of raising Bro. J. B. Shepherd, who is about to proceed to America.

——The fifth meeting for the present session of the Union Lodge of Instruction at Leicester will be held at the Freemason's Hall, Halford Street, Leicester, to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 7.30, in the course of which there will be an interesting discussion on masonic usages, customs and symbolism. Bro. Alexander Lawrence, Org. 523, is the Acting Master. The secretary is Bro. J. B. Waring, 523 and 2081, Prov. G. Steward, 11, Waterloo Street, Leicester.

——The installation meeting of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday, the 14th inst., when the Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., will be installed W.M., it is said, by the Grand Secretary of England.

COLONIAL MASONIC ITEMS.

SYDNEY.—A meeting was held in the Masonic-hall, Castlereagh-street, on 16th November last, when, in celebration of the recently-achieved masonic unity and the centennial year of the colony, it was resolved to establish an orphanage for the children of indigent or deceased Freemasons. Lord Carrington presided, and wore for the first time his collar of Grand Master of the Grand United Lodge. Over £1,000 was subscribed in the hall towards the orphanage fund. The announcement of this liberal contribution was received with loud applause, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Lord Carrington and cheers for the Queen and Lady Carrington. Both the M.W. Pro. Grand Master, Dr. Harman Tarrant, and the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. C. F. Stokes, were present on this interesting occasion.

The members of Lodge Harmony, Moss Vale, under the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales Freemasons, have presented Senior Deacon Bro. W. Saunders, on his departure for Robertson, with an illuminated address and a Grand Deacon's jewel, as a mark of their esteem.

Many of our sporting brethren may probably be interested in the following paragraph, which we extract from the *Sydney Mail*:—On the 9th November, the celebrated mare Chrysolite dropped a fine colt foal to Grandmaster, the sire of Ensign, and the Hon. John Eales has appropriately named the new arrival "The Prince of Wales." The name is admirably chosen, as his Royal Highness is a "Grandmaster" of the Freemasons, and the colt in question was foaled on the anniversary of H.R.H.'s birthday. It is to be hoped that the colt will follow up the coincidence by winning a double.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE TIME TO HATE.

BY ALICE WELLINGTON ROLLINS.

I HAVE a friend—I mean a foe—
Whom cordially I ought to hate;
But somehow I can never seem
To lay the feud between us straight.
When apple boughs are full of bloom,
And Nature loves her fellow-men
With all the witchery of spring,
How can I hate a fellow then?

And then when summer comes, with days
Full of a long and languid charm,
When even water lilies sleep
On waves, without a thought of harm,
When underneath the shadiest tree
My hammock hangs in idlest state,
I were an idiot to get up
Out of that hammock just to hate.

The harvests come. If mine is big,
I am too happy with my store;
If small, I'm too much occupied
With grubbing round to make it more.
In dim recesses of my mind
I have no idle hour to spend
In hunting up the bitter foe
Who simply ought to be my friend.

In winter? Well, in winter—ugh?—
Who would add hate to winds that freeze?
All love and warmth that I can get
I want in such dull days as these.
No, no, dear foe; it is no use;
The struggling year is at an end:
I cannot hate you, if I would,
And you must turn and be my friend.

From the *Masonic Review*.

A TRUE "MASONIC STAR."

(AN ACROSTIC SIMILE.)

T here is a rare and radiant star benign,
R efulgent, gleaming with a constant ray:
U nrivall'd in its purity divine,
E ver its influence turning night to day.

F ar o'er our mundane sphere full many a heart
R ejoices in a dear and cherish'd hope
I n that fair orb, when health and wealth depart.
E 'en when a weary one essays to grope—
N o glint of joy pervading his lone way,
D ownhearted, care-benighted, and oppress'd,
S till brighter *then* gleams out the true star's ray:
H enceforth from Virtue's constellation bless'd,
I nspires his soul with joy and leads him on
P ointing the way till his dark journey's done.

A. G. PRICKETT, Sandown, No. 1869.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. THOMAS POORE.

On the 28th inst., the above worthy brother was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of money. The presentation took place at the Holborn Restaurant. The address was beautifully illuminated and handsomely framed. It read as follows: "This illuminated vellum, together with a purse containing £229 6s. 8d., was presented to Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., P.Z., P.M. (Mark), P.C.N. 18°, &c., at the Holborn Restaurant on Friday, December 28th, 1888, in consideration of the long services devoted by him to the cause of Freemasonry, and in recognition of his abilities as an energetic, talented and courteous Preceptor.—Bros. A. Williams, Chairman; D. P. Cama, Vice-Chairman: H. J. Lardner, Treas.; and T. C. Walls, Sec. Committee—Bros. G. Allen, J. E. Anderson, F. T. Bennett, B. R. Bryant, T. Clark, T. Cubitt, Baron de Ferrieres, G. Graveley, G. Kenning, G. Lambert, G. Lilley, H. Lovegrove, H. B. Marshall, J. L. Mather, C. F. Matier, G. W. Marsden, jun., W. R. Palmer, C. Pulman, H. H. Shirley, C. Slater, E. Storr, and R. J. Voisey." The brethren having dined, a few toasts were given.

The CHAIRMAN, in presenting the testimonial, made a very eloquent speech upon the merits of the recipient, who had endeared himself to those with whom he had been brought in contact. A great many brethren had subscribed to the testimonial, which on the whole was a very handsome one. He trusted that Bro. Poore would live for many years to extend his circle of usefulness, and that the illuminated address would be cherished by him and by those of his relatives who survived him, as a heirloom of more than ordinary interest.

Bro. POORE, who was greatly moved and unnerved, managed, however, to express his thanks most warmly to all those who had subscribed to the testimonial.

The thanks of the Committee were unanimously voted to Bro. George Kenning, who in addition to having subscribed very liberally to the testimonial, had for nine months allowed an advertisement of some length, announcing subscriptions, &c., to appear in the columns of the *Freemason* gratuitously. The proceedings were throughout of a most enthusiastic character.

The Masonic Star.

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I perceive in the *Freemason's Chronicle* of the 5th inst., a letter signed by J. A. Birch, Chairman of the East Lancashire Charity Committee on above subject. Two or three points in his letter certainly ought forthwith to be enquired into, and as he says, "endeavours made to correct flagrant defects." Taking the R. M. Benevolent Institution first, the figures reproduced by Bro. Birch of the items representing monies paid to collector are preposterous. Granted that the collector is entitled to commission at all, surely it should only be on sums collected by him; it appears, however, that no matter through what agency funds may flow into the coffers of the charity, Mr. Collector gets a percentage thereon. Bro. Birch states that the contribution of £2,670 paid in 1887 by East Lancashire was not influenced in any way by him. Many other similar cases exist. Take, for instance, money paid by associations. What claim a servant of the institution may have to any lot or part in them passes my ken.

It would be interesting if the secretary would make known the *actual* amounts received *through the collector*, and the rate of commission allowed him; also whether he devotes all his time to collecting, *i.e.*, going about getting subscriptions; or whether he has a snug seat in the office and waits for money to come in, the signing a receipt being considered "collection."

Bro. Birch says that neither the girls' nor boys' institutions pay anything to a collector. Certainly in the published accounts of the girls' nothing appears under this heading. The boys' annual report, issued in 1888, gives no account whatever that I can find, so what they do with their funds it is impossible to say. This is a serious defect and ought not to be allowed. Large sums of money are paid to this charity, and we ought to have certified accounts as to its expenditure.

The explanation that Bro. Birch says is required as to the item "Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants," and which he says "it is generally supposed in the provinces is covered by the steward's fees," is very simple. Last year, *after* payment of certain expenses out of the fund created by the stewards subscribing £2 2s. each, a sum of about £160 remained in hand. This was got rid of by presenting £100 to the secretary, and dividing the balance between the clerks. Of course, the stewards had a right to dispose of it in this manner if they thought fit, but if it had been as I should say, properly applied, £74 13s. 9d. would not have figured against the charity funds as "Entertainment, &c." I may here remark that great discontent was evoked in very many lodges at the grant of 100 guineas to the secretary (of course, this *beyond* the above-named £100), *out of the funds of the charity* as an "honorarium, &c." This was a diversion which many consider as absolutely illegal. The money was subscribed in the cause of charity, but was not faithfully applied. Bro. Birch has made an error in saying it costs £279 14s. to dispense £14,387; if it's nearly 20 per cent. his figures should be about £2,880.

Sir, the whole internal working arrangements of our various charities require revision; what is everyone's business is always nobody's: concerted action should be taken by influential patrons, who in too many cases fancy that when they have given their money they have done all they should, and leave the disposal of it to be effected, knowing not how, and perhaps caring but little. Like poor Oliver, these charities "*ask for* MORE," and that continually. If they expect to get it, and don't wash down and renovate their structures, they won't; reform is wanted in many directions—but how is that to be obtained? My own remedy, and I am far from being singular in applying it, is to button up my pockets and refuse all further subscriptions to what I consider is only *called* charity.

A footnote appended to Bro. Birch's letter says :—"We think it desirable to warn our readers not to form any independent opinion until the other side has had an opportunity of reply." What this means I don't know, for it appears that Bro. Birch only criticises figures of published accounts, but I shall keep a good look out and watch to see if the "other side" take occasion by the hand, and make use of the "opportunity" afforded them to "reply."

Can you inform me, Sir, the meaning of the items in male and female account, "provincial and other expenses," £80 0s. 1d. in each. Bro. Birch does not mention this, but £160 seems a good deal to dispose of in such a vague manner. Perhaps the "other side" will include a reply to this while they are about it.

Fraternally yours,
7th January, 1889. SUBSCRIBER.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY FESTIVAL, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

In perusing a contemporary this morning, I observe what occurs to me to be a most extraordinary statement. In speaking of masonic benevolence for the year 1888, the *Freemason* states :—"The totals of the donations and subscriptions, as finally settled in respect to the anniversary festivals, amounted altogether to close on £75,500, while the amounts *actually received* under this head will be found to reach upwards of £69,000, a very considerable percentage of the balance still unpaid being what is known as *Association money*, which will be paid over—no doubt during the present year—*as the life governorships or life subscriberships are balloted for and assigned.*" The italics in this quotation are mine.

Now, sir, I have been a member of the craft nearly fourteen years, and belong to some dozen Lodges of Instruction, many of which have associations attached to them. I have assisted in the formation of one or two of these latter, and have been upon the committees of several others for the time being, therefore should know something about the working of such concerns. I have always understood it to be the custom, and I cannot be wrong in stating, that ballots are NEVER drawn for unless a sum of £10 10s. or £5 5s. (either for a life governorship or life subscribership) has first been fully subscribed for among those entitled to participate in the same. The name of the selected brother and the amount of his draw is then sent up by his association to the institution he selects, and in due course he receives his votes.

This is, I believe, the universal system adopted throughout the craft, and when I read that the "money which will be paid over—no doubt during the present year—as the life governorships and life subscriberships are balloted for and assigned." I am simply astonished! Am I to infer that many stewards, life governors and life subscribers obtain their qualifications on CREDIT? Surely not! and yet on reading the above lines, and afterwards finding in the same article that there is still "due and payable between £6,800 and £6,900" to one of our institutions (the Girls) in respect of its festival, it appears like it. If not so, why has this large amount been left uncollected and the institution at a loss of interest on the amount, which, even at three per cent. only, should produce over £200 per annum?

If the staff of the Girls' Institution is not large enough for all purposes, more's the pity. I, for one, think that *six* months is sufficient time for the whole of the £51,500 to have been got in.

I feel strongly on this point, for if Bros. A or B can obtain a "bubble reputation" and see their names in print as stewards of this or that masonic festival on CREDIT, and it appears to take, say *six months*, and probably a further *twelve months*, quoting the words of the *Freemason*, "*no doubt* during this *present* year" (1889)—and there is a "doubt" about it even then you see—why the sooner such a scandal is stopped in the craft the better. Hoping to read in your next issue the opinions of other brethren on this, which seems to be an important matter to our institutions, I beg to subscribe myself,

Yours in fraternity.
5th January, 1889. P.M.

ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL ENQUIRY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

On the 1st and 2nd of November last, now more than two months ago, this Committee of Enquiry held its meetings with, I believe, closed doors; since then not a word has been heard as to what might be the result of this solemn conclave. Is the enquiry shelved? If not, why has no report been issued? I, as well as very many other members of the craft, feel anxious to know the result of the enquiry, therefore shall be obliged if you can enlighten us on the subject. The brethren are entitled to know the conclusions arrived at by the committee, and that with as little delay as possible; I therefore think you will agree with me that two months is quite long enough to have one's patience tried by waiting.

Yours fraternally,
8th January, 1889. LIFE GOVERNOR, R.M.I.B.

THE THREE LESSER LIGHTS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Will you kindly inform me if a lodge can be considered as duly opened and working in proper form without the "three lesser lights" being illuminated and in position? A controversy has arisen amongst members of the lodge in which I hold office as J.W. on the subject, and opinions vary.

Yours fraternally,

Jan. 4, 1889. CORINTHIAN.

*** *We have never been in a lodge "at work" wherein the lights you refer to have been otherwise than in position and acting. Of course we speak of English lodges. But we have some sort of remembrance that within the past two or three years we read of a decision of a Grand Master of one of the Grand Lodges in the United States to the contrary effect. If you or other brethren should think the matter worth while, we will search for, and if we find them, communicate the particulars.*—ED. M. S.

FREEMASONRY, TEMPERANCE AND THRIFT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As several letters upon the above-mentioned subjects have appeared in your columns since my letter of the 6th December, may I be permitted to say a few words in reference thereto? "An old P.M." has made an excellent suggestion as to the holding of lodges at places that are not hotels or public houses, and for this he has been somewhat severely taken to task by Bro. Charlie Woods. True it is that the carrying out of the idea may present very considerable difficulties, but surely, amongst Freemasons, that is not to be held as an argument against its adoption!

Even the most enthusiastic reformer is well aware that reforms—however greatly needed they may be—are matters of time, but he also knows that, once started, they frequently make rapid progress, and doubtless there are very many P.M.'s who would heartily welcome the reform alluded to by your correspondent, though they may prefer leaving the matter to be taken up by junior members of the craft who have the requisite time, energy and reformer's devotion to deal with the question as it ought to be dealt with.

Probably a good step forward in the right direction would be a numerously signed petition to Grand Lodge, requesting Grand Lodge officers either to give the matter their careful consideration, or appoint a committee to consider the *pros* and *cons* of the whole question. Should this suggestion find favour amongst the readers of this letter, I should be happy to prepare such petition, and receive signatures thereto.

One other suggestion I would make, and that is, that temperance and total abstinence members of the craft should hold a quarterly meeting for the purpose of discussing matters connected with "Freemasonry, Temperance and Thrift." Not discussing them in any narrowminded spirit, but in some such broad and Catholic manner as would approve itself to Bro. Woods, and to every other member of the temperance community of Freemasons.

1, Finsbury Circus, E.C., Yours fraternally,
7th January, 1889. THOS. BOWDEN GREEN, 158.

Answers to Correspondents.

T.—You ask us "who is the authorised manufacturer of jubilee jewels?" Of our own knowledge we cannot tell you. We feel sure, however, that an enquiry at Grand Secretary's Office would have attention, and the information afforded would be reliable, as coming from the only proper and official source.

H. M. W., SYDNEY, N.S.W.—Thanks for paper transmitted. Note our change of address.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

By the courtesy of the secretaries of the several Masonic Institutions we are enabled to place before our readers the following official information relating to

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

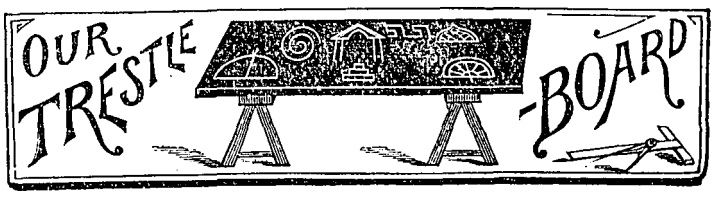
Donations and subscriptions, including £1,050 for special presentation from Province of Kent, and £105 as a special donation from Grand Chapter	£44,660	14	11
Dividends	1,978	13	5
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Do. do. Special	2,000	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Interest on deposit	112	1	0
Three admissions by annual payment	150	0	0
Music money	177	9	0
Sale of piano, &c.	17	14	0
Do. Subscribers' lists	2	2	0
	£49,259	4	4

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Donations and subscriptions	£9,384	3	6
Grant of United Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Do. Supreme Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Music fees	87	3	0
Dividends	657	19	11
Special Grant per United Grand Lodge	2,000	0	0
Sale of lists of subscribers	3	6	0
	£12,293	2	5

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Donations and Subscriptions	£14,982	8	9
Dividends	2,253	8	9
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Grand Lodge	1,600	0	0
Do. Special	2,000	0	0
Interest on cash at deposit	175	17	1
Legacy	200	0	0
	£21,361	15	1



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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At the last meeting of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Evans, of Hart Street, Bloomsbury, was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

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Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Past Grand Warden, and Past Grand Registrar, has been appointed Judge of the Oxford County Court Circuit.

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W. Bro. John Seex, P.M., W.M. of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will represent that lodge as steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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ALLIANCE LODGE—No. 1827—Bro. Henry Clarke, C.C., W.M.—At the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on the 3rd inst., it was decided to invite to a banquet in March next Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Gray, and Sheriff Newton.

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The continued issue of the useful Calendar and Directory of the province of Middlesex has been undertaken by the lately appointed Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Howard H. Room in conjunction with Bro. W. H. Lee, and it is announced that the edition for the present year will be ready very shortly.

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The foundation stone of an obelisk at Dennis Hill, Padstow, Cornwall, to commemorate the Jubilee of the Queen, was laid with full Masonic ceremony on the first inst., a large number of the most influential brethren of the province of Cornwall being present on the occasion.

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Our worthy and talented Bro. Henry J. Whymper, author of "The Religion of Freemasonry," from the pages of which work, by kind permission of its editor, we have lately largely quoted, has been made a Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire.

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A ball will take place at the Concert Hall, Hastings, on the 16th inst. The Duke of Connaught and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Gerald Ford, are among the patrons. The authorities have given permission to use the rooms of the Ladies' College, which adjoins the Concert Hall, on the evening of the ball. The supper and refreshments will be provided by Messrs. Vidler and Co., the well-known caterers, of St. Leonards. The band of the Royal Artillery has been secured, through the kindness of the colonel commanding the regiment, and the proceeds of the ball will go to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Liberal Freemason for December, 1888, Edited by Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.; *Freemasons' Chronicle*, Nov., (Sydney, N.S.W.)—*Society.*—*The Kneph*.—Vol. viii., No. 1.

OLD MASONIANS.—A very pleasant social evening was spent by the members and friends of this association on Friday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Bro. S. R. Speight in the chair. The programme opened with an overture on the piano, "The Knight's Grand March" (Carl Volti), which was very ably rendered by Mr. E. A. Morris, who later in the evening also played the "Stephanie Gavotte." Mr. Arthur J. Gordon sung "The Old Flag," and obtained well merited applause, as did also Mr. F. E. Buckland, for his rendering of "The Quaker," and "The King's Own." Mr. A. Stephenson gave "The Pilot's Daughter," and Mr. Light "Love's Proving." Mr. C. Heward Uwins, in "The Vagabond," did not appear at his best, but was nevertheless well received. The comic element was well represented by Mr. Whiteley, who was recalled after each of his songs, and by Mr. W. J. Packer, who kindly volunteered, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Leonard T. Heness. Recitations were ably given by Bro. W. A. Glass, Mr. R. Harold Williams, and Mr. F. L. Seurr. We understand that Mr. Alfred Watkins, hon. sec., presides at the next social, to be held on the 18th inst., and we hope a good number will show an appreciation of his services by attending and supporting him on this occasion.

Evenings Abroad.

"THE SILVER FALLS" AT THE ADELPHI THEATRE.

Messrs. Sims and Pettitt's new four act play is a very fine specimen of its special class. The authors know full well the audiences they write for, and they have succeeded in satisfying the conventionalities of the house, while they have at the same time supplied something in the shape of a drama which is stirring, sympathetic, and powerful. Indeed, at the close of the first act, which is admirably constructed and is a drama in itself, my wonder was how the authors could keep up the pitch of excitement for three more acts. That they really do this, and that there are not certain moments in the play when matters cool down, cannot be said; but, though the quality may vary, though the dead level of ordinary melodrama is oftentimes reached and incidents occur which are occasionally not far removed from the commonplace, yet redeeming features are by no means wanting: and, as in the second scene of the third and the first scene of the fourth act, the interest is revived by scenes which are novel, dramatic, and intensely moving. Some people sitting behind me in the stalls tried to be funny at the expense of the authors with regard to one of the scenes to which I now particularly refer, and their loud talk on the subject caused some expostulations to be made by a neighbour. As they had probably paid their money, they were entitled to their own estimation of the value they had for their outlay, but they must indeed be very hard to please if they could expect a stronger, a more natural and, at the same time, a more pathetic series of scenes than the meeting of Eric's young wife with Lola, long supposed to have been dead; and the subsequent situation where Eric to his horror finds he has married Primrose, his first wife Lola being alive and threatening to divulge all to his innocent victim. These situations pull the end of the piece up to as high a level as was its beginning; and the *denouement*, though somewhat protracted, is powerful indeed: seeing that the removal of Lola is effected by thoroughly legitimate means, and by a tragic act of her victim, Marcos Valles, which is the natural outcome of the woman's irregular life.

Of the acting I have nothing but praise. Miss Olga Nerthersole, a new actress, as Lola, had a difficult part, and she succeeded thoroughly, despite inevitable faults. I do not mean by saying that there were faults to damn this piece of acting by faint praise. I cordially congratulate this young lady upon an assumption, the third of importance that I know of hers, which is conspicuously successful. Miss Millward, as Primrose, was tender and artistic. Miss Clara Jecks is allotted a part which she makes important solely by the intrinsic merit of her acting, which is fresh, amusing, and highly acceptable in every way. Miss Georgie Esmond and Miss Dairolles are satisfying in small parts. Mr. Terriss is the hero, Eric Normanhurst. The same manly vigour which usually characterises this actor is not wanting, and his love-making is manly and touching; the big scene at the end of the first act, the scene with Primrose in the second, and the two difficult interviews with Lola and Primrose in the third act could not well have been played better. Mr. Charles Cartwright, as Marcos Valles, gave a fervid melodramatic part as good a treatment as could have been anticipated even from so clever an actor as I have always regarded him. Certain mannerisms admittedly deprived some of his scenes from giving perfect satisfaction; but, taken as a whole, this was a *big* performance. Mr. Shine was amusing. Mr. J. D. Beveridge was excellent as a genial old Irishman, and Mr. Royce Carleton as a villain of a conventional type acted with tragic force, and gave an excellent contrast to Mr. Cartwright's powerful impersonation.

The mounting of the play is, as is always the case at this theatre now-a-days, of the most elaborate and picturesque kind; and, but for the operatic supers in the wedding scene, is without a flaw in any particular. Mr. W. Sidney, the stage manager, must be complimented, as must also Messrs. Walter Johnson and Bruce Smith, who have painted some beautiful scenery for the production.

My friend, Mr. H. J. Hitchins, the manager of the Empire Theatre, has been presented with a very handsome silver tea and coffee service in the Louis XIV. style. The entire *personnel* of the establishment contributed to this testimonial of respect, which was made on the first anniversary of the opening of the place as a variety theatre. Hitchins is a good fellow, and I am pleased to think that he is being appreciated.

The Criterion Theatre has closed for redecoration prior to its re-opening with a revival of Tom Taylor's *Still Waters Run Deep*, which will have a fine cast. Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. Bernard Beere, Mr. Herbert Standing, and Mr. Charles Wyndham will play the principal parts. I wish Mr. Wyndham would give us some revivals of his early successes, *Brighton*, for instance. These light pieces are better suited for the house and for the audiences who assemble there; besides, in this style of play Wyndham has given us some of his very best bits of acting.

The Shaftesbury Theatre seems to be unfortunate. It has closed its doors again, pending—I am told—the production of a new play.

Carina, at the Opera Comique, will end its run next Saturday night. After this the stage in the evening will be occupied with Mr. Oscar Berringer's play called *Tares*, which has been considerably modified since its first production. A good cast will support this piece. *Little Lord Fauntleroy* will be on view here at matinees for some time to come.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, JANUARY 9TH, 1889.

While the Bank minimum still remains at 5 per cent., money on short loan is plentiful at 3, but it is not at all certain that the official rate will be reduced just yet. The position of the Bank is undoubtedly better, and gold continues to arrive, but there is also the apprehension that a renewed demand for that metal will arise as soon as it can be done without creating undue disturbance. There is a very large amount of light gold in circulation in the provinces, or held by the country banks, which would probably come into the Bank of England were it not for the loss they would have to sustain in the operation, and I hear that there is some prospect of some relief being afforded in this matter during the current year.

The principal feature this week has been the sharp rise in Consols, followed by a similar move in Goschens. What is the real cause of the rise is somewhat uncertain; but it is owing to repurchases of stock put out during the time of heavy pressure towards the end of last year, coupled with buying back by bears. Business in the stock markets is fairly active, but it can hardly be described as buoyant. Foreign stocks have advanced, but there seems to be a general feeling that they are quite high enough for safety, and we should, on very little selling, see a smart drop in most of the European stocks that have recently been carried up. In Peruvians there is some very good and quiet buying going on, and I do not think that purchasers just now will have any reason to regret their bargains. Virginian Funded also will be looking up again. Home railways are still wanted, although the best prices touched have not been maintained. The dividend announcements may be expected very shortly, and I do not think they will be found to fall under the estimates formed. The rise in the whole of the heavy stocks has been considerable, nor do I see any reason why it should not continue. The settlement, which commences next Monday, will hardly be an onerous one, while probably contango rates will be very light compared with the last month or two. North Staffords, which I have before called attention to, are still amongst the cheapest stocks in this market. The stocks to be avoided are the Watkins and the Forbes groups.

American rails keep steady, and, upon balance, have improved: but there is very little business doing in them, either in New York or here. Dealers on this side have had so many disappointments that they are not eager to make a market merely for the benefit of the Wall Street brokers; consequently, there is a lack of animation. I still believe in the rise to come. Amongst the best of the lot are Union Pacifics. There is a disposition amongst the managers to reduce expenditure and to keep up rates, which must have its effect before long; and, in the meantime, I am not afraid to repeat my advice of last week.

Grand Trunks do not get worse, although they can hardly be said to advance. Probably it will be found that the worst has been anticipated, and as we get nearer to the time for the announcement of the result of the half-year's working, prices will improve. The weekly traffic receipts of the Mexican Railway were not regarded as satisfactory—in fact, the total take is not sufficient. I have before expressed my doubts about the dividend prospects of this line, and on the whole I think it extremely doubtful if the present prices will be maintained. The published traffics for the last ten days of the year on the Canadian Pacific shows a considerable reduction. We have now the total result of the year's working, and can pretty well gauge the total net profit; what, however, is the unknown element in this case is the actual requirements on preference account, some of the new claims commencing to take interest at uncertain dates.

That there will be any surplus is exceedingly doubtful. The price does not improve beyond 54 even with the most careful coaxing, and I am induced to think that there is considerable amount of stock to be got rid of at about that price.

Nitrate shares are not as active as they have been, and there is a rumour of a projected "nitrates trust," which would appear to be thought necessary to give them a further fillip. Now this "trust" means only one thing, and that is to provide an outlet for some of the big blocks of shares held by the group who have had the principal manipulation of the nitrate gamble. Such a scheme would doubtless prove a success because of the force behind it, but it would not be an investment I should choose.

The business in South African mines is as great as ever, particularly the Witwatersrand group. I hear of several new ones coming out, but should advise extreme caution in dealing with them, as many of them have nothing but the name of the district to recommend them. Nabobs may be bought at 3, Central Boodepoort at 18/-, and Venture Syndicate at 37/6; and also Sheba mine shares.

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ANSWERS.

FILO.—The shares are fully paid. Should advise a purchase.

D.F.M.—The reconstruction scheme has met with very little support, and will probably fail.

NEW SERIES.—The name you mention is an element of weakness on the board. There is a nominal premium on the shares, but doubt if you could sell at over par. Sell.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE—No. 72.—The installation meeting took place on Monday, the 7th inst., when Bro. W. E. Abrahams, S.W., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. having appointed his officers, a ballot was taken for Mr. G. Wright, which proved unanimous, and he was duly initiated. A banquet followed, to which upward of 100 members and visiting brethren sat down. Among the visitors present were the following:—Bros. Stacey, P.M., 1897; Howe, 1196; Holland, P.M., 869 (Hertfordshire); Cohen, W.M., 1663; Dodson, P.M., 72; Adams, 1706; Humfris, 733; Partridge; Harrington, S.W., 1686; Diller, P.M.; Griffin, J.W., 975, and Walker, P.M., 733.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275. On Friday, 4th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Eedle, H.; W. Briant, J.; Stone, S.E.; Oldfield, S.N.; C. Stone, P.S.; Benedetti, A.S.; Acocks, Whitby, H. Martin, H. Vickery, P.Z.; J. Vickery and Addington, M.E.Z. elect, 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Acocks personating candidate. Comps. H. Vickery, P.Z. 1269, and J. Vickery, 1269, were admitted members; and Comp. Eedle was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

THE GREAT CITY—No. 1426.—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.—Bro. F. Rush, W.M.—Bros. D. Hills, S.W.; H. Gaskin, I.W.; T. Hodges, S.D.; J. K. Pitt, I.G.; Bro. T. Hodges, acting preceptor; also Bros. Paddle, Lazarus, Barrett, and Foreman. The working for the evening was the initiation ceremony. The W.M. and officers of the Eclectic Lodge will work the ceremony of installation at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday next, the 17th inst. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

PROVINCIAL.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.—MARINERS' LODGE—No. 168.—GUERNSEY.—The 104th annual meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant Street, on the 2nd inst., W. Bro. W. H. Lovell, W.M., and was a most brilliant gathering. The installation of the W.M. Elect, Bro. Louis J. Nicolle, was conducted by Bro. Lovell, who was assisted by the following brethren:—W. Bros. F. C. Sparrow, I.P.M.; A. C. Quick, chaplain; W. De Jersey, P.M., S.W.; T. Pengelley, P.M., J.W.; R. M. Smythson, P.M., sec.; W. Thorn, P.M., I.G.; and W. H. Courtenay, P.M., D.C.; and a Board of seventeen Installed Masters. W. Bro. L. J. Nicolle invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Foote, S.W.; H. Millican, J.W.; A. C. Quick, P.M., chaplain; W. De Jersey, P.M., treasurer; R. M. Smythson, P.M., sec.; H. J. V. Torode, org.; R. Rowcliffe, S.D.; P. J. Benest, J.D.; W. T. Bowen, I.G.; E. Biddescombe, tyler; W. Courtenay, P.M., D.C.; G. Caines, A.D.C.; M. Le Ray, S.S.; and H. E. Marquand, J.S. The W.M. Bro. Lovell presented the lodge with a column, for the use of the W.M. After the business of lodge had been concluded, the brethren, to the number of 86, repaired to the banqueting room, where a most harmonious evening was spent.

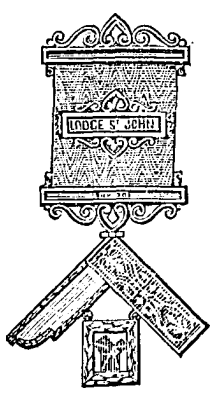
CHESHIRE—COMBERMERE UNION LODGE.—No. 295.—MACCLESFIELD.—Bro. R. Brown, P. Prov. G.S., W.M.—Festival of St. John the Evangelist and installation meeting. At the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, on the 3rd inst., there was a numerous gathering of brethren belonging to the Unity Lodge, No. 267, Macclesfield, and to the Eaton Lodge, at Congleton, and a strong contingent of visitors from other towns within and outside the province of Cheshire. Bro. John Staniforth was installed W.M., the ceremony being conducted by Bro. T. Lockitt, P. Prov. G.S.D. The newly-installed W.M. duly invested his officers, among them being Bro. Peter Wadsworth, P. Prov. G.A.D. of Cheshire, who, for about the thirtieth time, was appointed secretary of the lodge. The customary banquet followed.

CORNWALL—LOSTWITHIEL—RESTORMEL LODGE—No. 856.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Old Duchy Palace. The W.M. Elect, W. Bro. the Rev. A. H. Ferris, was installed by W. Bro. T. W. Perry, assisted by W. Bro. J. Doney, 856, P.P.G.D.C. The Board of Installed Masters also included: W. Bro. E. Scantlebury, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Bassett, P.P.G.S. Wks.; R. Whetter; W. Boxall; J. Hugill, P.P.G.D.C.; T. H. Gibbons; B. G. Derry, P.P.G.S.D.; W. P. Hawke, 856; J. G. Blight; W. I. Watts, 496; W. Rowe, P.P.G.J.W.; B. F. Edyvean; R. P. Edyvean, 330; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.G.J.W., Devon; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T., Devon; P. H. Bridgman, P.M. 223, Devon. The W.M. invested as his officers:—Bros. J. H. Sewart, S.W.; J. A. Collins, J.W.; W. Bros. J. Hugill, treas.; T. W. Perry, sec.; W. W. Beckerleg, S.D.; E. R. Brown, J.D.; C. Haddy, D.C.; S. Rundle, O.; W. McLean, I.G.; G. V. Bryant and N. Lean, stewards. At the close of business the brethren adjourned to the Royal Talbot Hotel, where the annual banquet was held.

DEVON—PLYMOUTH.—A new Freemasons' Hall and Club was formally opened at Plymouth on the 2nd instant. The hall was dedicated in the Provincial Grand Lodge by Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, and there was a large assembly of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall. At the banquet which followed, the Solicitor-General (Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, M.P.), was a visitor, and in proposing a toast he spoke of his having passed the chair of a London Lodge fifteen years ago, and expressed a hope that the high principles of Freemasonry would ever guide his conduct both in public and private life. The day's proceedings concluded with a ball, at which about 200 persons were present. Dancing was led off to the music of members of the Royal Marine band, under Sergeant Liddard, by the P.G.M. (Lord Ebrington), Sir Edward Clarke, and Major Davie (P.G. Secretary).

ST. PETER'S LODGE.—No. 1125.—TIVERTON.—Bro. Ellerton, W.M.—Installation meeting on the 26th ult. (the festival of St. John the Evangelist). Bro. G. Hall was installed W.M., the ceremony being conducted by Bros. Ellerton, T. Ford, J. B. Crabb, Parkhouse, and Haydon (Past Masters). The following officers were appointed and installed:—Bros. C. R. K. Webb, S.W.; J. Munday, J.W.; the Rev. W. French, chap.; W. R. Haydon, P.M., treas.; Parkhouse, P.P.G.A.D.C., sec.; W. Barrons, S.D.; Down, J.D.; P. Pyle, I.G.; A. Andrews, P.M., org.; E. Moyle, D.C.; Snooks (Washfield) and Wheeler, stewards; and J. Viney, tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Palmerston Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were observed, and the proceedings were agreeably varied by harmony.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE.—No. 70.—At the last installation meeting of this lodge, a very handsome jewel, manufactured by Vaughton and Sons, of Birmingham, was presented to the outgoing Master. The accompanying engraving will afford a general idea of this reward of merit. It is of 18-carat gold, engraved in Gothic style, and with appropriate bars on the suspending ribbon, the centre bar bearing the inscription LODGE ST. JOHN, and the bottom bar the No. of the lodge. On the reverse was inscribed:—"Presented to W. Bro. T. Hocking by the members of Lodge St. John, No. 70, as a mark of esteem, and of their appreciation of his services as Master, on his retirement from office, December 27th, A.L. 5888."



TAVISTOCK—BEDFORD LODGE—No. 282.—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on the 3rd inst. The W.M. Elect, W. Bro. T. Kerslake, was installed by W. Bro. T. Chapman, P.P.G.A.D.C.. Among those present were:—W. Bros. J. Matthews, P.P.G.S. Wks.; G. Merrifield, P.P.G.S. Wks.; B. B. S. Richards, P.P.G.S.D.; J. J. Daw, P.P.G.S.D.; R. N. W. Webb, J. Harris, S. D. Nicholls, H. Down, I. Roskelly, W. R. Northway, all of 282; W. Bros. E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. Kinton Bond, 1247, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Gray, 666. The W.M. invested as officers Bros. J. Drew, S.W.; J. Squire, J.W.; W. Bro. J. Merrifield, treas.; Bros. A. H. Bates, sec.; W. T. Gill, S.D.; T. Coward, J.D.; S. Richards, D.C.; W. Bro. B. B. S. Richards, O.; H. E. Escott, I.G.; J. B. Williams, W. H. Clark, stewards; W. Bro. J. Harris, tyler. In the evening about forty of the brethren dined at the Bedford Hotel. The W.M. presided.

DEVONPORT—CAREW LODGE.—No. 1136.—The annual banquet of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Bosworthick's Restaurant, Marlborough Street. An excellent banquet was served up to over sixty brethren. W. Bro. T. B. Tresise, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Wood, S.W.; T. Jeffery, J.W.; W. Bros. T. Heath, P.P.G.R.; G. Darke, P.P.G.S.B.; A. W. White, W. Stephens, J. Pearce, A. K. Collins, all of 1136; W. Bros. C. Croydon, 188, P.P.G.J.D.; R. Cawsey, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Whitford, W. S. Rattenbury, 230; J. Osborne, J. Crosley, 854; H. Bowden, 1071; J. C. Elliott, 1212; R. Selmon, 159; Bros. J. M. Davis, 248, Brixham; W. Wallis, 1255; W. Bros. E. Poor, P.P.G.S.D., treas.; G. Cassell, P.P.G.S. sec.; Bros. A. Akenhead, S.D.; G. Davis, J.D.; T. George, I.G.; H. Williams, D.C.; S. Trotman, O.; G. Wotton, T. Ball, W. Watts, H. Gribbell, stewards; P. Lewis, tyler.

DURHAM—MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE.—No. 124.—On the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Durham.—Bro. Thos. Bell, P.P.S.G.D., W.M. Bro. Thos. Dunn was installed by Bro. W. Coxon, and the following officers were appointed: Rev. Thos. Randall, Prov. G.C., S.W.; John Smith, J.W., chaplain; Rev. J. Haworth, Prov. G.C.; M. Fowler, treas.; T. Sarsfield, sec.; Henry Palmer, S.D.; W. H. Patterson, J.D.; S. Fenny, P.P.G.S.B., almoner; T. L. Campion, org.; W. Logan, P.M., P.P.G.R., Prov. G.C., District O.; W. Goodenough, I.G.; M. F. Halliday and H. A. Bywater, stewards; and S. B. Grant, tyler.

BARNARD LODGE—No. 1230—BARNARD CASTLE—Bro. Dr. J. Atkinson, W.M. On the 4th inst., the installation ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. J. Hanby Holmes was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. T. M. Barron, P.M., P.P.G.R. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Thompson, P.G. Std., S.W.; H. Dowdeswell, J.W.; R. C. M. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; Jno. R. Thompson, Sec.; The Rev. H. Jennings, Chap.; F. E. Gibson, S.D.; Dr. A. H. Sevir, J.D.; Dr. R. Koelitz, J.G.; J. M. Moore, P.M., Org.; D. Finlay, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; Dr. Jno. Mitchell and C. H. Corbett, auditors; G. W. Jackson and E. D. Walrond, stewards; C. Todd, tyler. Previous to the installation, Mr. J. W. B. Heslop, solicitor, Barnard Castle, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Atkinson, W.M., assisted by Bro. J. G. Hall, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C., who gave the address; Bro. J. Thompson, the working tools; and Bro. Jno. R. Thompson gave the charge. The brethren, to the number of about 40, afterwards adjourned to the annual banquet.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT—PORTSMOUTH—PHŒNIX LODGE.—No. 257.—W. Bro. Major Campbell, W.M.—On the 27th ult., Bro. the Rev. T. F. Newton, chaplain of the Royal Marine Artillery, was installed Worshipful Master of this lodge by Bro. W. G. P. Gilbert, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., who has been ordered on foreign service. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed, and gave general satisfaction to a large number of members and visitors. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the year:—Bros. J. Brickwood, P.M., S.W.; Commodore Markham, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Anderson, M.A., chaplain; H. Drummond, treasurer; C. W. Long, S.D.; Dr. W. C. Bland, J.D.; Colonel-Commandant J. F. Crease, R.M.A., C.B., D.C.; G. D. Lovegrove, org.; W. Gillman, I.G.; Dr. O'Connor and Captain Portal, stewds.; Exall and Carter, tylers. There was a large attendance of visitors, including the Mayor of Portsmouth (Bro. G. Ellis), and the W.M.'s of the lodges in the district. The W.M. presided at the banquet, served in the dining hall adjoining the lodge room, and the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured. The string band of the Royal Marine Artillery, under Sergeant Hawkins, occupied the orchestra.

ECONOMY LODGE.—No. 76.—WINCHESTER.—On the 26th ult. Bro. Sharland, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; W. Bro. W. H. Jacob, P.M. 76 and 1833, treasurer; and Bro. Sims, tyler.

SANDOWN LODGE—No. 1869.—At the Masonic Hall, Sandown, I. of W., on Thursday, 22nd ult., Installation meeting. A large number of members and visitors were present. Officers appointed:—Bros. J. H. McQueen, W.M.; Withers, S.W.; G. T. Cluett, J.W.; Bunt, treas.; Hoskens, sec.; W. Cluett, S.D.; Izod, J.D.; Martin, D.C.; Addley, I.G.; Prickett, org.; Davidson and Ford, stewards; and Collaway, tyler.

ISLE OF MAN.—DOUGLAS—TYNWALD—No. 1242.—The annual installation meeting was held on 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, about 40 brethren being present, including 18 P.M.'s. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Goldie Taubman, was also present, with the following Prov. officers:—Bros. the Rev. E. Ferrier, P.G. Chaplain; T. H. Nesbitt, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; H. Brearley, P.S.G.D.; R. Swinnerton, P.G.D.C.; W. Kissack, P.G. St. Br.; W. J. Brown, Swd. Br.; J. C. Bradshaw, P.P.G., St. Br.; E. J. Bowman, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and C. M. Challender, P.G. St. Br. The ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Bowman, who installed Bro. A. W. Brearey into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. F. C. Poulter, S.W.; M. P. Evarard, J.W.; E. J. Bowman, sec.; J. A. Brown, treas.; W. R. Davis, S.D.; G. H. Horne, J.D.; T. Whiteside, I.G.; S. K. White, S.S.; R. Bennett, J.S.; W. Gorry, T. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Granville Hotel, where a banquet was served, and the usual toasts honoured.

KENT—RAMSGATE.—THE ROYAL NAVY LODGE—No. 429 held its installation meeting at the Royal Hotel, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Amongst those present were: The Right Worshipful Bro. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, &c.; Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; H. J. Sturgeon, W.M., 429; A. Wootton, P.M. 127 and 1209, P.P.G.J.W.; F. W. Willett, W.M. 127; W. Crawford, P.M. 127; W. Searles, 127; J. O. Eve, P.M. 429 and 1209, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Sage, P.M. 1209, P.P.G.J.D.; I. Fenwick, P.M. 1209; J. S. Salmon, P.M. 917; E. Roberts, W.M. 917; T. Bowden Green, 158; G. F. Baker, W.M. 503; G. Baker, P.M. 503; J. F. Solly, P.M. 784; A. Frost, W.M. 784; T. Bent, P.M. 784; Rev. G. D. Pagden, W.M. 709; C. F. Wacher, P.M. 2099, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Adams, P.M. 184; Rev. E. C. d'Anquier, 429 and 1209; J. Hazeldine, P.M. 429; G. Blackburn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Hiller, P.M. 429; Isaac Jarman, P.M. 429, P.P.G.S.; H. S. Ford, P.M. 429; E. S. Elgar, P.M. 1209, &c. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. H. J. Sturgeon, W.M., who duly installed Bro. J. T. May in the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bro. W. A. Valon, S.W.; S. Holbourn, J.W.; J. O. Eve, P.M., treas.; Rev. E. C. d'Anquier, M.A., sec. and chaplain; E. L. Dixson, S.D.; M. H. Gill, J.D.; A. H. Lanfear, I.G.; G. Goodbourn, S.S.; W. Richford, J.S.; R. Morley, P.M., D.C.; and D. Walker, tyler. After the installation the annual banquet took place, at which nearly 40 brethren assembled. The usual masonic toasts followed. In reply to the toast of his health, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master urged the brethren to unity, harmony, and brotherly love, expressing the hope that he would be able to visit them again shortly, the pleasure of his visit being only damped by the absence of so many well-known faces who had ascended to the Grand Lodge above. He wished the lodge prosperity, and the brethren a happy new year. The "Charities" were responded to by Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., and secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The entertainment was enlivened by some really good music, contributed by visiting brothers and members of the lodge, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

LANCASHIRE—EASTERN DIVISION—RELIEF—No. 42.—The members of this lodge held their annual festival on the 27th ult., when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors from other lodges. Bro. J. Robinson was installed W.M., the installing masters being Bros. J. Redfern, P.P.G.P., and T. Rigby, P.M.'s. The following officers for the ensuing year were invested: Bros. J. R. Barton, S.W.; W. Meadowcroft, J.W.; T. Carter, P.P.G.O., secretary; T. Rigby, P.M., treasurer; W. Arrowsmith, chaplain; S. Cox, S.D.; W. J. Mackie, J.D.; P. Allen, I.G.; J. T. Mould, S.S.; W. Whowell, J.S.; and J. Thorman, tyler. After the ceremony the banquet took place at the Grey Mare Hotel, when an excellent repast was served.

The death is announced of Bro. James Orchard Halliwell-Phillips, F.R.S., at Brighton, on the 3rd inst. Our deceased brother was an eminent authority on all that related to the life and works of Shakespeare. He was the son of the late Mr. Thomas Halliwell, of Sloane Street, London, where he was born in 1820, and in 1872 assumed, under a direction in the will of the late Mr. Thomas Phillips, the grandfather of his first wife, and by royal licence, the name of Phillips. Prior to that date he had written many very important works, amongst others "The Early History of Freemasonry," which was published in 1842.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

In the opinion of many Brethren the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the Brethren, whose names are subjoined, may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft universal, who, in this way, will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned Brethren have formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual Subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer (Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.), and will be duly acknowledged.

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Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th.	
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
91	Regularity	F. M. H.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1708	Plucknett	Baldfaced Stag, East Finchley
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2033	University of London	F. M. H.
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
2168	Derby Allcroft	Athenæum, Camden Road
R.A.C.		
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
619	Beadon	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
898	Temperance-in-the-East	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1716	All Saints	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
R.C.		
42	St. George	33, Golden Square, W.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th.	
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1201	Eclectic	F. M. H.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	Agricultural Hall, N.
1997	John Carpenter	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
2000	Earl of Mornington	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.A.C		
33	Britannic	F. M. H.
K.T.		
D.	Mount Calvary	Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields
	(2nd) SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th.	
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
1328	Granite	F. M. H.
1426	The Great City	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1686	Paxton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1743	Perseverance	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.
2029	King Solomon	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.A.C.		
1928	Gallery	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
	(2nd) MONDAY, JANUARY 14th.	
5	St. George's and Corner Stone	F. M. H.
29	St. Alban's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
90	St. John's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1237	Enfield	George Hot., Enfield
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
2012	Chiswick	Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
Mark.		
44	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
	(3rd) TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th.	
30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
162	Cadogan	F. M. H.
194	St. Paul's	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
255	Harmony	Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
435	Salisbury	F. M. H.
704	Camden	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
857	St. Mark's	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1805	Bromley St. Leonard	Vestry Hall, Bow Road
2021	Queen's Westminster	Holborn Rest., W.C.
2022	Haven	Lyric Hall, Ealing
R.A.C.		
26	Castle Chap. of Harmony	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
46	Old Union	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
171	Amity	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
Mark.		
238	Prince Leopold	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th.	
	The Grand Stewards' Lodge	F. M. H.
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
174	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
190	Oak	F. M. H.
619	Beadon	Greyhound Hot., Dulwich
700	Nelson	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
969	Maybury	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278	Burdett Coutts	Approach Tav., Victoria Park
1349	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1360	Royal Arthur	Prince of Wales' Hot., Wimbledon
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1673	Langton	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
1677	Crusaders	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
R.A.C.		
141	Faith	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
Mark.		
198	Duke of Connaught	Town Hall, Shoreditch
	(3rd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th.	
23	Globe	F. M. H.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1365	Clapton	Rudolph Chmbrs., 191, Bshpsgte St., E.C.
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
217	Stability	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
834	Andrew	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	28th Jan	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	6th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	15th Jan	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	12th Feb	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	14th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh	23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford	21st Jan	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	16th Jan	Ditto
1016	Elkington	22nd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	13th Feb	Ditto
1163	Emulation	24th Jan	Ditto
1180	Forward	4th Feb	Ditto
1474	Israel	14th Jan	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	15th Jan	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	7th Feb	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	13th Feb	Ditto
221	St. John	16th Jan	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George	23rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	14th Jan	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	17th Jan	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	5th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	1st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	14th Jan	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ..	18th Jan	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	5th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick T-DY	10th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	19th Jan	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Feb	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	29th Jan	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	17th Jan	Ditto
1947	Stanford	13th Feb	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	14th Jan	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	5th Feb	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Feb	Ditto
326	Moira	17th Jan	Ditto
610	Colston	16th Jan	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges	2nd Feb	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell	28th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort	22nd Jan	Ditto
187	Charity	7th Feb	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	17th Jan	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	16th Jan	Bridge Inn
191	St. John ...TO-DAY,	10th Jan	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Feb	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	24th Jan	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	14th Jan	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	4th Feb	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	5th Feb	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	17th Jan	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	22nd Jan	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	13th Feb	Ditto
802	Repose	17th Jan	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	6th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth	16th Jan	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ... Ap to Jy only		Ditto
1512	Hemming	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	12th Jan	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	17th Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	23rd Jan	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	6th Feb	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	1st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	17th Jan	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	18th Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	6th Feb	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	15th Jan	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	13th Feb	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Feb	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	16th Jan	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	14th Jan	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ...?	16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	7th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	30th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	1st Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	4th Feb	Ditto
1221	Defence	14th Jan	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	18th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	12th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	12th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	6th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	6th Feb	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	17th Jan	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	25th Jan	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Feb	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	21st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	1st Feb	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	23rd Jan	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance	15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	17th Jan	Ditto
216	Harmonic TO-DAY,	10th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	12th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	7th Feb	Ditto
292	Sincerity	14th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	27th Dec	Ditto
667	Alliance	15th Jan	Ditto
673	St. John	5th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	1st Feb	Ditto
724	Derby	23rd Jan	Ditto
786	United Service TO-DY,	10th Jan	Ditto
823	Everton	16th Jan	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	13th Feb	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edinbgh. TO-DY,	10th Jan	Ditto
1264	Neptune	4th Feb	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	17th Jan	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	14th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	13th Feb	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	17th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	21st Jan	Ditto
1505	Emulation	24th Jan	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	13th Feb	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	15th Jan	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	22nd Jan	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	6th Feb	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	22nd Jan	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	6th Feb	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	21st Jan	Ditto
2215	Anfield	24th Jan	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	28th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	21st Jan	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	5th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship	28th Jan	Ditto
249	Mariners	17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool	24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's	13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	16th Jan	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer	7th Mar	Ditto
1502	Israel	12th Feb	Ditto

Installation Meetings, as far as known, are marked * before date of meeting.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social	28th Jan	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	18th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	30th Jan	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability	7th Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	16th Jan	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	16th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair TO-MOR.,	11th Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	24th Jan	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	6th Feb	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	4th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	17th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	15th Jan	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	10th Jan	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	4th Feb	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	30th Jan	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David TO-DAY,	10th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Feb	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	21st Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	30th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers TO-MOR.,	11th Jan	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	2nd Feb	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	17th Jan	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	23rd Jan	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	18th Jan	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	4th Feb	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	5th Feb	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Feb	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	14th Jan	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	25th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie TO-DAY,	10th Jan	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	7th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	14th Jan	Ditto
541	De Loraine... ...	18th Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	24th Jan	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	11th Jan	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	25th Jan	Ditto
1863	Priory TO-DAY,	10th Jan	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	15th Jan	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	15th Jan	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	6th Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	16th Jan	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward TO-DY,	10th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	25th Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	5th Feb	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Feb	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	15th Jan	Ditto
807	Cabbell	31st Jan	Ditto
943	Sincerity	22nd Jan	Ditto
1500	Walpole	7th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	10th Jan	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	5th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	*15th Jan	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	*14th Jan	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	1st Feb	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	25th Jan	Ditto
1794	De Vere	18th Jan	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	21st Jan	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland...	*24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	*28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	5th Feb	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	5th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	14th Jan	Ditto
156	Harmony	4th Feb	Ditto
159	Brunswick	6th Feb	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	14th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	24th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	15th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	17th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	22nd Jan	Ditto
1205	Metham	21st Jan	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-DAY,	10th Jan	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	21st Jan	Ditto
1550	Prudence	2nd Feb	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Feb	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	22nd Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	16th Jan	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	25th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	23rd Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	16th Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	16th Jan	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	14th Jan	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service T-MR.,	11th Jan	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	17th Jan	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	22nd Jan	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	15th Jan	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	21st Jan	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	13th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	16th Jan	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia TO-DAY,	10th Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Jan	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Feb	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	29th Jan	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DY,	10th Jan	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	21st Jan	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	17th Jan	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	25th Jan	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	7th Feb	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony...	1st Feb	Ditto
394	Concord	24th Jan	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	12th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	6th Feb	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY,	10th Jan	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	18th Jan	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	25th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th.			
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„	7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales	„	7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury	„	8	(?)
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th.			
9	Albion	at	—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„	8	(?)
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„	7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn'
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„	7	(?)
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(2nd) MONDAY, JANUARY 14th.			
22	Loughborough	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(2nd) MONDAY, JANUARY 14th—*continued.*			
1507	Metropolitan	at	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C				
206	Hope	„	—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury	„	—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th.			
3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry	„	8.30	(?)
193	Confidence	„	7	(?)
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(3rd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 2nd Thursday in January (*see ante*).

*** *The Editor will be greatly obliged for any information the Secretaries of the various Lodges may be pleased to send to him.*

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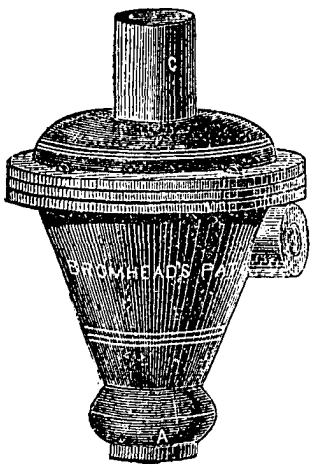
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Prerogative.

OUR Editorial of the 27th ult., "By the Power in me vested," has caused sundry communications to be addressed to us which have considerably increased our previous personal knowledge of assumptions not only discordant with the spirit and letter of our constitutional laws and regulations, but directly antagonistic thereto. Before we enter into detail we will first endeavour to set before our readers the nature of that exclusive and peculiar privilege which is entitled *Prerogative*, so far as it affects Masonic jurisprudence and practice. And for present purposes we shall avoid all reference to the exercise of an authority which has never existed, and could not be conferred, in respect of Masonic ritual and ceremonial.

We read elsewhere, "If there is such a thing as prerogative in these days of plenary constitutions, we should like to know how and whence it comes, or how it happens that all acts thus originating are subject to scrutiny and require confirmation. We prefer the chart and compass of a constitution to go along with great power, even for an annual cruise, rather than a roving commission on the shoreless sea of prerogative. We believe that fixed, positive, express, general law is the only ground on which such an institution as Masonry can act out its true work and mission. Masonry should meet on the level of our law, special or personal favours neither being asked nor granted." We quote the *Masonic Review* and endorse every word of that paragraph.

Within the past few years we have experienced the growth of a strong desire to put down many attempts at reform by unblushing statements that they were "interferences with prerogative," the fact being, nevertheless, that a true reading and consistent interpretation of our laws and constitutions, would at once prove that no such prerogative existed. Let us not be mistaken. Our loyalty and devotion to our chief head and ruler, and to each and all of his lawfully constituted officers, are as deep and strong as can be those of any of our readers, and "exclusive and peculiar privileges" conferred by our constitution, if there be any such, we would be the last to challenge. But if it is sought, as we believe it is sought, to "magnify dignity and clothe with marvellous powers" beyond the express limits of the rules and regulations of the Order any one of these, or to introduce Autocracy as the principle of the ruling to which the general body of English Freemasons are to be subservient,—then we think the time has come when those whose duty and privilege it is to advise, should be careful that they do not misrepresent facts and mislead both the rulers and the ruled. We have arrived at such a pass, that in our Masonic Parliament, laws are enacted and not carried out; speech is stopped on so-called points of order; and when all else is found ineffective, the *Deus ex Machina*, PREROGATIVE, is "staged." And now, forsooth, we have instances of those placed in authority over our private lodges assuming powers beyond anything ever intended by those who created them "rulers in the Craft," and ape-ing that which they are led to believe by the false doctrines propounded appertains to the *rôle* of a supreme head. We are told, and it is also within our own experience, that it is now becoming a common thing for Masters of lodges to make Masons at "sight,"—for a mere seven days' notice "*by fiat of the W.M.*" which fiat, except in the most exceptional cases, and such as are particularly defined, he has no "exclusive and peculiar privilege" to exercise, is nothing less than "making at sight." Hence we have, too frequently, introduced into our Order men devoid of those essential qualifications which the principles of Freemasonry demand. And it is quite certain that many Masters of Lodges in the present day have never understood the true nature of the assent they gave to those "ancient charges and regulations" whereby they bind themselves "to submit to the awards and resolutions of their brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order;" to be courteous and *faithful* to the Lodge; and "strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge." Else we should not hear of such offences against Masonry as the abrupt exit from his lodge of a W.M., because his own opinion is not acceptable to the brethren over whom he rules; or of the direct and determined refusal of another to carry out a resolution of his lodge arrived at in proper and legal form. "By the power in me vested;" "by the exclusive and peculiar privilege

attached to my position;" by something, no matter what, which is above the Constitutions—say these high and mighty men who, drest in their brief authority, play such fantastic tricks,—your will must bow to *mine*, my *fiat* must be obeyed, *my* resolution shall make yours of none effect!

Here, then, we have in both the upper and the lower strata of Masonic government, a vien of imperfect and faulty material, the removal of which is essential. In American Freemasonry they have a short and sharp way of dealing with the lower strata. They dig through to it, and hale it before the constituted authority on almost the slightest provocation, and are not long in disposing of it where it was probably least expected. And as to the higher strata, in which in America are included the Grand Masters of several States forming the Union;—well, the following is but a mild quotation from the *Voice of Masonry* on the subject of Prerogative:—"In Missouri our Grand Masters govern the Craft according to the written Constitution, and act within the limits of the law. If matters come before them for consideration concerning which the law is silent, then they pass upon such questions and settle them according to the principles of right and justice. Such cases are reported to the Grand Lodge, which body approves or corrects, by proper legislation, the rulings of the Grand Master, and thus precedents are established. The decisions of the Grand Master have the force and effect of law until the meeting of the Grand Lodge and no longer. If his rulings are approved, they become the law of the Grand Lodge by its own act, and not by any mighty 'power in me vested,' as some Grand Masters phrase it. Are such acts by Grand Masters, *ad interim*, to be styled 'prerogatives?" To meet a necessity not provided for by the law, and settle a principle for future guidance, would seem more like the exercise of administrative functions in the discharge of official duty than the use of what is called 'prerogative.' If 'prerogative' means the right on the part of a Grand Master to do some proper thing not provided for by law, then it is not such a big thing after all, because the Grand Lodge will approve or disapprove his act. In doing so, the Grand Lodge shows itself to be a greater power than its Grand Master, and may annul his acts or rebuke his temerity. But this is not the kind of prerogative claimed and exercised by the 'higher law' advocates. Their prerogative is a god above all gods, even above Constitutions, which must bow and cry loud and long, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians.' Excuse *me*, Diana. I bow only to God and Law. It would be amusing, were it not so ludicrous, to observe the inflation of some brethren upon whom this dowry of power may chance to descend. With the placing upon them of the official jewel, they become dowered, and empowered to do things 'Solomon in all his glory' never knew or heard of. 'A greater than Solomon is here.' 'By the high power in me vested,' Constitutions are broken. Masons are made at sight. Questions of time and residence are ignored. The rights of innocent candidates are trampled upon, with many other things too tedious to mention. All these have been done in the name of 'Prerogative,' and 'by virtue of the high power in me vested.' Yes, and done in the face of Constitution and laws, promised obedience to which was required before the Grand Master could enter upon an office that was to endow him with such rare and extraordinary power. Whence this investiture of 'power?' It is not derived from the law. If not, what is its warrant? I was twice inducted into the office of Grand Master, and twice invested with an official jewel, but I received no such 'enduement' of power as some of my brethren claim who use the term 'by virtue of the high power in me vested.' It must have come upon them. They did not have it before, and the Constitution cried out 'Not in me.' Now you don't have it. Now you do. Whence came it? You say you are 'vested' with it. You ought not to say you have it unless you know it. If you are so confident of its possession, you ought to be equally clear as to whence it came. But it is the old truth, 'Ye cannot tell whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth.' And like the wind thus described, its claims and pretensions are varied, empty and blustering. Anything else in Masonry as useless, harmful and boastful, would be abolished by the Craft without delay. 'By virtue of the high power in me vested' an immature and inexperienced mind will perpetrate things by suspending laws which were enacted by the best brains and ripened experience of the Grand Lodge. In defence of your little god, whom even the Ephesians would not worship, you plead abuse of power must not be charged to the power itself. It is sufficient to say, in reply, that any power liable to such abuses as 'prerogative' has no business in Freemasonry. It should be abolished for the wrongs perpetrated 'by virtue' of its existence."

We shall resume our remarks upon Prerogative at some early opportunity.

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."

Owing to pressure of other matter, we are compelled to defer this until next week.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, the 14th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, was installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge. Bro. Dr. Fredk. Lawrance, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by his officers and a full gathering of members. In the course of the evening there were as many as 209 brethren present, including the Lord Chancellor, a large number of Grand Officers, and some 64 Past Masters. There was a good afternoon's work performed in each of the three degrees; Mr. Callingham, of Chiswick, being initiated; Bros. E. Stretton, E. T. Spurr, and James Clarke passed; and Bros. E. O. Fountain and W. Maskell raised. These ceremonials having been ably performed and other lodge business disposed of, Bro. Lord George Hamilton was presented and duly installed by the V. W. the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. A valuable past master's jewel was presented to W. Bro. Lawrance on his retirement from the chair of K.S., the W.M. Bro. Lord George Hamilton stating that he should endeavour to imitate his predecessor in the performance of his duties during his year of office. The officers having been appointed, and much regret expressed for the absence of Bro. George Everett, the Treasurer, Father, and first master of the lodge, who was prevented by illness from attending, the lodge was closed, and an elegant banquet followed labour. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and we regret that the limits of our space preclude a lengthened report of some of the most interesting of the responses made thereto.

It may interest the brethren to know that Lord George Hamilton was initiated into Freemasonry in Ireland, and became a joining member of the Chiswick Lodge some three years ago. His brother is the Duke of Abercorn, who is also M.W. Grand Master of Ireland. Another brother is Lord Claud Hamilton, a Past Master of an Irish Lodge. We congratulate the Chiswick Lodge on the accession of so worthy a representative of a distinguished masonic family to the position of a Ruler in the Craft.

INDIA.

INSTALLATION OF LORD CONNEMARA, D.G.M. MADRAS.—At a very large meeting of Indian Freemasons assembled at Madras on the 26th November last, His Excellency Bro. Lord Connemara was installed District Grand Master of Madras by Bro. Colonel Moore, the Deputy District Grand Master. After the installation ceremony, the District Grand Master, in a speech, made a touching allusion to the late Bro. Lord Mayo, a distinguished Mason who lost his life while in exercise of that virtue which principally characterises a Mason—Charity. Congratulatory telegrams from His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, as District Grand Master, Bombay, and others were read. A banquet followed, at which 150 members were present. Colonel Moore proposed the District Grand Master's health, and Lord Connemara, in replying, especially mentioned the satisfaction he felt in seeing so many native brethren present. As Governor of Madras he was glad to note this, hoping that the principles of Masons would permeate the whole body of native society. He considered that the present ceremony was a sign that Freemasonry is a living force and power in India.

REVIEW.

Hughan's Facsimile of Engraved List of Lodges A.D. 1734: a Souvenir "of ye olden Tyme," *dedicated to the M.W. Bro. Samuel Crocker Lawrence, P.G.M., of Massachusetts.* By William James Hughan, P.G.S.D. of England, P.G.S.W. of Iowa, &c., &c. Published by Bro. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen Street, E.C.

We have been favoured by the receipt of an advance copy of this interesting work, especially interesting to masonic students and those of our craft who seek to be well-informed as to the existence of lodges in the earlier portion of the eighteenth century. The first thirty pages of the volume contain valuable information as to these, conveyed to the reader in the clear and concise language for which Bro. Hughan is celebrated thoughout his works. A roll of the lodges referred to in the *facsimile* plates of Pine's engravings is most useful in pointing out the old lodges which still remain on the Grand Lodge register, whilst the reproductions in photo-zincography of the several plates are undoubted works of merit, alike faithful and curious. The low price at which this interesting addition to masonic literature (5s., post free) is published, brings it within the reach of all members of the craft, to whom we cordially recommend it.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE WORKING TOOLS.

LET us be *true*,—each Working Tool
The Master places in our care
Imparts a stern but wholesome rule
To all who work and journey here;
The Architect divine has used
The Plumb, the Level and the Square.

Let us be *wise; the Level* see!
How certain is the doom of man!
So humble should Freemasons be
Who work within this narrow span;
No room for pride and vanity—
Let wisdom rule our every plan.

Let us be *just;* behold *the Square!*
Its pattern deviates no part
From that which, in the Master's care,
Tries all the angles of the heart.
O sacred implement divine,—
Blest emblem of Masonic art!

Let us be *true; the unerring Plumb,*
Dropped from the unseen Master's hand,
Rich fraught with truthfulness has come.
To bid us rightly walk and stand;
That the All-seeing Eye of God
May bless us from the heavenly land.

Dear friend, whose generous heart I know,
Whose virtues shine so far abroad,—
Long may you linger here below,
To share what friendship may afford!
Long may the Level, Plumb and Square,
Speak forth through you the works of God.

[From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.]

ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemason's Hall, London, on the 11th inst., when Bro. John Leach Barrett was ably installed W.M. by his predecessor, W. Bro. A. T. Foreman. The attendance of members and visitors evidenced the favour in which this lodge is held by the masonic fraternity in the metropolis, and the entire proceedings were of a most satisfactory character, and fully bore out the application of the lodge's well chosen motto, "*Non videri sed esse.*" In the temporary and unavoidable absence of the W.M., W. Bro. W. H. Munday, P.M. opened the lodge, and after receipt of the report of the audit committee, passed to the F.C. degree Bro. Frölich in his usual perfect and able manner. The W.M. having arrived, then obligated the W.M. Elect, and raised his lodge. A board of installed masters was opened with full ceremony, which, whether ancient or comparatively modern, for there are contentions amongst many brethren on this point, is too instructive and interesting to be altogether eliminated from the ceremonials of the order. Its performance on this occasion, although taking many Past Master's present by surprise, gave much pleasure and satisfaction, and an almost general agreement was expressed in favour of the restoration of the ceremony if it had formed part of ancient working, or of its general adoption, if merely of comparatively recent creation. W. Bros. James Mander, P.M., and James Stevens, P.M., officiated as installed masters S.W. and J.W. respectively in the constitution of the board. On the introduction of the W.M. Elect, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with in the customary manner, and the newly installed Master, having been saluted from the centre, the board was closed with reversed ceremonial and in due form. The salutations in three degrees were then accorded, and the following officers were invested, the addresses of Bro. Barrett on investiture being most happily rendered, and meeting with general endorsement by the lodge and its visitors:—Bros. C. H. Chauffourier, S.W.; R. Harvey Lyon, J.W.; Jas. Mander, P.M. treasurer; Arthur E. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G., Supt. Wks., Surrey, secretary; Surridge, S.D.; Le V. D. Anley, J.D.; Alfred Madell, I.G.; Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M., D.C.; Haworth, A.D.C.; G. W. Saul, P.M. (by Proxy), W.S.; H. P. Anley, A.W.S.; Potter, tyler.

W. Bro. Munday, P.M., concluded the ceremony of installation by the delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens and brethren. We have no hesitation in saying that but seldom, if ever, have we seen the entire business of an installation better performed. W. Bro. Dr. Lloyd, P.M. officiated as D.C., and carried out his important part of the work in a most able manner. The subsequent announcement that his son desired initiation at the ensuing meeting was hailed with acclamation. Other propositions for joining and initiation were made, and a telegram of condolence and good wishes for recovery was forwarded to W. Bro. Saul, P.M., who, as the result of an accident, had recently suffered amputation of a leg, but whose progress towards convalescence is now, we are pleased to say, assured. The lodge members appeared in masonic mourning for two of the brethren, the late Bros. Higgs and Johnston. Replies from the respective relatives of the deceased to votes of condolence were read, and this terminated the business of the evening. After the lodge had been closed, an excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers & Pond. In the course of the subsequent proceedings the I.P.M., Bro. A. T. Foreman, was presented with an elegant P.M. jewel, and W. Bro. W. H. Munday with a P.M. collar and silver pendant jewel. The speeches of the W.M. in introducing the several toasts, and the responses made thereto, were in every case far beyond the average of those we have at various times listened to, and it would be invidious to select any in particular for lengthened report, even if our limited space permitted. In respect of other entertainment, it may be said that, without the aid of outside talent, excepting only the kind assistance of Mrs. Barrett, wife of the W.M., and a talented vocalist, the musical ability amongst its members afforded much satisfaction and saved the lodge funds—no small consideration in these days when the needs of masonic charity call for earnest attention on the part of individuals and lodges desiring to act up to the true principles of the order. A thoroughly enjoyable masonic evening terminated with the tyler's toast at a reasonable hour: and Bro. Barrett, the W.M., his officers and members have reason to be well satisfied with the entire proceedings. The following is a list of those present on this very interesting occasion:—Bros. A. T. Foreman, W.M.; J. Leach Barrett, S.W.; C. H. Chauffourier, J.W.; J. Mander, P.M., treasurer; Arthur E. Taylor, P.M. secretary; R. Harvey Lyon, S.D.; W. Surridge, J.D.; Restall, I.G.; Le V. D. Anley, A.D.C.; Munday, I.P.M.; J. H. Watts, P.M.; G. G. Walker, P.M.; S. Lloyd, P.M.; Paddle, P.M.; Jourden, H. P. Anley, Haworth, Pedlar, Madell, Frölich, Beasley, Richardson. Visitors: Bros. H. Youens, W.M., Ewell 1851; W. F. Birmingham, Amity 111; J. K. Pitt, P.M., East Surrey L. of Concord 163; John A. Gartley, P.M., Israel 205; H. H. Room, Prov.G. Sec., Middx.; Jas. Stevens, P.M., Macdonald 1216 (MASONIC STAR); J. Cope Allengame, I.P.M., Worthing L. of F. 851; W. Lake, P.M., Fortitude 131 (*Freemason*); J. Blundell, P.M., Crystal Palace 742; A. Batts, P.M., St. Clement Danes 1744; W. Densham, S.D., Leigh 957; D. Hills, Tranquility 185; J. C. Thompson, Londesborough 1681; Oxenham, Waveney 929; G. C. Rivers, S.D., St. Margarets 1872; F. Landon, sec. Hope and Unity 214; M. A. Bontroy, P.M., La Tolerance 538; F. Eisenmann, J.D., Tranquility 185; and R. W. Heney, St. Lukes 144.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL met at Freemasons' Hall on the 5th inst., Bro. Wm. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., trustee, presiding. There were present Bros. Stephen Richardson, W. Maple, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, H. Venn, H. W. Hunt, J. H. Ebsworth, W. A. Scurrah, G. P. Britten, A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., J. S. Cumberland, W. G. Kentish, W. W. Morgan, Rev. Richard Morris, M.D., LL.D., Abbott Smith, A. E. Gladwell, J. Glass, Fred. Richards, A. Williams, G. Cooper, S.G.D., J. Rayner, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., A. M. Cohen, George Mickley, J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Geo. Lambert, W. A. Glass, and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B. (sec). The committee considered 19 petitions, accepting 17 of them, the other two being deferred. Eight applications for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and two notices of motion for the Quarterly General Court were handed in. There are now 72 candidates on the list, and this may be increased at the Quarterly Court to 74. There are 17 vacancies. Possibly at the ensuing Quarterly Court two more vacancies may be declared.

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THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BENEVOLENT Institution met at Freemasons' Hall on the 9th inst. Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., W. Belchamber, C. Kempton, H. Cox, Chas. G. Hill, E. West, J. Discon, Hugh Cotter, B. E. Blasby, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., W. Hilton, Charles Lacey, J. Newton, A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry, W. H. Murlis, Sam Brooks, Hugh M. Hobbs, Alex. Forsyth, Louis Stean, John Larkin, George Mickley, Charles F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., C. H. Webb, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (secretary). The secretary reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitants and one male candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application from the widow of a deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was acceded to. The report of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., as to the purchase of roadway in front of the institution and the question of a boundary fence was received. The Committee considered 18 petitions, six men and 12 widows. Five of the men's petitions were accepted and 11 widows' petitions accepted, and one deferred.

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THE ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ANNUITANTS of the Benevolent Institution was given on the premises at Croydon, on the 2nd inst., and was largely attended by friends and supporters. The entertainment, which was started ten years since by Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, was provided for by certain benevolent, kind-hearted and true brethren, including those of the Province of East Lancashire, and no portion of the cost came out of the subscriptions to the institution. One of the most delightful results of these gatherings is that it brings a large number of the same friends together year after year, and enables them to shake hands and once more wish each other a Happy New Year. On this occasion the proceedings were of the customary harmonious and pleasant character, and the "old folks" and general company enjoyed themselves exceedingly. We congratulate our worthy brother Terry on the increased support he receives towards the cost of this annual entertainment, as well as on the success which invariably attends it.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I've been a little puzzled lately to determine how much really was the amount of the collections last year for the R.M.I. for Girls, and on reading one of your contemporaries last Saturday I am more fogged than ever. This says that the "actual amount received in donations and subscriptions during the whole year was only £44,660 14s. 11d., while the total of donations and subscriptions at the Centenary Festival on 7th of June last was announced as amounting to upwards of £50,500." Now, I don't in the least mind being classed as a "Silly Critic" (critics are born, not made, so I am not to blame for being "silly") but I have always thought that an "undertaking to contribute a certain sum and *its payment*" were one and the same thing. I never have, and cannot find anyone who has, heard of a percentage of promised donations and subscriptions being *always in arrear*, or that such arrears fluctuated between hundreds and thousands of pounds. What *does* this mean? Is the pernicious long credit system a factor even in charity? If so, it seems many get very cheap advertisement. The writer of the article I quote from talks about "magic power;" and "stupidity" is his deduction. Here I agree with him; but why he should say that because "there are people, who, having no opinion of their own worth mentioning, are silly enough to accept whatever the critics may choose to say," I fail to see. Perhaps I have no opinion of my own worth mentioning, but why I should be accused of being *silly* enough to believe what he says I don't know. If he would, as he "knows something about these matters," publish what he knows, I might consider what amount of credence I could give his statement; but I fancy knowledge of this kind is like Turner's coloring—difficult to communicate. Why should any scribbler be favoured with information more than any subscriber? He must have been, as he says "he knows;" I'm like Montaigne, and don't believe in miracles out of church. Do the shekels he gives in charity weigh heavier than mine? I trow not. Yet he "knows something," and I don't. No, no! This is not as it should be, and, silly or not, I criticise it as unfair. Why don't the authorities speak out? They are the ones to give the information; but, like St. Paul, they are not careful to justify themselves, and they show this best not by their speech but by their silence,

For myself, I don't care a button for the feeble attempts any paragraphist may make to show me that I am "wrong" or "silly," or anything else: *what we all want is the truth pure and unadulterated.*

I feel that I cannot conclude this letter without thanking you for your article on the Charities. It must do good, for it is inconceivable that when a bold attempt has once been made to expose what is wrong, there should not be an effectual effort made to change a bad state of things into a good. Remember the lines—

"The mills of God grind slowly,
Yet they grind exceeding small;
Tho' with patience He stands waiting,
With exactness grinds He all."

It takes some people a long time to realize the meaning thereof.

Fraternally yours,
A SILLY CRITIC.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

The craft are indebted to you, both for opening your columns to a discussion of this subject and for the excellent article with which you have introduced it. The signs of the storm which you prognosticate have been long visible to many who take an interest in our charities, and some liberal supporters have been in past years anxious that attention should be called in a temperate and friendly spirit to the expenses of their management. The House Committee of the Boys' School deserve credit for their proposition to place the condition of the institution fully before an independent committee of enquiry. You will possibly be supplied with an official reply to the letter in the MASONIC STAR of 10th inst., signed "Life Governor R.M.I.B.;" but it may be a satisfaction to your correspondent and others to hear from an outsider unconnected with the management of the institution, that the committee sat on several (I believe about ten) days; that they heard patiently any evidence tendered, and in the opinion of brethren who took an active interest in placing fully before them complaints against the management, made a thorough and painstaking investigation. Their report is awaited with much confidence that it will be full and complete, and ultimately prove valuable to the institution. By the terms of the resolution appointing the committee, they are to report to "a Quarterly Court," and probably you will be able to tell us that it may be expected on 25th inst. May I also add a word in reply to the letter of "P. M." His experience is of *Metropolitan* Associations, as to which he is no doubt right. *Provincial* Associations are formed on a *permanent* basis and usually make their payments annually only. Though names may be placed on a steward's list, and thus included in the sum announced at a festival, no votes or privileges are allowed by the institutions until the money has been paid in by the treasurer of the association. In collecting subscriptions over the extended area of a province, whose members are unable to meet with the regularity of a town lodge of instruction, an entirely different system is necessary. I will not trespass on your space by entering into details. I shall be very happy to forward to "P.M." a copy of our last local report and statement if he desires it.

Yours fraternally,
14th January, 1889. PROVINCIAL.

Re R. M. B. INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

With reference to the commission allowed to the collector for the above on all monies paid over to the charity, allow me to suggest that each subscribing brother should, before sending his donation or subscription make the stipulation that no deduction be made for collector's commission, and that on this understanding only the money would be sent.

With regard to the statement of receipts, may I ask why the expenditure is not given? Surely there is not a shareholder in any company in the world that would accept such a bare statement from their directors, and why should we, as Donors, be expected to accept receipts only without seeing the other side of the ledger? It is high time that this state of things should be altered, and properly qualified auditors appointed to go through the accounts, and issue a balance sheet in the customary way.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,
Faithfully and fraternally yours,
January 14th, 1889. JUNIOR WARDEN.

P.S.—Of course, I consider the collector entitled to receive the commission on all monies he collects personally, but why he should receive it on monies sent to the offices passes my comprehension.

ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I am engaged on the troublesome job of getting votes for a candidate for admission to the Girls' School. Hunting through the list of subscribers, I came across pages of names under the heading "Addresses unknown," though many of them appear as recent donors.

Can you tell me what this means? Are any proxy papers made out in these names? and, if so, what becomes of them? The same curious entry, I find, occurs in the book of the Boys' School subscribers. Do you think I could obtain any of these votes by applying for them? If yes, who ought I to apply to?

Yours fraternally,
J. C. H

FREEMASONRY, TEMPERANCE AND THRIFT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

With regard to Bro. Green's remark on the above, it is very difficult to get any place to hold a lodge other than an hotel or public-house and does no harm to Freemasonry; but the harm is done by those who abuse it. With regard to signing a petition to Grand Lodge, what can it do in the matter? There are Temperance lodges, and if a brother does not like to meet at a public-house, resign, and join a Temperance lodge. Brethren should read the Book of Constitutions with regard to antient charges, and then follow out the sound masonic advice laid down, and if that is done there will be no reason to ask how to act, but follow out the four cardinal virtues, viz., Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

Yours fraternally,
Wimbledon, Jan. 11th, 1889. W. H. WINGFIELD, P.M. 1360.

Answers to Correspondents.

DORIC.—Your letter on the "Three Lesser Lights" is in type, but is crowded out this week.

G. M. TWEDDELL.—In type, probably next week.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th instant. Present: Bros. W. Simpson, W.M.; Robert Freke Gould, Past Grand Deacon, I.P.M.; Col. S. C. Pratt, S.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Professor Hayter Lewis, S.D.; Rev. C. J. Ball, I.G.; E. Macbean, Steward; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Steward; J. Finlay Finlayson, and C. Kupferschmidt; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. *J. Wood, D. P. Cama*, P.G. Treas.; Professor P. L. Simmonds, R. Gowan, Professor F. W. Driver, J. B. Mackey, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; S. R. Baskett, F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; A. Rowley, Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; and Max Mendelssohn: also the following visitors: Bros. Burns Gibson, C. W. G. Pines, *Jabez Hogg*, P.G.D.; and C. Meiter.

The following brethren were admitted as joining members, viz.: Bro. Gustav Adolf Cæsar Kupferschmidt, author of "List of Lodges founded in Germany from 1737 to the Present Time" (still in M.S.), "Notes on the Relations between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden during the last Century," and of several essays read in the Pilgrim Lodge; Bro. *John Finlay Finlayson, author of* "The Legends and Symbols of Freemasonry," and other works; and Bro. Caspar Purdon Clarke, Companion of the Indian Empire, author of a Paper read before the Society of Antiquaries, 1873, upon "The Supposed Mythric Church (or chamber) beneath the church of St. Clements, at Rome;" before the Society of Arts, 1882 and 1888, on "The Domestic Architecture of India," and "Street Architecture in India;" before the Iron and Steel Institute on "Art Castings in Bronze in India;" before the Royal Institute of British Architects, on "Moghul Art," and of 26 articles in the Calcutta *Englishman* upon "Indian Art," &c.

The following resolutions were carried, viz.: 1. "That this lodge heartily concurs in the object of the Gould Testimonial Fund; is pleased to see that its W.M., Senior P.M., Secretary, and other officers are on the committee of the same, and, remembering the avowed objects for which this lodge was warranted, amongst which is the encouragement of Masonic Literature, desires the Treasurer to forward to Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., the sum of ten guineas from the Lodge Account Fund, with a request that the name of the lodge may head the list of contributors immediately after the names of the Committee Members." 2. "That the Permanent Committee, taking into consideration that the whole working time of the Secretary has long been devoted to the service of the lodge, do recommend that a minimum salary of a £100 per annum be attached to that office while it shall continue to be held by Bro. G. W. Speth." 3. "That the members of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, have learnt with great sorrow the loss which Bro. W. M. Bywater, J.W., has experienced in the recent decease of his wife, and beg to assure him of their fraternal sympathy with him in his grief and distress; that the Secretary enter this expression of their feelings on the minutes of the lodge, and convey to Bro. Bywater the sincere condolence of his brothers." 4. "That Bro. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Past Grand Deacon, having served the office of first W.M. of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati from the date of the warrant, 28th November, 1884, to the 8th November, 1887, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his valuable services, and for the fraternal generosity evinced by him at its formation, in providing for the preliminary expenses; that the above resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to Bro. Sir Charles Warren." 5. "That Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Past Grand Deacon, having completed his year of office as Worshipful Master of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his courtesy in the chair and efficient management of the affairs of the lodge, and more especially for the time and study devoted by him during his Mastership to the preparation of the commentary and dissertation contained in Volume I. of Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha; that the above resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to Bro. R. F. Gould."

The following 15 lodges and 55 brethren were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle, thus bringing the total of admissions to 517, viz.: Lodge Victory, 1927, Nelson, New Zealand; North Suburban Lodge of Instruction, 2177, Carlton, Victoria; Southern Cross Lodge, 1778, Harrismith, Orange Free State; St. Clair Lodge, 2074, Landport; Minerva zu den drei Palmen, Leipsic; Prince Frederick William of Prussia's Lodge, 431 (I.C.), Ballymena; United Service Lodge, 1428, Landport; Salopian Lodge of Charity, 117, Shrewsbury; Salopian Lodge, 262, Shrewsbury; Eastnor Lodge, 751, Ledbury; St. Matthew's Lodge, 539, Walsall; St. Bartholomew Lodge, 696, Wednesbury; Tudor L. of Rifle Volunteers, 1838, Wolverhampton; Felix Gottlieb Conclave, No. 3, Penang; Lodge of the Marches, No. 611, Ludlow; and Bros. A. C. Smith, P.G. High Priest G. Chapter of Massachusetts; J. Hillis, Boston, Mass.; L. G. Boor, P. Dist. G.W., Wellington, New Zealand; Mr. Justice R. I. Finnemore, Dist. Grand Master of Natal; Dr. W. C. Bland, Portsmouth; Commodore A. H. Markham, C.B., H.M.S. Active, Portsmouth; W. Gillman, Southsea; E. A. Crocker, Foochow, Dist. G. Supt. of W. North China; G. C. A. Haastorther, W.M. 2232, Vryburg, Brit. Bechuanaland; T. A. Gardiner, Longlands, Vaal River; T. MacNaught, Kimberley; J. Mylchreest, Peel, I. of Man; E. H. Croghan, M.D.; J. G. Croghan, M.D.; and J. C. H. Croghan, all of Beaconsfield, South Africa; E. Bull, F. W. Peters, W. K. Bradford, S. Mendelssohn, D. J. Haartoff, F. M. Woollan, and E. Aburrow, all of Kimberley, South Africa; P. Bazenjee, Dist. G. Treasurer; M. P. Bazenjee, A. W. S. Holmes, and J. McConnachy, all of Hong Kong; S. S. Partridge, Dep. P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, P.A.G.D.C.; J. L. Brayshaw, Settle, Yorks; H. Firth, Baildon, Yorks; T. M. Lawson, Leeds; E. Taylor, Devoran, Cornwall; J. W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas. Hants and I. of W.; S. G. Munro, Southsea; R. G. Venables, Dep. Prov. G.M. Shropshire; T. Burne, Royal Hosp. Chelsea; S. S. Williams, Past G.M. Ohio; James Stevens, Author of several Masonic works, and Editor of the MASONIC STAR; J. W. Hayes, sen., Bangalore, P. Dist. G.W. Madras; Dr. C. J. Egan, King William's Town, South Africa, Dist. Grand Master Eastern Division South Africa; G. H. Fowle, Kokstad, Dist. A.G. Purst, Natal; T. Howell, Southsea; Dr. L. van Doesburgh, Amsterdam; W. Lidgey, Devoran, Cornwall; G. H. Piper, Dep. Prov. Grand Master Herefordshire; D. W. Tallcott, Albany, P. Dist. Dep. G.M., New York; J. Wood, Whitstable; G. S. H. Gottlieb, Penang; Rev. J. Sanders, Northampton, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. T. Russell-Wright, P.P.G. Chap. Dorsetshire, Charminster; W. B. Maye, P.P.G.D.C. Devon, Buckfastleigh; H. Stevens, Ashburton; G. A. Nock, Clapham; S. Dyson, Elland, Yorks; Max Mendelssohn, Brownswood Park, Finsbury; and W. J. Cunliffe, Manchester, P.P.S.G.D. East Lancashire.

Bro. Simpson, W.M., read a highly interesting and original paper on "The Worship of Death." The lecturer propounded several novel and ingenious theories, which was very ably presented and powerfully sustained by arguments.

A vote of thanks concluded the business of the evening, and refreshment followed labour.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——A masonic ball, under the auspices of the five Leicester lodges, and in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will be held at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, on the 29th inst. The patronage of the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and a large number of high dignitaries in the craft has been secured for this endeavour to assist our Boys' School, and there is no doubt it will be a grand and pleasant entertainment. Bro. J. B. Waring, of the John o'Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, is one of the hon. secs., and will doubtless afford further information if required. Address to him at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

——The installation meeting of the Lodge Temperance, No. 169, will be held this evening, 17th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, at 5 o'clock, when Bro. Robert Jackson the S.W. and W.M. elect will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

——Bro. Isidore de Solla has been engaged by the successful English tenor, Mr. Valentine Smith, to conduct his English opera season at the Olympic Theatre. We should say that Bro. de Solla's experience should stand Mr. Smith in good stead.

——The next social meeting of the "Old Masonians" will be held on the 18th inst. (to-morrow, Friday evening), at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, at 8.30. The chair will be taken by Mr. F. J. W. Hutton. Next Cinderella, Feb. 1st, at 7.30.

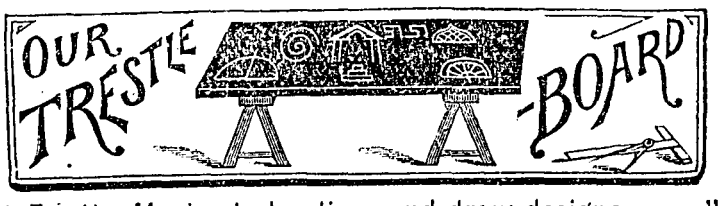
——The annual (Cinderella) ball of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, will take place at Cannon Street Hotel, on Friday, January 25th. Particulars in advertising columns.

——The Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Bro. Fred. Purkiss, W.M., will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., London, on the 21st inst. at 5.30. Initiation and other business. Refreshment after labour. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M., secretary, 153, Wirtemberg Street, Clapham.

——The Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Bro. J. Taplin, W.M., will meet at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 21st inst., at 4.30 p.m. Work in third degree, and election night.

——The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will hold a Smoking Concert at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Monday next, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m. Any profits arising therefrom to be devoted to Masonic Charity. Tickets 1s. each. Secretary, Bro. H. Hill, 12, Everleigh Street, Tollington Park, N.

——The fifteen Sections will be worked in the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, on Monday, the 4th February, 1889, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., at 7 p.m.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

ALL communications should be forwarded to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

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We desire to call the attention of our provincial readers and advertisers to the list of agents published in our advertisement columns. We are making such arrangements that through our agents any local information or business matters can be respectively forwarded or transmitted without trouble or expense. We shall add to our list as may be desired in respect of other towns.

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The current number of the *Practical Teacher* contains the first part of an article on drawing, from the hand of one of our esteemed correspondents, Bro. Charlie Woods, 1869, Asst. Soj. Elect 1275.

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We regret to announce the death of Bro. Andrew Middlemass, P.M. 1329, P.Z. 176, &c., an active Camberwell politician, a vestryman, and a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works, who died on the 6th inst., after a short illness.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.—The West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, to be held at the Town Hall, Stratford, was consecrated on Thursday, the 10th inst., by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G.S., assisted by grand officers. Bro. James Boulton was installed W.M., and Bros. George Hay and Albert Govier were invested as senior and junior wardens respectively. Bro. W. E. Purdue was elected treasurer, and the W.M. appointed Bros. F. C. D. Fenn, sec.; Mark Gentry, S.D.; W. G. Norman, J.D.; and E. Triggs, I.G. We are told that this new lodge promises to be "second to none."

Evenings Abroad.

Things pantomimical have now settled down into quite a pleasant condition. All these heavy "shows" now go with precision in every department and one can make a tour of inspection with the certainty of not experiencing musical performances where singer and accompaniment are by no means harmonious; when actors and actresses "stick" for want of knowing their words; when scenery does not work, when delays occur and the stage-manager has to come on to beg a few minutes' indulgence while things are got a little straight. No one will deny that these untoward circumstances, which are only to be expected at times, make the duty of the critic more difficult to perform, seeing that in forming a judgment allowance must be made for *possibilities*. At this interval of time possibilities have become actualities and every body and everything can be judged on their merits, and I am now going in part to fulfil my promise of noticing some of the pantomimes which I have been forced to leave for a week or two.

I think one of the best pantomimes in London is that at the Pavilion Theatre which is founded upon *The Babes in the Wood*. The average playgoer of the West End would be surprised if he would take the trouble to make a journey to the Whitechapel Road to see Mr. Morris Abrahams' Christmas pieces. It is not exaggerating at all when I say that the stage management would grace any leading theatre, and, though the expenditure is not so lavish as at the National house, they do not stint any department at the Pavilion, and the dressing and stage decoration of the productions are truly brilliant. Mr. Isaac Cohen, the stage manager, whose task has already been incidentally touched upon, is a most accomplished person; his work is always most elaborately executed, and the first performances at this house are proverbially as perfect as it is possible for them to be. Here is an exception to the rule which so often obtains as to unpreparedness. It is a fact that I have have seen the initial representation of a most elaborate pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre go as well and as perfectly as if it had been running a fortnight. This is the most potent argument I can adduce in support of my praise of Mr. Cohen's clever work.

There is really a capital company at this house this year. Mr. Arthur Alexander is a host in himself; he is truly comical, and he revels in the part of a villain of the deepest dye. His costumes, which are as numerous as varied, are delightfully absurd, and his efforts to amuse are more than ordinarily successful. Mr. Geo. English and Mr. Fred. Lay are two excellent workers who give plenty of opportunities for hilarity; while the Misses Louie Gilbert, Connie Melnotte and Ruby Lovell handsomely support the characters of Robin Hood and his two leading "Merry Men." The "Babes" are charmingly played by Miss Ada Reeve and Miss Violet Campbell, the former dancing with remarkable agility, and each of them giving some agreeable singing. I must praise Miss Lovell for a nice performance of a pretty serving maid; and Miss Sadie Grossmith as the singing fairy gave her music with full effect. Of Miss Julia Kent I can only say that she is the most pleasing and dainty Maid Marion possible to imagine. Mr. Geoffrey Thorn, the author, has provided a capital "book."

Morris Abrahams having got his pantomime successfully launched, is now hard at work to get elected on the County Council. A good man for the position, and I trust to see him at the top of the poll.

Over the Surrey side at Mr. Conquest's theatre, *The Forty Thieves* has been employed by Messrs. Conquest and Spry, the authors, as the pegs whereon there has been hung a series of most entertaining items. The good old story of the Arabian Nights is very elaborately put upon the stage and is extremely well acted. There is a plenteous supply of extremely grotesque fun, and the rough and tumble element is in excellent hands. All this, the usual concomitant of the pantomimes of our childhood, creates boundless laughter; and, in addition to the splendid fooling of the Albert and Edmunds troupe, there is supplemented a mechanical trap scene, the like of which used to be a feature of the Grecian pantomimes in the good old days. The entry of the Ali Baba family on the donkey barrow, the proceedings in the shop, and the business in the robber's cave, are all full of the most rollickingly extravagant practical fun. There is, in addition, an abundance of variety in this pantomime: good singing, ballets martial and ballets processional succeed each other, as do many scenes of beauty, which are practical joys while they are being displayed. For their share in the work the ballet master and the scene painters deserve, and now are accorded, very high praise. Mr. George Conquest, jun., is wonderfully good as Cogia Baba, and Mr. E. S. Vincent as Hassarac is most amusing. Mr. "Johnny" Hanson is not very happy as Cassim, and Miss Jenny Lee, as Catza, has not a part worthy of her powers. The Albert and Edmunds troupe consists of Miss V. Edmunds, Messrs. J. and W. Albert, and Mr. H. M. Edmunds: these are artists of rare ability; and, as has been previously stated, they carry all triumphantly before them. The Sisters Preston are very taking as Zorah and Hassim, while Miss Tyrrell and Miss Kate Fedora are each most excellent in her line. Miss Constance Moxon, as Abdallah, sang delightfully; but I cannot praise her acting, which lacks "go;" she strives very hard to be sprightly and engaging, and by no means fails in her endeavours, though I would like to see greater evidence of spontaneity in her work, which is a trifle forced. Mr. Conquest, *père*, the proprietor of the Surrey Theatre, may well be proud of his production this year.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, JANUARY 16TH, 1889.

The Directors of the Bank of England could hardly delay the reduction in the rate to 4 per cent. when the outside market was so much lower, and even now there is a difference of 1 per cent. At the fortnightly settlement commenced on Monday, the Contangos were very light and showed a disposition to go lower as the settlement proceeded. Although there has been a considerable rise in the prices of most of the general stocks in the last two or three weeks, it would not appear that there has been any considerable buying, as the amounts to be carried over were by no means large. What I mentioned only last week as to the dealers being in such a hurry to put up prices in advance of the public, so as to reserve to themselves the full benefit of the rise, is made more than ever apparent, and dealings are consequently checked to the detriment of the legitimate business of the brokers. In fact, the jobbers are becoming more and more speculators on their own accounts, caring little whether they do real jobbing business or not.

If we look down the list of railway stocks and compare the making-up prices of Monday with those of the previous account, the advance in prices becomes very noticeable; Metropolitan and Districts being almost the only exceptions, the greatest gains being in the heavy lines. North Staffordshires and Great Northern "A" are 3 better, and North Western, North Easterns, and Midlands nearly as much. The relapse in Metropolitan and District was brought about by the announcement of the dividend upon the former at the same rate as at the corresponding period of last year, although the large increase in the traffic receipts gave rise to expectations of a better return. Another dividend was announced yesterday, viz., the Brighton, at 8¼ per cent. for the half-year, with a somewhat larger amount carried forward than before. This is exactly what had been anticipated, so that there was no move in the price when it was made known. Prices have now advanced far enough for the present, and I should be tempted to leave this market alone for a time.

I do not see my way in Foreign Stocks; they are fairly steady, but the Paris market is by no means strong. The depression in Rio Tinto's may be purposely brought about by the syndicate in order to catch the bears; at all events, I should not like to sell at the present price.

I have so often spoken of the uncertain movements of Grand Trunks that the sudden rise can be no surprise, and I am of opinion that they will go still higher. The Mexican railway return this week was a good one, but, as it doubtless includes the "sweepings" of the end of the year, it must not be estimated too highly. Their report comes out so late that there is plenty of time to make a pretty accurate estimate of the amount to be divided, the unknown element being always that payment may be received from the Government. The reports, however, of the enormous improvement in the prosperity of the country naturally lead to more hopeful views being formed than the half year's working and the recent accident warrant.

In the American market the bulls have had no reason to complain, even if there has not been as much doing as was expected. For some reason or other the New York brokers are not busy, and seem disposed to take very small profits, and this coming upon a lazy market, soon disposes of a good proportion of the previous advance. At the same time the tendency is distinctly upwards, nor do there appear to be any indications of further troubles to come in the immediate future.

There is to be noticed a decided weakness amongst the Nitrates group, which is probably to be traced to nothing more than a natural reaction, caused by some of the bull party taking profits. Col. North has either left England for South America, or is about to start, and this market is more dependent on this gentleman than it would like to acknowledge. My own opinion is that prices are much too high in some of the shares, and will not be supported by the dividends earned. Lately, shares have hung heavily, and one of the new issues quoted a few days ago at a substantial premium is now at a discount. The Nitrates Trust I mentioned some days ago has not yet been announced, but evidently something of the kind is wanted if prices are to be kept up.

The excitement in South African mines is not so great just now, but this may be owing to the attention of the dealers being given to the settlement which, I may remark, has so far passed off without any difficulties, and also there is a more general distribution of favours. St. Augustine's have been largely bought, and from what I can see the buyers know what they are about, and will be able to hand them back to the public at a considerably advanced price before long. A new territory in South Africa will shortly be opened up to mining operations, as a powerful syndicate has obtained a concession of the rich, and hitherto closed, district of Pondoland, and will doubtless be offered to the public before long.

Indian Mines are looking up and the current talk is that Mysores will soon pass their previous record. There are so many new ventures being floated just now, that one has hardly time to consider which are the good and which the bad, but certainly there are some exceedingly bad; in fact, they are cases in which the profit must necessarily fall to others rather than the shareholders. Generally avoid all "Trusts" and also companies where there are reserved any "Founders' shares" which are to take half the profits after a small sum has been set aside for the ordinary shareholders who have contributed the funds necessary to carry out the enterprise.

CRAFTSMAN.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

KING SOLOMON MARK LODGE—No. 385.—Bro. Robert Roy, W.M.—At the regular meeting on Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C., Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen and Bro. Dr. Richard Paramore were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason. After the lodge the brethren adjourned to 278, High Holborn, where an excellent vegetarian dinner was partaken of. The members of this lodge are all teetotallers, but with the exception of the J.W. not vegetarians; they, nevertheless, expressed themselves well pleased with the repast. The usual loyal and masonic sentiments were heartily responded to. Bro. Edward Macbean, from Glasgow, R.W.M. Lodge, No. 50, S.C., replied on behalf of the visitors and gave an interesting account of Masonry in Scotland.

PROVINCIAL.

DEVON—BARNSTAPLE.—LOYAL LODGE—No. 251.—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. James Bosson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Among those present were:—Bros. W. A. Roberts, W.M.; J. Bosson, S.W.; G. C. Davie, P.S.G.; O. J. Sloley, J.W.; H. C. Guppy, sec.; F. J. Codd, J.G.; W. Ivimy, P.G.Stewd., 1135; J. A. Kingdon, jun., J.D., 421; C. A. Youings; J. Smyth; C. W. Kite, P.M.; Thomas Russell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; H. E. Russell, S.W., 1973; J. H. Seldon, P.M.; W. Coulthard, J.D.; J. Brewer, P.M.; C. J. Pigot, org.; John Crook; R. W. Probert, 1135; A. Thorne; T. W. Pearce, S.S.; T. Ebsworthy, P.M.; R. P. Morrison, F.M., P.P.G.W.; H. Tardrew, 489; W. J. Joint; R. Harper; W. G. Crang, J.G.; J. Gaydon, P.M.; H. J. Edwards; E. L. Cordes, W.M., 303; J. Cummings; H. Hancock; M. Squire; and L. Lake, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., 1135. The W.M. Bro. Roberts appointed Bro. G. C. Davie the Installing Master, and the ceremony of installing Bro. J. Bosson as W.M. was gone through. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. A. Roberts, I.P.M.; O. J. Sloley, S.W.; A. J. Seldon, J.W.; J. F. Chanter, P.M., chaplain; J. Brewer, P.M., treas.; W. A. Roberts, sec.; W. Coulthard, S.D.; F. Codd, J.D.; T. Ebsworthy, L.M., M. of C.; C. Pigot, org.; T. W. Pearce, J.G.; W. G. Crang, S.S.; R. Harper, J.S.; A. Bater and H. Hancock, tylers. Bro. J. H. Seldon, P.M., was appointed Almoner, and Bro. J. Brewer the Representative to Committee of Petitions. Bro. W. A. Roberts was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The members subsequently dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, where the customary masonic toasts were duly honoured.—[We deeply regret to add to the above the report that Bro. Coulthard, who was generally respected by his fellow townsmen and brethren in the Craft, died suddenly after his return home from the lodge meeting. Bro. Coulthard was a total abstainer and a most moderate liver, being delicate in health and avoiding excitement, as a rule. The jurors on the inquest returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes." Great sympathy is expressed throughout the town for the widow of our brother so suddenly summoned to the Grand Lodge above.—ED. M.S.]

SOUTHMOLTON—LOYAL LODGE OF INDUSTRY—No. 421—held its Installation Meeting at the Masonic Hall, Southmolton, on the 8th inst., when Bro. F. W. Kendle was installed W.M., as successor to Bro. A. W. C. Martin. Bro. Oram, P.M., acted as installing master. The following brethren were elected officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. F. King, chaplain; J. A. Kingdon, treasurer; W. Mountjoy, secretary; G. H. Crocker, S.W.; J. A. Kingdon (jun.), J.W.; G. H. Mountjoy, S.D.; J. Hill, J.D.; W. Sandercock, I.G.; and R. Kingdon, tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the Unicorn Hotel, where Bro. Cole admirably catered, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in masonic style.

NEWTON.—DEVON LODGE—No. 1138.—The installation meeting in connection with this lodge was held at Newton on the 8th inst. Bro. Lewis Stevens was installed as W.M. by W. Bro. C. Stevens in a board of installed masters, comprising:—W. Bros. J. Olver, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Harris, H. Martin, W. Vicary, P.P.G.R.; C. Pope, J. Murrin, R. H. Grimbley, and W. Taylor. The W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. R. H. Grimbley, I.P.M.; A. Ponsford, S.W.; J. R. Cull, J.W.; H. Martin, treasurer; S. E. Endacott, secretary.; Rev. W. L. Pope, P.P.G.C., chap.; E. W. Reynolds, S.D.; H. Foss, J.D.; R. Hambley, I.G.; G. H. Hearde, organist; G. Lugg, S.S.; T. W. Haydon, J.S.; and J. Haywood, tyler. The meeting re-elected Bro. W. Vicary, P.M., as the representative on the Committee of Petitions, Bro. C. Stevens as almoner, and Bro. R. H. Grimbley charity steward. The annual banquet was subsequently held in the adjoining hall under the presidency of the W.M.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE—CHELTENHAM.—FOUNDATION LODGE—No. 82.—The installation festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst., and there was present a very large gathering of Masons from the various lodges of the province. Bro. E. L. Baylis was the W.M. elect, and his installation was conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. the Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, assisted by the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith. The following were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. J. W. Drew, S.W.; Major Rogers, J.W.; W. R. Porcher, P.M., P.P.G.R., treas.; F. Ticehurst, P.M., sec.; the Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin, chaplain; Mascie Taylor, S.D.; Bro. Powell, P.M. 900, J.D.; and Col. Ford, I.G. Among the brethren present, in addition to those named, were the Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary to the Masonic Boys' School); T. Nelson Foster, Prov. G. Treas.; J. B. Winterbotham, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Dening, W.M. 951, Prov. G.S.D.; R. Prowde Smith, P.M. 82, Prov. G.S.W.; Major-Gen. Vizard, P.M. 761, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Walker, M.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. C. Sewell, P.M. 592, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Chris. V. Childe, P.M., P.P.G.R., Bucks; G. Norman, P.M. 246, P.P.G.R.; S. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Bubb, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; G. W. Keeling, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. L. Butler, P.M. 246, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Lawrence, P.M. 246, P.P.G.J.D.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 246, P.P.G.S.W.; B. H. Dyer, W.M. 53; J. David, W.M. 702; W. Edwards, W.M. 493; F. Fenner, W.M. elect, 246; W. C. Ferris, W.M. 1005; Colonel Moutray Read; Major Logan; and Captain J. C. Griffith. It is interesting to note that this lodge was founded in the year 1753, and originally held its meetings at Burton's Coffee House, Crane's Court, Doctors' Commons, London.

LANCASHIRE, E.—LODGE OF ANTIQUITY—No. 146.—The festival of St. John was held on the 9th inst. at the Freemason's Hall, Bolton, when additional interest was attached to the meeting by the fact of his Worship (Bro. Barrett, P.M.) being installed as W.M. of the lodge. There was a large assemblage including Bro. S. Pope, Q.C., Recorder of Bolton, P.G.D. of England; Bro. J. Chadwick, of Manchester P.G., Standard Bearer of England and Pro. G.S. of East Lancashire, and a large number of Provincial officers, including Bro. A. T. Akeroyd, Prov. G.D. of C., Salop. The installing officers were Bros. Cooper, P.G. Standard Bearer; Morris, P. Prov. P.G. of Works, and Duxbury, P.G. Sword Bearer. The addresses to the brethren were given by Bros. Newton, P. Prov. G.D., and Prov. A.G.S. Cooper and Duxbury. The musical service was well rendered under the direction of Bro. Binns, organist of the lodge. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented to Bro. Johnson, on his leaving the town, a handsome gold ring and framed illuminated address for his services as an officer of the lodge. The W.M. also presented to Bro. Voce, I.P.M., a P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the brethren. Bro. Morris was elected charity representative on the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. At the subsequent banquet Bro. Pope proposed the toast of the evening, the W.M. alluding in feeling terms to the honour conferred on the Mayor by the lodge, and also the equal honour to the craft by the acceptance of the office by the chief magistrate of the borough. Other Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, and the proceedings concluded.

LINCOLNSHIRE—BOSTON.—FRANKLIN LODGE—No. 838.—The installation of Bro. C. A. Kirby, P.M., No. 712, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, as Worshipful Master of this lodge, took place in the Lodge Room at the Peacock and Royal Hotel, on the 4th inst., Bro. J. W. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., being the Installing Master. The Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Thistlethwaite, S.W.; G. H. Gregory, P.G. org., J.W.; H. Shepherd, P.P.G.J.D., treas.; J. Fergusson, P.M., sec.; W. H. Gane, S.D.; J. Lanes, J.D.; F. Claypoole, I.G.; J. W. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; C. W. Ryscale and G. Palmer, stewards; and M. Johnson, tyler. The usual banquet was largely attended.

BRIGG.—ANCHOLME LODGE—No. 1282.—The brethren held their annual meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Cary Court, when Bro. Joseph Frankish was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Fryer, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The officers invested were as follows:—Bros. C. Tillson, S.W.; Henry Spring, J.W.; J. Spring, jun., treas.; T. Clough, jun., sec.; E. Marrows, S.D.; Henry Cooper, J.D.; J. H. Cross, I.G. The Rev. A. W. Savory was appointed chaplain of the lodge.

GAINSBOROUGH.—YARBOROUGH LODGE—No. 122.—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on the 7th inst. A large number of brethren from Leeds, Hull, and other places attended. Bro. Hy. Wright was installed W.M., and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Mason, S.W.; F. J. Sowby, J.W.; Alfred Kirk, treas.; C. F. Leversidge, sec.; George Housham, D.C.; C. Shipham, S.D.; C. Greenhalgh, J.D.; Rev. C. Laing, chaplain; B. T. Adlard, org.; Sutton and Cassan, stewards; Arthur Curtis, I.G.; Scott, tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the White Hart Hotel.

BOSTON.—HARMONY LODGE—No. 272.—The Festival of St. John was celebrated on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when Bro. Charles Lucas was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing ceremony was performed by Bro. C. Pickering, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. G. B. Dickinson, S.W.; D. Stephenson, J.W.; the Rev. G. W. Lowe, P.M., P.P.G.Ch., chap.; J. Eley, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., treas.; C. Pocklington, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., sec.; H. Swinn, S.D.; H. Tyler, J.D.; J. Atkin, I.G.; J. Padley, P.M., P.P.G.Swd.B., D.C.; F. Fountain and F. Blanshard, stewards; T. Ward, tyler. The usual banquet took place at the Peacock and Royal Hotel in the evening.

SUSSEX—DERWENT LODGE, HASTINGS.—The Installation of the Rev. J. Puttick, P. Prov. G.C., as W.M. of the Derwent Lodge—No. 40—took place on Monday, the 14th inst., at Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms. The ceremony was very impressively done by the retiring W.M., Bro. Martwick, who had held that position for two years, and was, on the proposition of Bro. Norris, P. Prov. G.S.B., accorded a bar to the P.M. jewel, which was presented at the last annual meeting. Bro. Puttick invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Allen, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Rossiter, P. Prov. G.D., treasurer; Pearce, P.M., secretary; Randell, S.D.; Walmesley, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P. Prov. G.W., &c., D. of C.; Muscat, Org.; Gage, I.G.; Nicehurst, steward. Bro. Duke was elected Prov. Charity Steward. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, which was served by Bro. Boyce in excellent style. There was present, in addition to those already named—Bros. Lamborn, P.M.; Cole, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; Captain Hannah, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Russell, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; Norris, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Cooper, Jubes, Bryant, Foord, Duke, Veness, Wood, Harman, Boutey, P.M.; Edmed, Heaphy, Chance, 1184; Godward, 1090; Morrison, 916; Fletcher, 341; Anscombe, 1821; Jordan, Wm., 1184; Hughes, 1184; Fletcher, P.M., 180; Heald, P.M., 1836. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening spent. The Black Crown Glee Singers, and Bros. Russell, Rossiter, and Martwick added to the harmony of the evening by their vocal ability.

WALES—SWANSEA.—TALBOT LODGE—No. 1323.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Wind Street, on the 2nd inst. Bro. W. Raleigh Parker was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Dixon (Harbour Master) being appointed treasurer. A resolution expressive of regret of the brethren at the death of Bro. Charles Bath, one of the first officers of the lodge, was proposed by the W.M., and carried unanimously; and the secretary (Bro. Henry Davies) was directed to forward a copy, with a letter of condolence, to the widow of the deceased. The lodge room was draped in black in memory of the late brother.

YORKSHIRE—BEVERLEY.—CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE—No. 294.—The annual installation was held at the M. H., Beverley, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. W. Richardson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Tom Turner, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.Reg. The W.M. invested his officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. T. Foley, S.W.; G. Shaw, J.W.; J. Cooper, treas.; J. P. Park, M.D., P.M., chap.; J. Edgar, sec.; D. Morley, S.D.; G. Robshaw, J.D.; W. D. Blackman, P.M., orator; J. Kemp, P.M., P.P.G.S.Wks., almoner; M. M. Westerby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., charity representative; C. Goulding, P.M., P.P.G.O., org.; T. Dixon, D.C.; J. R. Lane, I.G.; J. Sugdon, P.M., and R. Pape, stewards; and J. Westoby, tyler. Amongst the other brethren of the lodge present were W. Bros. J. C. Heselton, P.M.; E. Bryan, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. The visiting brethren were W. Bro. W. Reynolds, P.M. 250, P.G., treas.; W. Bro. H. Watson, W.M. 1040; W. Bro. W. Gillett, W.M. 2134; Bros. T. S. Camidge, 236, P.P.G.O.; T. Dixon, S.W., 1040; W. Overend, J.W., 1040; A. Peat, S.W., 1605; T. B. Redfearn, S.W., 2134; W. Woodall, J.W., 2134; J. De Meilhac, 1248; and W. R. Watson and R. Smith, 1040. The annual banquet was held at the Beverley Arms Hotel, the W.M. presiding, and during the evening the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

NORTHALLERTON—ANCHOR LODGE—No. 1337.—The annual festival and installation was held at the Masonic Hall, Northallerton, on the 8th inst., when Bro. Thomas Russell, W.M.-elect, was installed W. Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. of England. The new-elected Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Bell, S.W.; A. H. Syree, J.W.; C. Waistell, P.M., treas.; G. J. Robinson, P.M., sec.; James Ward, S.D.; C. Tweedy, J.D.; G. J. Robinson, P.M.; T. Boddy, org.; C. Alexander, I.G.; J. T. Naylor, S.S.; W. S. Charlton, J.S.; E. Wilkinson, tyler. The banquet took place at the Assembly Rooms, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

MALTON—KING EDWIN CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS—No. 660.—The installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Malton, on the 8th inst., when the principals and officers for the year were installed and invested as follows, the installing officer being Comp. John Marshall, P.P.G.S., P.Z.:—E. H. Comp. J. B. Nicholls, P.P.G. St.B., M.E.Z.; E. Comp. J. Buckle, P.P.G.H., J.; E. Comp. J. Hudson, E. Comp. A. W. Walker, P.P.G.D.C., treas.; Comp. R. G. Lucas, S.E.; Comp. Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, S.N.; Comp. W. R. Metcalfe, P.S.; Comp. C. R. Stainland, 1st A.S.; Comp. W. J. Marshall, 2nd A.S.; Comp. M. F. W. Williamson, D.C.; E. Comp. J. W. Marshall, P.P.G.O., org.; Comp. John Quarry, S.B.; Comp. W. Stockdale, janitor.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

UPTON—No. 1227.—On Monday, the 14th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., Bros. J. Stroud, W.M.; S. Toye, S.W.; C. J. Free, J.W.; Fenner, Preceptor; W. Hayward, secretary; Turberfield, S.D.; F. Hill, J.D.; C. Schmidt, I.G.; Richardson, Everett and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson candidate. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner. Bro. Toye, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275—on Friday, 11th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Wicks, M.E.Z.; Moore, H.; Vincent, J.; Benedetti, S.N.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Darwin Smith, P.S.; Eckersall, Davis, Oldfield, and Eedle. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Eckersall personating candidate. Comp. G. L. Moore, H., 169, was elected M.E.Z. for next Friday.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360—On Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.—Bro. March, W.M.—Bros. Shelley, S.W.; Salter, J.W.; S. Moreman, P.M., P.S.P.; Lurney, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Cause, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M. (hon. sec.); Majee, P.M.; Wing, Rutter, Wade, Joliffe, Holmes. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rutter candidate. Charge given, and proofs of proficiency rehearsed. Bro. Rutter was unanimously elected a member. It was resolved that the Ballot for a Life Subscribership to one of the Masonic Charities be taken on the first Thursday in February. Bro. Ewen was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and meeting adjourned to Thursday, January 17th, 1889.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Hughan's Fac-simile of Engraved List of Lodges, A.D. 1734 (reviewed); *Voice of Masonry*, Chicago, for January (quoted); *Masonic Review*, Cincannati, December, 1888 (quoted); *Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis, January; *Australasian Keystone*, Melbourne, for December, 1888; *Masonic Calendar for Durham and Northumberland for* 1889; *Masonic Calendar*, 1889, *for the Province of Hertfordshire*, Edited by Bro. Geo. E. Lake, Prov. G. Sec.; *Freemasons' Journal*, New York; *Freemason and Freemason's Chronicle*, London.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

In the opinion of many Brethren the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the Brethren, whose names are subjoined, may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft universal, who, in this way, will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned Brethren have formed themselves into a Committee.

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Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th.	
23	Globe	F. M. H.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1365	Clapton	Rudolph Chmbrs., 191, Bshpsgte St., E.C.
1613	Cripplegate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
217	Stability	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
834	Andrew	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
	(3rd) FRIDAY, JANUARY 18th.	
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
143	Middlesex	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1118	University	F. M. H.
1591	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
1764	Anchor	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1962	London Rifle Brigade	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th.	
1329	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1732	King's Cross	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767	Kensington	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Rd., W.
R.A.C.		
142	St. Thomas's	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
Mark.		
251	Tenterden	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
	(3rd) MONDAY, JANUARY 21st.	
1	Grand Masters	F. M. H.
21	Emulation	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
185	Tranquility	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
720	Panmure	Balham Hot., Balham
862	Whittington	F. M. H.
901	City of London	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
907	Royal Albert	F. M. H.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1728	Temple Bar	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
2060	La France	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.		
12	Prudence	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1593	Trafalgar	Ship Hot., Greenwich
Mark.		
333	Kintore	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
361	Onslow	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(4th) TUESDAY, JANUARY 22nd.	
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
46	Old Union	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
186	Industry	Ditto
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1348	Ebury	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1441	Ivy	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C		
21	Cyrus	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1275	Star	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1365	Clapton	St. Botolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishpsgte St.
K.T.		
128	Oxford & Cambridge Univrsty	33, Golden Square, W.
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd. BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6 P.M.	
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
201	Jordan	Ditto
212	Euphrates	Holborn Rest., W.C.
754	High Cross	Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1718	Centurion	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., Victoria St., S.W.
1820	Sir Thomas White	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
R.C.		
67	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
107	Shadwell Clerke	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	(4th) THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th.	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
871	Royal Oak	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
1421	Langthorne	Angel Hot., Ilford
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1816	Victoria Park	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
1974	St. Mary Abbot's	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
538	Vane	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A.C.		
97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	28th Jan	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	6th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	19th Feb	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	12th Feb	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	11th Feb	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh	23rd Jan	Ditto
925	Bedford	21st Jan	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	20th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	22nd Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	13th Feb	Ditto
1163	Emulation	24th Jan	Ditto
1180	Forward	4th Feb	Ditto
1474	Israel	11th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	15th Feb	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater TO-MOR.,	18th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	7th Feb	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Feb	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	13th Feb	Ditto
221	St. John	18th Feb	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George	23rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	18th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony TO-DAY,	17th Jan	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	5th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	1st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	18th Feb	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	RoyalClarenceTO-MR.,	18th Jan	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	5th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Feb	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	19th Jan	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Feb	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	29th Jan	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Ditto
1947	Stanford	13th Feb	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Feb	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	5th Feb	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Feb	Ditto
326	Moira TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Ditto
610	Colston	20th Feb	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges	2nd Feb	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell	28th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort	22nd Jan	Ditto
187	Charity	7th Feb	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	13th Feb	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	14th Feb	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Feb	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	24th Jan	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	11th Feb	Red Lion Hotel
441	ThreeGrand Principles	4th Feb	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Unvsty.	5th Feb	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater TO-DAY,	17th Jan	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	23rd Jan	Ditto
859	Euclid	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	22nd Jan	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	13th Feb	Ditto
802	Repose TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	6th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ... Ap to Jy only		Ditto
1512	Hemming TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	17th Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	23rd Jan	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	6th Feb	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	1st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva TO-DAY,	17th Jan	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston TO-MOR.,	18th Jan	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	6th Feb	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Feb	M. H., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	13th Feb	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Feb	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Feb	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Feb	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	?23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	7th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	30th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	1st Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	4th Feb	Ditto
1221	Defence	11th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland TO-MOR.,	18th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	9th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	12th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	6th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior TO-DAY,	17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	6th Feb	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt TO-DY,	17th Jan	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	25th Jan	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Feb	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	21st Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	1st Feb	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	23rd Jan	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union TO-DY,	17th Jan	Ditto
216	Harmonic	14th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	12th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	7th Feb	Ditto
292	Sincerity	11th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire	24th Jan	Ditto
667	Alliance	19th Feb	Ditto
673	St. John	5th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	1st Feb	Ditto
724	Derby	23rd Jan	Ditto
786	United Service ...	14th Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	20th Feb	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	13th Feb	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edinbgh. ...	14th Feb	Ditto
1264	Neptune	4th Feb	Ditto
1299	Pembroke TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Feb	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	13th Feb	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer TO-DAY,	17th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	21st Jan	Ditto
1505	Emulation	24th Jan	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	13th Feb	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Feb	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	22nd Jan	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	6th Feb	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	22nd Jan	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	6th Feb	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	21st Jan	Ditto
2215	Anfield	24th Jan	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	28th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	21st Jan	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	5th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship	28th Jan	Ditto
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Ditto
292	Liverpool	24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's	13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	22nd Jan	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer	7th Mar	Ditto
1502	Israel	12th Feb	Ditto

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social	28th Jan	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	18th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	30th Jan	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability	7th Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair	8th Feb	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	24th Jan	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	6th Feb	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	4th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	19th Feb	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	14th Feb	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	4th Feb	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	30th Jan	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	14th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Feb	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	21st Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	30th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	8th Feb	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	2nd Feb	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	23rd Jan	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MR.,	18th Jan	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	4th Feb	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	5th Feb	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Feb	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	11th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	25th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Ditto
317	Affability	21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	15th Feb	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	7th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	11th Feb	Ditto
541	De Loraine TO-MOR.,	18th Jan	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	24th Jan	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	8th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	25th Jan	Ditto
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	5th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne TO-DY,	17th Jan	Ditto
406	De Sussex	8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	19th Feb	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	6th Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Feb	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	25th Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	5th Feb	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Feb	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Feb	Ditto
807	Cabbell	31st Jan	Ditto
943	Sincerity	22nd Jan	Ditto
1500	Walpole	7th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	5th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	1st Feb	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	25th Jan	Ditto
1794	De Vere TO-MOR.,	18th Jan	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	21st Jan	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland...	*24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	*28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	5th Feb	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	5th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	11th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	4th Feb	Ditto
159	Brunswick	6th Feb	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	11th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	24th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	17th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	22nd Jan	Ditto
1205	Metham	21st Jan	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	14th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	21st Jan	Ditto
1550	Prudence	2nd Feb	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Feb	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	22nd Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	20th Feb	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	25th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	23rd Jan	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	14th Feb	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Feb	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	8th Feb	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	22nd Jan	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	21st Jan	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	13th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	14th Feb	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Feb	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Feb	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	29th Jan	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards (consecrated 21 July)	24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Feb	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	21st Jan	Ditto
394	Southampton TO-DAY,	17th Jan	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	25th Jan	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	7th Feb	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony...	1st Feb	Ditto
394	Concord	24th Jan	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	12th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	6th Feb	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	14th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick TO-MOR.,	18th Jan	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	25th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	*21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (3rd) THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th.			
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
27	Egyptian	„	7.30	(?)
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear. High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales	„	7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
435	Salisbury	„	8	(?)
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart. Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whitshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd. Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Malda Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, JANUARY 18th.			
9	Albion	at	—	*Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.*
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
733	Westbourne	„	8	(?)
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„	7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ho., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1624	Eccleston	„	7	(?)
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(3rd) MONDAY, JANUARY 21st.			
22	Loughborough	at	8	*Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.*
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	*Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.*
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	(3rd) MONDAY, JANUARY 21st—*continued.*			
1507	Metropolitan	at	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C				
206	Hope	„	—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(4th) TUESDAY, JANUARY 22nd.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Coned.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Malda Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury	„	—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Faling.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(4th) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd.			
3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
186	Industry	„	8.30	(?)
193	Confidence	„	7	(?)
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooton Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(4th) THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th.

Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in January *(see ante)*.

*** *The Editor will be greatly obliged for any information the Secretaries of the various Lodges may be pleased to send to him.*

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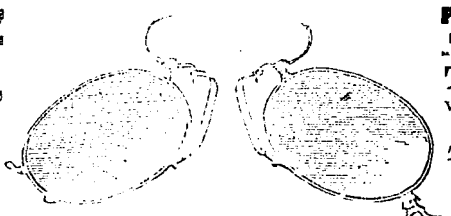
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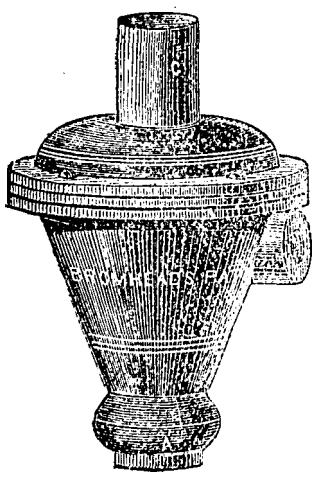
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Masonic Criticism.

INDICATIONS are not wanting that the correspondence which we have thought it our duty, as well as privilege, to insert in the columns of THE MASONIC STAR is not altogether of a satisfactory nature to certain of our brethren and their through-thick-and-thin supporters. Probably, in the dissatisfaction expressed, the remarks we have ourselves made may have a share. However that may be, we desire, more especially on behalf of those who seek our aid than of ourselves, that neither they nor we shall be misrepresented in reference to the efforts now being made to secure some amount of reform in the management of our respective Institutions, and a more full and explicit explanation of what is at present not understood. We know the brethren who are taking action, and can assure our readers that amongst them are some of the best friends and supporters of our charitable institutions; supporters of the past, and even now and whilst promulgating their objections to management, striving mightily to secure for the present and future an equal amount of monetary aid for them. It is suggested that their action, characterised as "ignorant" and "silly," is taken at a time when injury must of consequence ensue, and the forthcoming festival of one of the charities suffer in respect of donations and subscriptions. We differ altogether from this suggestion, and believe that the stewards' lists will respectively be not "a penny the worse" because it is known that certain inquiries are being made and are to be continued until the sought-for reform becomes an accomplished fact. As to the period of time chosen by our correspondents, and to which objection has been taken, it would be interesting to know what other could have been selected as quite unobjectionable to those most concerned in the issues of the current controversy.

Our present purpose has not in view any expression of opinion as to the good or bad management of the Institutions; that is in reserve. Our object is to defend, to the utmost of our power, those who use our columns for the purpose of calling attention to the abuses connected therewith; and to resent the application to them of epithets which we have no doubt they treat with contempt, but which we choose to denounce as falsely applied to men and masons in every respect the equals in wisdom and ability of their censors. It has been our lot, not seldom either, in past years, to be in like manner "suppressed" by the writers of "inspired articles," and have felt the need of that championship which we to-day have the gratification of offering to our own correspondents. The day for unchallenged "inspired articles" in the English Masonic press has passed away, let us hope, for ever! If, however, it be not so, the fault will rest with that portion of the general body of the craft who prefer subserviency to independence:—

> "Who would be free,
> Themselves must strike the blow!"

To write in comment upon a matter of public interest—for this suggested mismanagement is spoken of in other than masonic circles — that certain correspondents "having no opinion of their own *worth mentioning* (italics are ours) are silly enough to accept whatever the critics may choose to say;" that they are "stupid," "careless," "ignorant," &c., &c., may be, perhaps, considered by the writer, presuming upon the *ægis* of supposed authority spread over him, and the exercise of a prerogative which does not exist, very smart; but there has been too much of that style of "inspiration" lately, and we do not hesitate to say it is unworthy of any publication which should seek to lead opinion by fair, temperate and courteous argument to make use of such expressions. We are tempted to ask, and we do ask, in the words of our great poet: "Upon what meat doth this our Cæsar feed, that he is grown so great" that his dictation is to be taken as the only course proper to be adopted by the general body of the craft, and that he should insult those who call attention to matters of widespread interest by such a remark as that they "make grumbling about everything and everybody the be-all and the end-all of their existence"? Vituperative assertion is not argument.

It is a pity for the managers of the Institutions themselves that they are not championed after a different fashion, for the inevitable result of such pitiful railing is

to sour the tempers and increase the determination of those to whom the "inspired" author takes objection. The best answer they could make to those who claim to have the right to object, and do object in the manner they choose, "in the open" and not behind closed doors, is to admit that much of what has been stated, if not the whole, is worthy of their consideration; that the same shall be considered; and that they take the very earliest opportunity to consider accordingly. There would be some sense in that; and those whom the managements and the "inspired author" now think are inimical to them and the Institutions, but are not, would be neither silly nor ignorant, nor careless enough to prejudge or prejudice the inquiry which, under any circumstances, is certain to follow the present agitation.

Meanwhile, and until our correspondents are satisfied that their representations will have attention and consideration, our pages will remain open to all such as will do their best to eschew the epithets of the "inspired" author, and to state their views in that temperate, prudent, firm and just manner which becometh those who know what is meant by "the length of a, Mason's cable-tow."

MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL

IN AID OF THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The 40th annual grand Masonic Festival and Ball at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 15th inst., was, in every sense, worthy of the brotherhood and the charity in whose interests it took place. The gathering was rendered especially picturesque by the striking variety of masonic clothing, insignia, and jewels worn by those representatives of the "mystic order" who were present; and, as the "uninitiated" were, as usual, also admitted without question, the assembly proved one of the most brilliant and successful of the series. The patronage was distinguished, but unfortunately very few of the ladies, noblemen, and gentlemen who gave the colour of their names to the charitable enterprise made their appearance. The exceptions were Bro. E. H. Cookson, Mayor of Liverpool, and Bro. C. Wells, Mayor of Bootle. The former, with Mrs. Henry Cookson as his fair assistant, received the visitors to the ball in his usually courteous manner. With Bro. Lord Lathom, P.G.M., as president (who was not present), the following committee carried out the arrangements for the gathering with singular success:—Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, P.S.G.W., chairman; Bro. J. H. Tyson, P.M. 1182, vice-chairman; Bro. R. H. Leake, J.W. 1547, treasurer; and Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C., master of ceremonies. The onerous duties of honorary secretary could not have been better fulfilled than they were by Bro. T. A. Withey, P.M. 1299, to whom much of the success of the pleasant assembly was due. A band of stewards, numbering 120, was skilfully conducted by Bro. T. Jarman, S.W. 1325, and the comfort of something like 700 patrons was greatly promoted by their efforts. Special mention is merited by the generosity of Bro. J. De Bels Adam, who presented the stewards' badges—a gift from which the funds of the "West Lancashire" will greatly benefit. Bro. Thomas Wood, Bold Street, was the caterer, and once more he proved a premier purveyor. Bro. Collinson's band supplied the music. The honorary secretary, Bro. Withey, stated that the donations to the festival fund for this year amount to a very considerable sum, and it will be interesting to the brethren to know that the latest on the list was one of ten guineas by the late Bro. J. Cobham.

We are indebted to the *Liverpool Mercury* for the above particulars, as also for the following interesting information respecting what it is pleased to term "a noble charity":—The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—original in its conception, unique in its government and management, and singularly successful in the field of charity which it has occupied with so much effectiveness. While the majority of other masonic institutions of a similar nature are carried on at considerable cost, it is the justly proud boast of those brethren who have the interests of the "West Lancashire" so much at heart that not one farthing of the money so freely bestowed by the numerous lodges in the provinces—nearly 90 in number—goes for official expenses, the whole of the work being carried on voluntarily, as well as enthusiastically and successfully, as the results clearly demonstrate. That success continues to crown the efforts of those brethren who have thus so self-sacrificingly taken upon themselves the duty of making the institution a pattern to all the world, is shown by the figures to hand with regard to the working of 1888. From these it appears that no fewer than 206 children had received a good education and grants for advancement in life; and 19 children were in receipt of the benefits of what is known as the "combined fund"—a recently-developed feature of the charity, comprising education and entire maintenance. In addition to these leading lines of the institution's foundation, two presentations for 21 years to well-known educational institutions were purchased in 1888 at a cost of £700. The charge attaching to these most benevolent schemes last year was about £2,850, while the annual subscriptions and donations only reached the sum of about £800, against £1,450 in Jubilee year, when a special effort was made. It should be mentioned in this connection that there is at present a reserve fund of something like £20,000. So far, there has never been a contested election in connection with the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and the committee express a fervent hope that this contingency may be long delayed—a result not likely to occur if the brethren of the province continue general liberal support to their pet institution.

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(see page 304.)

WE thus have here a departure, or, more properly speaking, an advance, on the original belief in a purely monod God. We now have a recognition of a triune God. The Ritual of Metropolitan working recognises this as fully as do other Rituals. It is stated that the triple T denotes His triune essence. We have already shown that one of the persons, the second, in the Royal Arch Trinity is the Word—the Son.

In the Grand Lodge of England there is a roll of parchment dated "Anno Domini 1183." Brother Hughan says this "is evidently a mistake of the copyist, and most likely was intended to be A.D. 1583, as that is about the period when it was written." On the back is written, at some date later than that of the MS. itself—

"In the beginning was the word
And the word was with God
And the word was God
Whose sacred and universal law
I will endeavour to observe
So help me God."

"The opening of the Chapter is the business of the Three Principals, *who are severally three Masters, and conjointly only one;* and they, by a series of rites known to themselves alone, commenced this important duty at the original establishment of the Order, by each repeating one of the three clauses in the first verse of the first Chapter of St. John, and then conjointly the whole verse. We ourselves, who occupied all the offices in a Chapter before the Union, speak from experience when we affirm that such was the formula at that period (*i.e.* 1813), although the passage has been since expunged."*

Despite this exposition (which it never should have been necessary for us to give), we find teachers offering explanations that the word discovered was no more than the Ritual states, forgetting that the Ritual is admittedly merely allegorical wherever possible. The discovery thus resolves itself into the finding of a batch of seven letters forming a supposed name of God, which there is some reason to believe has no real significancy at all, beyond that, in its combinations, the Christianity of the Degree is evidenced. This mere word might, for all illustrative purposes, have just as well been any one of half a dozen other words. If no other teaching underlies the Degree than that a name to conjure with had been revealed, the Kabbala would furnish equally important words. The word "Temura," intimating that a transposition was desirable, would be more appropriate.

We have, in fact, with the Royal Arch Degree, one of the greatest possible anomalies firmly established in the minds of some brethren, who, whilst perfectly ready to apply a symbolical meaning to everything else in Masonry, are prepared to treat the supposed recovery of the lost word as a veritable discovery of a name highly important in itself, but not symbolical in its nature. That this view is entertained in India we know. Neither do we see how, if no Christian interpretation is allowed to the word restored to mankind, any other than a Kabbalistic view can be entertained. With a Jewish exposition we have no concern—we have no desire to interfere with it; its operation can only be a Jewish one, and given a Royal Arch Chapter composed of Jews only, such a modification of our Ritual would be very appropriate.

Since writing the foregoing we have been kindly furnished, by a valued Parsee brother, with copies of the Rituals commonly used in Bombay, both in Lodges and Chapters.

In this Ritual of initiation Christ is spoken of as "*our Saviour*," and the Christian parallels in the Fifth Section of the First Lecture are also referred to. This, whilst correct according to our views, is somewhat astonishing. That these references should be made in Lodges which place all sacred volumes on an equality is hardly consistent. With mixed feelings of pleasure and discontent we turned to the Ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, that which is the culmination of the previous Degrees. With a full recognition of Christianity in the lower Degrees, we could only expect to find that, in the complement, this principle would be enlarged upon. To our bewilderment and positive dismay, we find a reversion to the earlier religion.

The Royal Arch Degree is thus described, in the Ritual before us, as being "in its strictest sense a Jewish Lodge, or at all events acceptable at all times to our Jewish brethren." This, indeed, is a pretty confusion. Here we have a Masonic system, or what purports to be some part of a system, recognising Jesus Christ as the Saviour of Mankind in its lower degrees, and, in its completion considering the "word," once again made manifest to mankind as some real or assumed Hebrew name of God! Thus the perfection of a Christian system culminates in the adoption of Hebrew dogma which rejects all the former belief! A long residence in India has certainly tended to make us think that a Mason is never properly consistent unless he indulges in a certain amount of inconsistency, but we admit being somewhat staggered with this last instance. we are aware that some brethren are sufficiently callous to pass over even such a confusion of thought, as that of which we have adduced evidence, without notice; but unless Freemasonry is to be classed as utter tomfoolery, it is time attention were drawn to Masonic principles.

In speaking of our ceremonies, Hutchinson said, "Our lights are typical of the Holy Trinity."† This was at least Masonic teaching in 1775.

* Oliver's "Masonic Jurisprudence," p. 330.

† Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry," 1st edition, 1775, p. 119.

(*To be continued*).

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

FREEMASONRY.

F ull of kindly thought and feeling,
R ich in sympathy and love,
E ver willing to befriend,
E arnest of the life above;
M asons Free are Masons true,
A rchitects with noble aim,
S triving oft to help a brother,
O r protect his name and fame;
N ear and far its praises waft,
R ight gladly welcome—everywhere—
Y oemen of this glorious craft.

T. BOWDEN GREEN, 158.

THE LATE REV. BRO. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

By BRO. GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL,
Author of *A Hundred Masonic Sonnets, &c.*

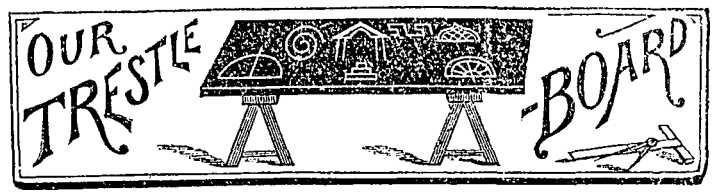
GREAT loss is ours; but death is gain to him,
So we must not complain, seeing we know
How wisely well he labour'd here below,
And now has gone to join the seraphim—
Continuing the service he began
And followed through long years, for he was one
Who through an active life e'er look'd upon
His Master's work, and love towards fellow-man.
As link'd together quite inseparable:
Hence his whole soul revell'd in Masonry,
For which he labour'd most incessantly,
Using both tongue and pen through life so well
That every reading Mason knows the name
Of WOODFORD with the Craft is sure of lasting fame.

Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Yorkshire.

LODGE OF TEMPERANCE, No. 169.

The Installation Meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, on Thursday last, the 17th inst. Amongst the brethren present during the evening were: the W.M., Bro. J. G. Dale—Bros. Jackson, S.W. and W.M. Elect; Davies, J.W.; Bolton, P.M., Treas.; Neeld, P.M., Sec.; Burney, S.D.; Strickland, J.D.; Geo. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Chatterton, Org.; Gaze, I.G.; Moore, P.M., Steward; Rosenstock, P.M.; Harding, P.M.; Pulley, P.M.; Sanderson, P.M.; Welton, P.M.; Gaze, P.M.; Waller, P.M.; Skudder, P.M.; Moss, P.M.; Monk, P.M.; Winne, Johnson, Cracknell, Wilson, Holmes, Reynolds, Kefford, Vellenaweth, Mawbray, E. W. Carpenter, Tyler, Holst, M. L. Carpenter, Bear, &c., &c., and visitors: Bros. Hutchins, P.M. 147; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; Williams, P.M. 147; Judge, W.M. 1179; Milbourn, P.M. 13; Page, 2012; Minns. 1932; Roberts, P.M. 79; Speight, P.M. and Sec., 147; Carter, P.M. 382; Bell, 1319; and Walter Martin, P.M. 829.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Robert Jackson was presented and according to ancient custom duly installed W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bros. Dale and Bolton, P.M. in a board of 22 installed Masters. The brethren below the chair were then admitted and the usual greetings and salutations were accorded. The respective Lodges of M.M. and F.C. were closed (not resumed) and the following brethren were then invested as officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. Davies, S.W.; Burney, J.W.; Bolton, P.M., Treas.; Neeld, P.M. Sec.; Strickland, S.D.; Gaze, J.D.; George Brown, P.M., D.C.; Geo. L. Moore, P.M., Steward; Chatterton, Org.; Cracknell, I.G.; and Goddard, Tyler. Bro. Skudder, P.M., completed the business of installation by a very able delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens and brethren. A proposition by Bro. Bolton, P.M., that a sum of twenty guineas be given as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was seconded by Bro. Skudder, P.M., and carried. The W.M., Bro. Jackson, having undertaken to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival, this amount was ordered to be placed on his list, which was further supplemented during the evening by donations to the extent of 50 guineas. Bro Dale was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel on the successful termination of his year of office. An elegant banquet followed the labours of the Lodge at which the W.M. very ably presided. At his request and to facilitate the full enjoyment of a capital programme of music, speeches were of the briefest, the company generally feeling better disposed towards the entertainment afforded by Bros. Carter, Bell, Reynolds, Frank Page, Beckwith, Skudder and Moore, under the skilful conduct of Bro. E. Chatterton, the Organist of the Lodge, than to lengthy introductions of toasts and of responses thereto. We should be doing injustice to Bro. Gore, P.M. 829, if we did not here make mention of his admirable recital of Bro. G. R. Sims' touching poem, "The Lifeboat." It was excellently well delivered and much applauded. Thus, in the performance of good masonic labour, the practice of "balm bestowing" charity, social good fellowship and delightful harmony, a pleasant and profitable evening was spent, and Temperance Lodge, No. 169, commenced what we hope and anticipate will be a fruitful year of work beneficial to itself and the craft at large.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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At the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to be held to-morrow, Friday, the 25th inst., at 4 p.m., at the Freemason's Hall, London, the following notices of motion are to be considered:—(1.) By Bro. W. H. Saunders, L.G.—"That Law No. 53 be suspended during the next April Election for the purpose of admitting Harold Gray as a candidate at such election"; (2.) By W. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, L.G.—"That the laws of the institution be referred for revision and correction to a Committee, whose recommendations shall be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on the 26th April next, or to a Special General Court to be convened in accordance with Law 31." A recommendation from the General Committee—"That 17 boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, 26th April, 1889, from an approved list of 72 candidates, subject to the decision of the Court on two cases in addition deferred for final consideration," will be submitted for adoption.

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On Saturday, at 12 noon, at the same place, the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held, and the following notices of motion by Bro. C. J. Percival, V. Pres., will be considered:—(1.) To amend Law 55 as follows—"That a girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member to some lodge for seven years, but should death, or permanent incapacity occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some lodge"; (2.) "That any candidate whose petition may be approved by the General Committee before this amendment of Law 55 may be confirmed, shall not be affected thereby."

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We gave the "Old Masonians" a "look in" at their smoking concert at Anderton's Hotel on Friday last, and were very pleased to notice the smart and gentlemanly appearance of the large number of former pupils at "Our Boys'" School, and the orderly manner in which the proceedings were conducted. We spent a very pleasant hour with them, and we cordially recommend others of our brethren to do, when opportunity affords, what we did on the 18th inst., smoke a cigar and take a "grog" with them. Mr. Alfred Watkins, the hon. secretary, occupied the chair, and in the course of the evening informed us that at all times brethren who took an interest in the "dear old school" would be heartily welcomed. We shall be glad to hear that our suggestion bears fruit. Their next social meeting is fixed for the 15th prox., and we will give a reminder in our notifications previous to that date.

MIDDLESEX—UXBRIDGE—ROYAL UNION LODGE—No. 382—(the oldest lodge in the Province).—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge took place on the 21st inst. at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at which were present:—Bros. Taplin, W.M.; T. Brooks, S.W.; A. Fleming, J.W.; Aikin, S.D.; J. A. Carter, J.D.; C. Mead, I.G.; Reid, std., Duffin, tyler. Bros. G Fehrenbach, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., treas.; J. Lonsdale, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; H. W. Nicholson, P.M., sec.; also Bros. Cotton, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; Hall, P.M.; Rowles, P.M.; and about 30 other brethren and visitors. The auditors' report having been received and adopted, Bros. Mercer, Hall, Chappell, Mercer and Pearce were raised to the degree of Master Mason in a most able manner. Votes of thanks were accorded to the secretary, treasurer and auditors. Bro. Cotton, P.M., was elected treasurer; Duffin, tyler, and Bro. Dharty a joining member, and the names of five candidates for initiation were given in. The S.W., Bro. T. Brooks, was unanimously elected W.M. In the course of returning thanks for this honour, Bro. Brooks said that he had taken and did take great interest in the Craft, amongst other things he was a reading mason, and alluding to the method pursued in many lodges of resuming from and not closing lodges which have been opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, pointed out that this was undoubtedly wrong; the master had no such power, and no authority existed in support of it. A proper orthodox formula existed for opening and closing, and one ought to be as strictly observed as the other. He informed the brethren that during his year of office he should certainly close his lodge in the three degrees and not resume it. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Taplin, and a Past Treasurer's jewel to Bro. Fehrenbach, P.M. The proceedings, which lasted nearly four hours, having terminated, lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. It was stated in the course of the evening that 10 guineas had been, during the past year, sent to each of our charities. A good example, this for others to follow. The installation meeting takes place on the 3rd Monday in March.

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I have read with a certain amount of painful interest the correspondence which has during the last few weeks appeared in your paper and in the *Freemason's Chronicle* anent matters relating to our charities, and am very surprised that not one single word of explanation has in any sort or shape been vouchsafed by those in authority who could explain if everything is as it should be, or directly deny them, if the various statements are incorrect.

As you apparently have, amongst other things, placed a portion of your space at the disposal of those desirous of ventilating grievances and abuses connected with the present management of our several masonic charities, I now venture to address you on the subject, leaving it of course to you whether you will publish or suppress this letter. The question I have hereunder propounded can be answered in the very briefest manner and is, I think, one which cannot possibly be ignored by the executive: if, on the contrary, no answer should be immediately forthcoming, the craft generally will be able to form their own opinions on the subject, which I fancy will not be of a very favourable nature. My question is this. Is the whole of the amount represented in the stewards' lists (Girls' Schools) for 1887 yet paid in? I have reason to believe not only that it has *not*, but that proxies have been *issued and utilised, for votes in respect of sums remaining to this day unpaid.*

If this rumour is incorrect, it is easy to deny it. If correct, all details should be at once forthcoming. I will not clog my question by comment; I simply ask, and pause for a reply—YES or NO. Should none be forthcoming I will again address you, sir, on the subject, and probably ask you to promulgate certain further details connected with our Masonic Institutions.

Yours fraternally,
January 21st, 1889. QUIDNUNC.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I am pleased to see that you have taken up the subject of the Masonic Charities, and have opened your columns to a discussion on the matter. I trust the question will not be allowed to drop until an enquiry has been instituted into the management and expenditure of the R.M.B. Institution and the Girls' School, the same as has recently taken place with regard to the Boys' School, and which, if rumour be correct, will produce some useful reforms in the working of that institution.

In the meantime, I would suggest that stewards and treasurers of associations who are *collecting* subscriptions for the first of these institutions should pay them to the secretary, and insist upon having his receipt, and his only, and thus give those for whose benefit the money is subscribed the full benefit of it. By this means I am satisfied enough would be saved annually, by the non-payment of commission, to provide for several additional old people. Time will not permit of my referring to some of the items in the statement of expenditure. Many would like to know how the sum of £3 per week is incurred for provincial expenses, and for what purpose, and I will ask you to give me another opportunity of saying a few words on that subject. Yours truly and fraternally,

TREASURER.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

It will be my duty to instal my successor into the chair of K.S. very shortly. Can you tell me if there has been any edict from Grand Lodge lately about the Installation Ceremony? I was a visitor this week at an installation, and found the ceremony very much curtailed. I came back by train with secretary, who had that evening been made J.W., and he told me he had received a communication from Grand Lodge, and amongst other items was one about the ceremony, but not being a P.M. he could not give me any information about it. Sitting next to a brother, I was told that at the installation at his lodge a short time ago the D.P.G.M. was present, and informed the W.M. that he must not open a lodge of Installed Masters in due form, but simply declare it opened or duly constituted. In my lodge it has been the custom to open it properly; is this right or wrong? the D.P.G.M. stating that should the W.M. do so he should have no course open but to demand the chair. If you would favour me with information through your pages I should be greatly obliged. I have not mentioned any names, and I am sure you will think I am wise in not doing so. Anything in MASONIC STAR to W.M. will be recognised. Thanking you in anticipation, I am, Wor. Sir and Bro.,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
18th January, 1889. W.M.

*** *We will answer this next week.—Ed. M. S.*

THE THREE LESSER LIGHTS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Unlike yourself I have on two or three occasions visited lodges where these "lights" have neither "been illuminated" nor "in position." Not long ago, visiting a lodge in the country, I noticed these lights were absent, and remarked upon the fact to a P.M. of the lodge. He informed me that they never used them, the light from the gas being sufficient for all purposes! This is a fact, and the answer, as you may suppose, caused me some amusement. It was a case evidently for "more light." After lodge an argument arose on the subject between several members present and myself, when I was ultimately informed that there was a great difference between North of England working and that of London. Truly, what I saw that evening convinced me of the fact, at least as to that particular lodge. Therefore, for the good of Freemasonry in general and your readers in particular, will you oblige by searching for and communicating the information offered, on the point raised by "Corinthian." You may rely upon its being thankfully received and faithfully remembered by at least Yours truly and fraternally,
14th January, 1889. DORIC.

*** *We have made the promised search but have not so far been fortunate in again finding the decision alluded to in our reply to Corinthian at page 307. We think it was contained in a report of proceedings of a stated meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indiana (U.S.A.) We will make further search "should time permit."*—ED. M.S.

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Highly appreciating the talent displayed by Brother Woods in his lucid letters, it will afford me the utmost pleasure to make his acquaintance, believing him a valuable acquisition to a Total Abstinence Lodge.

As a 50 years' abstainer and an old P.M., I am reminded of my solemn pledge as well as my sacred obligation as a mason, wherein I engaged like others, Bro. Woods no doubt included, not only to abstain myself but to do my utmost to induce others to do so, and I feel that if I countenance the drink I compromise my honour, and to attempt to condemn one who advocates the principles I profess would justly expose me as a rank hypocrite.

I feel thankful for the introduction of such a paper as the MASONIC STAR, in the courtesy of whose Editor I have confidence, and as a 40 years' correspondent to the press, I am proud to find, amid the disposition to stop correspondence and gag the press on matters of reform, that the columns of your paper are so open to diffuse the light of truth on matters affecting the interests of the Craft.

Brother Green is right in recommending thrift and providence, and I appeal with the greatest solemnity to my brethren, "Is it a fact that the public-house does no harm to masonry? and that there are no such suitable places to be secured? and further, that if held at private places hundreds of lodges would be closed?"

No harm to Masonry! Are they any good to it? Do they make men better husbands and fathers? Do they improve the circumstances of brethren? make them more loyal or patriotic?

One says there are no other suitable places. What? No school rooms? No private houses? No; where there is no inclination to find them. Where there is a will, there is a way!

There is enough money in subscriptions and the charity funds paid in, that but for drink none in the Craft need want, and yet, with all the liberality of the rich and the readiness to help by employment and patronage in various ways, this curse is still causing a burden so great that Bro. Terry says never were funds more needed.

Shall it be admitted that we cannot carry on Masonry without the drink? then we must admit it a failure!

Based on purest piety and virtue, if we are true to ourselves and to God, if the drink is swept away there will be less ruined brethren! less fatherless and widows made to mourn! less applicants for the charities! Masonry Grand! Glorious! and Free! will

have a lustre bright as the sun, fair as the moon, spread like the vine, and be a benefactor to mankind, and

Like some grand rock, majestic in its form,
Has stood the shocks of time, braving every storm;
When tempests toss, presents a greater grace,
Remains unmoved and shows a smiling face!

A P.M.

*** *We insert the above letter on the principle "audi alteram partem." There may be much to say as well for as, probably, against our correspondent's argument, and the difference which exists between use and abuse.*—ED. M.S.

PAST MASTERS' COLLARS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Please state in your next issue what rule pertains as to a Past Master wearing the new corded collar in his own Lodge or in any Lodge he may visit, as no rule is laid down in the last Book of Constitutions? Yours fraternally,

W. S.

[*** *There has been an additional rule made in Book of Constitutions, 1884 edition, viz.:—Rule* 306A, *which reads:—*

"Past Masters of Private Lodges, so long as they continue to subscribe to some Lodge, shall be entitled to wear, on all occasions when Craft clothing may be worn, collars of light blue ribbon, four inches broad, with silver braid a quarter of an inch wide in the centre."—*Ed. M.S.*]

ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.

We had prepared a foot-note to the letter of "J. C. H." in our last week's number, but it was inadvertently omitted. Here it is:—

*** *The Secretaries of the respective Institutions can best inform you as to what is done in respect of the votes you refer to. You should apply to them, and let us know the result.*—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

PROVINCIAL.—Our correspondent, P.M., desires us to thank you for the offer to send him a copy of "last local report and statement," and will be much obliged if you will forward it to our care for him.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The fifteen sections will be worked in the following lodges of instruction, viz.:—

RAVENSBOURNE, No. 1601, at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E., on Wednesday, 13th February, at 7 p.m. Bro. C. Atkins, Sec.

CAMDEN, No. 704, at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, S.E., on Tuesday, 26th February.

LEOPOLD, No. 1571, at the Blackwall Hotel, London Street, Fenchurch Street, on Thursday next, 31st inst., Bros. E. C. Talbot, 65 and 1310, W.M.; W. Martin, P.M. 879, S.W., and J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 13, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, and Colley, J.D. 1571, Hon. Sec.

UPTON, No. 1227, on Monday, the 4th February, 1889, at Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., at 7 p.m.

——The Stoke Newington Cricket Club, with which several members of the craft are connected, will give a third Annual Concert at the Assembly Rooms, Defoe Road, Stoke Newington, on Thursday the 14th prox. Amongst the Artistes engaged we note the names of Miss Susetta Fenn, an established favourite at many of our "refreshment" meetings, and Bro. Robert J. Harris, a clever bass singer.

——The annual (Cinderella) ball of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, will take place at Cannon Street Hotel, to-morrow, January 25th.

——The installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, W. Bro. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., W.M., will be held in the Great Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, on the 12th prox., when Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefields, K.C.B., D.C.L., W.M. Elect, will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

——On the 1st February the "Old Masonians" will entertain members and friends at a "Cinderella," at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., commencing at 7 30 p.m.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The first lodge under the auspices of the lately formed United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was opened at the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, on the 30th November last. The lodge is styled auspiciously Lodge Arcadia, and the success of the opening augurs well for the future. A goodly number of brethren were present. In the absence of the Most Worshipful the Pro. Grand Master, Dr. Tarrant, W. Bro. M'Lachlan, Grand Senior Warden, presided at the opening. The Dedication ceremony was performed by W. Bro. Bray, and the various officers were installed by the M.W. Bro. J. Hunt, as follows:—Bros. John Paige Dale, W.M.; S. E. Jacobs, S.W.; W. H. Carroll, J.W.; Cortis, Treas.; J. W. Holliman, Sec.; J. B. Beauregard, S.D.; J. M'Garvey, J.D.; Allen, I.G.; Hellyer and Drake, Stewards; and Morgan, Tyler. After the ceremony a banquet was held, and a very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Masonic Record of Western India, December, 1888; *Minutes of Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab*, September and October, 1888 (notice next week).—*Texas Siftings Afloat, or the Log of the Yacht Champlain* (shall be noticed).—*The South African Freemason*, December 4th and 11th.



THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P.,

First Lord of the Admiralty, and Worshipful Master of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.—(Installed 14th inst).

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The particulars of the installation of W. Bro. Lord George Hamilton appeared in our last issue. We have only now to add that this prosperous lodge, founded by, amongst others, Bro George Everett, a present candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, five years ago, now numbers about seventy members, and has contributed to the Masonic Charities during its brief existence £600 by its various stewards, an example worthy of imitation by each and all Craft Lodges. For the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, W. Bro. Gardner, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge is a Steward, and his list has been started with no less a sum than 200 guineas, the greater portion of which was subscribed on the occasion of Lord George Hamilton's Installation.

THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND,

BRO. THE EARL OF ONSLOW.

On Monday, the 21st inst. a complimentary dinner was given at Limmer's Hotel, Hanover Square, to the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., on his appointment as Governor of New Zealand. The dinner was given by the Onslow Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 361, of which lodge he was the first Worshipful Master. His lordship, who takes a great interest in Freemasonry, was appointed Grand Senior Warden in United Grand Lodge of England in 1880, Prince John of Glucksburg having that rank conferred upon him at the same time; and in other degrees the Earl of Onslow has always taken a prominent part. Previously to the dinner the lodge held its regular January meeting at the hall of the Supreme Council 33°, 33, Golden Square, at which the Earl of Euston, the Master of the Lodge, presided, and performed the ceremony of advancement to the Mark degree in admirable style, the candidate being Bro. W. R. Macauley. At the dinner also the Earl of Euston presided, having the Earl of Onslow on his right, and Bros. L. G. Gordon Robbins, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and A. Bott Cook on his left. The company comprised Bros. Sir Lionel Darell, Hyde Clarke, Colonel A. H. Bircham, Major J. H. L. Craigie, the Rev. G. N Palmer, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, J. Inglis, R. Loveland Loveland, the Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, S. Green, G. Farwell Jones, C. F. Matier, and Reginald J. Mure.

The Earl of Euston, in giving the toast of the evening—"The Earl of Onslow"—said that as Lord Onslow had marked well in the past in everything he had taken up, in every office he had held, so, as Her Majesty's representative in New Zealand, he would leave his mark there, and God prosper him in everything he did!

The Earl of Onslow, in responding, said the Onslow Lodge had already paid him the greatest honour a lodge could pay by calling it after his name. A great change had come over the spirit of Freemasonry in Australasia. It was not long ago that, for the first time, the Australasian Colonies proposed to establish a Grand Lodge and a Grand Master of their own, and he believed it would be for the greatest usefulness of Freemasonry in Australasia that they should be self-sustained and cohesive. The Prince of Wales, who fully appreciated these matters, had not hesitated to declare that a closer union of hearts should be brought about by acknowledging such a Grand Lodge. Wherever he might go he had this consolation, that he should always meet warm Masonic hearts who were willing to work with him, to set aside all distinctions and differences in the one bond of Freemasonry, and he should not easily forget those words he had heard pronounced by the Worshipful Master that, wherever they might be, they would always find among Mark Masons true friends.

Mr. Wilhelm Ganz, in the course of the evening, played "Home, Sweet Home," and after the Tyler's toast the brethren sang "Auld Lang Syne."

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

Evenings Abroad.

"SWEET CINDERELLA" AT THE GRAND THEATRE.

If the run of the pantomime last year had not been, unfortunately for lessee, author, actresses and actors alike, brought to a disastrous end almost immediately after it started, I believe it would have proved the most remunerative production ever seen at this house. This year Mr. Wilmot's sixth pantomime is even better than his ill-fated fifth, and it promises to bring good fortune to the new house which, to use a term very seldom seen in print, "has arisen Phœnix-like from the ashes" of the former building. Mr. Geoffrey Thorn is the author of the pantomime; and in his work he has permitted himself to revel in all the fun of the story of *Cinderella*, with a result that he has provided excellent means for the exponents of his work to distinguish themselves. Foremost amongst these I must place Miss Dot Mario, whose performance of "sweet" Cinderella is the best thing I have ever seen this charming little lady do. She looks so bright and pretty, she speaks, and sings, and dances and romps about with such a winning grace as to captivate all beholders. Miss Julia Warden is capital as the Prince of the story; though not allotted such a good part as she was seen in last year, she makes the best of the situation, and succeeds in gaining distinction in every way. Mr. Fred. Williams and Mr. Mark Kinghorne are the two elderly sisters. Of Mr. Williams' performance I can say little. A treat was to be anticipated when it was known that he was allotted a part in which he was certain to score heavily; but, on the night of my visit, this gentleman was really ill; loss of voice, power, and general indisposition through a severe cold prevented him from doing more than merely to walk through his part. And this he did with evident real distress. Mr. Kinghorne, however, worked hard as the other sister, and indulged in plenty of boisterous fun, which was uproariously received. Mr. Will Crackles played the part of a page very admirably. His dancing is phenomenally good, and he sings excellently. Mr. Crackles is a very valuable member of the company. Mr. Joe Burgess, as the Baron, was genuinely funny, and Mr. E. C. Dunbar, as the Court Chamberlain, was a showy and useful member, as he not only looks well, but sings his music even better than he looks. Talking of singing, the Paragon quartette must be favourably mentioned; what they do is done well, though I question the suitability of singing Balfe's setting of "Excelsior" in a pantomime. It is quite on a par with the introduction of "Eily Mavourneen" by the Fairy Queen. In both cases som thing more appropriate might have been substituted, though, in saying this, I do not wish in any way to detract from the quality of the execution, which in each case was far above the average merit. Of the mounting of the pantomime I cannot speak too highly, for Mr. Wilmot has laid himself out, and he has also laid out plenty of his capital, to provide one of the most gorgeous productions seen at this house. Details cannot be enumerated here, but it would be difficult to beat the pains and elaborateness evinced in all departments. In such scenes as the Forest of Eppingchingfurdstein (a clever and funny name!), and in the Grand Hall and the Throne Room of the Prince's Palace, the costumes, armour, processions, and so forth, were provided with an abundance of display, and a wealth of elaboration which truly approached magnificence. It is needless to say that crowded houses are the rule here, and that those who cannot be accommodated go away with expressions of disappointment; while, those who can squeeze in, go away with expressions of the liveliest satisfaction.

Mr. Irving being unable to play *Macbeth* for the past few nights, Mr. Hermann Vezin's assistance has been enlisted, so that the run of this fine production has not been interfered with. Happily, Mr. Irving is now on the road to recovery, and was announced to re-appear on Monday evening.

Mr. Charles Hawtrey will produce an adaptation of a German comedy, which has been prepared for him by Mr. Sylvain Meyer, son of the manager of the French plays at the Royalty Theatre, and a member of the English bar. Rumour hath it, however, that Mr. Grundy's piece will see the light as soon as *Uncles and Aunts* is done with, about which piece, last named, there have lately been "ructions" between the joint authors and the manager. Mr. Penley's popularity seems to make this piece draw.

She Stoops to Conquer has been put up at the Globe in consequence of Mr. Mansfield's indisposition, which has taken the form of congestion of the larynx. Mr. Lionel Brough is awfully funny as Tony Lumpkin, and Miss Kate Vaughan as Miss Hardcastle is gracefully personified, and acts deliciously. The Constantia Neville of Miss May Whitty is a bright performance by a very clever, pretty, and rising little actress. Mr. William Herbert is good as Young Merlow, and Miss C. Le Clercq is laughter moving as Mrs. Hardcastle. The remaining parts were well rendered by the members of Mr. Mansfield's company, amongst whom Messrs. Hawkins and J. T. Sullivan merit special mention. Mr. Mansfield's next essay will be *Richard the Third*.

Paul Jones at the Prince of Wales' Theatre has been successfully produced. Miss Agnes Huntingdon, Miss Wadman, Miss Phyllis Broughton, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Monkhouse, Mr. Templer Saxe, Mr. James, and Miss Cutler have all "scored." Mons. Planquette's music is pretty and melodious; but Sir Arthur Sullivan, Mr. Alfred Cellier, and our home-bred musicians generally have no cause to fear this latest importation from the French capital. I shall return to this production in a future issue.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, JANUARY 23RD, 1889.

The reduction made in the Bank rate the week before last has failed to keep pace with the outside rates, so that there will probably be a further reduction of ½ or even 1 per cent.. more especially as the reserve is now up to what may be called a fair average. More money will be wanted for South America before long, and in fact a small parcel was sent there on Tuesday, but it is not anticipated that the drain will reach anything like the dimensions of the latter end of last year.

Dulness characterises the Foreign Market especially, both Paris and Berlin having ceased to buy, while there appears to be some uneasiness on account of the possibility of disturbances during the elections next Sunday in Paris. This at least is the ostensible reason, but I am of opinion that the real cause is the high prices to which stocks have been carried without sufficient warrant. Quotations are hardly low enough yet to make it worth while to buy, but I do not anticipate any severe fall.

Home rails are waiting to see what distribution is to be made on the heavy lines. The Southern lines have declared theirs, and they do not exceed, even if they quite come up to, the expectations formed, and the market is rather doubtful if the dividends to come will be equal to what has been anticipated. The dulness prevailing is as much in the railway market as elsewhere; prices were put up so quickly that the public had no chance of coming in, and they do not care to do so on the top of the sharp rise. People who deal in Stock Exchange securities speculatively are now much more educated than they used to be, and know almost as well when to buy and when to sell, and when to leave things alone, as the jobbers themselves. Time was when a good rise in any stock at once brought in buyers and a sustained movement was the consequence; now, thanks to the much wider diffusion of information through the press, purchases have already been made in anticipation, and the move is taken advantage of to sell. Just now, we do not counsel purchases indiscriminately, but South Eastern "A" and Chatham Second Preference might be bought. Brightons have had such a good rise during the past week that they must wait awhile before any fresh spurt is made.

The American market is not satisfactory, and what little is doing is confined almost entirely to the dealers themselves. The announcement of a reduced dividend in Illinois Central is a great help to the bearishly inclined Wall Street people. If this is the result of the last half-year's working, what has become of the enormously increased business the American lines were said to be doing? I have looked for better things, and can only own that I am disappointed. Were there any dealings going on, I should think that opinion is about equally divided as to whether the next move is to be up or down, but, so far, it would seem that the New York leaders will have the best of it for the present.

Grand Trunks are left alone, the recent rise being fairly well maintained. Traffics, so far in the New Year, have not shown any remarkable recovery, and although the decreases do not make large figures, still they are decreases coming upon decreases, nor do I see, in the present condit on of affairs, where any great improvement is to come from. The price of Grand Trunk, however, is not dependent altogether on traffic receipts, but rather upon something that may possibly happen at some future period, more or less remote. Canadian Pacifics also are suffering from neglect; those people who have the stock know that their interest is secure for another three years, and that in the meantime something or other may happen to better their position. As long as the company can earn enough to pay expenses and cover its debenture interest so as to avoid foreclosure, the future can take care of itself; at the same time 53¾ seems to me a high price for a three per cent. annuity terminable in three years. Like the rest, Mexicans are not active. The fall in the price of silver passes unnoticed, although it is one of the important factors affecting dividends. Other South American rails are distinctly in favour, but these pay regular and good dividends, and are bought for income rather than to re-sell at a profit. Amongst this class of property I should think that the Nitrates Railway may be included. It is dull just now because nitrate shares are lower, but one has only a remote connection with the other. If fifty new companies were brought out, and nitrate fell to half the present commercial value owing to the increased supply, the railway returns would not suffer; on the contrary, it would reap a greater benefit, and I calculate that while the gallant Colonel North's interest in the nitrate mines may be large at present, by-and-bye, when the *furore* is over, it will be found that he still has his railway shares, while the mine shares have been scattered abroad.

The mining interest is still to a great extent confined to South Africa, the new mines brought out which hail from that district being readily absorbed by a still unsatisfied public. Everything points a move in diamonds, and had it not been for a relapse in De Beers, owing to Paris selling the shares I mentioned last week, would have been much higher than now. De Beers are again recovering, and others will go with them.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

W. F.—The shares were never properly issued, nor is there any market.

MASONIC.—Take advantage of the present demand and sell. You can get 3¾ premium.

BREWERY.—Not worth touching. The risk is greater than the chance is worth.

F. D. W.—You have a right to know the name of the principal on the other side; if the broker does not give it you can refuse to complete the bargain and leave him to his remedy.

No. 1642.—The Company was only formed in July last and no returns have yet been received. The price nominally ¼ discount to ¼ premium.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

THE BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE—No. 1805—held its installation meeting at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., on Tuesday, 15th inst. Mr. C. W. Hawkey was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, after which Bro. Henry Johnson was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Bailey, W.M., assisted by the board of installed masters, Bros. W. Clarke, P.G.P.; A. Peterkin, J. McLaren, and H. B. Forbes, P.M's 1805; W. Wigley, P.M. of the Ebury; E. G. Johnson, W.M. 1804, and C. J. Tyon, I.P.M. 1804. The addresses also were given by Bro. Bailey, the retiring master, to whom a P.M's jewel was presented, in recognition of his services during his term of office. The following officers were invested:—Bros. Richard Toole, S.W.; Ben Jonson, J.W.; John Collier, treasurer; W. Maxfield Mead, secretary; Percy Jackman, Org.; Tom Green, S.D.; G. E. Warn, J.D.; C. Lewsey, I.G.; W. Barnes, D.C.; W. J. Roberts S.S.; W. T. Potts, J.S., and C. Sheppard Tyler. At the banquet, which was served at the Holborn Restaurant, the W.M. presided, and the usual toasts were duly honoured, Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., responding for the Grand Lodge Officers. The harmony of the meeting was contributed to by Miss McLaren (Violin Soloist), and songs by Misses Rigge and Carraher, accompanied by Mrs. Conningham, and gave general satisfaction.

ENOCH LODGE—No. 11.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 9th inst., and was more than ordinarily noticeable from the fact that the three principal officers for the year were of the same name and family. Bro. Frederick Charles McQueen was installed as W.M., and Bros. W. F. B. McQueen and Charles Henry McQueen were respectively invested S.W. and J.W. This is, we believe, an unprecedented event in Freemasonry; at any rate one most unlikely to have occurred in the experience of most of us. We were sorry to note in the elegant book of the vocal music after the installation banquet, an obituary notice of the late W.M. installed on the 11th January, 1888, and deceased November 19th last, Bro. Edward George Coleman.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBOURNE.—*No. 1601.—On the 16th inst.*, at eight p.m., at the George Inn, Catford, S.E.—Bro. J. T. Axford, W.M.—Bros. C. Thomas, S.W.; J. Shelton, J.W.; G. Pickering, S.D.; H. Visger, J.D.; D. O. Scott, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M., Preceptor; C. Atkins, sec.; W. Smith, treas.; James Stevens, P.M.; W. G. Lemon, P.M.; J. Clark, J. W. Peters, Hardy Smith, G. Williams, J. Noyes, W. Robin, A. Norris, Cabb, Lancaster, Reminton, &c. In the course of the evening the W.M. opened in the three degrees, very efficiently worked the ceremonies of initiation and passing, and closed each lodge in due order. Bro. W. Robin, of No 249, was elected a member. Bro. Lemon, as treasurer of the Mother Lodge, expressed his personal appreciation of the work he had seen performed, and of the reputation borne by this "school of masonry," and stated that he should convey to the Mother Lodge a report of his visit, with a view to secure attendances by the officers and members of that lodge at future meetings. The fifteen sections are to be worked on the 13th February at 7 p.m., Bro. Walter Martin presiding.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360—On Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.—Present: Bros. Cause, W.M.; Porter, S.W.; O'Connell, J.W.; W. H. Wingfield, hon. sec., P.M., acting S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; G. King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; Joliffe, Burges, Brazier, Hog, P.M., Wade. Lodge opened in two degrees, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Burges candidate. Bro. Porter was elected W.M. for this (Thursday) evening.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275—on Friday, 18th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; G. L. Moore, H., 169, M.E.Z.; L. Grummant, P.Z., H.; Captain Vincent, 1329, M.E.Z. 1777, J.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; Addington, M.E.Z. elect 1277, S.N.; Meierhoff, P.S.; Powell, P.Z.; Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, treasurer; J. D. Smith, and Oldfield. Comp. Captain Vincent was installed as 3rd principal. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell personating candidate. Comp. Grummant, P.Z., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

THE WEST SMITHFIELD—No. 1623—Gave a capital Smoking Concert at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., after the close of their meeting on Monday last. Bro. Thos. G. Hodges, P.M. presided, and a large company of brethren and their friends were well entertained with vocal and instrumental melody for some three hours. Amongst the numbers which were loudly applauded were clever recitations of Bros. W. Frances, violin solos by Professor A. Arnstein, and excellent songs by Bros. R. J. Harris, Walter Woodroof, Herbert Clinch, Walter Syckelmoore, and Mr. Atkin, whilst Bro. Sam Wright afforded much amusement by his comic singing. Bro. Hill, the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Reid gave valuable assistance to the Chairman in the conduct of the proceedings, and an enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hodges at their conclusion.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE—CHESTER.—LODGE OF INDEPENDENCE—No. 721.—Celebrated the festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. J. Humphreys) at the Masonic Rooms, Eastgate Street. The installation ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. I. Matthews Jones, P.M. The W.M. elect then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Finchett, S.W.; Edward Rush, J.W.; Anthony Stevenson, P.M., treasurer; Thomas Knowles, P.M., sec.; Wm. Peers, S.D.; G. A. Adams, J.D.; John Bennett, I.G.; Thomas Browne, S.; Herbert Ellis, P.M., organist; R. C. Edwards, P.M., D.C.; W. M. Richmond, almoner; and J. W. Hall, tyler. In the course of the lodge business the newly installed W.M. presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Felix Thomas, with a gold Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the brethren, in recognition of his services *during his year of office*. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, where the banquet was served, the newly-installed W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were afterwards duly pledged, and a most enjoyable meeting brought to a close.

THE CESTRIAN LODGE—No. 425.—CHESTER.—The installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, on the 17th inst. Bro. J. Sheriff Roberts, J.W., was installed Master, the whole of the impressive ceremony being rendered very effectively by Bro. J. E. Williams, P.P.G.S.D. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. E. Minshull, S.W.; F. H. Tait, J.W.; J. Salmon, sec.; J. Mills, treas.; E. Brassey, S.D.; T. W. Griffiths, J.D.; J. Ralphs, I.G.; Rev. Philip W. Sparling, chaplain; and Stephen Smith, tyler. The banquet was subsequently held at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the W.M. The visitors present at the ceremony and banquet included Bros. R. Newhouse, P.G.S.; Webster Williams, 1600; R. Caris, 721; Chas. Hunter, P.P.G.M., Aberdeenshire East; John Humphreys, W.M., 721; John Dennis, P.M., 721, and P.P.G. Std. B.; E. Rush, J.W., 721; J. F. Edisbury, P.P.G.J.W., 1336; A. E. Caldecutt, 941; L. Ellis, P.P.G.S.D. and P.M., 1289; George E. Mason, 102; W. M. Richmond, 721; C. K. Benson, P.P.G.S.D., of North Wales, and P.M., 1336; Alfred Pearson, W.M., 1237; J. Ashton, 1903; W. Peers, S.D., 721; J. J. Cunnah, P.P.G.S.W. and P.M., 721; and Wm. Hughes, P.M., 721. The members included Bros. T. M. Wilcock, P.M.; S. W. Ramsden, P.M.; C. Dutton, P.P.G.S.W.; Alfred Paris; F. Lipsham; A. Sharpe; F. A. Walker-Jones, P.P.G. Std. Bearer; Harry Beswick; Thomas M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of Works, and P.M.; Thos. Wood, P.M.; T. E. M. Kinsey; Stanhope Bull, P.P.S. of W., P.M.; C. A. Ewing; M. Johnson; Beresford Adams; Hugh Roberts; J. Rowe Dutton; Edw. Minshull; W. Swann; W. J. Ralph; S. Spencer; Jno. Williams, P.P.G.R.; Jno. Dodds; C. W. Duncan, P.M.; H. S. Whalley; W. Turncock; J. Kerfoot Evans; Edwin Parry; W. C. Watson; W. Shone, P.M.; W. Hewitt; and R. C. Drury. A letter of apology was read from Bro. Cuzner, the retiring W.M., who was absent through illness.

DEVON—PLYMOUTH.—FORTITUDE LODGE—No. 105.—On the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square. There was a large attendance, and the brethren adjourned, after the ordinary business, to the large hall for the installation of the W.M. elect, W. Bro. A. W. Spinney. W. Bros. J. W. Parson, H. J. Kitt, S. Jew, G. Horswill, and C. H. Cooper were the installing officers. W. Bro. W. S. Hearder, P.G.O., presided at the organ. The installed masters included W. Bros. R. B. Twose, P.P.G.T.; J. T. Browning, P.P.G.T.; M. Lyndon, P.P.G.J.D.; and T. Gray, all of 105; F. B. Westlake, P.P.G.S.D.; W. King, 70; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.O., 156; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C., 223; F. Orchard, J. Whitford, E. H. Littleton, 250; W. R. Rawling, 1071, E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks., 1099; H. E. Sitters, W. Powell, 1205; F. R. Lord, P.G.T. 1247; W. H. W. Macey, J. Griffin, 1847. The officers invested were W. Bros. S. Edgcumbe, S.W.; W. J. Sweet, J.W.; W. Bros. S. Jew, chap.; J. T. Browning, treas.; C. H. Cooper, sec.; Bros. H. A. McBryde, S.D.; T. W. Soper, J.D.; S. H. R. Gibbens, D.C.; R. R. Rodd, A.D.C.; F. R. H. Ivey, O.; A. T. Ladiard, A.O.; C. Luke, I.G.; W. Waterman, T. G. Taylor, stewards; W. H. Phillips, tyler.

LANCASHIRE—ORMSKIRK.—LODGE OF HARMONY—No. 580.—On the 16th inst. the Festival of St. John was celebrated by the installation of the W.M. for the year. The installation of Bro. T. W. M. Horsburg as W.M. was performed by Bro. Goodacre, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Past G.S.B. of England. The officers appointed were as follows:—J. Bolton, S.W.; A. J. Brooks, J.W.; R. Walker, treas.; F. F. Young, S.D.; R. Riding, J.D.; Harry Archer, sec.; R. Winrow, I.G.; A. Bradshaw and J. Pilkington, stewds.; and William Martindale, tyler. Bro. Waterhouse, the I.P.M., was presented with a P.M.'s jewel. Afterwards a banquet was held.

STAFFORDSHIRE—EARL OF SHREWSBURY LODGE—No. 1520—CANNOCK. The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was held at the Local Board Rooms, Cannock, on Wednesday the 16th inst., when Bro. J. J. Simpson, S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Thos. Evans, I.P.M. There was a large attendance, and amongst the visitors were the acting P.G.M. of the Province (Colonel Foster Gough), J. Ryder, P.G.S.D.; the Rev. R. M. Grier, 1941, the Rev. J. Seddon, P.M. 526, P.P.G.C.; J. Whitworth, P.M. 347, J. Collins, W.M. 347, G. Vaughan, W.M. 419, F. T. Beck, J.D. 419, W. F. Tolladay, S.W. 1180, T. H. Simpson, sec. 1180; J. M. Daffarn, St. 1186, W. Stamford, 1941, J. Tyndal, P.M., 539, Geo. Gee, W.M., 1941, &c. Wor. Bro. J. J. Simpson invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. H. Heape, S.W.; Dr. G. Stead, J.W.; P. Sharp, P.M., treas.; Wm. Blower, sec., J. Smith, S.D.; G. J. Brownell, J.D.; T. H. Cope, P.M.D.C.; Dr. Wilson, org., W. H. Ryle, I.G.; Jas. Broughall, S.S.; W. H. Brooks, J.S.; E. Coombes, tyler. He then presented Bro. Evans with a P.M's jewel, on vacating the chair, inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Evans by the officers of Earl of Shrewsbury Lodge as a token of their esteem for his courtesy and ability as W.M. during the year 1888." At the banquet, which was of a choice description, the usual Masonic toasts were honoured and the proceedings were much animated with songs splendidly rendered by Brothers T. H. Simpson, W. H. Ryle, Thos. Wilson, T. H. Heape, and other brethren.

SUFFOLK.—STOUR VALLEY LODGE—No. 1224.—SUDBURY.—The members of this lodge presented, on the 15th inst., to Mrs. Mason, wife of Bro. Dr. W. Inglis Mason, a very beautiful gold bracelet set with 18 brilliants, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Mason during his year of Mastership, and of his great liberality and kindness. The presentation was made at Bro. Mason's residence by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, and was accompanied by the following address, beautifully illuminated:—"To Mrs. William Inglis Mason,—We, the brethren of the 'Stour Valley' Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1224, wishing to express our appreciation of the many services rendered by our Bro. William Inglis Mason, during his year of office, and in recognition of the kind interest evinced by him at all times in the welfare of the lodge, ask you to accept the bracelet accompanying this as a small token of such regard. Trusting that the Great Architect of the Universe may spare you for many years to share with him the blessings of this life.—Signed on behalf of the lodge, Charles J. Martyn, Senior P.M., D.P.G.M. Suffolk." The following members of the lodge were present:—Bros. J. F. Hills, F. Wheeler, H. C. Pratt, C. W. Grimwood, W. G. Walford, S. Carlton, the Rev. David Hughes, G. Grant, and others, as well as Mrs. Pratt, Miss H. Mason, and all the members of the doctor's family. This handsome recognition of really valuable masonic services, as well to the individual lodge of which he is a member, as to the province to which the lodge is attached, is a very fitting and appropriate sequence to the presentation to Bro. Dr. Mason himself of the Past Master's jewel, of which we gave an engraving in our pages in connection with our report of the late installation meeting of the Stour Valley Lodge. We wish our worthy brother and his wife many years of happiness, and enjoyment of these substantial tokens of the regard and respect in which they are held in Sudbury.

SUSSEX—LEWES.—SOUTH SAXON LODGE—No. 311.—The annual meeting was held at the *Freemasons'* Hall, on the 16th inst., when Bro. Smith Stone was installed W.M. for the year ensuing. There was an unusually large attendance of visitors, and the Newhaven contingent was a strong one. The W.M. appointed his officers in due form, and later on the annual banquet took place at the Bear Hotel.

WILTSHIRE.—CONCORD LODGE—No. 632.—TROWBRIDGE.—The annual festival was celebrated on the 14th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Silver Street. The W.M., Bro. G. Ll. Palmer, presided, and amongst the brethren were Bros. James Pocock, S.W., the W.M. elect; W. J. Mann, treas.; T. S. Hill, sec.; F. Selfe, assist. sec.; W. R. Brown, S.D.; H. Chapman, J.D.; A. Cox, org.; H. White, I.G.; H. Mundy, steward; J. W. Jones, P.M.; F. B. Norris, P.M.; A. Parry, P.M.; J. H. Foley, P.M.; W. Walker; James Huntley; O. Leak; Geo. Snailum; F. Garlick; J. Lansdown; A. J. G. Stancomb; F. Barton, P.M., P.G.S.B.; H. Reeves, J.W., 2227; H. Millington, P.G.O.; J. Chapman, Henry Mead, R. H. Gowing, C. F. Hart, W. Collins, and W. A. Gouldsmith. Visitors: Bros. R. W. Merriman, W.M. 1533; T. S. Futcher, P.M. 586; A. Wallington, J.W. 1271; Thos. Reeves, P.M. 1478, P.P.G.J.D.; G. J. Farrington, P.M. 1271, P.G.S.Wks.; J. J. Trask, S.D. 2227; Jas. Sparks, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.Reg.; A. J. Beaven, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 2227, P.G.S.D.; S. Anderson, 2227; J. Magrath, 1271; T. Thompson, 1271; G. Walker, 2227; F. S. Hancock, P.M. 663, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Burt, P.M. 663, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Hopkins I.P.M. 663; H. J. Johnson, S.W. 663; W. Young, 663; H. Howse, P. J. 663, P.P.G., org.; A. F. Brereton, S.W. 1271; J. Maslin, 663, &c. The ceremony of installing Bro. J. Pocock in the chair was ably carried out by Bro. G. Ll. Palmer. Bro. Foley acted as director of ceremonies, and Bro. Millington presided at the organ. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. W. R. Brown as S.W.; F. Selfe, J.W.; H. White, S.D.; H. Mundy, J.D.; T. S. Hill, sec.; J. Lansdown, org.; Albert Cox, I.G.; and W. A. Gouldsmith, steward. The officers were very ably addressed by Bro. Palmer. In response to an appeal from W. H. Burt, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which charity he is steward, a sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Palmer. The banquet was served at the Woolpack Hotel by Bro. Barton, and Bros. Reed, Howse, Sparks, Hill, Selfe, and others contributed vocally to the pleasures of the evening. During the proceedings a jewel was presented to Bro. T. S. Hill, sec.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE—No. 1271.—The regular monthly meeting was held on the 14th inst., when Bro. A. H. Cooper was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. (Bro. C. W. Bryant), and the lecture on the first tracing board was ably given by Bro. A. F. Brereton, S.W. At the same meeting the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Benevolent Institution (Women's Fund), to be added to the Provincial Steward's List.

SWINDON.—ROYAL SUCCESS LODGE OF EMULATION—No. 355.—The annual installation meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., when Bro. A. Barns, S.W., was regularly installed into the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year. After the ceremony and the investiture of officers, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Goddard Arms Hotel.

DEVIZES.—LODGE OF FIDELITY—No. 663.—The annual festival of this lodge took place on the 15th inst., when Bro. W. L. Tucker, W.M., installed his successor, Bro. H. J. Johnson, S.W., into the chair of K.S., the W.M., having invested his officers as follows:—Bros. F. Sloper, S.W.; Rev. W. Humphreys, J.W. and chaplain; W. Nott, treas.; T. C. Hopkins, sec.; B. W. Crees, S.D.; J. Martin, J.D.; W. H. Bush, P.M., org.; H. Howse, P.M., D.C.; F. Bettingham, I.G.; Reynolds, steward. The lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet, which was served at the Bear Hotel. Among the visitors were Bros. E. J. B. Mercer, P.M. 41, P.G.S.Wks. (Somerset); G. J. Farrington, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.S.Wks. (Wilts); A. Wallington, J.W., 1271; Blakes, &c

YORKSHIRE—WEST RIDING, ILKLEY—OLICANA LODGE—*No. 1522.—On the* 15th inst., Bro. A. B. Balfour was installed W.M. in the presence of a numerous gathering. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. G. Lupton; P.P.G.D. The following officers were invested:—Bros. W. R. Bates, S.W.; A. E. Brotherton, J.W.; Rev. W. James, chaplain; J. Gaunt, charity representative. T. J. Critchley, treas.; A. E. Kershaw, P.M., sec.; Thomas Bennett, S.D.; H. Evers, J.D.; James Critchley, org.; J. Crow, I.G.; A. Sykes, org.; and W. Wedgwood, P.M., almoner.

BRO. SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH AT BRISTOL.—The annual dinner of the Bristol and West of England Press Fund was held at the Royal Hotel, Bristol, on Saturday last. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in proposing "The Press," said that whether it was regarded from a political, moral, or social standpoint, he thought they might all be proud of their English press. He did not compare it with the press of other countries, where the press was in an undeveloped state, but comparing it with the press of their Continental neighbours, France, Germany, Italy, and even the United States, he could venture to say that they had better news, and he thought more complete and more cosmopolitan intelligence. The records of history teemed with proofs of the services it had rendered in its struggle for the cause of liberty, religion, and knowledge in this country, and through this country to the world at large. The press has now become the greatest power in England, and that power carried with it enormous responsibilities for never acting without an unwavering sense of the strictest public duty. In one respect he was afraid it had become somewhat Americanised, when the private affairs of individuals of both sexes who studiously kept aloof from public life were made matters of comment in society journals, and the letters of London correspondents. Editors had no right to satisfy morbid curiosity by tearing aside the veil from the happiness and the misery, the successes and misfortunes of the private English home.

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If there is one thing above another which a Mason should prize most highly, it is the good standing, character, and fair name of himself and family; and that brother who participates in, encourages or permits, when in his power to prevent any act, the ultimate result of which is to wreck, ruin, or blight the fair name and character of a Brother Mason, or any member of his family, deserves the condemnation of the Craft.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

In the opinion of many Brethren the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the Brethren, whose names are subjoined, may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft universal, who, in this way, will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned Brethren have formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual Subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer (Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.), and will be duly acknowledged.

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Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th.	
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
871	Royal Oak	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
1421	Langthorne	Angel Hot., Ilford
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1816	Victoria Park	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
1974	St. Mary Abbot's	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
538	Vane	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.C.		
97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.
	(Last) FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th.	
60	Peace and Harmony	F. M. H.
197	Jerusalem	Ditto
569	Fitzroy	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd.-Qrs., City Road
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford, S.E.
2157	St. Mark's College	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
R.A.C		
1591	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.
	(Last) SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th.	
1679	Henry Muggeridge	M.H. Tav., Coleman Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1329	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	(Last) MONDAY, JANUARY 28th.	
4	Royal Somerset Ho. & Inverness	F. M. H.
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
28	Egyptian	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
183	Unity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
902	Burgoyne	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
905	De Grey and Ripon	F. M. H.
1632	Stuart	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1828	Shepherd's Bush	Athenæum, Godolphin Road, W.
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
Mark.		
4	Prince of Wales	M. H., 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
Red X.		
2	Plantaganet	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
	(Last) TUESDAY, JANUARY 29th.	
141	Faith	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
	(Last) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30th.	
895	Temperance-in-the-East	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
1768	Progress	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
435	Mount Lebanon	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
	(Last) THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st.	
	GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.	
22	Neptune	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
2192	Highbury	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
2264	Chough	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	28th Jan	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	6th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	19th Feb	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	12th Feb	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	11th Feb	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh	27th Feb	Ditto
925	Bedford	18th Feb	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	20th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	26th Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	13th Feb	Ditto
1163	Emulation TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
1180	Forward	4th Feb	Ditto
1474	Israel	11th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	19th Feb	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	7th Feb	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Feb	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	13th Feb	Ditto
221	St. John	18th Feb	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George	23rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	18th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	21st Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	5th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	1st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	18th Feb	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	15th Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	5th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Feb	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Feb	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	29th Jan	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Feb	Ditto
1947	Stanford	13th Feb	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Feb	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	5th Feb	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Feb	Ditto
326	Moira	14th Feb	Ditto
610	Colston	20th Feb	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges	2nd Feb	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
2257	Powell	28th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort	26th Feb	Ditto
187	Charity	7th Feb	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	21st Feb	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	13th Feb	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	14th Feb	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Feb	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	11th Feb	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	4th Feb	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	5th Feb	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Feb	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid	?	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	26th Feb	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	13th Feb	Ditto
802	Repose	19th Feb	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	6th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	26th Jan	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	21st Feb	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	7th Feb	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	13th Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	6th Feb	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce ...	1st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	21st Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	6th Feb	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Feb	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	13th Feb	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Feb	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Feb	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Feb	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	14th or 21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	7th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	30th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	1st Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	4th Feb	Ditto
1221	Defence	11th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	15th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	9th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	12th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	6th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	6th Feb	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Feb	Ditto
1391	Commercial TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Feb	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	*18th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude	1st Feb	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	27th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	21st Feb	Ditto
216	Harmonic	14th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	12th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	7th Feb	Ditto
292	Sincerity	11th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
667	Alliance	19th Feb	Ditto
673	St. John	5th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	1st Feb	Ditto
724	Derby	27th Feb	Ditto
786	United Service ...	14th Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	20th Feb	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	13th Feb	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Ednbgh. ...	14th Feb	Ditto
1264	Neptune	4th Feb	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	21st Feb	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Feb	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	13th Feb	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	21st Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	18th Feb	Ditto
1505	Emulation TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	13th Feb	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Feb	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Feb	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	6th Feb	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	6th Feb	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	18th Feb	Ditto
2215	Anfield TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	28th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	18th Feb	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	5th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship	28th Jan	Ditto
249	Mariners	21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
594	Downshire	11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's	13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer	7th Mar	Ditto
1502	Israel	12th Feb	Ditto

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social	28th Jan	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	Ditto
152	Virtue	15th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	30th Jan	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability	7th Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair	8th Feb	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	6th Feb	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	4th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	21st Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Calleader	19th Feb	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	11th Feb	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	4th Feb	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	30th Jan	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	14th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Feb	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	18th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	30th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	8th Feb	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	2nd Feb	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	21st Feb	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Feb	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	15th Feb	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	4th Feb	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	5th Feb	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Feb	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	11th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	15th Feb	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	7th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	11th Feb	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	15th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	8th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	Ditto
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	5th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex	8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	19th Feb	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	6th Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Feb	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	5th Feb	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Feb	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Feb	Ditto
807	Cabbell	31st Jan	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Feb	Ditto
1500	Walpole	7th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	5th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	1st Feb	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	Ditto
1794	De Vere	15th Feb	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	18th Feb	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland T-DY,	*24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	29th Jan	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	*28th Jan	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	5th Feb	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	5th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	11th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	4th Feb	Ditto
159	Brunswick	6th Feb	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	11th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship TO-DAY,	24th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	7th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	12th Feb	Ditto
1205	Metham	18th Feb	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	14th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	18th Feb	Ditto
1550	Prudence	2nd Feb	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Feb	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	20th Feb	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord TO-MOR.,	25th Jan	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	27th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	14th Feb	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Feb	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	8th Feb	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	21st Feb	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Feb	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	18th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	13th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	14th Feb	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Feb	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Feb	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	29th Jan	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Feb	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Feb	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	21st Feb	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers T-MR.,	25th Jan	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	7th Feb	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony...	1st Feb	Ditto
394	Concord TO-DAY,	24th Jan	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	12th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	6th Feb	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	14th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	15th Feb	Ditto
2039	Londonderry TO-MR.,	25th Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	*21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th.			
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chatham, Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav, King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales	„	7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1671	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(Last) FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th.			
9	Albion	at	——	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	——	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„	7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(Last) SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(Last) MONDAY, JANUARY 28th.			
22	Loughborough	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(Last) MONDAY, JANUARY 28th—*continued*.			
1507	Metropolitan	at	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C				
206	Hope	„	——	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(Last) TUESDAY, JANUARY 29th.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	——	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury	„	——	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Searsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(Last) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30th.			
3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Edgs. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Weston Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1959	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(Last) THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st.

Lodges and Chapters, as 4th Thursday in January (*see ante*).

*** *The Editor will be greatly obliged for any information the Secretaries of the various Lodges may be pleased to send to him.*

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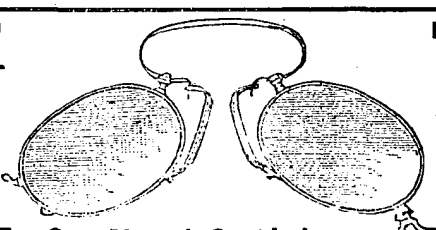
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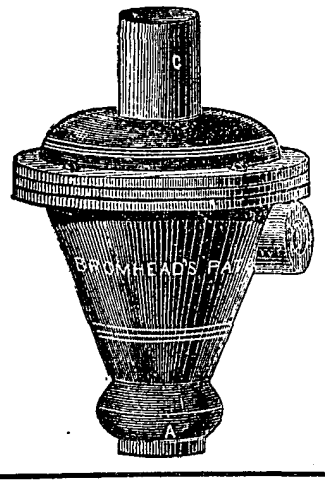
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Our Institutions and their Critics.

WHETHER or not correct in all their arguments and assertions, so long as they have been made in good faith, our correspondents have reason to be satisfied that they have at least secured some attention to their complaints. How far the explanation of one of our contemporaries,—which may reasonably enough be the result of a very creditable search into particulars on its own account, and quite as reasonably may be taken as the combined inspiration of others, and those others interested in the management of our Institutions,—will satisfy them and the craft generally, remains to be seen. The "Critics" have thought it advantageous that sundry objectionable matters should be enquired into, and have expressed their opinions thereanent in the manner most natural to them, and if it should be that they are to be treated with indifference, or merely receive such information as may be vouchsafed to them in an indirect manner, those who remain reticent may be sure that further attacks will be made.

If we ourselves criticise the explanation now set before us in the columns of our contemporary, it will be quite irrespective of the rights or wrongs connected with the management of the Institutions, for each and all of which we entertain personally the strongest feelings of regard, and not the faintest desire to do them, or those who direct or officially conduct their respective proceedings, the slightest injury. We would rather be altogether silent in regard to them, and devote our pages to other masonic matters, than invite discussion if we thought harm could come of it; but we cannot believe other than that the result of controversy, kept within reasonable limits, will be for the general good of the Institutions and the increase in number of their supporters.

That "those who play at bowls must expect rubbers" is an axiom in the truth of which we feel assured our contemporary and the "Critics" themselves are alike agreed. There is, however, an equally forcible sporting maxim to the effect that "it is not fair fighting to hit below the belt," and that is just what those who have written in our pages complain of, whilst resenting the application to them of derogatory and uncalled-for epithets. For the word "ignorant" there is no synonym that is not more or less offensive; for the word "scribbler" there is, for it is but another name for a scribe, a secretary, or a penman. However, we shall leave our correspondents, designated by our contemporary as "Critics Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, &c.," to reply after their own fashion to the objections taken in the article referred to; but must say at once that there does not appear to us anything like a full and sufficient answer given to what they have already advanced. Indeed, we can hardly do otherwise than look upon the utterances of any journal, distinctly repudiating "inspiration," as being perfectly valueless for all purposes of explanation, unless the same should bear an official endorsement by those who *must* know the positive facts, and not have to take second-hand information such as that now offered to the "Critics," and which, whilst professing a general elucidation, nevertheless leaves quite untouched several burning questions which have been propounded, and which are far too important in regard to the future well-being of the respective institutions to be so lightly set aside as would seem to be desired, or to be lost in the whirlpool of personality because writers take such ready offence.

We would desire to leave out of our criticism of the attempted explanations so much as personally affects a very worthy brother, who cannot possibly be blamed for any access of good fortune accruing to him out of increased emolument, consequent on the conditions contained in any agreement made between his employers and himself; and we hope that in any further controversy it may be made distinctly understood that no reproach whatever is intended for him, but wholly and solely to the principle involved in the existing arrangement. All we care to remark on this subject is, that the large amount taken from the gross sum of donations and subscriptions, intended for relief of the infirm and necessitous, represents so much as would extend our charity, as it is pointed out, to as many as eighteen worthy old people now standing at our gates imploring assistance. If this diversion can be prevented without injustice to any individual brother it ought to be;

and there we leave that portion of the subject, as far as we are concerned, and Critic No. 1 to express his views in another column.

But what has been urged in reference to the reports of the Boys' School (issued annually but only limited in circulation) is not sufficiently explanatory to those who confess their want of that knowledge which it appears they can only obtain by agitation, unless indeed they keep on the continual look out for statements, tabular and otherwise, casually published in other pages than those of the reports themselves. On this point one of our correspondents enlarges fully, and in our opinion, his remarks are worthy of attention.

Nor, to our mind, is the lengthened reference to the admitted deficiency between sums promised at the late festival of the Girls' School and those actually paid, in any way an explanation or answer to the questions which have been propounded. And we think we are correctly advised by several members of our Order that what is stated as to the non-issue of proxies in respect of stewards' lists, the amounts represented in which have not yet been paid, is not *altogether* correct. In our last issue, QUIDNUNC put a leading question on this subject, to which, however, no answer has been given. One would have thought that if the enquiry had no foundation, the management concerned would have been but too glad to seize the opportunity for a direct denial. However, it is not forthcoming, either to ourselves or to our correspondent through us, and although we should have been much gratified to have been enabled to inform our readers that QUIDNUNC had no ground for his suggestion, we must treat the matter as one which cannot be satisfactorily explained.

We cannot afford the space to further enlarge upon other points contained in the lengthy attempt at explanation to which we refer. They will doubtless be challenged by others, and if the information sought for is persistently withheld, the craft will have reason to regret what will inevitably ensue in connection with our Institutions.

INDIFFERENCE TO ENQUIRY.

We take a liberty with our friend and contemporary, the *Freemasons' Chronicle*, a liberty which we are sure will not be resented, since its purpose is to set before that portion of the craft who probably see our pages and not those of our contemporary, words of great meaning and interest at the present moment; words which should bear abundant fruit in promoting the best work of Freemasonry, and preventing those evils which are now foreshadowed. From the editorial of the *Freemasons' Chronicle*, on the subject of "Excessive Enthusiasm," we append the following extracts, which we strongly exhort those whom they may concern to give grave consideration:—

"When so much credit is taken for the thousands annually spent by the Masonic Order, it is sometimes desirable to look on the other side of the picture, especially when, after such strong and continued appeals as are now made, so little information is obtainable or consideration shown to those who answer the appeals. It is not our present purpose to speak of specific complaints which have recently been made, but we cannot help referring to the indifference—we may say the silent contempt—with which any inquiry is treated by those who have the management of affairs. Is it likely men will continue to work for the charities if they are treated in this manner whenever they think there is cause for inquiry or room for improvement? May we not rather expect them to conclude that their criticisms are justified, and their complaints necessary; for the natural inference is, that if a charge is disregarded or unanswered—when made by anyone interested, or who has secured the right to a voice—it is true; or, at least, that there is some foundation for it, for we certainly cannot see any reason for supposing that in this respect masonic matters are materially different to what they are outside of it." * * * * *

"We have spoken of Freemasonry as existing at the present time, in the minds of some, on anything but a firm and substantial basis, and in proof of such theory we are told that the annual expenditure of the Fund of Benevolence far exceeds its income*; that the three Charities of the Order exist merely from hand to mouth, spending money as fast as they receive it, and entailing fearful responsibilities for the future; that private lodges conduct their financial affairs in a most unbusiness-like and unsound manner; and that Grand Lodge exercises little or no control in connection with matters which ought to be carefully supervised, if the reputation of the Craft is to be maintained. All this and much more is urged against Freemasonry, and what can its best friends say in reply? Can they truthfully say that the accusations are groundless, or can they urge that the matters are of so trivial a nature as to be unworthy of consideration? It is no answer to criticism to say that all has turned out right in the past and that the future may be left to take care of itself."

We are naturally pleased to find that we do not stand alone in calling attention to those abuses of Freemasonry which, unless at once cleared away, will surely ultimately bring "scandal on the craft."

* See following column.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, was in the President's chair; Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., was in the chair of Senior Vice-President, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. James Brett; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied his appointed position. Among the brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office; and the other brethren present were Bros. David D. Mercer, J. B. Grieve, Charles Dairy, G. P. Britten, Walter Hopekirk, George A. Cundy, W. P. Brown, Charles H. Driver, George Read, W. H. Perryman, C. H. Webb, Richard Croydon, W. R. Burnett, H. J. Chapman, W. F. Kibble, Geo. B. Chapman, W. J. Higgs, F. T. Ridpath, H. Massey, H. E. Frances, Philip Morrison, C. J. Hill, H. Cox, W. F. Nimmo, J. C. Tilt, W. C. Claridge, B. Carter, J. Savage, S. H. Goldschmidt, Robert Jackson, J. J. Berry, Robert C. Voisey, Thos. Weeks, T. M. Bilby, John W. Ray, Charles Daniel, John Bindon, Robert Bacon Higham, John G. Rymer, Samuel H. Parkhouse, George Abbott, F. J. Eedle, and Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The President announced that he had obtained the following statement, made out in Grand Secretary's office, that the brethren might see the position of the Fund of Benevolence:—

Year.	INCOME. Produced by Quarterages, 4s. and 2s., from Home Lodges, Interest on Invested Funds Fees of Honour, &c.	EXPENDITURE. In monthly grants and permanent pensions a year to the R.M.B. Institution	ANNUAL DEFICIENCY.	Stock sold out to meet deficiencies from £50,016 Consols, credit from accumulation, 31st December, 1878.
	£	£	£	£
1879	8917	9018	101	
1880	9270	10,021	751	
1881	8961	10,603	1642	
1882	9160	10,219	1059	3000
1883	9178	9345	167	
1884	9185	10,052	867	1000
1885	9077	10,933	1856	2000
1886	9189	11,333	2144	3000
1887	9343	11,225	1882	
1888	10,051	12,263	2217	3000
10	£92,331	£105,017	£12,686	£12,000

Cash Account.

Dr.		*Cr.*	
Amount of Deficiencies, 1878 to 1888	£12,686	Stock Sold...	£12,000
Investment in 1879 to make up £50,016 Consols...	1200	Due Board of Gen. Purps., Cash advanced 31st Dec., 1888 ...	1886
	£13,886		£13,886

Stock remaining in Consols, 31st December, 1888 ... £38,016.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, *G.S.*

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the December, 1888, meeting to the Grand Master to the amount of £340. There were 44 cases; of which, forty were relieved with a total sum of £1,180; three were deferred, and one was dismissed. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, and three of £50 each; five recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and five of £30 each; and eleven grants of £20 each, one of £15, ten of £10 each, and one of £5.

In reference to the above statement of receipts and expenditure, we direct the attention of our readers to our remarks on the subject under date of October 4th, 1888 (*No. 7*), and to express the hope that some energetic brother may be found who will, by resolution, bring the matter before the Grand Lodge, in order that it may have earnest consideration with a view to amendment of the present unpromising state of affairs.

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.

Owing to pressure of other matter, we are compelled to defer this until next week.

REVIEWS.

Texas Siftings Afloat.—The log of a three months' cruise of the yacht "Champlain" through the Canadian lakes and rivers down the St. Lawrence to New York, by J. Armoy Knox (Texas Siftings), Texas Siftings Publishing Company (Limited), 4, East Harding Street, E.C., London.—We have been much interested by a perusal of this humorous work, which, notwithstanding that it has no connection with the science of Freemasonry, cannot fail to afford masonic readers much useful information and amusement, and serve to while away an hour or so in relaxation from more serious study. We have marked one or two extracts for use when opportunity offers, feeling assured that our readers will appreciate the reproduction.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab of September and October, 1888; W. Bull & Co., Lahore.—We have been favoured with an opportunity for noting the progress of our Order in this distant district and the interesting communications made at the two last meetings of its Grand Lodge. One or two of these we shall have occasion to refer to in contemplated comments on the subjects of "exclusion," "the acquisition of suitable lodge buildings," and the inspection of lodges by Grand Lodge officers and duly qualified inspectors. For the present, our columns are too much occupied with affairs of greater home interest, but these we hope will shortly become less pressing and leave us space at disposal.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

HELP ONE ANOTHER.

"Help one another," the snow-flakes said,
As they cuddled down in their fleecy bed;
"One of us here would not be felt,
One of us here would quickly melt;
But I'll help you and you help me,
And then what a big white drift we'll see!"

"Help one another," the maple spray
Said to its fellow leaves one day;
"The sun would wither me here alone,
Long enough ere the day is gone;
But I'll help you and you help me,
And then what a splendid shade there'll be!"

"Help one another," the dew-drop cried,
Seeing another drop close to its side;
This warm south breeze would drive me away,
And I should be gone ere noon to-day;
But I'll help you and you help me,
And we'll make a brook and run to the sea."

"Help one another," a grain of sand
Said to another grain just at hand;
"The wind may carry me over the sea,
And then, O what will become of me?
But come, my brother, give me your hand—
We'll build a mountain and there we'll stand."

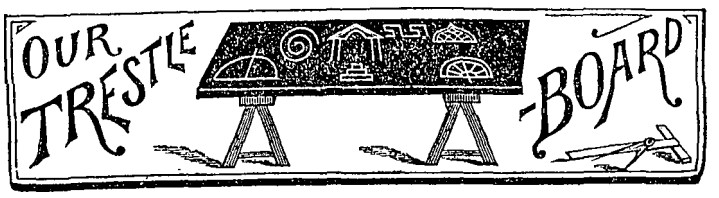
From the *Sydney Freemason.*

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday last, the 25th inst. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., vice-patron and trustee, occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. J. S. Cumberland, Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., L.L.D., Thos. Smith, G. H. Webb, J. Glasse, A. E. Gladwell, G. Motion, H. Massey, G. Britten, J. L. Dale, A. Motion, Joseph Boulton, S. Layton, J. Motion, H. Purcell, &c., and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B., secretary. The notice of motion by Bro. W. H. Saunders, L.G.—"That Law No. 53 be suspended during the next April election for the purpose of admitting Harold Gray as a candidate at such election"—was refused to be put to the meeting by the chairman, as not being provided for by the rules. That by W. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, L.G.—"That the laws of the institution be referred for revision and correction to a Committee, whose recommendations shall be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on 26th April next, or to a Special General Court to be convened in accordance with Law 31"—was withdrawn on the ground that he felt some little difficulty in persevering with it until the expected report of the Special Committee of Enquiry had been made public. It was probable the question of revision and alteration of the laws might be dealt with by that Committee, and he preferred to defer his motion until after that report had been received. The chairman being asked when the report of that committee would be ready, replied that he had not heard, but it could not now be presented before the Quarterly Court in April next. On a recommendation from the general committee it was decided to elect, at the next Quarterly General Court on Friday, 26th April, 17 boys from an approved list of 72 candidates.

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THE QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, the 26th inst., W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, *J.P.*, P.G.T., in the chair. Present:—Bros. Frank Richardson, C. J. Perceval, J. C. Cumberland, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, G. W. Verry, H. Spaull, &c., and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary. After transaction of the formal business, Bro. Perceval withdrew the following notices of motion given by him, viz.—1. To amend Law 55 as follows: "That a girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member of some Lodge for seven years, but should death or permanent incapacity occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some Lodge;" and 2, "That any candidate whose petition may be approved by the General Committee before this amendment of Law 55 may be confirmed shall not be affected thereby." Bro. Perceval said that he made this withdrawal on the understanding that it might be desirable, after the report of the Special Committee of the Boys' School had been made public, to revise and remodel the existing laws of this institution. Bro. Edward Letchworth V. Pat., in bringing forward the next motion, stated that, in consequence of the additions lately made to the schools, the institution was now in a position to accommodate more girls than heretofore; he therefore moved that 37 vacancies be declared instead of 17 only, and that at the election in April next that number of girls be elected out of a total of 74 candidates now upon the list of applicants, which was agreed to. He also stated that those present would be glad to hear that the total sum subscribed for the 1888 festival was £51,500, and that at the present time there was only about the sum of £3,000 association money still outstanding. That, of course, would be received as the donors were successful in obtaining their ballots, all of which was, of course, payable at the will and convenience of the donors. The Chairman said he felt it his duty to state most positively in reference to the fact that a portion of the balance of this association money is still outstanding, that no proxies for votes had been issued in respect of the same in any one instance, nor would they be unless the money was first paid over to the Secretary of the Institution in the usual way. The proceedings then terminated.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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We shall be greatly obliged to Secretaries of Lodges and Secretaries of Chapters named in our list of forthcoming Lodge and Chapter Meetings if they will instruct us as to the dates of installations of W.M.'s and Principals respectively. The kindly consideration of one or two of our respected Provincial Grand Secretaries has enabled us to supply the desired information in some cases. We should like to be enabled to do so in all. [See foot-note at page 360.]

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We remind our readers, and more especially our Leicestershire brethren, that the masonic ball, under the auspices of the five Leicester lodges, will take place at the County Assembly Rooms, at Leicester, on Friday (to-morrow), 29th inst. We learn it will be a very grand affair, and under such distinguished patronage as that of the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, several Provincial Grand Masters, and other notable Freemasons, it should be most successful.

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Last Saturday evening, on the conclusion of Miss Patti Rosa's clever performance at the Jodrell Theatre, a new "water curtain," the invention of Bro. J. F. Wiles, was exhibited for the first time. By means of a 4-inch pipe placed at the top of the proscenium with 500 brass tubes screwed therein, each about half-an-inch apart, a practically solid sheet of water descends to the stage close to the footlights, and in case of fire it is claimed would effectually isolate and prevent it spreading to the auditorium, as no flame could possibly penetrate it. It is a clever invention, and where adopted should go far to allay feelings of alarm amongst an audience in case of outbreak of fire; it being an established fact that the late terrible losses of life in such conflagrations are wholly traceable to panic.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. R. Boyell, W.M.; H. Esling, S.W., W.M. Elect; J. H. Price, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., treas.; R. G. Cooper, P.M. 507 sec.; F. J. Potter, S.D.; W. G. Kent, I.G.; R. H. Davies, steward; Past Masters, Bros. H. S. Hunter, W. J. Forrest, and R. A. Kirkaldy; also Bros. A. A. Barnes, J. Howell, J. H. Evans, E. Belson, C. Rowan, and others. The visitors included Bros. R. Townsend, P.M. 1984, P.G.S.B.; G. Fanchild, W.M. 1319; W. Thomas, W.M. 2045; R. P. Stevens, W.M. 901; J. P. Fitzgerald, W.M. 2168; J. D. Clemming, P.M. 2168; D. A. Mostyn, J.D. 2045; W. W. Westleg, W.M. 186; G. F. Spencer, W.M. 2120; R. A. Hale, P.M. 1314; J. Mason, P.P. S.G.D. Middlesex; T. P. Deakin, P.M., 117; W. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733 and P.G.P.; H. G. Glendoni, 1186; J. Hyman, 2168; W. Trueman, 957; J. H. Muggeridge, W.M. 1507; W. E. Chapman, 2190; T. M. Clark, 2182; C. Smith, 1445; W. Medwin, P.M., 1613; T. J. Jearce, 382; E. Drighted, 1364; R. Trewer, 1685; J. Archer, 1426; R. Cursons, S.D., 1681; J. B. Reid, 1364; F. Dusterwald, D.C., 1586; J. Best, Abercorn; J. A. Stewart, 1364; A. Cotton, 1613; A. Prince, S.D., 901; R. Andrews, 35; A. Trelaver, 1327; W. A. Clench, 1776.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were adopted, and the audit committee's report received and adopted.

Bro. H. Esling as W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair by Bro. W. B. Fendick, P.M. and Treasr. in a very able manner.

The following officers were appointed and invested—Bros. J. H. Price, S.W.; F. J. Potter, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., Treasurer; R. G. Cooper, P.M. (507), Sec.; W. G. Kent, S.D.; R. H. Davies, J.D.; W. J. Harris, I.G.; A. A. Barnes, W.S.; J. Wheatcroft, 1st A.W.S.; J. Baxter, 2nd A.W.S.; W. H. Pain, D.C.; H. C. Theiss, 1st A.D.C.; E. Beeson, 2nd A.D.C. and G. Austin, Tyler. Propositions having been received and routine business transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were duly honoured. The menu card and toast list did credit to the W.M.'s taste, and were much admired. Bro. W. R. Boyell, I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. H. Esling, W.M., in reply, said he felt very proud at the manner in which the toast had been proposed and the cordial reception the toast had received. That night was, for him, one of those events which occur in the life of a Mason, and was the chief point in a Master Mason's life—his first Mastership. He was highly honoured at his position, and more especially when he saw around him so many distinguished visitors from all parts. He assured the brethren that it would be his great pleasure to promote in every way the welfare and happiness of the Emblematic Lodge. The Visitors', the Past Masters' and the Officers' toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a very successful and enjoyable gathering.

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

In your impression of the 17th inst. appears a letter which I addressed you under the above heading. Under date January 26th, "The Organ of the Craft" I find, sets about me in what it no doubt considers a most merciless and trenchant manner in its allusions to Critic No. 1 in a lengthy article entitled "Our Institutions and the Critics." In my letter it seems I used language which appears to have been for some reason unpalatable to the writer in your contemporary, who now retaliates in a long-winded diatribe of essentially a personal nature; but I am luckily impervious to "quibbles quick and paper bullets of the brain," and am not to be terrified by abuse or "bullied by reviewers." I have no desire whatever for any personal controversy with the gifted author ("scribbler" is evidently galling to him) of the effusion to which I have alluded, and which could in no way aid the main object I had in addressing you; still, some of his remarks are of such a nature as to call for a reply, and I can safely say that I should not attack him had he not commenced on the offensive.

At the outset of his remarks he says "those who are now assailing our institutions with charges of gross mismanagement must not be surprised if their assaults are *resented in language* which is not particularly complimentary to their sense of self-esteem"; and continues thus—"the bulk of the warfare is conducted in a manner opposed to all good feeling, the principal weapons used being not reason and argument, but abuse, assertion, wordy declamation and innuendo." All this is most true; assaults have been "resented in language" which fulfils those conditions in the most ample manner; but I fail to discover these qualities in the so-called attacks! His present article is a good specimen of his abusive powers and journalistic intemperance. As for instance, besides giving the lie direct, and speaking of making pretence, he alludes to people unknown to him as "stupid," "exceptionally ignorant," "man of ignorance," &c., and accuses one of making a "clumsy attempt at apology for his own ignorance." I merely draw attention hereto for the sake of showing that he and he only is the author of heated vituperative language so far as this controversy is concerned; and I am surprised that "the Organ of the Craft" should admit such commonplace vulgarity to a space in its columns.

I maintain that the system under which a collector is entitled to draw a commission of £639 in one year out of our R.M.B.I. funds is WRONG, and this I feel convinced must be the opinion of all who have the good of the charity alone at heart. "The organ of the Craft" asserts my statement to the effect that "it appears, however, that no matter through what agency funds may flow into the coffers of the charity, Mr. Collector gets a percentage thereon," to be a suggestion certainly untrue (by the way what is a "suggestion certainly untrue"?). Why do not the charity authorities place their accounts in a comprehensible manner? They say that £639 15s. 8d. is the collector's commission, and return the takings as being £18,266 13s. 10d. No *rate* of commission is stated, and if part of this sum accrues to the charity *intact* why is it not shown, and not left to a newspaper writer to state that "there *must* have (not *have*) been sums paid to the institution under this head of receipt, amounting to about £5,500 on which no commission whatever was paid." (I wonder whether the £2,670 mentioned by Bro. Birch is included herein). On the statements of account my letter was correct (*not untrue*). The accounts should be rendered clearly, and ought not to necessitate visits, as suggested, either to the secretary or Mr. Collector, for information which ought to be printed and published for the benefit of all concerned. Anyhow, whatever the amount taxable may be, the levy is far too great. No doubt, when appointed to the post, the sum total was so much smaller that commission on it represented a *fair* recompense for his trouble, and I should like to know what his share of it amounted to at that time. It is absurd to talk about the "conditions of his bond." Surely he holds the post in the same manner as scores of others in similar vocations, and any such thing as a "bond" only exists in the fertile brain of the writer who alludes to it. If, as I suppose, the agreement of the society is to pay him a certain commission, is there no possible termination to such an agreement? The statement of the writer in "The Organ of the Craft" to the effect that "the conditions on which he is employed were clearly defined at the time of his election to office, and that the sums he has since received as commission have been strictly in accordance therewith," is doubtless correct. I do not for one moment blame the collector for his share in the transaction; the agreement, and those who made it with him are the points I take exception to, and say that a new departure on economic principles is wanted. Personally, I believe as much money would be got together without a collector as with one, but even if one is necessary, I repeat it is preposterous to pay anything like the sum now appearing in the accounts, and which amount would suffice for *the relief of* 18 *more old people annually*. The idea of one official (especially in face of the immensely preponderating number of cases to vacancies) being so exorbitantly remunerated is a nasty pill to swallow, always bearing in mind the large salary of the secretary. My friend of the "Organ" *quasi apologetically* says that "it should be stated to the credit of Mr. Collector, that night after night, and at his *own expense* (italics are mine), he visits lodges in town and country pleading the cause of charity." If this is the case, what is the meaning of the items "provincial and other expenses," £80 0s. 1d. appearing in both male and female accounts? Where are these £3 a week laid out, and by whom? The concluding sentence of the foregoing paragraph, "and obtaining many a steward and many a handsome contribution as the result of these *voluntary* services," is so charmingly childlike in its beautiful bathos as to be quite refreshing, coming as it does in the midst of the terrific indictment of we poor "silly critics." If my friend would refer to any of the "men of business" he talks of, I do not think he would find them describe as "voluntary" the services of one of their employés travelling *on commission*. As regards my "flagrant case of error" in respect of publication of boys' school accounts, my statement is, that having consulted the book dated February, 1888, containing list, laws and balance sheets to 31st December, 1887, of the R. M. I. G., I turned to what I considered was a similar production relating to the boys, and as I stated in my letter to you, I could find no balance sheet in it. I now learn that a separate "annual report" was issued by this institution in May, 1888. This information, I am glad, has been published, as many subscribers who, like myself, were not aware of its existence, will now be able to obtain (I suppose) and peruse it. The tabular statement, so far as the expenditure was concerned, which it is asserted appeared as an advertisement, I know nothing about, advertisements being a class of literature having but little interest for me.

One of the points in my letter relating to the grant of 100 guineas to the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution is commented upon with the "eloquence of silence." Perhaps this will have future attention in "the Organ of the Craft," as I am therein told that my assertions are done with, at all events for the *present*. I fear I have already overstepped the limits of space this letter will require, but must say in conclusion that so far from "holding up to public ridicule and contempt" our Institutions, my object in having addressed you was and is to draw attention to details which (amongst others) have been and are the cause of remarks in all quarters of anything but a flattering character to those responsible for the administration of the charities. If these latter are not aware of their nature, they must indeed live "secluded from the world." I repeat, the whole internal working arrangements (let there be no false issue), for it is these which are being attacked, *not* the institutions, of our various charities require revision and reorganisation, but it requires a Hercules to crush the Hydra and to combat the enemies of reform who stop the way, and prevent much of intended relief ever reaching those for whom it is meant, and who are powerless to fight the battle of right against wrong themselves; but, to quote the preface of a well-known work—"If the writer succeeds in merely bruising one of the heads of the serpent, though his own hand should suffer in the encounter, he will be amply satisfied."

Fraternally yours,
SUBSCRIBER.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I asked for an egg and I get a stone—The writer in the *Freemason* "furnishes" me with some of the "exuberance of his own verbosity;" what is the use of that? *Audi vide tace*, excellent motto, and well acted up to by those responsible for the charities. My friend the "scribbler," in your contemporary resembles that noble instrument of music called the bagpipes, all his "notes" are discord, and the nimble way he hops about recalls the sword dance of the street Scotchman. Once more I assure him I don't care a button for what he may "dub" me—rather like it in fact—as it gives me his measure to a hair, but I really cannot wade through and remark on such a vapid mass of uninspired (?) "chatter of irresponsible frivolity." I daresay he thinks it capital "copy." Here's a sample of his reasoning powers—"the truth is that this matter of

arrears would never have attracted any notice, but for the sum announced at the anniversary festival, and the delight which some ill-natured people take in depreciating whatever is worthy of admiration and respect;" why any one should have "respect or admiration for arrears" is beyond me. Mr. Scribbler, do try and say what you mean—this sort of twaddle is painful.

Only one question—How does he know that "there is hardly one such official who would not readily surrender a tithe or even a greater proportion of his well-earned salary, if only he knew. &c."? No inspiration! well, if *not*, it's precious cool to make promises of other people's money; but, perhaps, the "magic" and "prophetic powers" which he gabbles about have something to do with it. I am afraid he has missed his vocation in life. My inquiries meanwhile remain unanswered. Faithfully and fraternally,

January 29th, 1889. A SILLY CRITIC.

You will possibly think my remarks exceed due bounds, but I appeal to your sense of justice to give me a chance to reply to my contemptuous adversary.—A.S.C.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have just seen the current number of the *Freemason*, and have read the article on "Our Institutions and their Critics," especially that portion of it which more particularly refers to my letter *re* Collector and Accounts, which appeared in your recent issue; and was amused at the evident *pique* displayed by the writer. With regard to my "wilfully and deliberately" ignoring the rules, &c., of the R.M.B.I., I was quite innocent of any such intent, and was certainly not aware of any balance-sheet in proper form being issued; and from inquiries that I made of old masons, and have since made since the appearance of the article in question, I find that I was not alone in my ignorance. If, as is customary with other charities outside Freemasonry (which I have the pleasure of supporting), a report and balance-sheet were sent out to each donor and subscriber, *then* there would be no excuse for ignorance, but such *not* being the case, my remarks were quite justified, especially after having seen in your contemporary only *one* side given. With regard to the auditing of the accounts, I am still of opinion that a good firm of chartered accountants should be employed (as is customary with other institutions) to make up the accounts and issue the balance-sheet. I cast no aspersion on the strict honour and integrity of those brethren who were elected to perform this task, as I hold them in the highest esteem.

If the balance-sheet was thus issued it would make every subscriber as wise as the "know something" gentleman who wrote the article in question, and who hints that the "poor know-nothing critic" may not be even a subscriber to the charities. For myself, not out of any egotism, but for his own especial information, I may tell him that I am a life governor of two and subscriber to all three; may I ask if he is a subscriber to any?

The article in question is far more likely to do harm to the charities than any letter which has appeared in your paper. For myself I have our noble charities as much, and perhaps even more, at heart than the writer of said article, and it is only for their good that my letter was written. The arrows shot have evidently struck home, else why such a fluttering of feathers and flapping of wings by your contemporary, who claims "no inspiration" for their paper, but at the same time shows that the article in question was inspired.

Apologizing for the length of my letter,

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

January 28th, 1889. JUNIOR WARDEN.

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A "P.M.'s" letter in last week's issue of your valuable paper is my only excuse for daring to intrude upon your space once more. He seems to have misunderstood me. I am a great advocate of *temperance*, and am myself a *total abstainer;* but, while strongly deprecating excessive drinking, I cannot yet see that total abstinence is temperance.

He must have noticed, too, in my former letter, that my strongest words on behalf of total abstinence lodges were that there would be more money for charitable purposes. This appears to me to be a great virtue, to deny one's self for the good of others. So far, then, I entirely agree with him.

But to speak of some other points, I conclude from the tone of the letter that the writer is a "dweller in towns." If such is the case, I am ready to admit at once that meeting places *could* be found in all towns. But are all lodges held in towns? There are also other questions besides that of the place, and I would especially ask, "Can suitable accommodation be found in many places for the brethren?" The social part of our meetings would not be so attractive if every sign of a banquet was refused to those who have come miles to the meeting and laboured hours with the ceremonies. On this point we total abstainers fail. It is so difficult to get a caterer in small places unless the local "hotel" keeper is called upon to supply the need.

"Shall it be admitted that we cannot carry on masonry without the drink?" Certainly not! I should think no one would wish to bring forward such a hypothesis. The words, however, in the letter which follow this question appear to me to be savouring too strongly of that intemperance of which I complain.

It is well, perhaps, when appealing to ignorant or even otherwise degraded people, to use strong language, and I have often done so when advocating total abstinence, but I take it for granted that all readers of your journal will be educated, thoughtful men, who will be offended by strong words rather than drawn into our ranks. We cannot afford in these days, when thousands of boys and girls glory in being members of Bands of Hope, to offend anyone. The great cause of total abstinence will be much advanced by temperance in speech.

I would like to quote the following words, which we all know so well. "You will learn (your duty) to *yourself*, by such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may *best* conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy." May we act up to these words!

I should have preferred to write privately to "AN OLD P.M." and to "A P.M.," but they both choose a *nom de plume*, and so I have been denied that opportunity.

There is very much more I should like to say, but dare not, for you have been already too kind* in allowing so much space to

1, Sandmere Gardens, Fraternally yours,
Clapham, S.W., CHARLIE WOODS, 1869; A. Soj. 1275.
25th Jan., 1889.

*** *Not at all! Continue the correspondence if you desire it, and believe that the craft can be benefited thereby.*—ED. M.S.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In the Province to which I belong it has been the custom to declare the Board of Installed Masters duly constituted. After I had acted as Installing Master two or three times, I visited a lodge in another Province on the occasion of the Installation of the W.M. The D.P.G.M. of that Province performed the ceremony, and opened in due form a Board of Installed Masters. In conversation with him afterwards, he expressed great astonishment that the ceremony was new to me, and said that, in his opinion, it should never be omitted.

Being subsequently asked to instal a brother, I happened to mention to our own D.P.G.M. that I meant to open a Board of Installed Masters. He told me he intended to be present, and that if I did he should at once demand the gavel and take the chair.

Both were eminent brethren and respected for their knowledge of our ceremonies. Why should there be such a divergence of opinion? Is it to be traced to the difference in ritual of the two grand lodges—now the United Grand Lodge of England?

Yours truly and fraternally,

25th January, 1889. SUPER SABRINA.

THE PAST MASTER'S PROBLEM.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Can you oblige me with the following information: Why was the 47th Problem of the First Book of Euclid selected for the P.M.'s jewel? and when? and who by?

Can you also give me in round numbers the numerical strength of the Craft now and ten years ago? (under the Grand Lodge of England). Yours fraternally,

*** *Information from brethren solicited.*—ED. M.S. T. B.

Answers to Correspondents.

SECRETARY, 1534.—Thanks for Calendar forwarded.

F. C. D. F. 2291.—We have noted particulars as requested.

No. 2157.—You will see that we have attended to your favour.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The fifteen sections will be worked in the following lodges of instruction, viz.:—

LEOPOLD, No. 1571, at the Blackwall Hotel, London Street, Fenchurch Street, on Thursday next, 31st inst., Bros. E. C. Talbot, 65 and 1310, W.M.; W. Martin, P.M. 879, S.W., and J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 13, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, and Colley, J.D. 1571, Hon. Sec.

ROYAL STANDARD, No. 1298, by the members of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, to-morrow, the 1st February, at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N., at 7. Bros. H. Jenkins, S.W. 860, W.M.; H. Hill, P.M. 1805, S.W.; J. A. Powell, 186 J.W.

UPTON, No. 1227, on Monday, the 4th February, 1889, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., at 7 p.m.

RAVENSBOURNE, No. 1601, at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E., on Wednesday, 13th February, at 7 p.m. Bro. C. Atkins, Sec.

CAMDEN, No. 704, at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, S.E., on Tuesday, 26th February.

——The meetings of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902, will be held at Bro. Burrell's, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, W.C., on Wednesday evenings, from 6 to 8, instead of Friday, from 7 to 9. Bros. Batty, P.M., preceptor; W. R. Larter, org. 902, sec.

——The installation of Bro. J. T. Axford as W.M. of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., to-morrow (1st February), at 3.30 p.m.

——The regular meetings of the Montefiore Lodge of Instruction, No. 1017, will be held each Thursday throughout the year at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, London, at 8 p.m. Bro. N. P. Valentine, P.M. 1017, preceptor; Bro. F. R. Hardinge, 1017, secretary

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PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Calendar of Meetings in Province of Wilts for 1889 Bro. G. J. Farringdon, Publisher, Bradford-on-Avon;—*Society.*—

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

Evenings Abroad.

Circus shows are always attractive at Christmas time : in London we have now grown to expect them at this season, and I am of opinion that certain youngsters of my acquaintance would as lief be without their puddings, nay, even without the vacation itself, as go without their circus. Therefore, the establishment of Hengler's, now to be seen at the Covent Garden Theatre instead of at Regent Circus, has been one of the principal institutions this year, and it well deserves the extensive patronage it has been accorded. Looking around the house one day last week, one could scarcely see a vacant seat and I think the laughter and applause from the enthusiastic crowd of visitors may be said to have fairly shaken the theatre and the temporary seats which occupy the stage side of the arena. The principal items of the lengthy programme can only be mentioned here ; but I can honestly advise all those who can appreciate a good circus to pay a visit to Covent Garden before the season is over. Juggling on horseback by Mr. H. Boswell and juggling on the floor by Mr. John Le Clair, will show all spectators how it is done, and, when they have seen all that they can see, they can go home and perform the feats, or at any rate they can try to. Madame Algeria, Senorita Encarnacion, Signorita Clotilde, and Mdle. Virginie give splendid exhibitions with their highly-trained horses ; while Messrs. Tom Yelding, Alfred Clarke, and Albert Hengler rival each other with the novelties they introduce. Mr. Geo. Lockhart's performing elephants, and "Caviar," the equestrian bear, must be seen to be believed ; while Mona and Karl on the triple horizontal bars, Senorita Pilar Jacques on the balancing trapeze, and the three Pierrots, as represented by Signorita Teresina, Eulalia, and Encarnacion, represent the highest possible perfection in their difficult arts. The fun of the clowns, Little Friskey and Whimsical Walker, is calculated to make anyone laugh immoderately ; and the dashing riding of young Ernest, a boy apparently without fear, is simply "tip top." Having thus enumerated some of the leading items of Hengler's Circus, I think I have proved the justness of my recommendation to all to patronize it. An addition to the programme is now to be seen in the shape of a pony which has been trained to perform the Baldwin-esque feat of descending from the roof of the theatre. This is even more startling than the "Baldwin monkey" at the Aquarium.

That Doctor Cupid, "fantastic comedy" by Robert Buchanan, produced at a matinée at the Vaudeville Theatre on the 14th inst., now occupies the evening bill at this house. The piece, though remarkably bright and amusing, is not up to the standard of this author's previous adaptations of "Tom Jones" and "Joseph Andrews." Indeed, it is more suggestive in its mixture of the superhuman and the natural, of opera bouffe than of comedy pure and simple. The leading idea is strongly reminiscent of *Faust*, the Dr. in the present instance being our old friend Eros. The author's cleverness, however, cannot for one moment be gainsaid, and he has produced a work of great and original merit. The chief interest lies in the interpretation ; and I must specially compliment Miss Winifred Emery, Miss Marian Lee, Miss Drummond and Miss Robertson, while equal praise is merited by Messrs. Tom Thorne, Fred Thorne, Cyril Maude, wonderfully clever in an eccentric part, and Frank Gillmore. All the other parts are acted by real artists, so the piece is thoroughly well played. The scenery and costumes are likewise excellent.

Mr. Irving was able only on Saturday night last to resume his impersonation of Macbeth. Rest and sea air have done him much good, and his representation of the wicked Thane is now stronger than it was. Mr. Hermann Vezin has certainly earned the popular manager's gratitude in coming forward at the moment and in so ably filling the vacant place.

Sorry indeed am I to record the demise of Miss Selina Dolaro, a charming little lady on the stage and one whose impersonations I shall always remember. Her Carmen was an ideal representation ; her Clairette, her Périchole, her Rose Dufard, and many other of her parts, were distinguished by true genius and were first-class. Ill-health forced her retirement some time since, and she devoted her energies to literature. I have never seen any of her dramatic work, which has not been over successful ; yet, it is stated, that the Kendals have got a play by the deceased lady in hand for production. For this I cannot vouch ; but I was so informed some time ago.

April Showers is a clever piece, produced at Terry's Theatre on Thursday last. The comedy is bright but weak, but it will doubtless be a boon to amateurs. The representation by Misses Maud Millett and Rose Norreys, Mrs. Edmund Phelps, Messrs. Lewis Waller, John Beauchamp, Walter Everard and Albert Chevalier was highly satisfactory.

The Begum's Diamonds, produced on Tuesday last at the Avenue Theatre, is a disappointing piece. It begins so well and ends so weakly ; the author has started with an excellent idea, the value of which he apparently does not appreciate, for he fritters away all his opportunities, and in the end he produces an unsatisfactory result. Still, *The Begum's Diamonds* is not hopeless ; alterations can, and probably will, be made in it which will render the piece far more acceptable. The actors and actresses engaged in the production worked with the utmost loyalty, and the author, Mr. J. P. Hurst, is doubtless very grateful to them. Messrs. Yorke Stephens, Lewis Waller, W. F. Hawtrey, Sidney Brough, Eric Lewis, and Hamilton Knight, and Misses Florence West, Rose Norreys, Violet Vanbrugh, and Ethel Hope supported the play admirably.

Atalanta at the Strand has ended her run, and Messrs. Charles Wyndham and William Duck are said to be in negociation to produce *The Balloon* there. *Bob*, in other words Miss Patti Rosa, is also negociating for this house.

Dear old "Granny" Stephens has retired from the stage. Those who can remember the thousand and one parts in which she shone, notably her Mrs. Willoughby in *The Ticket of Leave Man*, will know what a thorough artiste the stage has lost.

Doreas will be the title of the comic opera at the Lyric, which will follow *Dorothy*. To follow is to succeed. So mote it be.

Yet another new theatre in London ! This time for Mr. Augustus Harris, and just off the Strand. The responsibilities and reservations of the Drury Lane lease are said to be anything but acceptable to the great "Gus," and he is going to end them by renting a theatre especially designed and constructed to suit his own views.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, JANUARY 30TH, 1889.

The supply of money now is fairly equal to the requirements, and rates remain steady with, perhaps, rather a tendency towards hardening. In view of the general condition of the market, it is anticipated that the Bank minimum will shortly be reduced to 3 per cent.

Business for the past week has been checked by two causes, one the recurrence of the fortnightly settlement, and the other the election in Paris. Both these events are now over, and a resumption of the previous activity may be expected. The remainder of the Railway dividends are looked for every day, and prices in this department are fairly well maintained with the exception of the Scotch division, where a certain amount of realisation has been accompanied by a sharp fall. This is as might have been expected, and I have before said that the prices to which Caledonian and North British was not warranted by the real position. As a symptom of the tendency towards division of ordinary stocks, or, perhaps, in response to the cry for some such new deal, the Directors of the South Western Railway mention in their report that they intend to apply to parliament for power to allow their shareholders to convert into preferred and deferred stock. Hull and Barnsley have again been looked after on the assumption that an arrangement is really to come off now with the North Eastern, and for my part I think the stock may go higher. I have before mentioned Furness Railway stock and do so again.

In the foreign division there is now a little firmer tone. Boulanger is elected and Paris is still quiet, so that the timorous who sold in expectation of something like a panic on the Bourse are now hastening to buy back, but at the same time I do not counsel any purchases here as prices even now are quite as high as they ought to be. No one seems to know why Tinto's are so depressed, but there has undoubtedly been some heavy selling from Paris, which coming on a market indisposed to take anything coming from that quarter, where they are supposed to know more of the inside working of the copper gamble than we do, the price fell away quicker than it could be followed, consequently a rally of over 1¼ per share quickly followed. The new Copper Trust is not yet out, although it is said that the whole capital has been underwritten.

The gamble in South African mines is as active as ever, and every day sees some new counter thrown upon the table. The prices have been carried up so far, and upon such same premises that many of the dealers are seeking to keep clear in case of a smash, so that more than the ordinary difficulty was experienced in carrying over, the purchasers being required to take up shares, or rather to pass names for them ; but whether the sellers are in a position to deliver is another matter, which will be proved when the limit of time allowed is reached. There is a renewed demand for some of the Exploration Companies, and seeing the enormous development of mining properties in South Africa, there seems to be no limit to the profit to be expected from this class of venture.

Nitrate properties are not yet re-established in public favour, although prices have improved somewhat. Because Colonel North had made money out of them, the possibilities of wealth were apparently thought to be inexhaustible, and everything connected in the most remote degree with nitrate partook of the general colouring. The opening up of nitrate diggings, for they are hardly mines, in South Africa, must give a certain blow to South American produce, that is, of course, admitting that there is nitrate in Africa, and that it will pay to dig and carry to the port of shipment. Speaking of Colonel North, I remember its being proudly said by one of his followers, "the Colonel understands nitrates, and will never allow himself to be drawn into any other kind of investment." Now, it appears that the gallant gentlemen understands banking, and the provision trade, to say nothing of coals, which last adventure, in spite of the Colonel's name and "apt alliteration's artful aid," hangs fire wofully. He evidently does not understand coals.

Amongst the Witwatersrandt Mines I should choose the Royal at 6, and for a cheap mine the Wolhunter Klerksdorp at ¾, for a good speculation.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

BROADSTAIRS.—The person named is not now a member of the Stock Exchange. Ask for further particulars.

E. G. D.—(1) Good to hold. (2) A settlement has been applied for but no day yet fixed. (3) The last dividend was declared in October at 2/9 per share.

FILO.—We think not. The ordinary shares were not offered for subscription.

S. Y.—Have nothing to do with the firm, they are rank outsiders.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—Installation meeting on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Ship, Greenwich. There there present Comps. J. Addington, H.; J. Tuck, J.; Captain C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; C. H. Stone, S.N.; G. S. Benedetti, A.S.; Major W. E. Williams, P.Z., treas.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z.; W. Cowley, P.Z.; C. Meierhoff; W. F. Crook; G. H. Foes; Dr. H. Makeham; Bumstead, P.Z.; Charlie Woods; Fry; C. N. M. North; Rowe; Janitor; R. C. Davie, 1329; G. A. Taylor, P.Z., ; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329; E. J. Burns, A. Soj. 1071; W. Kipps, 79; V. T. Murché, A. Soj. 1329; Capt. R. J. Vincent, H. elect, 1329, M.E.Z. 1777; J. J. Pitt, 169; and F. Walters, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A. Soj. Middlesex. Bro. Towers was exalted, after which Comp. Hilton, P.Z., installed Comp. J. Addington into the chair of Z., and Comp. J. Tuck into the chair of H., while Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., installed Comp. Crook as J. The officers invested were Comps. Capt. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Major Williams, P.Z., treas.; Benedetti, S.N., Fleck, P.S.; Meierhoff, 1st A.S.; and C. Woods, 2nd A.S. The whole of the work was performed in that excellent manner for which the Star Chapter has become famous. The Comps. afterwards enjoyed a sumptuous repast, and then succeeded a splendid treat in the shape of a musical selection, arranged by Bro. R. De Lacy, Vicar Choral, St. Paul's Cathedral. The vocalists were Mesdames A. H. Watkins and Landsell Sims, and Bros. De Lacy and Kenningham. The usual toasts were honoured, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

BURGOYNE—No. 902.—On Monday, the 28th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London.—Bro. John Charles Cross, W.M.—Bros. Walter Smith, S.W.; John Beddoes, J.W.; Gabb, P.M., treas.; H. C. Jefferys, P.M., sec.; White, S.D.; James, J.D.; Prince, I.G.; Larter, org.; R. Field, P.M.; Batty, P.M.; Byring, P.M.; Stafford, Norton, Brown, Norrington, Sendall, Leary, Notting, Pillinger, Green, Richmond, Bean, Noble, Rashleigh, Lewry, Gilbert (tyler); and visitors, Bros. James Stevens, P.M.P.Z., and J. Wall, 1793. The business on the agenda comprised the initiation of Mr. Thomas Matthias, and the passing of Bro. Arthur Andoive. A sum of ten guineas was voted in aid of the list of Bro. W. Smith, S.W., as steward at forthcomlng festival of the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys. Bro. J. Beddoes, J.W., announced his intention to represent the R.M.B.I. at its next festival, and will doubtless be supported by the lodge and its members. Lodge was closed early, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was of a moderate character as compared with the "formal feasts" at present so customary; and, whilst affording even more pleasure to the assembled company, reserved in the hands of the treasurer the means for increased assistance of "poor and distressed" brethren. It was loudly expressed, when the hour arrived for separation, that a more enjoyable evening had not been spent in connection with the lodge for a very long period, Songe and recitations were abundant, and some genuine talent was displayed amongst the members.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE—No. 2157.—Meeting held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, 25th inst. Present:—Bros. John O'Connell, W.M.; T. Cross, I.P.M.; J. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; W. A. Carter, B.A., J.W.; J. Tidmarsh, S.D.; W. Goulden, J.D.; A. P. Lye, B.A., I.G.; Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., P.P.G.C. Rutland and Leicestershire, treas.; J. Stanton, J. L. Johnson, W. T. Thompson, B.A., A. Streeter, Driver, Rowland, A. G. Fleming, J. Hugh Stanton, Arnold, Parry, Heathcote. Visitors:—Bro. Hall, P.M. 1622; Chisman, 274; Blowfield, P.M. 1566; Beal, 1566. Bros. Arnold and Parry were passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. in a very able manner. The lodge being duly closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room where the remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment. The visitors in returning thanks greatly praised the musical treat afforded them by the brethren of the lodge after dinner.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBOURNE.—No. 1601.—On the 23rd inst., at eight p.m., at the George Inn, Catford, S.E.—W. Bro. H. Shaw, P.M. and Preceptor, as W.M.—Bros. J. Clark, S.W.; G. Pickering, J.W.; H. Penter, S.D.; W. Reminton, J.D.; C. Thomas, I.G.; C. Atkins, sec.; C. Anderson; J. Stevens, P.M.; C. Blanchard, Colley, J. T. Axford, J. A. Shelton, Walter Smith, Ackroyd, and others. The lodge worked in the three degrees. Ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge called "off and on." Bro. J. T. Axford, W.M. elect, of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, under the guidance of the Preceptor, rehearsed the addresses to officers on investment, and closed down with full ceremony. The proceedings were generally instructive.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—On the 24th inst., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel.—Bro. Porter, W.M.—Bros. Holmes, S.W.; Shelly, J.W.; Wade, S.D.; March, J.D.; Wing, I.G.; King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., hon. sec.; O'Connell, Jolliffe, Bond, Burges, Rutter, Pillinger, Morris, Salter, and Ackerman. Initiation rehearsed, Bro. Salter as candidate. Bro. O'Connell took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing Bro. Ackerman as candidate. Bro. Porter resumed the chair, and Bro. Holmes was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

LANGTON—No. 1673.—On Thursday, the 24th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C.—Bro. E. G. Brewer, W.M.—Bros. S. Lea Smith, S.W.; A. Toulmein, J.W.; P. H. Hall, S.D.; E. A. De Paiva, J.D.; S. L. Webb, I.G.; C. W. C. Webb, preceptor; C. W. Mapleton, sec.; J. R. Quick, H. M. Hobbs, G. F. Marshall, J. Jupe, E. L. Axford, J. T. Axford, and J. S. Fraser. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. S. L. Smith personating candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Marshall, Bro. C. W. C. Webb acting as candidate. Bro. Jupe was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

STAR.—No. 1275.—On the 26th inst., at 7 p.m., at the Dover Castle, Deptford Broadway. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M., Preceptor. Bro. Judge opened the lodge, and there were also present Bros. Kemble, S.W.; Sykes, J.W.; Blanchard, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Vonberger, I.G.; Martin, preceptor; Wilkinson, sec.; Newell, org.; Past Masters Waterman, Duffield, Geo. Bolton, Jas. Stevens, Eagle, Hunt, and Skudder; and Bros. Bird, Smith, Faulkner, Black, Talbot, Marcus, Turpin, Best, Eaton, and Holding. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Talbot candidate, and lodge was called "off and on." Bro. Newell opened in F.C., and rehearsed the ceremony, Bro. Smith as candidate, and closed in 2nd degree. Bro. Judge again presided and conducted the remainder of the formal business, finally closing the lodge after a very instructive and agreeable evening.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 24th inst., at the Stirling Castle' Camberwell, S.E. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H. 169, H.; Whitby, M.E.Z. 1329, J.; Stone, S.E.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S.; Cope; Wingham; and Capt. Vincent, H. elect 1329, M.E.Z. 1777. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Comp. Cope personating candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Whitby rehearsed the ceremony of installation of M.E.Z., while Comp. Vincent rehearsed that of the installation of J.

PROVINCIAL.

CORNWALL—PENZANCE—MOUNT SINAI LODGE—No. 121, Penzance—Held their St. John's Day meeting last week. Bro. Major J. J. Ross was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. G. H. Small, P.M. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. J. R. Mockridge, S.W.; James Tregarthen, J.W.; C. Read, treasurer; W. Colenso, secretary; B. Shakerley, S.D.; J. Quick, J.D.; B. C. Matthews, I.G.; S. Y. Dale, and J. H. Gartrell, stewards; R. White, jun., organist; T. H. Cornish, D.C., and R. Reynolds, tyler. The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Western Hotel.

BODMIN—"ONE AND ALL" LODGE—No. 330.—The installation meeting was held last week, the W.M. elect, W. Bro. Tom Whale, was installed by the retiring W.M., W. Bro. R. P. Edyvean, P.G. Regr., his brother, Bro. B. F. Edyvean, assisting him. There was a very large attendance, the Board of Installed Masters including W. Bros. Hext, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Rowe, P.P.J.G.W., treasurer; Adams, P.P.G.S.W.; Spear, Derry, P.P.G.D.; Vercoe, Perry, 856; J. B. Blight, W. Isaac Watts, and J. Bunt, 496. The visitors included, in addition to those above mentioned—Bros. Stewart and W. McLean, 856; J. Brewer, W.M. elect, and T. R. Hards, 1954; W. Smale, 1138 (Devon); W.H. Luke, 406; and C. F. Zimber, 967. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—W. R. Brewer, S.W.; F. S. Page, J.W.; W. Bro. Rowe, P.P.J.G.W., treasurer; T. P. Tonkin, secretary; R. L. Randall, S.D.; W. J. Adams, J.D.; John Alfred Rowe, I.G.; W. Bro. Dennis, P.P.G.D., tyler; R. Roscola, Org.; W. A. Sandoe, D.C., and E. J. Goodfellow and G. B. Treverton, stewards; W. Bro. Rowe, steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; W. Bro. T. Hicks Spear, steward of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. The lodge having been closed, brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel to partake of the annual banquet. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND—WHITEHAVEN—LEWIS LODGE—No. 872.—An installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 21st inst., Bro. W. D. P. Field, P.G.A.D.C., being the W.M. Bro. Dr. Muir, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Thomas Brackenridge, P.M., P.P.G. St. Br., and was duly installed. On his behalf Bro. Brackenridge invested the officers, viz.:—Bros. Joseph Moffatt, S.W.; D. Atkinson, J.W.; Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G. Chaplain, chaplain; John Spittall, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Ws., treasurer; D. Pattinson, sect.; Robert Shepherd, S.D.; Dr. John Pirie, J.D.; H. J. Webb, D.C.; A. W. Johnston, I.G.; R. Mann, F. Farquharson, and H. Kerr, stewards; Jonah Sewell, tyler. An address was delivered by Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. There were also present Bros. C. Morton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. Rose, P.M.; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Burns, P.M., P.P.G. Purst; James Kirkbridge, William Lewis, J. M. Clarke, Thomas Allinson, W.M., 119, P.G. Purst; W. C. Johns, P.M.; W. J. Tyson, George Starkey, J.W.; D. H. Cook, H. Meageen, W. C. Mulcaster, Joseph Abbott, W.M. 371; G. W. Roll, 1,225; W. Bradley, P.M. 1,330; James Stout, J.W. 1267; R. Ward, W.M. 1,400; J. Rubery, P.M.; H. Hartley, S.W. 1660; J. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Sw. Br.; D. Rice, P.M., P.P.G. Purst; I. Dickinson, J.W. 1,989; R. Briggs, 1,989; John Atkinson, 1,390, and many others. One candidate was proposed for initiation. Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

DEVON—PLYMOUTH—FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.—The installation banquet was held on the 24th inst., at the Farley Hotel. W. Bro. A. W. Spinney, W.M., presided, and over seventy brethren sat down to one of those capital banquets for which Bro. Routly is noted, and which was splendidly served. Among those present were:—Bros. S. Edgcumbe, S.W.; W. J. Sweet, J.W.; S. Jew, chap., P.P.G.J.D.; J. T. Browning, treas., P.P.G. treas.; C. H. Cooper, sec., P.P.G.J.D.; William Hearder, P.G.O.; J. W. Parson, P.M.; M. Emdon, P.P.G.J.D.; H. J. Kitt, P.M.; T. Gray, P.M.; Geo. Horswill, P.M. 105; R. B. Twose, P.P.G. treas.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.S. wks.; A. E. Lyons, P.M. 105; E. G. Dyke, P.P.G.O.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. wks.; F. B. Westlake, P.P.G.S.D.; R. C. Balkwill, P.M. 1486; George J. Firks, P.M. 1247; Fred R. Goodyear, P.M. and treas. 223; W. H. Williams, P.M. 1847; Frank R. Thomas, W.M. 189; Fred Orchard, W.M. 230; W. R. Rawling, W.M. 1071; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G. treas.; William Browning, P.P.G.D.C.; William King, W.M. 70; W. H. Michell, W.M. 156; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; Bros. A. H. McBryde, S.D.; T. W. Soper, J.D.; C. Luke, I.G.; S. H. R. Gibbens, D.C.; A. T. Lidiard, A.O.; T. G. Taylor, J.S.; W. H. Phillips, tyler; Bros. W. Biscombe, 223; W. T. Lewis, 105; C. Collingwood, 105; T. Mc D. Rendle, 1928; J. H. Turner, 230; George Miller, 1099; J. Hockley, 105; M. Montague Joel, 105; A. J. Verdi, D.C. 202; R. D. Sale, 202; F. Maitland, 105; C. F. Cooper, 105; W. F. Lewis, 105; T. Lean, 105; R. S. Tyler, 105; R. S. Pinkham, 1550; H. Matthews, 223; H. F. Matthews, 105; George S. Williams, 1837 (St. Keyna); S. D. Funnell, 105; A. Routly, 105; W. Fitch, 223. Amongst those who contributed to the evening's entertainment were Bros. A. E. Lyons, R. B. Twose, W. Hearder, Bros. Maitland and Miller, and others.

KENT—DOVER—THE CORINTHIAN LODGE—No. 1203—Held their monthly meeting, at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate Street, on 21st inst., and unanimously elected Bro. C. L. Adams, W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation will take place in February.

SOMERSET—CLEVEDON—COLERIDGE LODGE—No. 1750.—Held in the Masonic Rooms at the Public Hall. Bro. Michael H. Clark, S.W., was formerly installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., of Somerset, in the presence of a large number of members. The newly-installed Master invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. G. Rivers, S.W.; Captain Rose, J.W.; T. Barnes, treas.; J. Jupp, P.M., sec.; Major-General Montague, C.B., S.D.; A. B. Wickenden, J.D.; C. A. Hayman, I.G.; W. Somerton, org.; F. Stevens, tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to Regent House, where upwards of forty sat down to a *recherché* banquet. Regret was expressed by the brethren generally that Bro. T. Barnes, who has just attained his jubilee as a Freemason, was prevented attending through illness. He was initiated in 1838, and is highly respected for his services to the craft, not only in the Coleridge Lodge, but throughout this and neighbouring provinces.

STAFFORDSHIRE—LICHFIELD.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE—No. 1039.—The annual festival of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel on the 23rd inst. Bro. F. Harper, W.M. installed Bro. J. Gladman into the chair of K.S. The following officers were invested:—Bros. W. A. Wood, S.W.; G. Haynes, J.W.; Rev. T. Spain, chap.; J. J. Perkins, P.M., P.P.G.P., treas.; T. Cox, sec.; A. Smyrk, S.D.; C. F. Lloyd, J.D.; C. Trigg, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; G. Bullock, tyler. There were also present, Bros. James Clark, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. Trigg, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Fowler, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. J. Perkins, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Ashmall, P.M., P.G.P.; Harper, and other members of the lodge. Also the following visitors:—Bros. Buckley, 153; Brooke, 739; R. C. Wills, 1,909, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Notts; Spalding, 1,909, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Notts; J. Ryder, 1,792, P.M., P.G.S.D.; E. Mousley, S.W., 726; W. D. Batkin, W.M., 726; J. Wooldridge, 726, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. E. Allen, 419; Bro. Griffin, 442, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; M. Barker, 1,792, P.M., P.P.G.W.; and J. J. Simpson, W.M., 1,520. A banquet followed the ceremonies.

SUSSEX—BRIGHTON.—ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS—No. 75.—The installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, on the 23rd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. W. G. Abell, who was supported by the following officers, viz., Bros. James Ridge, S.W.; J. Harrison, M.O.; T. Hills, registrar; J. C. Buckwell, sec.; J. Belcher, S.O.; R. Willard, org.; W. A. Tooth, chaplain; T. Bullock, steward; and H. H. Hughes, tyler. The brethren present also included Bros. C. F. Goode; T. Wickham; T. Chapman; H. F. Currie, Cape Colony 86; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. G. sec.; R. Paige, P.P.G.I.G.; J. T. Musson, P.G.S.; J. J. Abell, P.G.O.; G. Masrers, P.G.S.; T. H. Challis; and S. Langley. The newly elected W.M., Bro. James Ridge, P.P.G.S.B., was duly installed, the ceremony being impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. W. G. Abell, who was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the year. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: J. C. Buckwell, S.W.; R. Willard J.W.; F. Downard, M.O.; J. Parsons, S.O.; T. Hills, J.O.; W. A. Tooth, chaplain; G. R. Lockyer, treas.; J. Belcher, R. of M.; T. Bullock, sec.; R. B. Higham, S.D.; A. F Lamette, J.D.; E. Histed, D. of C.; E. Buchanan, org.; J. J. Abell, I.G.; W. Tebbs, 1st steward; T. Wickham, 2nd steward; and H. H. Hughes, tyler. The lodge being closed the brethren sat down to banquet.

YORKSHIRE—YORK.—AGRICOLA LODGE—No. 1991.—The members of this lodge held their first annual ball in their recently acquired premises in Castlegate, on Thursday evening, the 24th inst., when all the members of the lodge vied with each other to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of their friends and guests. The various rooms were very tastefully decorated by Bro. Laverack, D. of C., Bro. T. N. Lathom, I.G., and Bro. G. Osborne; the shields, &c., which were most artistic, being the work of Bros. Laverack and Lathom, the effect of these decorations being greatly enhanced by the judicious display of a large number of beautiful plants, &c., which were kindly lent for the occasion by Bros. Baker and Hingston. The music for the ball programme was most effectively rendered by Mears' band, the programme being nicely varied during the evening by songs, &c., by Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, J.W., A. Sample, P.P.G.O., J. Dow, steward, C. Garrood, T. Laverack, D. of C., J. Horner, 1611, &c. The characteristic songs of Bro. Laverack, and the comical sketches by Bro. Horner exciting roars of laughter. Bros. A. Sample, P.P.G.O., and W. S. Child, P.G.O., accompanied alternately the songs of these brethren with their usual ability. The duties of M.C. were effectively performed by Bros. Geo. Manton, J.D. (the energetic hon. sec. of the ball committee), and J. W. Dow, whilst the duties of steward were well looked after by Bro. D. Young, lodge steward, assisted by the willing hands of several brethren. By permission craft clothing was worn, which with the brilliant dresses of the ladies, combined with the uniform of the military brethren, made a most effective and pretty sight. The company separated late on Friday morning, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and looking forward to another re-union at an early date. This is the first instance in the history of the lodge of the presence amongst them of the fair sex, and the Worshipful Master and his brethren may well be gratified at the result of their first effort, which will doubtless encourage them to essay a similar re-union at a further date, but perhaps on larger premises, so that they may have an opportunity of entertaining a larger number of friends. The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 28th inst., when two military brethren were proposed as joining members, and four gentlemen as candidates for initiation, when, after other business had been disposed of, a hearty vote of thanks to the lodge committee, and to all who had assisted to render the ball so successful, was carried with acclamation, the Worshipful Master (W. Bro. A. M. White, P.A.G.P., N. and E. Yorks., who was one of the seven founders), being heartily congratulated upon his successful year of office which will expire at the end of the ensuing April.

THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

In the opinion of many Brethren the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the Brethren, whose names are subjoined, may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft universal, who, in this way, will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned Brethren have formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual Subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer (Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.), and will be duly acknowledged.

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Together with many distinguished Past Grand Officers and well-known Brethren of the Craft in all parts of England.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"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 (4th) THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st.	
22	Neptune	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
2192	Highbury	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
2264	Chough	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
	(1st) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st.	
11	Enoch	F. M. H.
59	Royal Naval	Ditto
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1489	Marquis of Ripon	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1627	Royal Kensington	F. M. H.
1815	Penge	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2233	Old Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C. 259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
Mark. 8	Thistle	F. M. T.
	(1st) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd.	
142	St. Thomas's	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1949	Brixton	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
	(1st) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4th.	
12	Fortitude & Old Cumberland	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
25	Robert Burns	F. M. H.
69	Unity	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
83	United Lodge of Prudence	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
144	St. Luke's	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
188	Joppa	F. M. T.
256	Unions	F. M. H.
1305	St. Marylebone	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
1625	Tredegar	*Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, E.*
1669	Royal Leopold	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1731	Cholmeley	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1853	Caxton	F. M. H.
1996	Priory of Acton	Royal Ass. Rooms, Acton
2020	St. Botolph's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2098	Harlesden	National Schools, Harlesden
R.A.C. 1615	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.
1704	Cable	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
	(1st) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th.	
7	Royal York of Perseverance	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
9	Albion	F. M. H.
18	Old Dundee	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
101	Temple	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
166	Union	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
172	Old Concord	F. M. H.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
765	St. James'	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	C. of G. Hope Tav., Commercial Rd., E.
1261	Golden Rule	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.

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	(1st) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th—*continued.*	
1397	Anerley	Thicket Hot., Anerley
1472	Henley	Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich
1693	Kingsland	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
2150	Tivoli	Tivoli Restaurant, Strand, W.C.
2190	Savage Club	F. M. H.
R.A.C. 169	Temperance	Railway Tav., New Cross Rd., New Cross
Mark. 236	Clapton	Rudolph Chmbrs., 191, Bshpsgte St., E.C.
315	Henniker	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
350	Temperance-in-the-East	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
355	Royal Savoy	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.C. 72	Canterbury	33, Golden Square, W.
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th. GRAND CHAPTER, AT 6 P.M.	
511	Zetland	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1298	Royal Standard	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1491	Athenæum	Athenæum, Camden Road
1585	Royal Commemoration	White Lion Hot., Upper Norwood
1687	Rothesay	St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C. 1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
	(1st) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th.	
10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall St., E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.
538	La Tolerance	Ditto
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand, W.C.
1361	United Service	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1425	Hyde Park	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow, E.
2291	West Ham Abbey	Town Hall, Stratford, E.
R.A.C. 2	St. James's	F. M. H.
9	Mount Moriah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.
Mark. 197	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			
43	St. Paul's	25th Feb	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	6th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	19th Feb	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	12th Feb	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	11th Feb	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh	27th Feb	Ditto
925	Bedford	18th Feb	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	20th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	26th Jan	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	13th Feb	Ditto
1163	Emulation	28th Feb	Ditto
1180	Forward	4th Feb	Ditto
1474	Israel	11th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	19th Feb	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	5th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	7th Feb	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Feb	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	13th Feb	Ditto
221	St. John	18th Feb	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George	27th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
302	Hope	18th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	21st Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	5th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales T-MR.,	1st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	18th Feb	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			
271	Royal Clarence ...	15th Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	5th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Feb	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Feb	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	26th Feb	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Feb	Ditto
1947	Stanford	13th Feb	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox TO-MOR.,	1st Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Feb	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	5th Feb	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Feb	Ditto
326	Moira	14th Feb	Ditto
610	Colston	20th Feb	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges	2nd Feb	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	28th Feb	Ditto
2257	Powell	25th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort	26th Feb	Ditto
187	Charity	7th Feb	Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
42	Relief	21st Feb	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	13th Feb	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	14th Feb	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Feb	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	28th Feb	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			
88	Scientific	11th Feb	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	4th Feb	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	5th Feb	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Feb	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid	6th Mar	Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
253	Tyrian	26th Feb	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum	13th Feb	Ditto
802	Repose	19th Feb	Ditto
1085	Harthington... ...	6th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto

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HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only		Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only		Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Apr	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ... Ap to Jy only		Ditto
1512	Hemming	21st Feb	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only		Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only		Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto
HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
57	Humber	7th Feb	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	13th Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	6th Feb	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce TO-MOR.,	1st Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber TO-DAY,	31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	21st Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street
ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.			
1004	Athole	6th Feb	M. H., Loch Parade, Dougla
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Feb	M. H., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	13th Feb	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Feb	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Feb	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Feb	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ? 14th or	21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
289	Fidelity	7th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	27th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	1st Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	4th Feb	Ditto
1221	Defence	11th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	15th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	9th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	12th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	6th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street
LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
279	St. John's	6th Feb	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Feb	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Feb	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	*18th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude TO-MOR.,	1st Feb	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto
LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.			
32	St. George's ...	27th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	21st Feb	Ditto
216	Harmonic	14th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	12th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	7th Feb	Ditto
292	Sincerity	11th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire	21st Feb	Ditto
667	Alliance	19th Feb	Ditto
673	St. John	5th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton TO-MOR.,	1st Feb	Ditto
724	Derby	27th Feb	Ditto
786	United Service ...	14th Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	20th Feb	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	13th Feb	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edinbgh. ...	14th Feb	Ditto
1264	Neptune	4th Feb	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	21st Feb	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Feb	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	13th Feb	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	21st Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	18th Feb	Ditto
1505	Emulation	28th Feb	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	13th Feb	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Feb	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Feb	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	6th Feb	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	6th Feb	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	18th Feb	Ditto
2215	Anfield	28th Feb	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	27th May	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	18th Feb	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	6th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship	25th Feb	Ditto
249	Mariners	21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool	28th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire	11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's	13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Feb	Ditto
1393	Hamer	7th Mar	Ditto
1502	Israel	12th Feb	Ditto

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	TO-MOR., 1st Feb	Albion Hotel
62	Social	25th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th July	Ditto
152	Virtue	15th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	27th Feb	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability	7th Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Feb	Ditto
815	Blair	8th Feb	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	28th Feb	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	6th Feb	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	4th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	21st Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	19th Feb	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	14th Feb	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	4th Feb	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Feb	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	5th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	14th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Feb	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	18th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	8th Feb	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	2nd Feb	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	21st Feb	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Feb	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	15th Feb	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	4th Feb	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	5th Feb	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Feb	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	11th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	15th Feb	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	7th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	11th Feb	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	15th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Feb	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	28th Feb	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	8th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	22nd Feb	Ditto
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	5th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex	8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	19th Feb	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	6th Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Feb	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	22nd Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	5th Feb	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Feb	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Feb	Ditto
807	Cabbell	TO-DAY, 31st Jan	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Feb	Ditto
1500	Walpole	7th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	5th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	1st Feb	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	22nd Feb	Ditto
1794	De Vere	15th Feb	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	18th Feb	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	*30th Apr	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	29th Apr	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	5th Feb	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Feb	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	5th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	11th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	4th Feb	Ditto
159	Brunswick	6th Feb	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	11th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	28th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	7th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	12th Feb	Ditto
1205	Metham	18th Feb	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	14th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	18th Feb	Ditto
1550	Prudence	2nd Feb	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Feb	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	20th Feb	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonl Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	22nd Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	27th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	14th Feb	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Feb	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	8th Feb	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	21st Feb	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Feb	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	18th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	13th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	14th Feb	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Feb	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Feb	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	26th Feb	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Feb	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Feb	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	21st Feb	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	7th Feb	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	T-MR., 1st Feb	Ditto
394	Concord	28th Feb	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	12th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	6th Feb	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	14th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	15th Feb	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	*21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (Last) THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st.			
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales	„	7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart. Abchurch Lane. E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart. Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(1st) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st.			
9	Albion	at	—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L. of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
884	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
902	Burgoyne	„	7	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
	(1st) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(1st) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4th.			
22	Loughborough	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.

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	(1st) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4th—*continued.*			
1507	Metropolitan	at	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qu's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.				
206	Hope	„	—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(1st) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury	„	—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(1st) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th.			
3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	7.30	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
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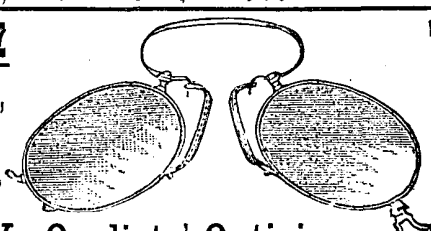
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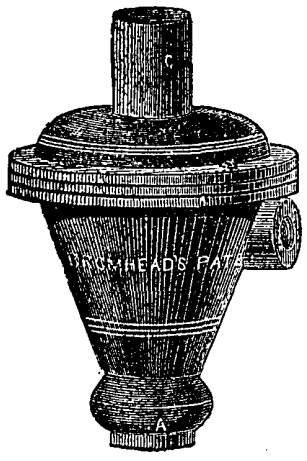
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The Fund of Benevolence.

(*See page 75, ante*).

IT can hardly be supposed, in the face of the recently published statement of the income and expenditure for the past ten years of the Fund of Benevolence, and the disastrous results which must surely attend continued indifference to the indisputable fact that the accumulation of many previous years is rapidly decreasing, that the members of our Society will not now bestir themselves to protect what remains of, and, if possible, replace what has been subtracted from the Capital Stock of £50,000 Consols which stood to the credit of the fund on the 31st December, 1878.

To attain this end there should be united effort throughout the English Craft, and all distinctions arising from the division of Lodges into Metropolitan and Provincial sections should merge in the grand aim of securing the continued usefulness of this our most important of Masonic funds, and the much greater distinction of rendering unto every man his just due and upholding the doctrine of fraternal equality which it would so much advantage our Institution to practice in very many respects. The Benevolent fund has ever been and still is open for the relief of each and all of those requiring its assistance and who are qualified, by right of acceptance and initiation into our Order, for its consideration of their appeals; and it matters not whether the applicants are or have been members of Lodges in London or in the provinces. The grants of the board are as readily made to the one as to the other, and the circumstances of the applicants are considered without respect to the locality of their Lodges. Therefore, the contributions which should be expected from every member should be equal in amount.

We see no reason whatever why the establishment of local institutions for similar objects should be urged as a reason for the payment of a lesser contribution to the universal charitable fund of the Order in England. If in our provinces or districts it has been thought beneficial and advisable to create other and additional centres of relief, these should be entirely distinct from the special fund for general distribution, and should be supported by those who alone can be interested in such centres. Our contention is that every Freemason, whether "made," under the English Constitution, in London or any place distant therefrom, should pay the like amount of "quarterage," he being entitled to equal consideration when and should necessity unfortunately require him to seek assistance from the fund.

Before we detail at some length, as we propose to do, certain proceedings in the Quarterly Communications of the United Grand Lodge during the year 1882, and bearing on this subject, we will ask our readers to refer to our issue of the 4th October last (No. 7) and peruse the remarks we then made. They will serve to introduce and make better understood the appended information, which, though probably known to most, is certainly not known to a very considerable number of Freemasons in this country, and who have entered the Order since that date.

At the aforesaid Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall on the 1st March, 1882,

Bro. JOHN M. CLABON, P.G.D., rising to second a motion for a grant recommended by the Board of Benevolence, called the attention of Grand Lodge to the expenditure of the Board in the following words:—"The grants recommended to-night for confirmation amount to about £1,400.* No doubt they have been recommended with wisdom and prudence, and with the liberality with which such a body as the Freemasons' ought to give. But if the brethren wish the Lodge of Benevolence to be liberal they must give them the means to be so. Last year they had spent in that way £10,000 when their income was only £8,000. There is some £45,000 to the credit of the fund, and the Board spends the income arising from that sum in addition to the quarterages. If this rate of expenditure is continued the fund will be exhausted and smaller grants will have to be made. As quarterages the London brethren pay each four shillings per annum, the country brethren two shillings, and I suggest that the quarterages should be raised to six shillings for London, and three shillings for country brethren, and this increase would give the Lodge of Benevolence continued power to make suitable grants." Bro. G. P. Britten supported Bro. Clabon, but the Prov. Grand Master stopped discussion on a point of Order.

The only comment we shall make on this impotent attempt to do a great service to the Craft and set right that which was *even then* surely going wrong, is to express regret that the foresight of a very worthy and distinguished brother—so far as we remember, for we have lost sight of him for some years, always noted for his good judgment and prudent counsel—was not shared by many now actively engaged in Masonic work and admitting the wisdom of his suggestions. "Points of Order" and such like "stoppers"

* The precise amount of the grants recommended and agreed to at this Quarterly Communication was £1,310.

have much to answer for as affects proceedings in Grand Lodge of iate years. To "speak out" there has for long been most unpalatable to "powers that be."

At the ensuing Communication, June 7th 1882, Bro. Clabon followed up his former remarks by proposing:—

That, for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the members of the lodges in the London district (except military lodges), shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the Fund, instead of one shilling as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March, 1814. And that all members of lodges not within the London district (except military, colonial, and foreign lodges), shall pay quarterly ninepence each to the Fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge.

That no sale be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge.

In support of his motion, Bro. CLABON said that the increase of expense to the members of the Craft would be so small that it would not be felt, as it did not amount to a halfpenny a-week for each member. On the other hand, it would add materially to the spending power of the Lodge of Benevolence, as it would add some £4.000 to their annual income. He wished to make it difficult to sell out any of the accumulated funds, as they had been doing of late. During the ten years that he was President of the Lodge of Benevolence. there had been one or two occasions upon which he had ventured to differ from the lodge, but his difference had been not that the grant to a poor Mason had been too large, but that it was more than the funds of the lodge could afford. Without troubling Grand Lodge too much, he would remind them that the quarterage of one shilling and sixpence was fixed at the time of the Union in 1814, and Grand Lodge then thought right to exclude colonial lodges. so that they pay nothing. If they were required to pay, this would happen: that as the Lodge of Benevolence required two years' payments to have been made to the fund before granting relief, it would, in regard to colonial cases, depend very much upon the regularity of their returns whether evidence as to two years' payments could be obtained. As regards the state of the fund, he would say that in 1873 it amounted to £25,000. In 1874 the receipts were £5,449, and the expenditure £4,133. In 1875, receipts £5,953, expenditure £4,036. In 1876, receipts £6,496, expenditure £5,203. In 1877, receipts £5,725, expenditure £5,849. In 1878, receipts £7,913, expenditure £4,934. In 1879, receipts £8,117, expenditure £7,606. So that up to that time the receipts had annually exceeded the payments, and the savings had raised the fund £25,000 to £45,000. In 1880 a change occurs: receipts £8,470, expenditure £9,307; and in 1881, receipts £8,161, expenditure £9,915. This was a state of things that he hoped Grand Lodge would agree with him in saying ought not to go on; by spending their capital they were parting with their provision for old age. What must be the ultimate consequence if that £45,000 disappears? Why, the expenditure must come down, to the great distress of many people. As regards the complaints that the money was distributed improperly, he did not remember any one grant that was given improperly; he believed very much more good was done by the large grants. If £50 was given it went to pay a few debts, and there was no permanent benefit; but if you gave £100 or £150, it might be of vast service to the recipient, and set him up again. If the Lodge of Benevolence was now exceeding its income by £2,000 a year, and Grand Lodge agreed to this increase in the quarterages. the resulting income would cover this excess, and leave a surplus of about £2,000. He proposed that the increase should commence on the 1st January, 1883. The motion was seconded by Bro. BRITTEN.

Bro. TOMBS opposed the motion altogether. The present quarterages were the result of the arrangements made on behalf of the various lodges. The change would upset a vast number of calculations; and it struck him, as Bro. Clabon had admitted, that they had been too liberal with their money, really and truly.

Bro. CLABON: I said nothing of the kind.

Bro. TOMBS said his note of Bro. Clabon's speech was that they had been granting too much money. He would venture to say that the Board of Benevolence had been too liberal as Trustees.

Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST said he thought that before this motion was carried the provinces should be consulted. In his province it would make a difference of £30 a year. He felt that there had been a certain amount of extravagance. He would not say that the larger grants were not beneficial, but still the figures just given to them showed an increase of about £2,000 a year; and he thought that before they rushed into the gap to make up the deficiency that had occurred, by adding something to the contribution of every brother, that the opinion of the provinces ought to be obtained, and that the matter should be postponed in the meantime.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG said that he felt strongly against this motion. In his own province they had a voluntary quarterage of 2s. a year, which made their full quarterage equal to that of London brethren. He felt sure that if they raised the quarterage 50 per cent. the local Charities would suffer. On a former occasion they were told that the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence were increasing to such an extent that powers were sought to enable the Board to devote them to some other purpose. He thought that the temporary wave of depression had perhaps produced the extra distress which had caused this excess of expenditure, and if that were the case they might hope that it would not continue.

Bro. J. STEVENS would be disposed to support Bro. Clabon's motion if it went further than it did. He thought that every man who was made a mason, whether in the provinces or the metropolis, should pay the same. and he should be prepared, if necessary, to propose an amendment to carry that out.

After some further discussion, Bro. CLABON said that he wished to say but very few words in reply, and to remind Grand Lodge that the Lodge of Benevolence was representative. As far as his recollection went, a fair proportion of the grants made by that Lodge were granted as petitions from the country, and what came from the country as freely went back to the country.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER then read the resolution, and stated that that was the question on which the brethren had to vote; there was no direct negative proposed to that, but it was proposed as an amendment that further consideration should be postponed to ascertain the opinion of the provincial brethren, and that no increase should be made at present. That amendment was by Bro. Penrice. There was a second amendment proposed by Bro. Stevens, that if any alteration be made, the sum shall be one shilling a quarter, whether in the provincial or London district. That second amendment was a provisional one, which made it difficult to deal with. He could not help thinking that the amendment of Bro. Penrice very generally expressed the opinion of Grand Lodge, that we were not ripe yet upon the subject.

Bro. PENRICE'S amendment, upon being put to the vote, was carried. The original motion was afterwards put and lost.

Bro. CLABON gave notice that he should bring the matter forward again in December.

We shall comment on this discussion in our next, and continue the account of the further proceedings on the 6th December, 1882.

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."—(See page 336).

AGAIN, in speaking of the columns at the entrance of a Lodge, and the promise that the house of David should be established for ever, Hutchinson said, "In commemoration of this great promise to the faithful, we ornament the entrance into our Lodges with these emblematical pillars; from our knowledge of the completion of that sacred sentence accomplished in the coming of our Redeemer."*

Referring to the Master Masons' Degree and Ritual, Hutchinson said "The great Father of all, commiserating the miseries of the world, sent his only Son, who was innocence itself, to teach the doctrine of salvation."† He goes on to say that "the devotees of the Jewish altar had hid religion from those who sought her,"‡ and that "Our Order is a positive contradistinction to the Judaic blindness and infidelity, and testifies our faith concerning the resurrection of the body."§ Many more opinions could be given to the same purport from this old writer, who completely recognised the Ritual as a Christian one.

It is needless to state the obvious fact, already alluded to, that many writers have regarded H.A. as the type of Christ, but one Christian allusion still remains in our Ritual, closely connected with the Hiramic ceremony—we refer to the bright Star whose rising brings *peace* and *salvation* to the faithful and obedient of the Human Race.

It would be most interesting to hear our Preceptors and Universalists attempt to expound this in any other than a purely Christian light. We commend the allusion to Ritual mongers and manglers as one urgently calling—from their point of view—for prompt excision.

Perhaps nothing more clearly shows the religious tenets of the Fraternity than the Prayers formerly and still in use.

As regards the earlier prayers, for such are in effect the invocations at the head of every one of the "old Charges" or MS. Constitutions, nothing can be plainer; they are Christian and Trinitarian. So many examples have been adduced in Chapter II. that we refrain from here quoting even one of them.

The authorised prayers of to-day in the various Degrees of the Craft are de-Christianised, for proof is extant that they were formerly Christian. But the mere fact of engaging in prayer at all proves at least the Craft is not, as maintained by some, a body totally unconnected with religion. Why, for instance, invoke "the continual dew of Thy blessing" "upon this convocation assembled in Thy Holy Name," unless the subsequent proceedings be of a religious import. To deny the religious nature of the consequent ceremony is to confess that God's Holy Name has been invoked for a trivial and worldly purpose, *i.e.*, "in vain;" a crime in the eye of Jew, Gentile, and Christian alike. In another prayer do we not thus address the Almighty? "Vouchsafe thine aid, Almighty Father of the Universe, to this our present convention." If our purpose be not connected with religion, what right have we to appeal for *divine aid* in our undertakings.

That the "Ancients" retained the Christian character of their prayers is certain. The following is from the Ahiman Rezon, editions 1756 to 1801.‖ It is also to be found in many masonic works of the last century, including the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion," Edinburgh, 1764:—

PRAYER to be said at the opening of a *Lodge*, or making of a *Brother*.

Most Holy and Glorious LORD GOD, thou Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, who art the Giver of all good gifts and graces; and hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt be in the Midst of them; in thy Name we assemble and meet together, most humbly beseeching thee to bless us in all our Undertakings, to give us thy Holy Spirit, to enlighten our Minds with Wisdom and Understanding, that we may know, and serve thee aright, that all our Doings may tend to thy Glory, and the Salvation of our Souls.

And we beseech thee, O LORD GOD, to bless this our present Undertaking, and grant that this, OUR NEW BROTHER, may dedicate his Life to thy Service, and be a true and faithful BROTHER AMONG US; endue him with Divine Wisdom, that he may, with the Secrets of MASONRY, be able to unfold the Mysteries of Godliness and Christianity. (To be added when any Man is made.)

This we humbly beg in the Name and for the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD and SAVIOUR. AMEN.

* Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry," 1st edition, 1775, p. 147.
† *Ibid*, p. 159. ‡ *Ibid*, p. 160. § *Ibid*, p. 164.
‖ And substantially the same to the last edition of 1813.

(To be concluded in our next).

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE THREE GREAT LIGHTS.

We hold in Bonds of Brotherhood those men (and only those)
Whose hearts expand with others' joys, feel keenly others' woes,
And disregarding rules and forms will aye maintain the Right!
Who judge not from appearances, oft-times deceitful they,
But ever hail true virtue and its humanizing sway,
As 'tis measured by the COMPASSES, the ANGLE, and the LIGHT.

Our COMPASSES adjust we so that limits be defined
Within whose arcs there's room for every type of humankind,
For every man man's brother is in GOD'S eternal sight!
Within the space thus circumscribed aye Sanctuary be
To which in times of grief and wrong the burdened heart may flee,
And its cause be vindicated by the ANGLE and the LIGHT!

The setting of that ANGLE calls for finished skill and care,
To see its lines be laid aright, its joint precisely square;
Else the justest Work produced our rules may cause us oft to slight,
And we may be constrained to err, and even to condemn
The handicraft of Talent fine, the Acts and Deeds of them
Whom the MASTER* will Himself approve in stronger purer LIGHT.

Seek we that LIGHT at its Great Source, nor dare we to presume
To cast aside the block we've tried amidst uncertain gloom;
In the MERIDIAN SUNLIGHT test it! Not in Shades of Night!
For errors manifold are made, and errors made must be,
By those who of the Standard Guides lack even one of Three,
Be the One of Three the COMPASSES, the ANGLE, or the LIGHT!

When we shall find our fellow-man borne down by treatment hard
Bruised and broken though he be, him may we not discard,
For oft-times of a broken block choose we the fragment white,
And shaping it with nicest Art, a Miniature fair
We place "*within the Temple*," before the Master there,
When all the world without is dark, it shines† in radiance rare,
A perfect Block! A finished Work! A model of a Square!
When 'tis tested by the COMPASSES, the ANGLE, and the LIGHT!

This is the truest Masonry! The Universal Creed!
Without it ne'er can guards and signs a Mason make, indeed
A shapeless mass he prostrate lies before the Orient bright;
But with it oft, as once on earth the MASTER wisely said,
The "*Block the Builders cast away becomes the Corner's Head!*"‡
The noblest Work exhibited in GOD'S refulgent LIGHT.

(*) "The Master is come and calleth for thee."—JOHN xi. 28.
(†) "And the LIGHT shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."—JOHN i. 5.
(‡) "The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner."—LUKE xx. 17.

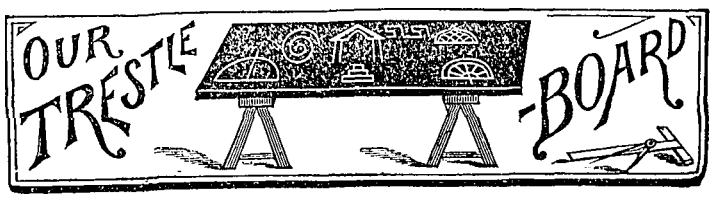
—*From* "CHIPS FROM A ROUGH ASHLAR."

AUSTRALASIA.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PERTH—The latest addition to the Masonic Lodges of the Colony, viz.: The Emulation Lodge, No. 2281, was solemnly consecrated in December last, by the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. D. K. Congdon, in the presence of The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. J. A. Wright, His Excellency Bro. Sir F. N. Broome, K.C.M.G., Past District Grand Senior Warden, and a large number of the brethren of the different lodges of the Colony. Bro. F. L. Hussey, D.G.S., acted as Director of Ceremonies. The R.W.D.G.M. opened a lodge in the three degrees, after which the Consecrating Officer (Bro. Congdon), performed the Ceremony of Consecration, assisted by Bros. B. C. Wood, E. Sholl and Rice Saunders. The brethren were called from labour to refreshment, when the District Grand Master proposed the toast of "Success and Prosperity to the Lodge of Emulation, No. 2281," and his Excellency the Governor proposed that of the W.M., Wardens and Officers of the Lodge. Bro. Hurst, the W.M. responded, thanking the Governor and the D.G.M. for their attendance. Subsequently the Lodge resumed work, when Bro. Hooper, District Grand Pursuivant, installed the Master and Officers in most impressive style. At the supper the usual loyal and other toasts were proposed and responded to in the happiest manner. It is said that the District Grand Master will consecrate in person the New Lodge of Harmony, No. 2282 at Fremantle, at which a large gathering of brothers of the mystic tie is expected.

VICTORIA—ROMSEY—The Installation Festival of the Romsey Lodge, No. 2079, was held on the 14th December, 1888, at the Mechanics' Hall, Bro. W. T. Moffat, P.D.G.S.B., presiding as W.M. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The visitors included brethren from Kilmore, Melbourne, &c. Amongst the apologies received was a telegram from Sir William Clarke, the R.W. District Grand Master, who is a member of the Lodge. The W.M. elect was Bro. A. F. Taylor, J.W., who was installed into the chair by Bro. Moffat, after which the following officers were invested:—Bros. J. Morrison, S.W.; A. N. Thomas, J.W.; G. Blackham, treasurer (re-elected); S. Seymour, secretary (re-appointed); C. J. Prosser, S.D.; J. Drummond, J.D.; J. R. Brown, I.G.; E. Jeans and L. Robertson, stewards; P. Cook, Tyler. The report and statement of accounts for the year, showing a substantial balance in hand, was read and adopted, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly and harmoniously passed at the supper table.

MASONIC BALL AT RUGBY.—On the 30th ulto., the members of Lodge Rectitude, No. 502, gave a ball at the Town Hall, Rugby, in aid of the Hospital of St. Cross. The gathering did not prove a financial success, which we regret to hear, as the object the brethren had in view was a most worthy one.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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We shall be greatly obliged to Secretaries of Lodges and Secretaries of Chapters named in our list of forthcoming Lodge and Chapter Meetings if they will instruct us as to the dates of installations of W.M.'s and Principals respectively. The kindly consideration of one or two of our respected Provincial Grand Secretaries has enabled us to supply the desired information in some cases. We should like to be enabled to do so in all. [See foot-note at page 376.]

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In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Press" at the last meeting of the Addington Lodge, at Durban, South Africa, the W.M., Bro. J. Fletcher, said "The toast was a new one in South Africa, but he hoped would be a permanent one, and that the name of W. Bro. Darley-Hartley, the editor of the *South African Freemason*, would be coupled with it for many years, for the work of a masonic paper was peculiar. It could not comment as freely upon masonic events as could be done in outside journalism. Infinite tact and care were needed in steering a masonic paper properly, and unless the editorial charge was in the hands of a true and competent brother, very great harm might result. After a twelve months' experience of the *South African Freemason*, all could see how carefully it had been edited. Not an improper word had he observed in it. It was indeed a great task to edit such a paper, and it was wonderful how well Bro. Darley-Hartley had accomplished it. Personally he must say that he found much more actual instruction in its columns than in the far more ambitious *English Freemason*. And he might mention that the new London paper, THE MASONIC STAR, was proceeding much on the same lines as those adopted by the *South African Freemason*." We thank our brother for his kindly compliment to ourselves, and shall continue our endeavours to merit similar acknowledgement from our brethren "wheresoever dispersed."

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The *Australian Keystone* for December is also good enough to welcome us in the following terms:—"A new Masonic journal, THE MASONIC STAR, published weekly in London, has reached us. It shows sufficient signs of vigour to deserve success; we heartily welcome its advent, willingly place it on our exchange list, and commend it to the brethren."

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Our good friend and brother of "Mustard and Cress" concludes his latest contribution to the *Referee* with a mystic allusion familiar only to such amongst us as have heard the late Bro. Dr. Rob. Morriss's exquisite poem "Masons' Vows" recited. Referring to the weather of the days immediately preceding his writing—the weather is a favourite topic of his, although it would be difficult to decide what particular weather favours *him*—he says:—"I am back again in the full possession of the joys of the English climate. Anything more inspiriting, more exhilarating, more absolutely entrancing than the past few days it would be difficult to imagine. A good family vault with permission to smoke in it would be an agreeable change from a London house during such weather as we have had. And I have left Nice the beautiful, Monte Carlo the enthralling, Cannes the celestial, for this—for *this*—for THIS. Well, if you knew all that that "this" implies, I think even Cleopatra's Needle would have a tear in its eye for the woes and misfortunes of the melancholy and miserable—DAGONET." Surely a certain portion of the foregoing must be considered as addressed "to 'Masons, and to 'Masons only."

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We have been requested by friends of several distinguished members of the Craft to notify in our pages their election to the honourable and dignified position of County Councillors for London and Provincial towns respectively. Being at all times pleased to hear of the success and advancement of members of our Order we should be willing to acquiesce, but for several reasons. It is historical that the bells of a certain church were not rung in honour of a certain queen, to account for which a large number of reasons were given, the last being that the steeple contained *no bells*. In like manner all the reasons we could give in respect of not granting the requests made to us, would be capped by the statement that we have *no space*.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

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Original Correspondence.

*** *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.*

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your impression of the 24th ulto., you print a letter of mine in which I endeavoured to put, in the briefest language, a simple question in regard to votes "issued and utilised in respect of sums remaining to this day unpaid." I asked for a reply—Yes or No. None being forthcoming, proceeding onwards, I now, in connection with this issue of votes, would state that I am informed as follows:

In the cases of brethren serving the office of steward who render the names on their lists of contributories to the several charities, premium votes, *personal to themselves*, are awarded as a recognition of their services, proportionate to the amount represented as being collected by them. Many amounts promised are not immediately or speedily forthcoming, being as I read "payable at the convenience of the donor." Yet premium *votes have been and are* issued to stewards in respect of these sums, which may never come in at all.

I don't ask any explanation of this, but perhaps a few more details another week may interest your readers.

Yours fraternally,

Feb. 4th, 1889. QUIDNUNC.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

An association having some 35 members has recently been started in connection with the charities, and I was successful in winning a Life Governorship. The Secretary asks me which of the three Institutions I wish the £10 10s. sent to. Now, Sir, I am not very particular as to which benefits by this mite, being only anxious that the greatest possible amount of good may be done by it. I am a constant reader of your own and contemporaries' newspapers, and lately have noticed a good deal of correspondence under the heading "Masonic Charities." I gather that an enquiry has been found necessary and is pending in regard to the Boys' School affairs; strange discrepancies appear in monetary totals in those of the girls; and in the case of the old people, such a shrinkage of sum total of contributions caused by official levies as really seems incredible. Here, then, is my position; wishing to do for the best, I hardly know which charity to patronise. I have mentioned my difficulty to many friends and have been advised many ways. It is said that "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." I fail to realise the truth thereof in the present instance, unless it be that the "safety" is for the "counsellors." Perhaps you can help me by a suggestion, but so far as I can see at present, my best plan is to refrain from paying altogether, pending some action which I suppose will be taken in regard to what appears to be grave abuses in not only one but *all* of our Institutions. That is my counsel to myself and I think it is the safest. Yours fraternally,

Feb. 1st, 1889. HALTING.

R. M. B. I. FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I am glad to notice an intimation in the pages of one of our masonic journals that "a fair amount of progress has been made in obtaining the services of additional brethren as stewards," for the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and trust that that progress may continue up to date of the Festival and result in an announcement that the money necessary for the service of the coming year has been promised. I am one of the many who believe that the light of enquiry into existing abuses connected with the management of our institutions will do great good and in no wise result in even the slightest permanent injury. It is not generally considered a convenient matter to carry out the operation known to our families as "spring cleaning," but we cannot gainsay the fact, that when that work is completed, our houses are all the purer and sweeter for it. So with our Charitable Institutions; and I don't hesitate to say, as one really concerned in their welfare, that those who characterise your correspondents' complaints as "inopportune and groundless," or say that they are dictated by any desire or attempt to do harm for harm's sake, are themselves the worst foes the institutions could have. The inconvenience of enquiry and setting wrongs to rights should be nothing in comparison to the ultimate benefits derivable from a general knowledge that our houses are "clean and in good order."

I also note your temperate article in last MASONIC STAR, and that calling names, like quarrelling children, is being abandoned by the other journal. But I cannot agree with any statement to the effect that we have had "an ample exposition in which all the charges worth noticing have been summarily disposed of." I dare say, however, that will come as the result of your correspondents' efforts, and for the sake of future candidates for each and all of the institutions, the boys', the girls', and the poor old people, no one wishes it more heartily than Yours fraternally,

2nd Feb., 1889. A LIFE GOVERNOR.

THE PAST MASTER'S PROBLEM.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

You invite information in the current number of your most excellent journal on the above matter, and I think your correspondent "T. B." is deserving of thanks for endeavouring to obtain for the—I feel sure—majority of the craft, some information on the subject. I am not certain whether the following will be of any use to him, but I was reading in a book entitled "The Constitutions of the Antient Fraternity," &c., by John Noorthouck, published in 1784, some details that may tend to throw some light on the point. They related to Pythagoras who, having travelled into Egypt, was, after twenty-two years' residence among the Egyptian priests, sent to Babylon and Persia, and returned to Greece in the year that Zerubbabel's temple was finished. In the year A.M. 3489 or 515 B.C., "He became not only the founder of a new religion, but likewise of an academy, or lodge of good geometricians; to whom he communicated as a secret that invaluable proposition (Euclid, lib. 1, prop. 47—foot-note) which is the foundation of all masonry, of whatever materials or dimensisons, called by masons his *Heureka;* because they think it was his own invention."

If you think this worthy of notice, and that it will be in any way an assistance to "T. B.," I shall be glad. Yours fraternally,

Barmouth, North Wales. W. CHAS. LOGAN, 1988., P.S. 1509.
2nd Feb., 1889. P.P.G.A.D.C., North Wales.

SOLDIER MASONS' LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I should like to bring to the notice of your readers (a rapidly increasing body of Masons) a matter which, I believe is very hurtful to our beloved Order, inasmuch as it produces a bountiful crop of that undesirable class—non-affiliates; and this in a profession which has always been a warm supporter of the Craft, viz., the Army.

Military Masons labour under this disadvantage, that, as they are birds of passage, there is a natural reluctance on the part of a civilian to give an office to one who may, perhaps, have to leave the station before his year of office has expired. Now it is this absence of the stimulating hope of reward, coupled with the continual payment of joining fees, that produces the military non-affiliate.

In most large military stations there is a lodge in which the soldier element predominates, and there matters go on swimmingly enough; but for the Shorncliffe Mason there is only the Sandgate Lodge consisting of about 80 members, of whom some 30 are soldiers. Last year two office-bearers were "food for powder," this year only one has received a collar, that of I.G. I may mention to show that the W.M. had not a very vast number of long and faithful servants to reward, that the J.W. and S.D. were both initiated *during the last few months.* No wonder that the disgusted soldiers are trying to establish another lodge, where they may hope to receive that reward which sweetens labour. Can you help them?

Yours fraternally,

PUNJABI.

*** *We have perused the admirable letter (not for publication) which covered the above, and sympathise very much with the writer and his friends. The subject is important and shall have our early attention. Meanwhile* PUNJABI *may afford our readers further information in these pages if he pleases, and speak out on his grievance.*—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

P. M. desires to thank "Provincial" for the copy of report, statement and list of members of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association for 1887, which has been forwarded in answer to request in our issue of the 24th ult.

D. T. J. L.—We cannot possibly insert your communication in its entirety. If you will kindly condense it we will endeavour to put it in next week.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE HORNSEY LODGE, No. 890.

A large gathering of brethren assembled at Andertons Hotel, E.C., London, on the 1st inst., to honour the installation of Bro. James Tobias Axford as W.M. of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890. The popularity of the newly installed brother was evidenced by the numerous attendances and the representation of lodges on the occasion. Amongst those present were—Bros. A. A. Drew, P.M., who in the regretable absence of Bro. Henry W. Jones, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge; J. T. Axford, S.W.; E. L. Axford, J.W.: Dr. W. H. Kempster, treas.: E. J. Canderlier, sec.; G. A. Pickering, S.D.; S. J. Pitt, J.D.; W. Garrard, I.G.; Past Masters Major J. C. Grant, J. West, and J. Bransdon, and Bowler, tyler; C. J. Donbavand, J. J. Garton, F. C. Wildash, G. Zahn, G. A. Lhow, T. Eagleton, H. G. Walker, G. Wallis, R. W. Brown, W. G. Donbavand, J. A. Arnati, Peyton, Dashwood, &c., &c. The attendance book was also signed by the following visitors:—Past Masters R. S. Sindall, 206 P.P.G.S.B., Middlesex; Henry Shaw, 834; James Stevens, 1216; M. Disher, 1470; F. A. Ford, 1803; R. Nettlefield, 66; J. T. Pilditch, 1257; Edwd. Dalzell, 1549; W. Gowland, 206; W. G. Lemon, 165, and W. Jaques, 1744; J. Batstone, W.M. 1861, and B. W. Ford, W.M. 1803; Bro. H. L. Truman, 21; H. Kempton, 60; W. A. Colyer, 193; T. Schmer, 205; Templer Down, 507; D. Earnshaw, 525; E. J. Donbavand; A. J. Holland, 619; F. H. Cozens, 907; G. Jones, 1056; R. Ardennes, 1184; R. Hardy Smith, 1196; F. H. Villaneuve and E. H. Young, of 1329; Dr. H. Visger and J. Clark, of 1558; F. Bevan, 1706; W. Blackburn and A. Tucker, of 1733; J. A. Brown, 2264; S. M. Wilson, &c., &c. There was a large amount of business before the lodge, although an emergency had been held since the regular meeting in December. This was admirably got through, and the times stated for the several portions of the work and their conclusion were kept to the minute. This may be taken as pretty nearly a solitary exception to a general rule. The report of the permanent committee having been received, Bro. R. W. Brown was elected a joining member. The acting W. M., Bro. Drew then raised Bro. C. J. Donbavand to the degree of M.M. Bro. Brandon, P.M. then initiated Messrs. W. J. Donbavand and Henry G. Walker. Bro. J. J. West, P.M. very ably installed Bro. J. T. Axford into the chair of K.S., and after the usual salutations, the newly installed master invested the following officers, viz.:—Bros. E. L. Axford, S.W.; Geo. A. Pickering, J.W.; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.M., treas.; A. A. Drew, P.M., sec.; E. J. Canderlier, S.D.; J. S. Pitt, J.D.; R. Garrard, I.G.; R. W. Brown, D.C.; C. J. Donbavand, steward, and Bowler, tyler. The addresses were respectively and very ably delivered by Past Masters Kempster, Brandon and Drew, and the business of installation was conducted throughout, and concluded in a most satisfactory manner. The new master and his officers at once set to work, and Bros. Wallis, Garton, Wildash, Thow and Zahn obtained the privileges of the second degree. A few matters of routine business terminated the work in lodge precisely at the hour named, and the company at once proceeded to the banquet. This was a very elaborate affair, excellently well served, and reflected much credit on Bro. F. H. Clemow, the proprietor of Andertons hotel. After the cloth had been cleared, Bro. Axford, W.M. introduced the several loyal and masonic toasts, and directed the entire proceedings of a most enjoyable evening with creditable ability. For the visitors, Bros. W. G. Lemon, 165, and F. A. Ford, both of them recently elected to the honourable position of London County Councillors, returned thanks, congratulating the master and members on the undoubted prosperity of the lodge, and the assurance given by the character of the work that evening performed, that a continuance of good masonic service might be relied upon. A capital programme of music under the direction of Bro. F. Bevan was performed by Bros. J. A. Brown, Edward Dalzell, F. H. Cozens, F. Bevan, and Mr. Horace Drew, the latter a son of Bro. Past Master Drew, and whose excellent clarionet solos were highly appreciated. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., being specially called upon, recited the exquisite masonic poem of the late Bro. Dr. Rob. Morris, entitled "Masons' Vows." In every respect this installation meeting was a decided success, and the lodge deserves the hearty congratulations which were freely bestowed on its master and officers when the hour for separation at last arrived.

MASONIC CHARITY BALL AT BANGOR.—A grand masonic ball, held in aid of the fund to purchase a life presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the province of North Wales, took place at the George Hotel, Garth Ferry, on Wednesday night, under the patronage of Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M., N. Wales; Bro. Henry Platt, Bro. Sackville West, and Bro. C. Hunter (Plascoch). The committee to which the arrangements were entrusted consisted of the Worshipful Masters of the lodges of St. David, Segontium, Anglesey, St. Eleth, St. Cybi, St. Tudno, and Madoc, Bros. Col. Platt, Col. West, Sydney Platt, T. E. Harris, R. H. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, and H. Greig Hughes; the secretaries being Mr. W. Thornton Jones and Dr. Langford Jones. The ball was attended by a very large and brilliant company, dancing commencing at nine o'clock. The ball room was exquisitely decorated with masonic emblems and devices and plants, which were kindly supplied by Lord Penrhyn and Sir R. H. Williams-Bulkeley, Bart. Richardson's band, of Liverpool, was also in attendance, and the entertainment was highly successful.

We are requested to Notify that:—

——The Panmure Chapter, No. 720, will hold a convocation at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, London, S.E., on Monday next, the 11th inst., at 6 p.m. Exaltations and elections.

——The Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, Lord George F. Hamilton *M.P.*, W.M., will meet at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday next, the 11th inst., at 5 p.m. Passings and raisings. Dinner at seven.

——The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, W. Bro. John Seex, W.M., will meet at Cannon Street Hotel, London, E.C., on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m.

——The Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, will hold its usual quarterly meeting at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Air Street, Regent Street, London, W., on Monday, the 11th inst., at 6 p.m. Passings, raising and election.

——The Union Lodge of Instruction, at Leicester, will hold its sixth meeting for the present session, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Kelly, *F.S.B., F.R. Hist. Soc.*, P.P.G.M., &c., at Freemason's Hall, Leicester, to-morrow (Friday, 8th inst.), at 7 p.m., when a lecture on "The symbols and legends of Freemasonry," will be delivered by Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson, No. 711, Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, &c. Supper at 8.30.

——The installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge will be held in the saloon of Drury Lane Theatre on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 3 p.m. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield is the W.M. Elect. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs is the Senior Warden Designate.

——The Hobart Lodge of Instruction, under warrant from Tasmanian Union Lodge, 536, E.C., holds its meetings at Freemasons' Hall, Murray Street, Hobart, Tasmania, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7.30 p.m. Members of 536, 801, 345, and 362, are members of this lodge. Bro. James Chisholm, Secretary, New Wharf, Hobart, Tasmania.

——The Egerton Lodge, No. 1030, W. Bro. James Cookson, W.M., will meet at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, Lancashire, on Monday, the 18th inst., at 6 p.m.

——The "Old Masonians" will entertain their friends at a social meeting at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday the 15th inst., at 8.30 p.m. Mr. R. S. Chandler will preside.

——The fifteen sections will be worked in the following lodges of instruction, viz.:—

RAVENSBOURNE, No. 1601, at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E., on Wednesday, 13th February, at 7 p.m. Walter Martin, P.M. 879, W.M.; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13, S.W.; P. McCarthy, P.M. 1076, J.W.; H. Shaw, P.M. 834, Preceptor; C. Atkins, I.G. 548, Secretary.

CAMDEN, No. 704, at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, S.E., on Tuesday, 26th February.

FREEMASONRY AND POLITICS IN FRANCE.

The following may interest our readers as an example of how things "masonic" are arranged on the other side of the "silver streak." The old adage, "they do these things better in France," does certainly not apply in matters masonic; and herein is to be seen the foresight of our English predecessors, in tabooing the connection of Freemasonry with political clubs.

The following translation, from *Le Matin* of the 19th ult., will serve to introduce the subsequent extract from the *Standard* of yesterday:—

At a meeting of Freemasons of the department of the Seine, on the 18th ulto., having for special object to consider the election of the 27th; after some discussion, the following order of the day was adopted:

"Considering that the Republic is the only form of Government which allows of the improvement of the fate of citizens by reform and continual social progress, and that it is the only one under which the people may manage its own affairs, and which assures the maintenance of liberty;

"Considering that Freemasonry would fail in its duty if it did not help, by every means in the defence of Republican Institutions, in the face of the monarchist and clerical coalition which supports both morally and financially the candidature of Boulanger, and that all ought to unite in favor of the Republican candidate;

"Invites every member of every committee of the Seine to canvass actively in favour of the candidate Jacques, and energetically oppose the plebiscitary and monarchial ways of General Boulanger, whose success would imperil all Republican institutions."

A remarkable scene occurred at the Masonic Lodge of which M. Laguerre is the Master. This Lodge, named the "République Democratique," is composed of about a dozen members, who are Boulangists. It was known that M. Lalou, the Boulangist writer and editor of the *France*, was to be initiated, and as almost all the Paris Masons are strong anti-Boulangists, they invaded the hall. M. Laguerre opened the proceeding by announcing that M. Lalou being absent from Paris, his initiation must be deferred till March, especially as one of the three reports on M. Lalou was not finished. Violent protests were raised, people on all sides crying out that it was a shameful trick unworthy of a Masonic Lodge. A member proposed to proceed at once to the discussion of M. Lalou's candidature, but M. Laguerre would not listen to the idea. The tumult then grew deafening, and, not being able to restore order, M. Laguerre closed the sitting and left. He had great difficulty in reaching the door through the compact crowd of his adversaries, who hustled him so unmercifully that he lost his hat. After his departure, M. Dénéchaud assumed the Presidency, and a resolution was adopted protesting against the conduct of M. Laguerre for favouring the intrusion of a profane person, and demanding his impeachment by the Council of the Order.

Evenings Abroad.

As the showman at the fair says, "Hi! hi! hi! hurry up! There are only a few more representations of "*Cinderella*" at the Crystal Palace to follow, and those who can enjoy a plain, straightforward fairy story, simply told, admirably illustrated, capitally acted, and altogether entertaining, should not miss the present opportunity. The size and structure of the theatre at the Crystal Palace is only adapted to spectacle; actors may work, and vocalists may strain their voices, but they cannot make their full mark: hence, the spectacular department carries most of the responsibility of these productions. In this particular no effort has been spared to render the whole pantomime a worthy successor of many a triumphant predecessor; and, nothing could well be finer than the Woodland Scene, the Fairy Boudoir, and the Ball Room at the Prince's Palace; all these scenes are replete with magnificence; and the ballets and processions are arranged upon a splendid scale. The transformation scene is a beautiful stage picture. Miss Susie Vaughan, Miss Edith Bruce, Miss Emma D'Auban, Miss Amy Liddon, Mr. Edward Righton, Mr. John D'Auban, and Mr. C. T. Hague, all work capitally. The dancing of Mr. and Miss D'Auban is really first-rate.

Paul Martinetti's excellent Ballet—*A Duel in the Snow*—has been revived magnificently at the Empire. There is a scene representing a masquerade ball at the Grand Opera House in Paris, which probably could not be surpassed for effect and realistic details of life and colour. The *scene* wherein the perfect pantomimic acting of the Great Paul comes out strongest is in the Forest. This is another perfect stage picture, the snow effects being wonderful and beautiful. The exquisitely amusing details of this duel must be seen to be appreciated; but Paul Martinetti in a death scene is quite tragic and impressive. I have always admired this ballet previously, but it has never had such a chance as at the Empire, with its gorgeous mounting and its new music by Mons. Hervé. Mons. Konski has painted the scenery, and Mons. Landolff and Miss Fisher have supplied the beautiful costumes. I have congratulated Mr. Paul Martinetti, and must not forget to mention in the highest possible terms Miss Josephine, and Mr. Alfred of that ilk. *Diana*, a perfect ballet of its kind, supported by Signorinas Cavallazzi, Bettina de Sortis and Signor Albertieri, also deserves, and is hereby accorded, a special word of praise. The variety entertainment is of first-class quality, embracing the names of Chirgwin, the cleverest "all round" artist on the music hall stage, Nellie L'Estrange, a piquante vocalist, the Sisters Leamar, very attractive young persons, Mr. G. W. Hunter, quaint and curious, and Don Juan A. Caicedo, "the Columbian Marvel," a tight-rope performer who will make many another in the same walk, I suppose I ought to say rope walk, of business "sit up" with a vengeance. Besides the above-named, Mr. G. Beauchamp, Miss Eunice Vance, "Dutch Daly," Mr. Walter Munroe, Miss May Selby, The Marvellous Eugenes, who as acrobats justify the qualification, the Berisor troupe, and Wilton, Mora, and Carol, triple bar performers of great pluck and finish, appear and give much satisfaction.

At the Alhambra there is also a ballet which, to my thinking, is the best that has been put on the stage of this house for years. By this, my readers may gauge the quality of the praise I wish to convey to Signor Casati, the inventor and arranger thereof, and to Mons. G. Jacobi, who has composed some of the most graceful and characteristic music which has ever come from his pen; at any ordinary house it is not difficult to beat a record, at the Alhambra it seemed to be a feat impossible, yet it has been done, and *Irene* proves herself to be a magnificent first for brilliancy and beauty. Signorina Legnani is magnificent in the *title rôle*, while Signora Cossio, Madle. Cormani, Madame Roffey, Miss M. Thurgate, and Madle. Marie are all perfect dancers. The Carnival at Naples and the scene of Fortuna's Kingdom are simply marvels of pictorial and choreographic art. Casati's pastoral divertissement, *Ideala*, another lovely production, is to be seen here; while the varieties are well supported by the Sisters Collins, the two Armstrongs, Reven and Athas, the Brantfords, a most comical pair, Mr. Harry Randall, a clever vocal comedian, Mr. Curtis D'Alton, a good baritone singer, lively Miss Alice Maydue, and amusing Mr. James Fawn. The Four Athos are extremely good acrobats, the feats of a little boy being perfectly marvellous. Lieut. Walter Cole's "Merry Folks" are as mirth-provoking and admirably worked as heretofore; besides which the Lieutenant now exploits his funny "Alley Sloper" figure, which provokes ample mirth.

Speaking of music halls reminds me that there seems to be a total cessation of work upon the new Tivoli in the Strand. Why is this thus?

John Smith is the title of a bright little musical piece put on in front of *Paul Jones* last Monday. The interpretation is good, though the piece is neither very novel nor very strong. Still it serves its purpose well.

The Balloon goes up at the Strand Theatre on Wednesday of the current week.

Captain Swift at the Haymarket makes way for *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, which will be played every evening after Saturday next with the same cast as has supported it at the matinée performances which have been given here.

A Fool's Paradise (capital title!) will be played at the Gaiety Theatre next Thursday morning with a strong cast, consisting of Messrs. Conway, Gardiner and Wenman, and Misses Kate Rorke, Gertrude Kingston and M. Collette.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, FEBRUARY 6TH, 1889.

In consequence of the numerous new issues money is rather more in demand, and the lowering of the bank minimum to 3 per cent. brings the outside and the inside rates very near. But for the influx of a large sum to the Bank of England there would have been some little scarcity apparent, as it is there is a tendency towards an upward movement, which would become more decided if the demand for South American is renewed; and that this will come before long is certain.

Up to the end of last week the dullness prevailing lately on the Paris Bourse continued, but as soon as their monthly settlement was concluded, without any difficulties being shown, there was a recurrence of the buoyancy of a few weeks ago, and a consequent sharp advance in those loans particularly affected in that quarter. I speak of the Paris Bourse rather than our own Stock Exchange in this relation, as it is either thence or from Berlin that our inspirations come, the dealers in London merely reflecting the tone of either one or the other. The breaking up of the Panama Canal Company had not the effect that was anticipated by some, the loss falling upon small capitalists and being very largely subdivided. The demand at the moment is especially for Egyptian Stocks and for Spanish—the former upon the very good revenue reports from the country, and the latter upon the talked of re-arrangement of the public debt, and the confidence felt in the capacity of the present Finance Minister. Greeks are also well supported. It is rather to South Americans that the next attention will be drawn, particularly those of the Argentine Republic, where the most reliable authorities concur in giving excellent reports of the material progress being made in the country, and where the money so largely supplied from England is being well expended.

The activity in English rails has somewhat abated, but the rise in prices since last week is considerable and well maintained. The dividends on all the principal English lines have now been announced, and are quite up to the expectations previously formed. I cannot but think that there is fairly room for a further rise beyond the present, as the increased traffics published week by week show that the improvement is actual and continuous. In order to make a fair comparison we must go back to the year 1882, when the dividends declared for 1881 were about the same as now, and then prices were much higher even than at present. In the meantime, however, there has been an appreciable advance in the value of solid dividend paying securities, consequently I argue that the present prices do not fully represent the increased and increasing value of railway ordinary stocks. The Great Western dividend of 7¼ per cent. caused no rise in the price as it had been expected, and the market was dull at the time of the announcement. I think that this stock will go higher, and that Brighton "A" stock will also reach before the end of the week the price it stood at before, viz., 137¼; but the stock which I have mentioned before—Chatham Second Preference—affords the best prospect, perhaps, of a considerable rise. In the American market, which is so uncertain that I did not mention it last week, the improvement that had taken place did not hold, and the activity lasted but for a few days. It is said from New York that the bulls are waiting a decision of the Inter-state Railway Commissioners, but looking at the old conditions I cannot but think that a rise before long is inevitable, although prices in the meantime may go somewhat lower.

The resumption of activity in Mexican rails is very marked, and having once again come to the front, there is every probability of the movement being carried considerably further. The last traffic helped, but it is some vague idea of a re-arrangemant of the different classes of stocks that it is said the rise is taking place. This, to my mind, is merely nonsense, unless it further secures the stability of the preference stocks. What is really the case is that the stocks have been largely oversold, and that this bear account has not yet been closed. Trunks keep steady, but there is no advance upon the rise previously noticed, although I am inclined to look for a further jump shortly.

In miscellaneous shares there is very little doing, except in the shares of new issues, or of those Companies which are in a position to grant subconcessions. The Pahang is notably one of these, and what I have before said of this Company has been fully borne out, the shares being now quoted at 7, after being above that price, and in some quarters it is even said that they will go to 15. This is, I think, as absurd as when they were under par. They will probably get rid of another concession this year, in addition to the Pahang Kahang which has successfully floated, and a return of the full capital, in the shape of a 100 per cent. capital may be expected, but inasmuch as the shares are only £1 each the present price is quite high enough, even if they were certain of a 50 per cent. dividend for years to come. New territories are being opened up in South Africa which appears to be literally teeming with metalliferous wealth. New districts are being opened up, and the shares of any Companies offering chances of explorations on virgin ground find their shares readily taken up by the public. Mine shares are as active as ever, the boom not being quite so much confined to the 'Randt district as heretofore, but interest is still principally confined to South Africa.

Nitrate Shares are dull and drooping, and in the absence of the person most interested are not likely to be very active for the present. The prices reached by the shares of most of the Companies are such as to require very good dividends to warrant a sustentation.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWER.

S.D.—(1) We should sell at once, while there is a good premium. (2) Keep until after the special settlement. (3) 27/6 is a fair price.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

NEPTUNE—No. 22.—There was a large gathering at this old lodge on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, when Bro. W. R. Brooks was installed in the chair of K.S. Lodge was duly opened by Bro. Jolliffe, the W.M., there being present, among others:—Bros. W. R. Brooks, S.W.; H. Savidge, J.W.; H. Povey, P.M., treas.; Thos. Collings, P.M., sec.; J. Corbett, D.C.; Whiting; Coutcher, P.M.; W. Cook, F. T. Pain, W. Whiting, Macgregor, C. Aldridge, Sturmfels, R. B. White, E. S. Hopper, Goss, and the Rev. J. Rose. Visitors:—Bros. S. Newman, 1220; Harper, P.M. 72; J. A. Main, 1804; R. Logan, P.M., treas., 1804; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; E. Anderson, P.M. 49 and 715; B. B. Joy, W.M. 715; Tucker, 209; Kempton, 1287; Sharpe, 862; Tannahill, 171; Trundell, 2108; E. Friend, W.M. 1289; T. G. Scott, 933 and 1928; Fitzgerald, 2168; I. J. Booth, 1804; F. J. Hunt, 222; Cousens, 229; Goodwin, 1768; Bell, W.M. 1613; Showler, 1460; Cousens, P.M. 4; and Hemming, 1287. The installation was conducted by Bro. H. Povey, P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. H. Savidge, S.W.; W. J. Charles, J.W.; H. Povey, P.M., treas.; T. P. Collings, P.M., sec.; Harrington Baily, S.D.; J. W. Lewthwaite, J.D.; F. E. Sturmfels, I.G.; H. H. Knill, org.; J. Corbett, P.M., D.C.; W. Cook, P.M., W.S.; H. G. Sworn, W.S.; and A. K. Turbefield, tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured, and the brethren entertained with a capital programme of music and songs by Miss Annie Dwelley, Miss Nellie Levey, Bros. Bevan, Hanson, and Dalzell.

LANGTHORNE—No. 1421.—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Angel Hotel, Ilford, on Thursday, the 31st ult. Bros. W. March, W.M.; R. Hirst, S.W.; C. Mansfield, J.W.; J. S. Taylor, P.M., treas.; B. Cundick, P.M., sec.; D. R. Bryce, S.D.; H. Allard, J.D.; W. W. Gibson, J.D.; J. Shimeld, S.D.; P.M.'s W. Buckle, T. Loane, A. Meyers, J. Bull Winkle, C. Lacey, G. W. Verry, and a large attendance of the brethren of the lodge. Among the visitors were: Bros. J. Brook, P.M. 51; M. Jutsum, P.M. 95; J. M. Knight, W.M. 95; H. Cuningham, P.M. 1625; J. Loftus, W.M. 1306; G. W. Knight, P.M. 1507; G. F. Wehlen, P.M. 511; J. Collier, 1805; A. Lloyd, 1306; A. Furness, &c. Bro. F. C. Lane was passed to the second degree. Bro. B. Cundick, P.M., then occupied the Master's chair, and installed Bro. R. Hirst as Master of the lodge. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. Mansfield, S.D.; D. R. Bryce, J.W.; J. S. Taylor, P.M., treas.; B. Cundick, P.M., sec; H. Allard, S.D.; W. W. Gilson, J.D.; J. Shimeld, I.G.; J. Barnett, D.C.; and R. Bryce, W.S. Messrs. F. Evans and W. R. Simmonds were initiated by the W.M. The lodge was then closed.

THE SAVAGE CLUB LODGE—No. 2190.—The installation meeting took place on the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. Although this lodge has been only established two years, the activity of its members has succeeded in giving it a very high position in the Craft, and the marks of royal favour it has received have naturally added to its popularity. It was unfortunate that the proceedings had to take place in the absence of the retiring Master, Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, who is now on his tour round the world on business relating to the Imperial Institute. The occasion, however, possessed great interest for two reasons. In the first place, it was rumoured that an announcement would be made showing the continued interest taken in the lodge by his Royal Highness the Grand Master, and also in the fact that the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Catling, although comparatively new to the Craft, had, by his zeal and energy, worked his way into the front rank in an exceptionally short time. Bro. Edward Terry, the Installing Master, presided at the opening of the lodge, and in the presence of several grand officers Bro. Catling was installed with due solemnity. The W.M. invested his officers in the following order:—Bros. W. E. Chapman, S.W.; T. Burnside, J.W.; W. J. Ebbetts, S.D.; W. J. Fisher, J.D.; John Northcott, I.G.; Edward Terry, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S., treas.; John Paige, sec.; J. D. Beveridge, D. of C.; W. S. Penley, org.; P. Soman, E. Rosenthal, Dr. H. Coffin, H. Nicholls, stewards; and G. F. Swan, tyler. The first duty which fell to the lot of the newly-installed W.M. was, in accordance with the consent he had received from H.R.H. the Grand Master, to propose Prince Albert Victor as an honorary member of the lodge. The W.M. also stated that Prince Albert Victor hoped, if elected, to have the pleasure of dining with the brethren during the spring or summer. The proposal was seconded by Bro. W. E. Chapman, S.W., and was carried with acclamation. The following telegram was read from Bro. Sir Somers Vine, who is at Singapore, and to whom a Past Master's jewel was presented before his departure:—"Convey my kindest fraternal greetings to Brother Catling, and all my brethren of the Savage Club Lodge. My heart is with them. I will drink their health half an hour after midnight, when they will be sitting down to dinner." It was also stated that a benevolent fund had been started, under the direction of Bro. Charles Townley. The masonic work was admirably gone through by all concerned. The installation banquet afterwards took place in the large hall. The W.M. was supported on the right by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Grand Registrar), and on the left by Bro. Edward Terry (the Installing Master), there being also present Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir John B. Monckton, Sir H. Isaacs, Thomas Fenn, R. Grey, R. Chitton, C. F. Matier, C. F. Hogard, Dr. J. Zacharie (P.G.M. California), Sir W. Young, James Catling, W. Morrell, Lennox Browne, and over a hundred other brethren. During the banquet the band of the Grenadier Guards performed a choice selection of music under the direction of Bro. Lieutenant Dan Godfrey, and the speeches were interspersed with songs, recitations, and sketches, contributed by Bros. J. L. Toole, Edward Terry, J. Fernandez, Walter Clifford, Deane Brand, Ben Davies, Courtice Pounds, Harry Nicholls and Herbert Campbell, John Radcliff (flute solo), M'Call Chambers, Herbert Thorndike, Lovett King, Geoffrey Thorn, R. Ganthony, John Le Hay (ventriloquism with moving figures), Alfred Moore, Charles Bertram (sleight of hand), W. Nicholl, E. J. Odell, and a glee party headed by Bro. Franklin Clive. Bros. Wilhelm Ganz and Theodore Drew were the principal accompanists, and the arrangements of this unsurpassed entertainment were under the direction of Bro. Charles Townley.

BRIXTON.—No. 1949.—The installation meeting of this lodge, on Saturday last, at Brixton, SW., London, was a great success. We hope to give a full report in our next.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

STUART—No. 1632.—Held at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppins Court, 112, Fleet Street, E.C. The first meeting was held on the 31st ult., Bro. Spiegal, P.M., as W.M. There was a numerous attendance of P.M.'s and Brethren, when arrangements were made for the rehearsal of the ceremony of consecration on February 28th at the Holborn Restaurant. The next meeting for business will be Thursday, 7th inst. at 7, for the purpose of considering the bye-laws and other business. Bro. Spiegal, P.M. is elected Preceptor.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—At the Prince of Wales' Hotel, January 31st, 1889. Present:—Bros. J. O'Connell, W.M.; Shelley, S.W.; Wade, J.W.; March, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Jolliffe, I.G.; King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Wingfield, hon. sec.; Cause, Ewen, Hudnott, Streeter, Holmes, Baker, Johnson. Lodge opened in three degrees. Ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Ewen Candidate. Traditional history given. Lodge resumed to first degree. First section worked by Bro. King. Bro. Shelly elected W.M. for ensuing week.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—On the 30th ult., at the George Inn, Catford, S.E. Bros. Thomas, W.M.; Pickering, S.W.; Visger, J.W.; Clark, S.D.; Blanchard, J.D.; Catt, I.G.; Shaw, P.M., Preceptor; James Stevens, P.M.; McCarthy, P.M.; Edwards, Axford, Jones, Hardy Smith, Rogers, Robin, Riminton, Peters, Jas. Smith, Kistruck (Parthenon 267, Canada). Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Axford, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Kistruck was elected member.

LANGTON—No. 1673—Held at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 31st January, 1889. Present;—Bros. J. Jupe, W.M.; A. Toulmein, S.W.; E. Ansted, J.W.; C. W. C. Webb, S.D.; E. A. de Paive, J.D.; J. S. Fraser, I.G.; H. M. Hobbs, Preceptor; C. W. Mapleton, sec.; also Bros. C. Kibble, E. G. Brewer, B. Gardner, E. L. Axford, G. F. Marshall, T. Burne and W. H. Cawston; Visitors: Bros. J. Graves, Unity 69; E. V. Morgan, Unity 69. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Axford acting as candidate. Bro. Marshall took the W.M.'s and Bro. Kibble to S.W.'s chair, and the lodge was opened in the second and third, and resumed in the second degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Ansted acting as candidate. Bro. Toulmein was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of passing will be worked, and the explanation of the tracing board given. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Jupe for the excellent manner in which he had for the first time conducted the duties of W.M. Bro. Graves was elected a member and the lodge was closed.

STAR.—No. 1275.—On Friday, 1st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; G. L. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275, H.; Wingham, J.; Stone, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N. 1275, S.N.; Neeld, P.Z., P.S.; Hattersley, 177, and Murché, A.S. 1329. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Hattersley was elected a member, and Comp. Addington was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

PROVINCIAL.

CORNWALL—CHACEWATER—BOSCAWEN LODGE—No. 699.—On Tuesday, the 29th ult., Bro. P.M. Kent installed Bro. Grose as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. Hall, S.W.; Borlase, J.W.; Church, chap.; Bennet, treas.; Rapson, sec.; Manuell, S.D.; Rogers, J.D.; Gower, I.G.; Moyle, org.; Lean and Bray, tylers. Before the lodge closed Bro. Rapson was presented with a P.M. jewel for his long and faithful service as secretary of the lodge. Bro. the Rev. and Hon. J. T. Boscawen, P.M. of the lodge and P.P.G., Senior Warden of the province, who was present, then presented to the lodge a very handsome banner, and the W.M. thanked Bro. Boscawen on behalf of the lodge. The Past Master's Board was very large. The brethren then adjourned to their dining-room, where they sat down to a well-served dinner, being joined by a large number of visitors.

SHROPSHIRE—ELLESMERE—BROWNLOW LODGE—No. 2131.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, on the 28th ult., when Bro. Kyffin G. Salter was installed for the ensuing year. Amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bros. W. G. Ogg, W.M., P.G. Steward; A. T. Akeroyd, I.P.M., P.M. 1432, P.G.A.D. of C.; K. G. Salter, S.W.; H. R. Giles, J.W.; J. W. Lawrence, treas.; A. J. P. Child, J.D.; Walter Dugdale; E. K. Bickley; and S. J. Swan, tyler. The visitors present were Bros. W. H. Spaull, Grand Assis. D. of C.; V. C. L. Crump, P.G. Treas.; J. F. Edisbury, P.P.G.J.W. (North Wales), F.R.S.; F. R. Spaull, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Thomas, Mayor of Oswestry, P.P.G.D.; W. Belton, P.G. Org.; J. H. Parsons, P.P.G. Assis. sec.; A. B. Deakin, W.M. 117; Dr. W. Aylmer Lewis, W.M. 1432; W. H. G. Weaver, 1124; T. B. Barton, 1336; and W. H. Bott, 1124. After the usual routine business of the lodge had been disposed of, Bro. Kyffin George Salter was presented and duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in a very impressive and able manner, by Bro. W. J. Ogg, the retiring W.M., the customary addresses being delivered by Bros. Akeroyd and Crump. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. H. R. Giles, S.W.; A. J. P. Child, J.W.; J. W. Lawrence, treas.; W. J. Ogg, P.M., sec.; A. T. Akeroyd, P.M., S.D.; Walter Dugdale, J.D.; E. K. Bickley, M.G.; and S. J. Swan, tyler. H. R. Giles, S.W., Charity Rep. and Almoner. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Bridgwater Hotel, where a banquet was served and the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured.

STAFFORDSHIRE—LEEK.—ST. EDWARD'S LODGE—No. 966.—This lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Mechanic's Institute. The installation of Bro. W. Burton was proceeded with by Bro. W. E. Challinor, assisted by Bro. W. Allen, after which the Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Thos. Flanagan, S.W.; Edward Phillips, J.W.; Rev. C. C. Ward, chap.; F. J. Milner, treas.; J. A. Galley, S.D.; J. C. Clemesha, J.D.; W. Allen, D.C.; S. Gibson, I.G.; and W. Gaunt, tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel and partook of a banquet, prepared and served in Bro. Swift's best style. The after proceedings included the usual loyal and masonic toasts, which were duly responded to in a series of appropriate speeches. A number of capital songs interspersed the toasts and diversified a very pleasant evening.

FENTON—No. 1942.—On Tuesday, the 29th ult., the installation of Bro. T. Barker took place at the Public Hall, in the presence of upwards of 30 brethren. Bro. J. Dugan, the retiring W.M., was the Installing Master, and he was assisted by Bros. Thomas Ashworth, P.P.G.R.; F. W. Grove, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Roberts, P.P.G.J.D.; W. T. M'Neal, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Stevenson, P.M.; and E. Peake, P.M. Among the brethren present were Richard Tooth, 2214, P.P.G.R.; S. Bentley, 98, P.G.A.D.C.; S. Bennett, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Unwin, 637, P.P.G.P.; J. Godwin, W.M. 98; P. H. Bennion, W.M. 546; W. Tunnicliff, P.M. 418, &c. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Jabez Stevenson, S.W.; Enoch Hallam, J.W.; George Hallam, treas.; H. R. Strange, sec.; W. R. Wooldridge, S.D.; John Forster, J.D.; F. W. Grove, D.C.; George Taylor, I.G.; Peter Wagstaff, org.; E. Day and J. Hindle, stewards; and T. Warren, tyler. After the lodge had been closed, the brethren proceeded to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Longton, where Bro. G. Bennion provided an excellent repast. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured. The toast of "The V.W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, Acting P.G.M. of Staffordshire, and the rest of the P.G. officers past and present," was heartily received, Bro. J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D., and Bro. T. M'Neal responding, the speakers expressing a hope that steps would, without much further delay, be taken to secure the appointment of Bro. Gough as not only the acting but the actual P.G.M. It was felt to be desirable that the office should be filled, and that a D.P.G.M. should be selected from brethren residing in North Staffordshire These remarks met with the approval of the brethren present. Bro. E. Hughes, in submitting the toast of "The Masonic Charities," observed that charity was one of the noblest and brightest principles that could find a lodging-place in the human breast, and it was gratifying to know that wherever they met a brother mason they could feel assured that he was well charged with a feeling of charity. The figures recently published showing what had been raised in England for the masonic charities during the past year made him feel pleased that he belonged to such a fraternity. Songs and recitations were supplied by brethren, and the evening was spent harmoniously and pleasantly.

SUSSEX—BRIGHTON.—ST. CECILIA LODGE—No. 1636.—Held at the Royal Pavilion on Tuesday, 29th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Heald, who was supported by the following officers, viz.:—Bros. H. R. Edwards, S.W.; W. B. Isworth, J.W.; D. T. Bostel, sec.; J. Morris, S.D.; F. E. Sawyer, J.D.; J. Wood, D. of C.; J. O. McCarrogher, chap.; G. Cole, P.M., org.; H. Smith Tester, Steward; H. G. Collins, I.G.; and H. H. Hughes, tyler. The brethren of the lodge, who were present, included Bros. W. Kuhe, P.M., P.G.O.; J. Eberall, P.M.; H. S. Gates, P.M.; E. Broadbridge, P.M.; W. H. Gibson, P.M.; W. R. Wood, jun., P.M.; G. H. Clements, G. R. Wood, &c. The Lodge was honoured by the attendance of the following visitors, viz.:—The Right Worshipful Deputy Pro. G. Master Bro. Gerard Ford, and Bros. C. F. Lewis, P.P.G.S.W.; G. J. Clements, 732; Smith Hone, W.M. 311; W. E. Morrison, W.M. 916; A. Lloyd, W.M. 1726; J. H. Wright, W.M. 1110; F. F. J. Greenfield, Prov. G. Chaplain; H. Geere, 1821; H. Anscombe, W.M., 1821; R. B. Higham, W.M., and many other brethren. Bro. H. R. Edwards was then duly installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Balchin, jun., P.M. The charges were delivered by Bro. W. H. Gibson, P.M., Bro. E. Broadbridge, P.M., and the Right Worshipful Bro. Gerard Ford, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. C. J. Heald, the retiring W.M., was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel. The following officers were then invested, Bros. W. B. Isworth, S.W.; D. T. Bostel, J.W.; Rev. J. O. McCarrogher, chaplain; E. Broadbridge, P.M., treas.; J. Morris, sec.; F. E. Sawyer, S.D.; J. Wood, J.D.; H. G. Collins, D. of C.; G. Cole, P.M. Prov. G.O. org.; J. Hollands, I.G.; H. S. Tester and F. Guy, stewards; and H. H. Hughes, tyler. All business being ended the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room where they sat down to an excellent banquet supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western Road, Brighton. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial G. Master, the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge past and present, and the Past Masters of the lodge. The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured.

YORKSHIRE, W.R.—CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE AT DONCASTER—DANUM LODGE—No. 398.—On the 29th ult. the consecration of this lodge took place. The ceremony was impressively conducted by R.W. Bro. C. Letch Mason, Provincial Grand M.M. of West Yorkshire, assisted by several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers; the installation ceremony was ably performed by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., sec. M.F.B. The warrant from H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master nominated the following brethren to be the first officers, viz.:—W. Delanoy, P.M., P.Z., Provincial G.M.O., the W.M.; Rev. J. Blake, the Rev. J. Blake, P.M., P.P.G.C., the S.W.; and H. T. Bellerby, P.M., P.G.S., the J.W. The Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire was supported by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Grand S.W.; R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., sec. M.F.B.; V.W. Bro. T. C. B. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.G. Chaplain, D.P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. C. H. Driver, G.M.O.;

V.W. Bro. R. Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C.; W. Bro. B. R. Bryant, P.G.S. and B.; W. Bro. W. Cooke, P.G. sec., &c.; and many other Provincial Grand Officers and representatives of West Yorkshire lodges; also by R.W. Bro. J. Sutcliffe, P.G.M., Lincolnshire, and several Lincolnshire brethren. After W. Bro. Delanoy had invested his officers and closed the lodge, the majority of the brethren adjourned to Brown's Rooms, High Street, where an excellent banquet was served, and the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured.

THORNE ST. NICHOLAS—No. 2259.—On the 31st ult. a successful masonic ball took place in the Town Hall. The W.M. and sec. and about 20 brethren from Doncaster attended. Bro. Tew, P.G.M., was present, and much of the success of the ball was due to the exertions of Bro. Peace and Constable—the latter acting as secretary.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

The South African Freemason, Vol. II., No. 12 (quoted at page 369); *Lifeboat Journal* for February; *The Liberal Freemason* for January, Boston, Mass.; *Report of Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland*, November, 1888, W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; *Society; Masonic Review*, for January, edited by Bro. Henry D. Moore, Cincinnati; *Dorset Masonic Calendar*, 1889, Sherren and Son, Weymouth; *Latomia, Neue Zeitschrift für Freimaurerei*, Leipzig.

MASONIC BALL AT LEICESTER.—The annual ball under the auspices of the five Leicester lodges of Freemasons (the St. John's, 279; Commercial, 1391; John of Gaunt, 523; Albert Edward, 1560; and Golden Fleece, 2081), the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held by permission of Sir Henry Halford in the County Assembly Rooms on Tuesday the 29th ulto. The company, a representative gathering, numbered between 180 and 190 persons of the town and neighbourhood. The brethren were arrayed in their Masonic insignia. Brother Henry Nicholson conducted the quadrille band. The hon. secs. to the committee were Bros. J. H. Marshall and J. B. Waring, and to the efforts of these gentlemen the success of the ball was in no small measure due—both working most assiduously. Dancing was timed to commence at nine o'clock, and Wednesday morning was well advanced ere the company dispersed. Brother George Jessop proved a most efficient M.C., his efforts being ably seconded by an efficient body of stewards.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—*General Laws and Regulations.*

THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall St., E.C.
192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
231	St. Andrew's	F. M. H.
538	La Tolerance	Ditto
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1351	St. Clement Danes	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand, W.C.
1361	United Service	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1425	Hyde Park...	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
1724	Kaiser-i-Hind	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1765	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mansions Rest., S.W.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H'th, nr. Croydon
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow, E.
2291	West Ham Abbey	Town Hall, Stratford, E.
R.A.C.		
2	St. James's	F. M. H.
9	Mount Moriah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.
Mark.		
197	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.

(2nd) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th.

33	Britannic	F. M. H.
134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1201	Eclectic	F. M. H.
1569	New Cross	Portland Hot., Greenwich
1997	John Carpenter	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2000	Earl of Mornington	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A.C.		
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
R.C.		
3	Mount Calvary	33, Golden Square, W.
K.T.		
45	Temple Cressing	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.

(2nd) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th.

108	London	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1853	Phœnix	F. M. H.
1328	Granite	Ditto
1426	The Great City ... 4 p.m. ...	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1446	Mount Edgcumbe	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1584	Loyalty and Charity	Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607	Loyalty	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
1612	West Middlesex	Lyric Hall, Ealing
1671	Mizpah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1743	Perseverance	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1839	Duke of Cornwall...	F. M. H.
1928	Gallery	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964	Clerkenwell	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1297	West Kent	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1397	Anerley	Ditto
Mark.		
234	Brixton	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.

(2nd) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11th.

5	St. George's and Corner Stone...	F. M. H.
29	St. Alban's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
90	St. John's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136	Good Report	Inns of Court Hotel
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
957	Leigh	F. M. H.
1237	Enfield	George Hot., Enfield
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
1670	Adelphi	F. M. H.
1787	Ubique ... ... 6 p.m. ...	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1891	St. Ambrose	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington.
2012	Chiswick ... ... 5 p.m. ...	Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
R.A.C.		
22	Mount Sion	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
720	Panmure ... .. 6 p.m. ...	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
862	Whittington	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
104	Macdonald	M. H., 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
224	Menatschim	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

(2nd) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
96	Burlington	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
167	St. John's	Holly Bush, Hampstead
180	St. James's Union	F. M. H
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
211	St. Michael's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
235	Nine Muses	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
548	Wellington	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
834	Ranelagh	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
917	Cosmopolitan	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1196	Urban	F. M. H.
1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1635	Canterbury...	33, Golden Square, W.
1668	Samson	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1769	Clarendon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1969	Waldeck	F. M. H.
2127	Drury Lane ... 3 p.m. ...	Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, W.C.
R.A.C.		
145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
185	Jerusalem	F. M. T.
255	Iris	Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
K.T.		
140	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.
A.&A.R.	Supreme Council, 33°	Ditto

(2nd) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th.

3	Fidelity	F. M. H.
11	Enoch	Ditto
13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
15	Kent	F. M. H.
87	Vitruvian	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
749	Belgrave	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse, E.
1228	Beacontree...	Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1260	John Hervey	F. M. H.
1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate E.
1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool Street
1586	Upper Norwood	White Lion Hot., Upper Norwood
1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1900	Montague Guest	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
R.A.C.		
857	St. Mark's	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
Mark.	Old Kent	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
A.&A.R.	Supreme Council, 33°	33, Golden Square, W.

(2nd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th.

19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity	F. M. T.
266	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Ley Spring...	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1707	Eleanor	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool St., E.C.
1708	Plucknett	Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A.C		
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Sq., W.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
Mark.		
86	Samson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
331	Davison	8a, Red Lion Sq., W.C.
K.T.		
117	New Temple	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.
R.C.		
44	Bard of Avon	33, Golden Sq., W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	25th Feb	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	6th Mar	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	19th Feb	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	12th Feb	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	11th Feb	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Feb	Ditto
887	Leigh	27th Feb	Ditto
925	Bedford	18th Feb	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	20th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	26th Feb	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	13th Feb	Ditto
1163	Emulation	28th Feb	Ditto
1180	Forward	4th Mar	Ditto
1474	Israel	11th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	19th Feb	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe TO-DAY,	7th Feb	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	7th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington TO-DAY,	7th Feb	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Feb	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	13th Feb	Ditto
221	St. John	18th Feb	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George	27th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	18th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	21st Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	5th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	18th Feb	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Mar	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence ...	15th Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	5th Mar	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Feb	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Mar	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	26th Feb	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Feb	Ditto
1947	Stanford	13th Feb	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	3rd May	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough TO-MOR.,	8th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Feb	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	5th Mar	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Feb	Ditto
326	Moira	14th Feb	Ditto
610	Colston	20th Feb	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Feb	Ditto
1388	Canynges	2nd Mar	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	28th Feb	Ditto
2257	Powell	25th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort	26th Feb	Ditto
187	Charity TO-DAY,	7th Feb	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	21st Feb	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	13th Feb	Bridge Inn
191	St. John	14th Feb	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales T-DY.,	7th Feb	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	28th Feb	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	11th Feb	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	4th Mar	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	5th Mar	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Feb	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid	6th Mar	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	26th Feb	M. H., Gower Street
731	Arboretum... ...	13th Feb	Ditto
802	Repose	19th Feb	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	6th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Apr	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	21st Feb	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber TO-DAY,	7th Feb	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	13th Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	6th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce... ...	1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	28th Feb	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	21st Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	6th Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Dougla
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Feb	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	13th Feb	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Mar	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Feb	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Feb	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole ? 14th or	21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity TO-DAY,	7th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	27th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	1st Mar	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	4th Mar	Ditto
1221	Defence	11th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland	15th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	9th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	12th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	6th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred TO-MOR.,	8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	6th Mar	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Feb	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Feb	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	*18th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude ...	*5th Apl	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	27th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ...	15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	21st Feb	Ditto
216	Harmonic	14th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	12th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners TO-DAY,	7th Feb	Ditto
292	Sincerity	11th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire	21st Feb	Ditto
667	Alliance	19th Feb	Ditto
673	St. John	5th Mar	Ditto
680	Sefton	1st Mar	Ditto
724	Derby	27th Feb	Ditto
786	United Service ...	14th Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	20th Feb	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Mar	Ditto
1094	Temple	13th Feb	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edubgh. ...	14th Feb	Ditto
1264	Neptune	4th Mar	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	21st Feb	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Feb	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	13th Feb	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	21st Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	18th Feb	Ditto
1505	Emulation	28th Feb	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	13th Feb	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Feb	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Feb	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	6th Mar	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	6th Mar	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	18th Feb	Ditto
2215	Anfield	28th Feb	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	27th May	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	18th Feb	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	5th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ..	15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship	25th Feb	Ditto
249	Mariners	21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool	28th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire	11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's	13th Feb	Ditto
680	Sefton	22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Mar	Ditto
1393	Hamer	7th Mar	Ditto
1502	Israel	12th Feb	Ditto

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	1st Mar	Albion Hotel
62	Social	25th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th July	Ditto
152	Virtue	15th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	27th Feb	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	7th Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Mar	Ditto
815	Blair TO-MOR.,	8th Feb	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	28th Feb	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	6th Mar	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	4th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	21st Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	19th Feb	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby	14th Feb	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	4th Mar	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Feb	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	5th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David	14th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Mar	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	18th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers TO-MOR.,	8th Feb	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	2nd Mar	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	21st Feb	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Feb	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor ...	15th Feb	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	4th Mar	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	5th Mar	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Feb	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	11th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude TO-DAY,	7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra	15th Feb	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne T-DY.	7th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	11th Feb	Ditto
541	De Loraine ...	15th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Mar	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	28th Feb	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	8th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	22nd Feb	Ditto
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	5th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex TO-MOR.,	8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	19th Feb	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	6th Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Feb	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	22nd Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	5th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Feb	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Feb	Ditto
807	Cabbell	28th Feb	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Feb	Ditto
1500	Walpole TO-DAY,	7th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	5th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	1st Mar	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Mar	Ditto
1435	Annesley	22nd Feb	Ditto
1794	De Vere	15th Feb	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	18th Feb	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	*30th Apr	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	12th Feb	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	29th Apr	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	5th Mar	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Mar	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	5th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	11th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	4th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	6th Mar	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	11th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	28th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	7th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	12th Feb	Ditto
1205	Metham	18th Feb	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's	14th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	18th Feb	Ditto
1550	Prudence	2nd Mar	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Feb	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District United Service	20th Feb	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	22nd Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	27th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ...	14th Feb	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Feb	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service TO-MR.,	8th Feb	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	21st Feb	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Feb	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	18th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship	13th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ...	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia	14th Feb	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Feb	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Mar	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	26th Feb	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Feb	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Feb	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	21st Feb	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DAY,	7th Feb	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	1st Mar	Ditto
394	Concord	28th Feb	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	12th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	6th Mar	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine	14th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick	15th Feb	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	*21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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	THIS DAY (1st) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th.	
13	Union Waterloo ... at 8	Earl of Chatham.. Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice ... ... „ 8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales ... „ 7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
754	High Cross ... ... „ 8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark ... ... „ 8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London ... „ 6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert ... ... „ 7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore ... ... „ 8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star ... ... „ 8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... „ 7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts... ... „ 8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John ... ... „ 8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur ... ... „ 7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate ... ... „ 8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City... ... „ 6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy ... ... „ 8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold ... ... „ 7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton ... „ 8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden... ... „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar... ... ... „ 7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1632	Stuart ... ... „ 7	Red Lion, Poppins Ct., Fleet St., E.C.
1673	Langton ... ... „ 5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph ... ... „ 8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton ... ... „ 8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park ... ... „ 8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.		
188	Joppa ... ... „ 7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm. „ 7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London ... ... „ 8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston ... ... „ 7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(2nd) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th.	
9	Albion ... ... at—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's ... ... „ 8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance ... ... „ 8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability ... ... „—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.) „ 6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims ... „ 7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave ... ... „ 8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's ... ... „ 8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston ... „ 8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred ... ... „ 8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh ... ... „ 8	*Six Bells*, Queen St., *Hammersmith*, W.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.) „ 7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis ... ... „ 7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree ... ... „ 8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern ... „ 8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard ... „ 8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton ... ... „ 8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington ... ... „ 7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley ... ... „ 7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty ... ... „ 8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge ... „ 6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints ... ... „ 7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey ... ... „ 7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.		
890	Hornsey... ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill, ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
1275	Star ... ... „ 8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
Mark.		
355	Royal Savoy ... ... „ 7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
	(2nd) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th.	
179	Manchester ... ... at 8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy ... ... „ 8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star ... ... „ 7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park ... ... „ 8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland ... „ 7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace ... „ 7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick ... ... „ 7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai ... ... „ 8	Union Tav.. Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry... ... ... „ 7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(2nd) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11th.	
22	Loughborough... ... at 8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man ... ... „ 7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity ... ... „ 7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union ... „ 8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland ... ... „ 8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington ... ... „ 8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric ... ... „ 8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ... „ 8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton ... ... „ 8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park ... ... „ 8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon ... „ 8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1507	Metropolitan .. ... „ 7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military ... „ 7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon ... ... „ 6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration „ 8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.

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	(2nd) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11th—*continued.*	
1586	Upper Norwood ... at 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn ... ... „ 8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield ... „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield ... ... „ 8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor ... ... „ 8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique ... ... „ 7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn ... ... „ 8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ... „ 8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn ... ... „ 8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn. „ 8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith ... ... „ 7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C		
206	Hope ... ... „—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(2nd) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th.	
55	Constitutional ... ... at 7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity ... ... „ 7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George ... ... „ 8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith ... . „ 8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic ... ... „ 7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa ... . „ 7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.) „ 7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd. „ 7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough ... ... „ 8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale ... „ 7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William „—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily ... ... „ 8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie ... ... „ 8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Distn.
861	Finsbury... ... ... „—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth ... ... „ 8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior ... ... „ 8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic ... ... „ 8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars ... ... „ 7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian ... ... „ 7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe ... „ 8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington ... ... „ 7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer ... ... „ 8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught ... „ 8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood ... „ 8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex ... „ 7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park ... „ 8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington ... ... „ 8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1889	Duke of Cornwall ... „ 7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton ... ... „ 8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate ... ... „ 8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator ... ... „ 8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.		
25	Robert Burns ... ... „ 8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden ... ... „ 8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan ... ... „ 6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ... „ 8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th.	
3	Fidelity ... ... at 8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners ... „ 7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon ... „ 8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
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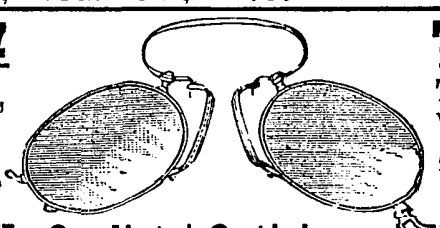
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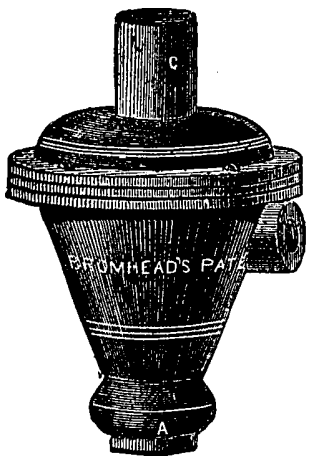
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Our First Volume.

THIS number completes the First Volume of THE MASONIC STAR, and we take the opportunity of thanking our subscribers and that section of the large body of Freemasons who have given us their valued support for the considerable interest they have, during the past six months, evinced in our progress. At its inception this Journal announced a programme which it has been our constant endeavour to conscientiously carry out; and without in any way wishing to appear at all self-laudatory, we cannot but believe that we must thereto ascribe much of the kindly recognition we have already received; a continuance and extension of which we trust to deserve and enjoy in the future. At the outset of our journalistic career, we stated that it was our intention to "act squarely and independently of all external influences; discuss questions Masonic with temperance and strict impartiality; uphold in all controversy the rules and constitutions of the Order; and to be kind, yet candid, in all our reports where persons are concerned, giving to every man his just due, and that without distinction." We do not desire to take credit to ourselves for the performance of so distinct an obligation, which, being made, it was no more than our duty to carry out; but we cannot refrain from stating that in respect to the manner of the performance of that duty, we have the "testimony of a self-convincing conscience," that the same has given "satisfaction to the brethren." It has often been admitted by Masonic writers that there are great difficulties and peculiarities connected with the conduct of a Masonic Journal, and, although we crave no sympathy, we would ask every member of our Order who seeks to extend or improve his knowledge in respect to matters connected therewith, to bear with us and endeavour to appreciate the hindrances that so frequently necessarily arise to a free exposition of much that is of importance in connection with subjects on which it may be our duty, as well as our privilege, to descant; according us their support in whatever "laudable endeavours" we may make in the field of Masonic literature.

Before our advent we foresaw many difficulties which would have to be overcome, and what a careful handling of our vessel would be necessary in order to avoid the rocks and quicksands of the ocean on which we intended to sail; —so far we have been successful in our efforts. The support which we have received in our babyhood has been most gratifying, and we trust that in our progress to manhood a continuance and increase of the same may be accorded to us by our friends and that section of the community which we seek to serve, who may one and all rest assured that we shall continue to do battle for all that is loyal and true in connection with Freemasonry.

Our columns will ever be open, as heretofore, to correspondents who may wish to utilize them for the purpose either of gaining information, or for fair and legitimate criticism; and undeterred by adverse comment on ourselves we shall, where occasion justly arises, continue to point out in courteous language whatever we may consider requires the light of public opinion, discussion, or revision. Without having any fear, or asking any favour, we shall adhere to and carry out our original programme, and trust that our efforts may meet with continued approbation from the craft, and result in benefit to all concerned.

The Fund of Benevolence.

(*Continued from page 368*).

BEFORE we proceed with our comments on past proceedings relating to this fund, we desire to clear the ground from a vast quantity of rubbish, which is evidently placed in our way for the purpose of impeding that progress which our friends and ourselves are endeavouring to make towards a better condition of affairs in relation to the fund. It is worse than absurd, for it is false to designate any brethren, at least of those whom we know to be concerned, agitators knowing perfectly well that "if mud enough be thrown some of it will be sure to stick," or, to state that they suggest even in the remotest degree, "that honourable men, such as those constituting our Board of Benevolence, have deliberately encouraged a large expenditure of the funds entrusted to their charge so as to render the accumulation, and, as a matter of course, the appropriation of surpluses impossible." Whoever has said that? Is it mere "make up," used for want of good argument against the propositions set forth by objectors to the present state of things? If so, it partakes of the nature of the French adage, *Qui s'excuse s'accuse* and will surely not help, if does not injure

those to whom the sentence refers. As yet we have seen no good and reasonable explanation for the reductions in the fund to which attention has been directed; and it would be better to devote time and space to the purpose of such explanation, than to scream out abuse against would-be reformers.

For ourselves, we have said, and we now once and for all repeat, that "the question at issue is not one of personal character in any respect. The lodges are to be honoured and credited for their loyalty in observing the rule which regulates and specifies the amount of their contributions; and the members of the Board of Benevolence and those who assist them *are deserving of all praise for their sacrifice of time and the labour they undertake month by month in carefully, and thereby properly, distributing the funds* with which the Craft entrusts them. The former cannot, under existing regulations, do more in the way of contributing, and the latter desire *to do no less than they have always done as the honoured Almoners of English Freemasons.*" We have italicised portions of the foregoing remarks purposely, that those who think differently from us, and who speak or write on the subject, may see how very little reason they can have for justifying their use of inapplicable and more or less opprobrious terms to such as do not altogether agree with them.

Now let us pass on to the comments we proposed, in our last, to make. It cannot, we should think, be otherwise than admitted on all hands, that if Bro. Clabon's proposition of the 7th June, 1882, had been accepted, there would not now be any occasion to discuss the position of the fund. The suggested increase of quarterages in the manner set forth, would have entirely covered, during the past ten years, the increase of grants, for the which, it is useless to blink the fact, we are indebted to the reckless manner in which, during that period, admissions have been made into our Order. It would have also sufficed to restore the stock to its larger proportion in 1879, and doubtless there might have been, if desired, still further accumulation. Whether or not it would have been, or would be now, judicious to have a larger reserve than £50,000 is not the question of the present, but we hope that circumstances may arise to warrant earnest consideration on that point before many years. The "state of things" which Bro. Clabon "hoped Grand Lodge would agree with him in saying ought not to go on" has come about, and the reduction of expenditure in relief, "to the great distress of many people," has not only resulted but is now absolutely sought to be justified, and, as it were, taken credit for, in the statement that the grant per individual (poor individuals), has very appreciably diminished. It is said that figures may be made to prove anything. We are indeed sorry to see them necessarily used to prove that the kind hearts and fraternal sentiments of the distributors of this fund have had to suffer the pain of "appreciably diminishing" the amounts of their grants to necessitous brethren, and the widows of brethren, *because* the members of Grand Lodge in 1882, would not listen to the warning and advice of one whose counsel, judging from past experience, was entitled to the utmost consideration and adoption. It is said that at that time there were complaints that larger grants were made on occasions than the circumstances of certain cases justified, and there are not wanting those who complain in like manner now, but the remarks of Bro. Clabon then, as to these, were sound and practical, and they have our fullest endorsement at this present writing. As far as we know, after many years experience, there have been but two recommendations by the Board to Grand Lodge to which objections were taken, having regard to the amounts proposed to be granted. The question is not one of distribution but one of supplies, and to decide upon the measures to be taken to increase the latter in order to be enabled to dispense with masonic liberality and with justice to each unfortunate applicant, is what the members of Grand Lodge must shortly do if they desire to maintain the usefulness of the fund. We shall presume to offer our opinion that the necessary increase can be attained, in a satisfactory manner only, by putting into practice that theory of equality which we profess, and requiring from each brother equal payment for equal privileges. At present this equality is not observed, the rate of contribution to the Grand Benevolent Fund of the Order being just twice as much from members of lodges within ten miles radius of Freemasons' Hall as that from members of lodges beyond that radius. As to this we shall have more to say in future issues. We will now continue the account of proceedings subsequent to June, 1882; and we shall make no excuse for a reproduction of what we find recorded elsewhere, as, read by the light of the past ten years' experience, it will be found not only most interesting but highly instructive at this particular time as a guide to what course should be pursued. Our readers may satisfy any doubts they might possibly have on the subject of our correct record, by reference to the report of the "Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication" referred to, and published by Grand Lodge.

(1) By Bro. JOHN CLABON, P.G.D. (postponed from the Grand Lodge on the 7th June last, that an opportunity might be given to the Provincial Grand Lodges to consider whether an increase should be made in the quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge):

"That for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the members of the lodges in the London district (except military lodges) shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the fund, instead of one shilling as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March, 1884. And that all members of lodges not within the London district (except military, colonial, and foreign lodges) shall pay, quarterly, ninepence each to the fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge."

(2) "That no sale be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge."

Bro. CLABON said that he was aware that communications had been received from Prov. Grand Lodges in regard to the motion of which he had given notice, but he supposed that these communications should be before Grand Lodge before he moved.

THE GRAND SECRETARY said that notices had been sent out to forty-one Prov. Grand Lodges: twenty-five had voted against it, three had voted in its favour.

Bro. CLABON said he hoped, notwithstanding these unfavourable returns, he should persuade Grand Lodge to accept his motion. (Cries of withdraw). He certainly should not withdraw, so he begged them to hear him. He stated a few figures in making this motion six months ago; he told Grand Lodge that up to two years ago the Lodge of Benevolence had never voted the whole of their income, and the result was that up to that time they had accumulated something like £50,000. In the year 1880 they voted about £1,000 more than their income, and in 1881 they voted nearly £2,000 more than their income. He had not had an opportunity of ascertaining what the voting had been but it was going on at about the same rate: and they had just heard that £790 was granted last month, and Grand Lodge had voted £400 more just now. Well, if they had voted £1,200 in one night, he thought it would turn out that this year they had voted a considerably larger sum than formerly. He had sat as President of the Board of Benevolence for ten or twelve years, and he did ask them to take his experience, or at all events consider that he was competent to express an opinion. In old times the Lodge of Benevolence used to vote £10, £20, and £30, and £40 used to be considered a large sum; but latterly, unfortunately, brethren occupying good social positions have met with reversals of fortune, and in consideration of the special circumstances large grants have been made. It was no uncommon thing now to see grants of £100, and these had not been the highest, but they had had as much as £200 and £250; and he remembered distinctly cases—from the evidence he could tell them—of a number of cases where a grant of £50 was no use at all, while a grant of £200 was all the use in the world. Entertaining this opinion, he looked about to see how the income might be increased. The first method was to dip into the accumulated fund. That had been done; but if every year £3,000 or £4,000 was taken out of the reserve it would soon be exhausted, and when it was gone they would be brought back again to the question how to raise the money. By whatever means it was done, he could not think it right to spend the accumulated fund; it was a fund sacred as capital. One alternative was to make it like the other Charities. This had been attempted, and, as they were aware, it had failed entirely. He thought three festivals, as now, in one year were enough. There was only one more way—a very simple way—which had now been proposed, namely, that brethren in London should pay 2s. more, and that brethren in the provinces should pay an additional 1s. He wanted to increase the 4s. to 6s. for London, and the 2s. to 3s. for the provinces; he wanted to ask every brother in London to pay something less than a halfpenny a week, and for brethren in the country to pay a farthing a week to give to poor Masons, as they had been doing that night. They had been voting £1,100 to poor Musons, going beyond the income to do so. If they went on doing that they must take it out of the capital, and ten years hence they must find another fund, or the grants would be reduced. All the Provincial Grand Lodges were against it, but had not given a single reason. With his experience the question of town or country was never thought of by the Lodge of Benevolence. He had been asked to withdraw the motion, but he asked them to vote for it. One brother who asked him to withdraw, said, "Oh! you are only a great Benefit Society." He believed that Masonic Charity was best demonstrated—(hear, hear)—best of all in the Lodge of Benevolence. It had also been said that these grants tended to pauperise the recipients; but what he understood by a pauperising gift was the giving something to a man which tended to prevent him making any exertion for himself; that which will reduce him to such a level that he will never work for himself again. But he believed in the main that the grants of the Lodge of Benevolence did good to poor Masons and to the widows and children of decayed Masons. They ought not to spend the principal; it was not expedient to have another festival, and it was expedient, in his opinion, to increase the quarterages in the way proposed.

Bro. HOLDEN, in seconding the motion, said that they had been told that the grants had been increased beyond the annual income: but they had not heard that the increase of a sixpence would stop the increase of the grants proceeding. If the sixpence extra would make up the deficiency, and if there were a little more discretion in the Board of Benevolence, then he could see that their funds were likely to regain the position which they once held. As he had heard a brother say, "We have got lots of money, let us give it; we have got lots of funds, why should we not distribute them!" He (Bro. Holden) thought they had better get rid of the fund, and then they would be able to call upon the annual income. It was not sufficient that an applicant be worthy and deserving of relief, to warrant the Board in giving £100: they ought to look to their income.

Bro. TOMUS spoke to oppose the motion, and did so because he felt that it would disorganise every lodge in his province. He thought that the reception the subject had met with in the provinces would be a warning to the Lodge of Benevolence to be a little more circumspect in the grants they gave; because it was perfectly proposterous that if your income was £2,000, you should go and live at the rate of £3,000. With regard to the province which he had the honour to represent, it was necessary for him to state one or two facts. They had to pay two shillings a-year to Grand Lodge; they had to pay another two shillings a-year to their own charity fund. Without referring to the metropolis, he would confine his remarks to the provinces, and especially the province which he represented. They had a fund, exactly similar to the Lodge of Benevolence, to which they contributed from 2s. 6d. to 5s.; in fact, they gave from 7s. 6d. to 10s. per annum out of a guinea; and he might, therefore, say that they had nothing whatever left for anything further. The province recognised the

Charities, but also their duties locally; and the fact was that they did not send up so many applicants to the Board of Benevolence as the metropolis did, because they relieved them themselves. He thought that the provinces were doing their duty and ought not to be called upon to contribute to increase a fund for grants contrary to all common sense. He, therefore, opposed the motion.

Bro. BIRKENHEAD said Bro. Clabon seemed to have laid a stress upon the fact that they had just confirmed very heavy grants, but it would be difficult for them to discuss the circumstances so as to regulate the grants recommended to them. As to the feeling of the lodges in the provinces, it appeared to be that they must cut their coat according to their cloth. He was there partly to represent North Yorks. Out of twenty-seven lodges there was only one in favour of the motion. Bearing in mind that they sent up for the Masonic Charities about £40,000 a year, and to the Lodge of Benevolence say £10,000. They had in the province a benevolent fund; besides which some lodges had a benevolent fund for educational purposes, and for the relief of decayed masons. The lodges were ill able to bear the present strain upon them, and he was perfectly sure with this increased grant they would do wrong to themselves and wrong to the order they belonged to. They had greatly increased since H.R.H. had become their head, but they have not increased in what they ought to have, good men and good Masons. He was afraid when these grants appeared in the papers, a certain class of men said "What a good thing Freemasonry is; if anything happens to me my wife and children will be provided for." He would like to see men proposed who would be likely never to have a claim upon the charities. The subscription to many lodges was very small, some eight shillings and sixpence to ten and sixpence; he would like to see a yearly subscription of not less than twenty-one shillings; more if possible; so that an intending entrant might be prompted to consider not only the four, five, six or seven guineas to be paid the first year, but also that he would have to provide for paying an annual subscription of a guinea. After a few further remarks the speaker resumed his seat.

Bro. JOHNSTON said that he rose, as a Provincial Grand brother, to represent a number of brethren who were unable to be present on account of distance or the nature of their avocations. He was Provincial Grand Secretary for the Western Division of Lancashire, and he would address himself to the point whether there was any claim upon them as there was in respect of London brethren. In the north of England they had many brethren going about from town to town seeking work, whom they had frequently to relieve. So much had such claims increased upon them, that in some parts they were obliged to have Relief Committees, at which they had from three to four applicants for relief at a time. In Liverpool they were rather worse off than in other towns, because, from one reason or another, they had brethren who had returned from the Colonies with the idea of improving their position, and being disappointed of their object desired to return to the Colonies; and these brethren were passed on to Liverpool by the brethren in the inland towns, who only paid their railway fare. They had always been able to comply with the demands upon them, and they had always been able to find the money where it had been to help a worthy brother. They had to pay two shillings to Grand Lodge and two shillings to Provincial Grand Lodge, besides other calls; they were educating 1840* children; they had an annuity fund on which there were forty annuitants. They sent up to Grand Lodge two shillings out of every brother's subscription; they were doing their share fairly and manfully, and if further money were required, and further claims made upon them, he was quite sure that if the brethren were satisfied of the justness of those claims the money would be provided; but, on the part of his province, he must vote against this motion. The brother concluded that good would result by increasing the time during which a brother must have been a Mason to render him eligible as an applicant, from two to five years.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said that he for one would most certainly support Bro. Clabon's motion, only that he would wish to go further than the motion went, by stipulating for equal quarterages being required from metropolitan and provincial brethren alike. The provincial brethren at the present time contributed about as much as the metropolitan, and they had their own funds from which they derived an additional benefit (which the London brethren did not enjoy) before they came to the Board of Benevolence, which they frequently did, for further assistance. He asked them to look back. Did not the provincial brethren who were relieved represent two-thirds of the amount of that number? He would propose that every Mason in England should pay equal quarterages to Grand Lodge, and if provincial brethren desired to have additional local relief funds, by all means let them do it. As a man, he said, he was willing to pay the six shillings a year proposed, but he was averse to being mulcted in a larger sum than the provincial brethren.

Bro. TENNANT opposed the motion. Bro. Clabon seemed to think it a very easy matter to increase the quarterages, but to him it appeared to be a matter of the greatest importance, and he submitted that Bro. Clabon had not made out a sufficient case to induce Grand Lodge to give a vote in favour of his motion. What were the facts? Up to the year 1880 the grants had amounted to very much less than the income: but for some reason, in 1879, the expenditure increased from £4924 to £7606. Up to the year 1879 the expenditure had increased gradually, as had the income; but from what cause he did not know That might be explained by saying that the Board had been most lavish in its expenditure, but he was unwilling to believe that. But there was another reason why this motion should not be agreed to, and that was, that if this £4000, the estimated amount, was added to the Fund of Benevolence, it could only be done by being extracted from the funds of the various provinces. (Cries of Vote, vote).

Bro. CLABON, in reply, said that brethren would kindly remember that there had been no word of opposition from London, and he should first like to look at the results of what had been done that evening as between London and the provinces. Out of eighteen cases twelve were provincial and six London, and all the large ones were provincial. He asked the country brethren to give one shilling a year—all this grand oratory had been against paying one shilling a year.

The vote of Grand Lodge was then taken with the following result: Bro. Clabon's motion, 182; against, 186.

The motion was therefore lost.

Bro. CLABON said that if the first motion had been carried he would have wished to press the other; as it was he begged to withdraw the other.

After some opposition permission was granted to Bro. Clabon to withdraw his second motion.

We shall comment on the foregoing, and continue the subject in our next.—ED. M.S.

* This must be, we think, an error, but it is so reported.—*Ed. M.S.*

INDIA.

ALLAHABAD—LEBANON LODGE (MARK), No. 207.—On Tuesday, the 8th ulto., Bro. W. Grierson-Jackson was installed W.M. of this Mark Lodge in the presence of a large and distinguished company of masons.

MADRAS—PERFECT UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 150.—On the 15th ult., Bro. F. B. Hanna was installed W.M. of this old lodge. Among the brethren present were Lord Connemara, D.G.M., Madras; Lord Herschell, P.G.S.W., England; Colonel Hill, M.P., &c. At the banquet which followed Lord Herschell, in responding to the toast of the visitors, made an able and humourous speech which elicited loud applause and much laughter, especially the description of his mother lodge, composed exclusively of lawyers, and their endeavours to maintain perfect unanimity, love, and harmony amongst their clients. Referring to lodge "Perfect Unanimity," he said he was very greatly impressed with what he had witnessed that evening. It was the first time he had visited a lodge in India, and having heard a great deal about class, caste, and creed, he was proud to find as a Mason that Masonry levelled all such artificial distinctions, and that brethren of all classes, castes, and creeds met as Masons without any restraint in love and harmony.

BENGAL.—The District Grand Master has appointed Bro. A. Paxton Deputy Grand Master of the District.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

WHAT BETTER THEME THAN MASONRY?

WHAT better theme can claim our lays,
And lend its aid to Harmony;
What noble art sheds brighter rays
Than glorious Freemasonry?
What other virtues can compare
With those 'tween "compasses and square?"
For Faith and Hope and Charity,
Brotherly Love and Unity,
With Order, Peace, and Harmony,
Are found in true Freemasonry.

When first to us the light is shown
That governs true morality,
Others' distress we make our own
In natural equality.
Our steps are then taught to ascend
The ladder staves that upward tend;
Faith, first upon the muster-roll,
Hope, the sheet-anchor of the soul,
And *Charity*, that crowns the whole
Foundation of Freemasonry.

When Craftsmen's labours we attend
We're taught the hidden mystery.
By science led to comprehend
The scope of nature's history;
From nature up to nature's God
Our minds are raised above the sod,
And *Wisdom* comes to shield from harm,
Strength, hurtful passions to disarm,
Whilst *Beauty* lends a crowning charm
To all our works in Masonry.

And next, as Master Masons, we
Share the sublimest mystery,
And prove how potent then can be
Fortitude and *Fidelity*;
The terrors of the darkest hour
Are lessened by the Mystic Power;
And *Virtue's* portal opens wide
Our steps to *Honour's* fane to guide,
Whilst *Mercy* pleads upon our side
To Him who rules Freemasonry.

And when, our glorious labours o'er,
We meet for brief hilarity,
Amidst our joys, our Brethren poor
Remembered are in charity:
Each thankful heart expands to bless;
Each willing hand relief will press;
With *Temperance* God's gifts we share;
Prudence extends her watchful care,
And *Justice*, symbolled by the *Square*,
Perfects our work in Masonry.

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z., &c.

From "UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE."

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Original Correspondence.

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THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I have recently seen a tabular statement showing income and expenditure of the Board of Benevolence from 1880 up to last year. Thereby it appears that the income in 1880 was £9,270, whilst that in 1888 was £10,051. I find, on reference, that in 1880 there were about 1880 lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, whilst the number last year had increased to something over 2220. Putting these figures side by side, I am at a loss to understand how it is that an addition of 340 lodges only results in an increase of £780 in the Benevolent Fund; in other words, how is it that about 46s. each per annum per lodge is derived from those established since 1880, whilst about £5 each is the subscription of those in existence prior to that date. Moreover, during the present decade, I am given to understand that not only has this large addition to the number of our lodges been made, but that, as a general rule, they have had most material additions to their lists of members, in many cases lodges being twice and three times as strong numerically as they were eight or nine years ago.

I hope you will not consider me stupid or intrusive because I venture to set this question before you, but it appears to me that there must be some blundering somewhere, as 46s. represents only an average of eight or nine members per Lodge, an anything but flourishing condition, and one which hardly justifies existence as a lodge at all.

Yours fraternally,
VERITAS.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your issues for January 24th and 31st appear letters on the above subject asking for guidance. To the letter of January 24th was appended an editorial note, "We will answer this next week." I have examined your columns in vain, and can only conclude the matter must have been overlooked. I know a large number of brethren who are deeply interested in this question and who have very decided opinions upon it. They are at the same time very anxious to do only that which is right, if only they can find proper authority. It would appear that the only authority forthcoming is that of the D.P.G.M., or P.G. Secty. who seem to think that they have only to say "You must not do this," or "You must not do that," and all is supposed to be settled. It has been said that Grand Lodge has given a decision on this matter: if so, let that decision be pointed out, and many brethren who now uphold the opening of a Board of Installed Masters will dutifully submit. In my own Lodge a Board has been regularly opened since the Lodge was first started, now nearly 80 years ago. If you can point out any authority for the observance or non-observance of this mode of working you will earn the gratitude of many Brethren.

Yours fraternally.
Feb. 8th, 1889. P.M., P.Z. (W. Lanc.)

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Not being a constant reader of the *Freemason*, I have only just had my attention drawn to an article of the 26th ult., "Our Institutions and the Critics." I think it a great pity that the writer did not do for himself what he considers the said critics are "in honour bound to do," before "condemning what he does not know." For "had he inquired of the Secretary or Mr. Collector" he could have been told that in 1883 or 1884 certain members of the Committee of Management brought to light the very fact that he denies, viz., that the sums received for commission by the collector were not at all in accordance with the original "clearly defined conditions," and that one of the officials was called before the committee and censured. They also objected to certain other matters which they conscienciously believed (and still retain the same opinion) *ought not to be*. The consequence was that the next year none of those members were re-elected, so they could not continue to carry out their desire of "wanting to know, you know!"

Not wishing to enter upon any matter I am unable to clearly prove, I sign myself. Yours fraternally,
Feb. 8th, 1888. G. L. MOORE, P.M. 169.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Something must be done, and quickly, if the three great charities of the order are to be maintained. I hear a great deal about them; and that I have their true interest at heart may be shown by the fact that I am Life Governor of all and have been five times a Steward.

1. As regards the Benevolent Institution I consider that the secretarial expenses are absurd. one brother at £400 per annum, with two assistants at £100 and £80 respectively ought to manage the office and collect the subscriptions. Both the schools should be managed with greater economy.

2. Why should the secretaries of the institutions be styled Honorary Secretary of the Festivals? Surely that event is an important part of the work for which they are well paid.

3. The Life Governors should be informed how many boys have run away from the school at Wood Green in consequence of excessive and unnecessary thrashing, of which the boys cannot complain as all letters are read, and they have no fathers to take out a summons for assault as would be the case in an ordinary school.

4. Whether it would not be well to have advice from some eminent architect, such as the present Grand Superintendent of Works, so as to secure more artistic taste in the buildings. Additions and alterations have from time to time been made to both schools by able surveyors, but not one, I think, is a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The increase of lodges, especially in the London district and surrounding provinces, has brought in so many who should never have been admitted into masonry. The increase of candidates for the charities must be rapid, and it appears to me that our institutions require careful management if they are to adequately meet the wants of the near future

I have tried to avoid personalities, but am convinced that something must be done, and quickly, if the three noble institutions are to be maintained in a state of efficiency.

Yours &c.,
LUX.

SANDGATE LODGE AND SOLDIER MASONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

This lodge was formed in 1873, and received great assistance from the 99th Regiment, then stationed at Shorncliffe. The first W.M. and S.W. were officers of that regiment, and many of the joining members belonged to the garrison. Since then there has been ever the greatest goodwill between the civil and military element. Six or seven W.M.'s have been connected with the service; several have filled the Warden's chairs, but have left before the election of W.M. The exigencies of the service doubtless places military Masons under certain disadvantages, but I deny that there is so unmasonic a wish on the part of civilians as a wish to deprive them of their just dues, and in the Sandgate lodge the civilians are so intimately connected with military that it would be unnatural to do so. Our esteemed tyler, himself a retired warrior, is at once evidence of the goodwill with which his comrades would be welcomed.

I must correct "Punjabi" in his statement that the J.W. has been initiated during the last few months. The brother referred to is the vicar of Sandgate; he was initiated in a metropolitan lodge, and became a joining member last year, receiving the appointment of chaplain. Since then the W.M. wisely selected him as J.W. for the good of masonry generally, and of this lodge in particular.

It is to be regretted that your correspondent should endeavour to create a grievance, and I trust that you will not advocate class lodges, but rather advise "Punjabi" to remember how desirable it is that friendly intercourse and brotherly love should be cemented by the association of soldier and civilian Masons in one lodge.

I remain yours fraternally,
P.M. 1436.

Answers to Correspondents.

The following reports and communication stand over for want of space till next week :-

Consecration of the Kingswood Lodge No. 2278; Translated Extract from *Latomia*; Installation Meeting of the Windsor Castle Lodge No. 771.

W.M. 1792.—On the disputed subject of the propriety or impropriety of opening a Board of Installed Masters for the purpose of installing a W.M., we know of no *declared* authority, and the Craft generally appear to be very careless as to whether any such exists or not.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

The annual meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, was held in the Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday last, when Admiral Sir. E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., was installed as Master in the presence of nearly 300 well-known Freemasons, including Bros. the Earl of Onslow, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Earl of Euston (P.G.M. of Northamptonshire), Lords Alcester, Valentia, and Claude Hamilton, T. F. Halsey, M.P. (P.G.M. Hertfordshire), Major Goldie Taubman (P.G.M. Isle of Man), Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P. (P.G.M. Worcestershire), Sir C. H. Gregory, M.P., the Lord Mayor of London, Sir John B. Monckton, Sir Oscar Clayton, Sir John Whittaker Ellis, M.P.; Sir Reginal Hanson, F. Hanbury Tracy, M.P.; Sir Morell Mackenzie, Sir R. N. Fowler, M.P.; Sheriff Newton, E. Dicey, C.B.; Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P.; Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; Augustus Harris; S. Pope, Q.C.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, Admiral Cochrane, C.B.; Massey Mainwaring, Sir Robert Harley, K.C.M.G.; General Hale Wortham, Dixon-Hartland, M.P.; Colonel Edis, Charles Barry, F.S.A.; Phil Morris, A.R.A.; John Aird, M.P.; Jas. L. Thomas, F.S.A.; Major General Sim, Sir Lionel Darell, Colonel Peters, Major A. B. Cook, Alfred Farquhar, Thos. Fenn, Robert Grey, Col. Shadwell, H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, Dr. Robson Roose, Alfred Cooper, Albert Levy, Rev. C. J. Martyn, A. M. Broadley (Secretary of the Lodge Lionel Brough, E. J. Lonnen, Henshaw Russell, Thomas Beard, the Under Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, the Mayor of Bolton, Colonel Davies Sewell, Dr. Stephen Mackenzie, R. Berridge, G.S.D.; Dr. Stuart, P.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; H Peck, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Roebuck, P.G. Swd. Br.; F. Binches, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Terry, P.G. Swd. Br.; F. W. R. Hedges, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Spaull, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; W. W. Morgan, Jun.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; Dr. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; C. E. Soppet, P.G. Std.; Bradshaw Brown, P.G. Std.; George Everett, P.M. 177; George Gardner, P.M. 177; H. M. Brown, 650; J. Sadler Wood, P.M. 2005; Major Baker, P.M.; Lennox Browne; Deputy Walford, P.M.; &c., &c.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and about 100 Grand Officers entered the lodge in procession. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., performed the ceremony of installation, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to Sir John Gorst, I.P.M. The W.M., Bro. Sir Edward Inglefield, appointed the following brethren to hold office during the ensuing year, viz. :—Bros. Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs, S.W.; James Fernandez, J.W.; J. S. Fleming, treas.; A. M. Broadley, P.M., P.D.D.G.M. Malta, sec.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., chap.; S. B. Bancroft, S.D.; Harry Nicholls, J.D.; Thomas Catling, I.G.; G. F. Bashford, D. of C.; Oscar Barrett and C. J. Phipps, stewards; Alfred Caldicott, Mus. Bac., org.; and R. Goddard, tyler. Bro. J. H. Matthews acted as Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier and twelve special stewards.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the members and their guests adjourned to the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The band of the 1st Life Guards played in the gallery during dinner, after which the following toast list was gone through: "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the W.M.; "The M.W. Grand Master," proposed by the W.M.: "The Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. T. F. Halsey, R.W.P.G.M. Herts; "The Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand, P.G.W.," proposed by Bro. Sir W. Marriott, M.P., and responded to by the Earl of Onslow; "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., and responded to by Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L.; "The Visitors," proposed by the Secretary and responded to by Bros. Lord George Hamilton, the Lord Mayor, Lord Alcester and Rev. Dr. Kynaston; "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. James Fernandez and responded to by Bro. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P.; "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Sir H. Isaacs, S.W.; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by the Earl of Euston and responded to by Bro. F. R. W. Hedges; and the Tyler's toast.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE URBAN LODGE, No. 1196.

This well-known and highly successful lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 12th inst., when a very large attendance of members and visitors testified not only to the well deserved popularity of the W.M., Bro. J. Harcourt Lee, but also to that of the W.M. elect, Bro. Washington E. Haycock, P.M. The whole of the proceedings reflected the utmost credit on the officers and those who had the management of the festival in charge. The lodge was opened by Bro. Harcourt Lee, who was well supported by his officers and members. After the passing of Bro. James Saba Mountford and the initiation of Mr. Percy Burrow Hollick, the ceremony of installation was undertaken by the worthy secretary of the lodge, Bro. George E. Fairchild, P.M., P.Z., who, in a most able manner, placed Bro. Haycock in the chair of K.S., in the presence of a board of installed masters numbering 36. In the course of the evening there were present about 80 brethren, and this number would have been considerably augmented but for the inclemency of the weather, which necessitated numerous apologies for absence. Amongst the many visitors we noticed Bros. H. Lawson, M.P., P.M.; W. Lestocq, *P.M. 1319*; *E. Boyle, P.M. 69*; R. P. Stevens, P.M. 901; W. H. Honey, P.M., 11; W. Clarke, P.M. British Union; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; W. G. Lemon, P.M.; J. Adams, P.M. Villiers; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; A. A. Drew P.M. 890; J. T. Axford, W.M. 890; G. A. Pickering, 890, &c., &c. The W.M. invested his officers in the following order:—Bros. Robert Manuel, S.W.; Wm. Eckstein, J.W.; R. H. Pearson, P.M., treas.; George E. Fairchild, P.M., sec.; R. Hardy Smith, S.D.; James J. Smith, J.D.; Japheth Tickle, P.P.G.R., Middlesex, W.S.; Charles Hawksley, P.M., D.C.; Frederick R. Farrow, I.G. R. S. Oakeshott, Samuel Hunt, and C. P. Clarke, stwds.; and James Very, tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master and Secretary of the Lodge, W. Bro. Fairchild, with admirable elecutionary power, giving great satisfaction to all his hearers and terminating the beautiful ceremony of Installation with great effect. After the disposal of some routine business the Lodge was closed, and shortly afterwards the brethren again met at the Holborn Restaurant. Under the personal supervision of Bro. Hamp, the manager, a very excellent banquet was served, over which the W.M. presided. The toasts which were subsequently given were introduced by him in excellent terms, indeed the W.M.'s speeches were more to the point, more thorough, than any we have heard in our Lodges for a long time. In proposing the health of the Initiate he was most impressive, and there can be no doubt that the lessons he so tersely yet forcibly set forth will bear good fruit. To the toast drank in his honour he replied with much emphasis on his intention to do nothing during his Mastership and subsequently "but what will redound to the welfare and high reputation of the Lodge." The presentation of a P.M. jewel to W. Bro. J. Harcourt Lee followed the toast of the Past Masters, to which both Brothers Lee and Fairchild gave excellent replies. In recognising the Visitors, the W.M. truly said, "the social board without visitors would lose its charm," and the reception given to the sentiment was most cordial. Bro. Lawson, M.P., led the replies from several of the brethren called upon to respond, and the strongest possible testimony was given by them as to the happiness communicated by the kindly and earnest good fellowship which pervaded the entire evening's "labour and refreshment." The programme of music under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, who was assisted by Bros Franklin Clive, R. W. Heney and Arthur Thomas, was well selected; and the several numbers were applauded, and in some instances encored. Expressions of general satisfaction with this festival were freely made when the hour for separation arrived, and the Urban Lodge has every reason to be satisfied with the success which attended the endeavours of its Master and Officers.

BRIXTON LODGE, No. 1949.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. The members present included: Bro. C. J. Axford, P.P.G.D.D.C. Middx., W.M.; A. E. Albert, S.W.; R. Evens, J.W.; W. Kirkland, treas.; Hy. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Mddx. Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; John Bott, I.G.; J. J. Newland, D.C.; John Read, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; John Hicks, Std.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.: H. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; R. Poore, P.M., and many others. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Jenner, W.M. 159; E. Gauntlett, S.W. 1901; W. H. Making, P.M. 1278; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Mddx., W.M. 167; A. H. Scurrah, J.W. 2206; W. Roberts, 1624; C. B. Cooper, P.M. 449; R. H. Eccles, 1669; Charles Lee, S.D. 1624; W. Burridge, J.D. 1922; J. G. Albert, J.W. 227; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; Geo. Ashton, I.P.M. 140; Samuel Hague, J.W. 2105; C. P. McKay, I.P.M. 2048; C. A. Philips, P.M. 1986; J. A. White, P.M. 957; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened, and, the minutes read and confirmed, after which the Audit Committee's report was received and adopted. Bro. Edmond C. Wickes was passed, and Messrs. H. R. Shaw, W. B. Cleverly, and W. Hooker initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremonies were ably rendered by Bro. Axford, W.M., who then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Adolphus E. Albert, the W.M. elect. A Board of installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Albert was duly installed for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. Evens, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; W. Kirkland, treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., sec.; John Bott, S.D.; John Read, P.M., org.; Newland, I.G.; Hicks, D.C.; R. Bott and Daunton, stwds.; and Potter, P.M., tyler.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Axford, and after he had delivered the addresses the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent dinner was provided and well served under the superintendence of Bro. Kirkland, treasurer. The usual toasts were gone through, and that of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Axford, I.P.M., who said that Bro. Albert had taken a great interest in the lodge, and had worked up from the lowest office to his present high position: they would find in him an excellent master, and during his year the lodge would continue to prosper. It would be needless to take up the time with a long speech, and they would therefore drink his health and a successful year of office.

Bro. A. E. Albert, W.M., returned thanks for the kind way in which the I.P.M. had proposed, and the brethren received, the toast. As the members had placed him in such an honourable position, he would do his best to act as all former masters had. The latter had endeavoured to promote the interests of the lodge, and it had been his aim to try and do the same, if not better. As there was a long programme to get through during the evening he hoped he would excuse the shortness of his reply. The other toasts were the initiates—the I.P.M. and Installing Master, the Visitors, the Officers, &c. Bro. John Read, P.P.G., Org. Mdx., Org. presided, with his usual ability, at the pianoforte, and Messrs. Burnham, L. H. Palmer, and Signor Alfieri assisted in the musical programme of the evening.

Evenings Abroad.

"PAUL JONES" AT THE PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.

The new opera comique, by Planquette, which, in the original French was called *Surcouf*, and was produced at the Folies Dramatiques more than two years ago, has "caught on" at the Prince of Wales' Theatre. No production could possibly have been heralded with more puff preliminary than was this. We were told that Planquette's music was equal, if not superior, to that of *Cloches de Corneville*, or of *Rip Van Winkle*; that Miss Agnes Huntington was a vocalist of great accomplishment who would appear in an exceptional *rôle* and create a new sensation; and that the book by Farine, the scenery, and, generally, the show in its entirety, would make all London "sit up." Doubtless there is some benefit in so advertising a new piece; but, there is danger in it also: it raises a great deal of hope which oftentimes is not realised. In the present instance, though the managerial and introductory press announcements may not have been altogether realised, *Paul Jones* has proved itself to be a highly interesting opera, which stands every chance of becoming a lasting artistic, and brilliant financial success. First, of the music: I do not for one moment deny that M. Planquette has done better; but the new opera is replete with singable, tuneful and catching airs which dwell in one's memory and which compel encores. Of the book, next: Mr. Farine has written some comic lines and some bright lyrics, and he has provided a story which is at once clear and dramatic, and which strengthens as it proceeds. Indeed, there is almost an embarrassment of riches in this particular. And now of the interpretation: First of the *debutante*, Miss Agnes Huntington, who created in England the *baritone part!* Someone has dubbed this lady "the Mary Anderson of the Lyric Stage"; for advertising purposes the description is all right enough; but, to my mind, it is playing it rather low down upon a very talented and conscientious artiste. Miss Huntington's method vocally and dramatically is exceptionally good and is likely to gain for her an exceptional popularity. As we know all about comparisons, I think they might in this case be left out. The lady is strong enough to stand on her own merits, which are great. Miss Wadman pleased me excessively; she seems to improve in every fresh part she undertakes, and I warrant me that her rendition of Yvonne will add considerably to her reputation. Miss Kate Cutler, as Malaguena, was excellent; ill-health, however, has compelled her to give up the part to Miss Annie Schuberth, who, I am told, succeeds admirably in it. Miss Phyllis Broughton is simply delicious as Chopinette. Mr. Templer Saxe, as Rufino, is merely the vocalist—he does not attempt to *represent* the part. Mr. Henry Ashley, as Bicoquet, is amusing, especially in the last act. Mr. Harry Monkhouse, Mr. Frank Wyatt, and Mr. Albert James, are responsible for the comic business of the piece. Roars of laughter are aroused by the doings of Messrs. Monkhouse and James, and Mr. Wyatt, as the Don, is immensely funny. The mounting and dressing of *Paul Jones* have been carried out in the most lavish and tasteful manner, and the production, as a whole, can certainly be classed "A 1." I have mentioned, in a former issue, the clever little piece which is put on in front of the *pièce de rèsistance*, but I have not mentioned that Mr. Douglas Cox is in front of the house. This is a distinct gain to the management and to the public, for the gentleman is one of the most genial and experienced acting managers of the time.

In consequence of unauthorised applications for seats at various theatres having been made by one who states himself to be the accredited dramatic representative of this journal, which is, to call it by a mild term, a mis-statement, my Editor and I earnestly request all managers to refuse such applications for admission emanating from the individual to whom we refer. And the transgressor will himself probably consider this notice a sufficient intimation that he must not repeat the offence.

Last Saturday night, Mr. Valentine Smith's English Opera Company rendered *Lucia* in a highly creditable manner. Bro. Isidore de Solla occupied the post of *chef d'orchestre*, and his handling of the materials at his command proved him to be as talented as he is painstaking. It is a pity that he does not wield the *baton* at every representation.

A special matinée of a new domestic comedy entitled *See Saw*, by George Capel and J. Ragland Phillips, will take place at Terry's Theatre, on Friday, 22nd inst., under the direction of Mr. H. T. Brickwell. The cast will include Miss Hermon and Miss Eleanor Leyshon, Messrs. E. Smedley Yates, A. G. Andrews, Fred Terry, W. F. Hawtrey, W. Hargreaves, and Mr. Julian Cross, who will also be responsible for the stage management.

Mr. Richard Mansfield's *Richard III.* will be seen at the Globe in a few weeks.

Wilson Barrett has been appearing in *Hamlet* at the Princess'. About the actor's rendition of the title *rôle* I think there may be some discussion; I have nothing but the most cordial praise to bestow upon it. It is original as well as consistent, and pleases me mightily. Miss Eastlake's Ophelia is an excellent performance, and Mr. George Barrett's Gravedigger is distinctly clever. All the other parts are well played; Mr. Hudson's Claudius, and Mr. Melford's Polonius, standing out in high relief of excellence. In preparation, to be produced on Tuesday of this week, is a new drama by Hal Caine and Barrett entitled *Good Old Times;* and a domestic drama, by Wilson Barrett, entitled *Now-a-days* will see the light very shortly. The *Lady of Lyons* has been played here on Wednesday and Saturday matinées, Mr. Barrett being the Claude Melnotte, and Miss Eastlake the Pauline.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1889.

The upward tendency of money rates to which I referred last week is decidedly noticeable now, the charge made for advances being about 1 per cent. above that of a fortnight ago. There has also been a large withdrawal of gold for export, with the prospect of more to go. On the other hand foreign exchanges are rising, and this will probably bring money here before our reserves are depleted. In the meantime, the price charged for short loans is about 2¾ to 3 per cent.

The prices of stocks generally further advanced until yesterday, when very vague rumours sufficed to bring about a rather smart fall. The fall really began in Berlin, and lower prices being cabled here, the dealers in the foreign stock market at once took the alarm, and offered Russians and Hungarians in particular. I have before given my opinion as to these two stocks—they are both higher than they ought to be, considering all things, and it is only the bears who have kept prices up. Egyptians of course fell with the others, but seeing that they had advanced considerably lately, there was room for a reaction, and I do not think that at present there is any real cause for alarm. The upward move in South Americans is fairly well maintained, and will, I think, continue.

English railways, of course, felt the scare, and there was a rush to get out of some of those stocks which have recently been so much in favor. Of course, Brighton A was amongst this lot, and there the fall was the greatest. The "carrying over" revealed the large account open for the rise in this stock, and as much as ⅝ contango was paid. Caledonians also were apparently so overbought that 9/16 was exacted by the dealers. The rates on the other stocks though rather above last time were not excessive, but they hardened towards the end, and I may say that it was fortunate that the scare I have referred to above did not come until after the account had been practically arranged. I still think that the English rails will go higher, the traffics are so good, and such a considerable amount is constantly being taken off the market for investment that the values of the good stocks are enhanced even beyond the actual dividend value.

American rails are as unsatisfactory as ever. Every few days there is an appearance of improvement which looks like lasting, only to be followed by further depression. To-day prices are down and probably a purchase would not be wrong, the profit, however, should not be allowed to run too long. In fact, it is a "jobbing" market, where when prices look very bad and people talk them worse things may be bought, and when they have had a rise of one or two dollars the reverse process may be followed. It will take a very long time to revive the public confidence in this market, and in the meantime there is little business doing, and the fluctuations must necessarily be small.

Grand Trunks appear to have reached as high as they intend to go for the present, and I fancy that a sale would not be a bad venture. There is no suspicion of a backwardation now on any of the stocks, so that there is nothing to break a fall if stock is offered freely. Canadian Pacifics are stupid, and no one cares to deal in them at present, either for investment or speculation. Mexican Rails are almost up to their old form so quickly do they move. They appear to me to be going better yet, the nominal reason being the talked-of division and re-arrangement of the existing stocks, but the real reason is to be found in the good takes they are having just now.

The nitrate interest is still under a cloud. In fact, it has been so bolstered up by the name and fame of one man that the level reached is quite artificial, and must drop before there is healthy business. One thing to be remembered is the fact that there is a considerable bear account open in the leading shares, so that I should not be surprised to see a scare in this market one of these days. It is simply nonsense to say that most of the shares are worth their present prices even, although they are not so high as they have been.

Mines are still good and active, and the interest is more distributed than it was a short time ago. It is probable that the Indian group will come into favour again, and I hear that before long something will be heard of the Mysore. Of the others I hear good reports of Van Ryn and Royalty.

CRAFTSMAN.

ANSWERS.

J. S.—The meeting was held on the 14th January. You should hold the shares.

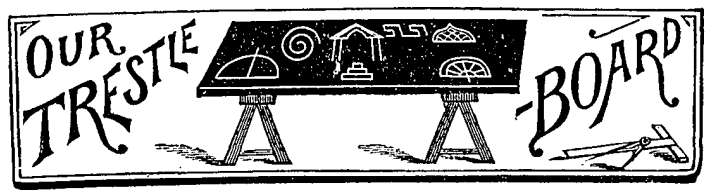
FOLKESTONE.—The account sent is quite correct. Although the dividend had been declared it was not deducted from the price until the next account day.

R. N.—It is his right name. He was declared a bankrupt about two years ago, when he was carrying on business under another title. We do not know what his means are, probably not much.

S.W.—(1) Not bad as regards *bonâ fides*, but unnegociable, and therefore not safe as an investment. (2) We note remarks and will make use of them.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Masonic Calendar for 1889, of Lodges and Councils, &c., meeting at 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C., London, with a list of Mark Lodges in or near London, 4th year of issue, published by authority of the General Board of Mark Masons; *Voice of Masonry* for February, edited by Bro. John W. Brown, Chicago, Illinois; *The Australian Keystone*, Vol. II., No. 13; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianopolis, Ind.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

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We desire to call the attention of our provincial readers and advertisers to the list of agents published in our advertisement columns. We are making such arrangements that through our agents any local information or business matters can be respectively forwarded or transmitted without trouble or expense. We shall add to our list as may be desired in respect of other towns.

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We shall be greatly obliged to Secretaries of Lodges and Secretaries of Chapters named in our list of forthcoming Lodge and Chapter Meetings if they will instruct us as to the dates of installations of W.M.'s and Principals respectively. The kindly consideration of one or two of our respected Provincial Grand Secretaries has enabled us to supply the desired information in some cases. We should like to be enabled to do so in all. [See page 390.]

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The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669, W.M., will meet at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteers, Flodden Road, London, S.E., this (Thursday) evening, at 7 p.m.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at Freemason's Hall, when the following companions were present:—Comps. Brig.-Gen. A. W. Adair, as Z; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Supt. Oxon., as H.; Col. R. Townley Caldwell, G. Supt. Cambridgeshire, as J.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.E., as G.S.E.; E. Letchworth, P.G. Std. Br., as S.N.; Robert Grey, Pres. Com. Gen. Purps.; Asher Barfield, G. treas.; Thos. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., as P.S.; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, 1st A.S.; James Glaisher, as 2nd A.S.; E. Ashworth, S.B.; R. Berridge, 2nd Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., D.C.; H. J. Adams, Dep. D.C.; J. F. Collins, A.D.C.; W. A. Barrett, org.; T. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B.; T. Robinson, P.A.G.S.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Std. Br.: C. F. Hogard, P.G.D.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Dep. D.C.; W. R. Woodman, P.G.D.C.; C. H. Driver, P.G. Std. Br.; W. M. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br.; Ralph Clutton, P.A.G.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; F. West, P.A.G.S.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; W. Baylis, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.C.; Major C. Harding, P.G. Std. Br.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; A. C. A. Higerty, H. 946; Eugene Sweny, P.Z. 913, P.G. Reg. Kent; E. Mallett, Z. 1623; Sir George D. Harris, Z. 1383; R. W. Forge, P.Z. 946, P.P.G.P.S. Middx.; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; Charles J. Perceval, Z. 174; Eugene Monteuuis, P.Z. 8; Edward Terry, P.Z. 1319; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; H. J. Phillips, H. 205; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; H. Ward, Z. 1273; Richard R. Collick, Z. 946; Charles Stevens, Z. 1423; Daniel Argyle, P.Z. 546; Arthur Hubbard, Z. 177; and Henry Sadler, G. Janitor.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th October, 1888, to the 15th January, 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£255	11	11
„ „ Unappropriated Account ...	191	1	7
„ Subsequent Receipts	365	12	1
	812	5	7
„ Amount overdrawn on G. Chapter Account	55	2	1
	£867	7	8
By Donation to Girls' School	£105	0	0
„ Purchase of £300 2¾ per Cent. Consols and Commission	291	0	0
„ Disbursements during the Quarter ...	281	18	7
„ Balance—Unappropriated Account ...	189	9	1
	£867	7	8

which balance, less £55 2s. 1d., overdrawn on Grand Chapter account, is in the Bank of England, Western branch.

The petitions for new Chapters to be attached respectively to the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, Herne Bay, to be called the St. George's Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, in the county of Kent; and to the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793, Teddington, to be called the Sir Charles Bright Chapter, and to meet at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, in the county of Middlesex, were granted.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons. as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND—No. 12.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on 4th inst. The brethren present included Bros. Telfer, W.M.; Stanger, S.W.; Jepson, J.W.; Coombes, P.M. and treas.; Snellgrove, P.M. and sec.; Singer, J.D.; Roy, I.G.; Stanger, jun., D.C. Past Masters—Snellgrove, Lilley, Angold, Kidder, Peall and Nicholson. Visitors—Bros. Dickson, P.M. 211; Brooks, J.W. 766; Rolfe, Joy, Stanger, Campbell, Nicholson, Sorrell, McDowell, Moore and others. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Peall who in a very able manner installed Bro. Stanger, S.W., into the chair of K.S. The officers appointed by the W.M. were as follows: Bros. Jepson, S.W.; Singer, J.W.; Roy, S.D.; Stanger, jun., J.D.; Ryland, I.G.; Taylor, D.C.; Marsh, tyler. At the conclusion of the installation the W.M. presented Bro. Telfer with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, voted him by the lodge at the previous meeting. After lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet, the new W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent; the musical and other arrangements being of the usual excellent quality for which this ancient lodge is famous. The visitors in returning thanks highly praised the lodge working and expressed themselves greatly pleased at the reception accorded them.

STABILITY LODGE—No. 217.—Installation meeting on Tuesday, 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel.—Bro. Gorrie, W.M.—Bros. Eckersall, S.W., W.M. elect; Lynn, J.W.; Hinks, treas.; Nixon, P.M., sec.; Woolmer; Owen; Jones; Hardiman; Smith; Lagerwall; Garner; Wright, P.M.; Marfleet, P.M.; Hinks, P.M.; Cattermole, Ayris, Say, Fitch, Handcock, Itter, Tennant, Berry, Lyle, Edwards, Finch, Joslin, and Pickersgill. The visitors were Bros. J. Clayton, P.M., 89, P.P.S.G.D., P.P.G.H., Cheshire; J. W. Thomas, P.M. 1641, P.P.G.St.B., Staffs.; D. Rose, P.M. 73, 1622; T. Grummant, P.M. 1559, P.Z. 1275; C. H. Stone, 1641, &c.; W. Towers, W.M. 15; Charlie Woods, 1869, A. Soj. 1275; Noakes, I.G. 2148; Anderton, jun., P.M. 49, 715, Sec. Stability Lodge of Instruction; Marland, W.M. 830; Beeston, S.W. 830; Richardson, 898; Milbourn, P.M. 13; Elgar, sec. 1329; Major Stephens P.M. 754, 1579; Royal, 1178; Lans, S.D. 820; and Cuthbert, J.W. 1815. After Bro Eckersall had been placed in the chair of K.S. by Bros. Hinks and Marfleet, he invested Bros. Lynn, S.W.; Woolmer, J.W.; Hinks, treas.; J. Nixon, P.M., sec. (for tenth time); Gorrie, I.P.M.; Owen, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Hardiman, I.G.; Smith, D.C.; Lagerwall, W.S.; and Garner, A.W.S. Messrs. Say, Ayris, Fitch, and Handcock were initiated by the W.M. At the banquet which followed the usual toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the W.M., Bro. Gorrie eulogised the work done by Bro. Eckersall in the past. In reply the W.M. said the prospects of the lodge were extremely brilliant. Songs were given by Bros. Owen, Royal, and Lagerwall, and a most happy evening was spent.

THE CHISWICK LODGE—No. 2012.—Bro. Lord George Francis Hamilton, *M.P.*, W.M.—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday last, under the presidency of W. Bro. Dr. Lawrance, I.P.M. in the regretted but unavoidable absence of the W.M. Amongst those present were:—Bros. W. A. Dowling, S.W; John Brown, J.W.; W. Bros. George Everett, P.M., treas., and George Gardner, P.M. sec.; Bros. R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; F. W. Walden, J.D.; Chas. T. Hughes, I.G.; B. Kenyon, W.S.; W. C. Dickey, A.W.S.; W. Clowes, J. Ellis, F. W. Wheeler, G. Sales, John Brill, H. Clarke, G. H. Johnson, E. Wavell, A. Skinner, J. Clarke, E. Phillips, B. F. Hartzhorne, J. T. Grover, W. Mashell, E. T. Spurr, F. J. Pemeller, G. Callingham, &c., &c. Visitor:—W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., 1216, 1426, &c. The business before the lodge was the raising of Bros. James Clarke, and E. T. Spurr, and the passing of Bros. G. Callingham, and F. J. Pemeller, the work in both degrees being well performed by the acting W.M. Bro. Henry C. Waters, of Kent Lodge No. 15, was unanimously elected a member. A capital banquet followed labour, the usual masonic toasts being honoured and a very pleasant evening enjoyed. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. George Everett, P.M. and treas., spoke very feelingly of the many services rendered by Bro. Dr. Lawrance to the lodge in the past, and whilst regretting the necessitated absence of the actual Master, Bro. Lord Hamilton, congratulated the brethren that the work of the lodge would not suffer for the terms, thanking the members generally for the support at all times afforded by want of a well qualified *locum tenens*. To this, the W.M. replied in appropriate them. To the toast of "The Visitor," Bro. James Stevens, P.M., &c., replied, and at the request of the brethren recited, much to their satisfaction, the late Bro. Dr. Rob Morris's beautiful poem, "Masons' Vows." Some fine singing with excellent accompaniment was in progress, when the time came for us to "entrain" for our homeward journey.

CALEDONIAN LODGE—No. 134.—The installation meeting of this old lodge took place on Friday last at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. E. Johnson, P.M. who installed Bro. Frank Oldfield, M.D., into the chair of K.S. in a very able manner. The officers were invested with full ritual—Bros. Arthur Bowman, S.W.; J. W. Duck, J.W.; H. Collings, treas.; J. R. Glanvill, sec. A handsome P.M's. jewel was presented to Bro. E. J. Jones, the I.P.M., who had worked for many years in the lodge. At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the usual first-class style of the Ship and Turtle. A large number of visitors attended, and Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., &c., responded to the toast. Bros. James Budd, W. Haydon, Stevens, and others, sung some excellent songs.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

RAVENSBOURNE—No. 1601.—On the 6th inst., at the George Hotel, Catford, S.E.—Bro. G. A. Pickering, W.M.—Bros. H. Visger, S.W.; J. Shelton, J.W.; C. Blanchard, S.D.; Hardy Smith, J.D.; C. Thomas, I.G.; H. F. Shaw, P.M. and Preceptor; C. Atkins, sec.; J. T. Axford, W.M. 890; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Remington, P. McCarthy, Colley, Kentruck, Squire, Pitt, Sharman, &c. The work was in M.M. degree, the W.M. Bro. Pickering ably rehearsing the ceremony of raising, Bro. Axford as candidate. Entry drill was practised. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. J. Squire Pitt was elected a member, and the lodge was closed after a profitable evening's labour.

THE GREAT CITY—No. 1426.—On the 7th inst., at Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, London, E.C.—Bro. H. S. Gaskin, W.M.—Bros. D. Hills, S.W.; J. Eisenmann, J.W.; F. Rush, S.D.; Lazarus, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; W. J. Ball, sec.; James Stevens, P.M.; J. K. Pitt, preceptor; H. J. Whitehouse, and others. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Stevens, assisted by the brethren, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. F. T. Smith, acting as candidate. Ballots were taken for three life subscriberships to the Masonic Charities, Bros. Gaskin, Hembrow, and May being declared entitled thereto. Bro. D. Hills was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, the 8th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. elect 169, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, 1329, H.; V. T. Murché, 1329, J.; Stone, S.E.; H. Martin, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; Terry, P.Z.; Stringer, 169; and C. Woods, A. Soj. 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stringer personating candidate. Comp. Stringer was elected a member. A vote of thanks was accorded Comps. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., treas.; and C. H. Stone, S.E., for their admirable services during the past year, and they were unanimously re-elected. Comps. H. Martin and V. T. Murché were elected auditors.

ROYAL ARTHUR.—No. 1360.—Held at Prince of Wales' Hotel, February 7th, 1889. Bros. Shelly, W.M.; Wade, S.W.; March, J.W.; Bond, S.D.; Cause, J.D.; O'Connell, I.G.; King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Hon Sec.; Gould, Johnson, Morris, Jolliffe, Holmes, Salter, Hoeg, P.M.: Majee, P.M. Initiation—Bro. Salter, candidate. Bro. Wade elected W.M. for ensuing week: closed in due form and adjourned.

PROVINCIAL.

SOMERSETSHIRE—BATH—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE—No. 41.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, the 7th February, when Bro. Wm. Bye Gregory, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Payne Ashley, P.P.G.S.W., one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, who was himself installed as W.M. in the same lodge 31 years ago. There were also present, the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, P.G.D.; Bros. T. B. Moutrie, P.M. 41 and 906; C. W. Radway, P.M. 41; R. B. Cater, P.M. 41; H. C. Hopkins, P.M. 379—P.P.G. Senr. Wardens. Bros. John Rubie, P.M. 41; J. R. Ford, P.M. 53; G. H. Bartlett, P.M. 906—P.P.G. Junr. Wardens; Bro. Greenfield, P.M. 82, P.P.G.D.; Bros. Fras. Wilkinson, P.M. 41; E. J. B. Mercer, P.M. 41: Thos. Ames, P.M. 41—P.P.G. Sup. Wks.. Bros. L. Howes, P.M. 906, P.P.G. Ass. D.C.; P. Braham, P.M. 41, P.P.G.D.; Jas. Robinson, P.M. 335; Michael Clark, W.M. 1750; J. B. Currie, W.M. 296; W. F. Gould, W.M. 855. The Installing Master having installed the W.M., the brethren below the chair were re-admitted, and the usual addresses were given, and the accustomed salutations directed by Bro. Ashley, the J.M. The W.M. invested the following officers:—Bros. J. G. Wilton, S.W.; W. L. Jervis, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., sec.; T. Brown, S.D.; H. Boutelle, J.D.; Fras. Wilkinson, P.M., Dir. Cer.; C. J. Baldwin, I.G.; J. Foote, org.; F. M. Gardener, S. Van Praag, stewards; Saml. Bigwood, tyler. Bro. John Rubie, P.M., said that as the brethren were aware a sum of money had been placed in the names of trustees by Bro. Edmund White, P.M., the oldest member of the lodge, to provide a Past Master's jewel for each Master upon his leaving the chair whom the brethren should in open lodge decide, was entitled to it, for the manner in which he had done his work. In consequence of the lamented death of the W.M. this year during his year of office it became impossible to submit the usual vote to the brethren. The Trustees and Past Masters having considered the matter had made a suggestion to Bro. White, to which he at once assented, that the jewel upon this occasion be presented to Bro. E. J. B. Mercer, P.M., who had during the last year performed all the ceremonies required, and who had at all times placed his services at the use of the lodge. He therefore moved a resolution to this effect, which being recorded was carried unanimously, and the jewel (which is of a special and chaste design) was then presented to Bro. Mercer, who suitably returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Christopher Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by Bro. J. Robinson, which was much appreciated by the brethren.

SOUTH WALES W.D.—MILFORD HAVEN—ST. DAVID'S LODGE—No. 366.—On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, the installation meeting of this lodge was held, Bro. Jas. Perkin, W.M. The new Master, Bro. Jas. Williams, P.P.G.P., who had been unanimously elected at a previous regular meeting of the lodge was installed by Bro. W. R. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.R., assisted by Bros. D. Thomas, P.M., and A. E. Baldwin, P.M. Bro. Williams then appointed and invested as officers: Bros. J. Perkin, I.P.M.; W. H. Jones, S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; Rev. J. Boaden, P.M., P.P.G.C. Chaplain; A. Daysh, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., treas.; J. Eynon, sec.; W. H. Bumkin, S.D.; J. B. Gaskell, J.D.; R. Leonard, I.G.; T. H. Martin and D. Le Davies, stds.; J. Williams, tyler. The installation banquet on the 31st ult. at the Lord Nelson Hotel, was attended by a large number of members, and visitors from the Cambrian, Neyland and Tenby lodges, when the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured. During a very pleasant evening songs were given by Bros. T. R. Owen, J. Le Davies, R. Leonard, and a recitation by Bro. A. H. Moxon.

SUSSEX—HASTINGS.—DERWENT LODGE.—No. 40.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Rev. J. Puttick, P.Prov.G.C., W.M.; Allen, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Rossiter, P.P.G.D., treas.; Pearce, P.M., sec.; Randell, S.D.; Walmsley, J.D.; Gage, I.G.; Ticehurst, steward; Glenister, P.G.S.B., P.M.; Russell. P.P.G.A.D.C.; Robinson, P.M.; Botley, P.M.; Jukes, Heapley, Cooper, Boyce, McCormick, Beck, Taylor, and Tendell. There were three candidates—one initiated, one passed, and one raised. The secretary mentioned that on the corresponding meeting 25 years ago, Bro. Dr. Trollope was elected à joining member of the lodge, and it was thought by a few of the members that it would be an available opportunity if Bro. Trollope would consent to have a crayon picture of their esteemed brother prepared and presented to the lodge. The W.M. undertook to see Bro. Trollope on the matter. Hearty congratulations on the masonic silver anniversary were posted to Bro. Trollope. The meeting closed in the usual manner, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings

FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

Secretaries of Lodges will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error by forwarding a post-card to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London. E.C., thus:

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th.	
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
91	Regularity	F. M. T.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
263	Bank of England...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
534	Polish National	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey R., Camberwell
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1598	Ley Spring...	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1707	Eleanor	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool St., E.C.
1708	Plucknett	Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1987	Strand	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A.C		
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
1383	*Friends-in-Council*	*33, Golden Sq.*, W.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
Mark.		
86	Samson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
331	Davison	8a, Red Lion Sq., W.C.
K.T.		
117	New Temple	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.
R.C.		
44	Bard of Avon	33, Golden Sq., W.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th.	
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
143	Middlesex	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1704	Anchor	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
1962	London Rifle Brigade	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
92	Moira	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1538	St. Martins-le-Grand	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
R.C.		
10	Invicta	33, Golden Square, W.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th.	
1641	Crichton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1732	King's Cross	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
205	Beaconsfield	Chequers, Walthamstow
357	Chiswick	Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
	(3rd) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th.	
1	Grand Master's	F. M. H.
8	British	Ditto
21	Emulation	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
185	Tranquility	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
862	Whittington	F. M. H.
901	City of London	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
907	Royal Albert	F. M. H.
1506	White Horse of Kent	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1657	Aldersgate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1728	Temple Bar	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
12	Prudence	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1319	Asaph	F. M. H.
Mark.		
173	Temple	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
294	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich

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	(3rd) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th.	
30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
73	Mount Lebanon	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
162	Cadogan	F. M. H.
194	St. Paul's	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
435	Salisbury	F. M. H.
1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2021	Queen's, Westminster	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2022	Haven	Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045	Wharton	Willesden, Middlesex
R.A.C.		
11	Enoch	F. M. H.
19	Mount Sinai	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
171	Amity	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
186	Industry	F. M. H.
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1348	Ebury	F. M. H.
Mark.		
238	Prince Leopold	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
R.C.		
45	Oxford & Cambridge Univrsty.	33, Golden Square, W.
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th.	
	BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6 P.M.	
140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
174	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street E.C.
190	Oak	F. M. H.
700	Nelson	M. H., William Street, Woolwich
969	Maybury	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1150	Buckingham and Chandos ...	F. M. H.
1349	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1382	Corinthian..	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar
1507	Metropolitan	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
1624	Eccleston	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
1673	Langton	Holborn Viaduct Hot., E.C.
1677	Crusaders	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1681	Londesboro'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1716	All Saints'	117, High Street, Poplar, E.
1803	Cornhill	London Tav., Fenchurch Street, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1598	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Mark.		
199	Duke of Connaught	Town Hall, Shoreditch
	(3rd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st.	
23	Globe	F. M. H.
49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
169	Temperance	White Swan, High Street, Deptford, E.
179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
181	Universal	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1139	South Norwood	Public Hall, South Norwood
1287	Great Northern	F. M. H
1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1613	Cripplegate...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
R.A.C.		
79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hotel, Anerley
Mark.		
	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
7	Carnarvon	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.

N.B.—*We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.*—ED. M.S.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
43	St. Paul's	25th Feb	M. H., New Street
74	Athol	6th Mar	M. H., Severn Street
468	Light	19th Feb	Great Western Hotel
473	Faithful	12th Mar	M. H., New Street
587	Howe	11th Mar	Ditto
739	Temperance TO-DAY,	14th Feb	Ditto
887	*Leigh*	27th Feb	Ditto
925	Bedford	18th Feb	Ditto
938	Grosvenor	20th Feb	Ditto
1016	Elkington	26th Feb	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	13th Mar	Ditto
1163	Emulation	28th Feb	Ditto
1180	Forward	4th Mar	Ditto
1474	Israel	11th Mar	M. H., Severn Street
1551	Charity	19th Feb	M. H., New Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
43	Fortitude	12th Mar	Great Western Hotel
74	Athol	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street
587	Howe	2nd May	M. H., New Street
938	Grosvenor	7th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher	5th Mar	Ditto

BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Mar	F. M. H., Institute Street
146	Antiquity	13th Mar	Ditto
221	St. John	18th Feb	Ditto
348	St. John's	28th Feb	Ditto
1723	St. George	27th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
37	Concord	15th Apr	Ditto
221	St. John	6th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's	12th Mar	Ditto

BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

302	Hope	18th Feb	M. H., Darley Street
600	Harmony	21st Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street
974	Pentalpha	5th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Mar	M. H., Darley Street
1648	Prince of Wales ...	1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
302	Charity	18th Feb	Ditto
600	Sincerity	5th Mar	F. M. H., Salem Street

BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

271	Royal Clarence T-MR.,	15th Feb	Royal Pavilion
315	Royal York ...	5th Mar	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick T-DY.,	14th Feb	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	2nd Mar	Old Ship Hotel
1636	St. Cecilia	26th Feb	Royal Pavilion
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Feb	Ditto
1947	Stanford	13th Mar	Town Hall, Hove
R.A.C.			
271	Lennox	3rd May	Royal
315	Royal Pavilion ...	19th Feb	Ditto
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr	Ditto
1466	Hova Villa ...	1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel

BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Mar	F. M. H., Park Street
103	Beaufort	5th Mar	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	13th Mar	Ditto
326	Moira TO-DAY,	14th Feb	Ditto
610	Colston	20th Feb	Ditto
686	Jerusalem	12th Mar	Ditto
1388	Canynges	2nd Mar	Ditto
1404	St. Vincent	28th Feb	Ditto
2257	Powell	25th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort	26th Feb	Ditto
187	Charity	7th Mar	Ditto

BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

42	Relief	21st Feb	Grey Mare Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th Mar	Bridge Inn
191	St. John TO-DAY,	14th Feb	Knowsley Hotel
1012	Prince of Wales ...	7th Mar	Derby Hotel
1392	Egerton	28th Feb	Stanley Arms
R.A.C.			
42	Unanimity	28th Feb	Derby Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn

CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

88	Scientific	11th Mar	Red Lion Hotel
441	Three Grand Principles	4th Mar	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	5th Mar	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ...	21st Feb	University Arms Hotel
R.A.C.			
88	Pythagoras... ...	26th June	Red Lion Hotel
441	Fidelity	3rd July	Ditto
859	Euclid	6th Mar	Ditto

DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

253	Tyrian	26th Feb	M. H., Gower Street
751	Arboretum	13th Mar	Ditto
802	Repose	19th Feb	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ...	6th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
253	Justice	12th Mar	Ditto
731	Truth	17th Apr	Ditto

HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

708	Carnarvon ...	My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
778	Bard of Avon	My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
788	Crescent	Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
1194	Villiers	16th Mar	Ditto
1293	Burdett	27th Apr	Ditto
1415	Campbell	13th Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only	Ditto
1512	Hemming	21st Feb	Greyhound Hotel
1597	Musgrave	16th Mar	Ditto
1691	Quadratic ...	My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
2087	Electric	25th May	Ditto
2105	Cama	24th June	Ditto
2183	Royal Hamp. Court	13th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
778	Bard of Avon	My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
1293	Burdett	11th May	Ditto
1691	Quadratic	15th Apr	Ditto

HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

57	Humber	7th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	13th Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	6th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street
2134	Wilberforce... ...	1st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
57	Humber	28th Feb	F. M. H., Osborne Street
250	Minerva	21st Feb	M. H., Dagga Lane
1010	Kingston	15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
1605	De la Pole	22nd Feb	58, Charlotte Street

ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.

1004	Athole	6th Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Dougla
1075	S. Manghold ...	12th Mar	M. R., Ramsey
1242	Tynwald	13th Mar	M. H., Douglas
2049	Ellan Vannin ...	5th Mar	Ditto
2050	St. Trinians ...	20th Feb	Ditto
2164	St. Germans ...	12th Mar	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
2197	Spencer Walpole ...	11th Mar	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C			
1004	Athole	?14th or 21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas

LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

289	Fidelity	7th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	27th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	1st Mar	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich	4th Mar	Ditto
1221	Defence	11th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland TO-MOR.,	15th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence	9th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
289	Fidelity	12th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ...	6th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred	12th Apl	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior	21st Feb	M. H., Great George Street

LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

279	St. John's	6th Mar	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gaunt ...	21st Feb	Ditto
1391	Commercial ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ...	12th Mar	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ...	*18th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
279	Fortitude ...	*5th Apl	Ditto
1560	St. George's ...	*4th June	Ditto

LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.

32	St. George's ...	27th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance TO-MR.,	15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ...	21st Feb	Ditto
216	Harmonic TO-DAY,	14th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants	12th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners	7th Mar	Ditto
292	Sincerity	11th Mar	Ditto
594	Downshire	21st Feb	Ditto
667	Alliance	19th Feb	Ditto
673	St. John	5th Mar	Ditto
680	Sefton	1st Mar	Ditto
724	Derby	27th Feb	Ditto
786	United Service T-DY.,	14th Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	20th Feb	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ...	6th Mar	Ditto
1094	Temple	13th Mar	Ditto
1182	Dk. of Edubgh. T-DY.,	14th Feb	Ditto
1264	Neptune	4th Mar	Ditto
1299	Pembroke	21st Feb	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley	25th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	11th Mar	Ditto
1356	Toxteth	13th Mar	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer	21st Feb	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel	18th Feb	Ditto
1505	Emulation	28th Feb	Ditto
1547	Liverpool	13th Mar	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ...	19th Feb	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic	26th Feb	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ...	6th Mar	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ...	26th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo	6th Mar	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence	18th Feb	Ditto
2215	Anfield	28th Feb	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom	27th May	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			
32	Jerusalem	18th Feb	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem	5th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta TO-MOR.,	15th Feb	Ditto
241	Friendship	25th Feb	Ditto
249	Mariners	21st Mar	Ditto
292	Liverpool	28th Feb	Ditto
594	Downshire	11th Mar	Ditto
673	St. John's	10th Apl	Ditto
680	Sefton	22nd Feb	Ditto
823	Everton	26th Feb	Ditto
1094	Temple	26th Mar	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon	6th Mar	Ditto
1393	Hamer	7th Mar	Ditto
1502	Israel	12th Mar	Ditto

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Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(*continued*).

MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.		PLACE OF MEETING.
44	Friendship	1st Mar	Albion Hotel
62	Social	25th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude	12th July	Ditto
152	Virtue TO-MOR.,	15th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity	27th Feb	Ditto
204	Caledonian	13th Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	7th Mar	Ditto
325	St. John's	20th Feb	F. M. H., Salford
633	Yarborough ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham	6th Mar	Ditto
815	Blair	8th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
852	Zetland	13th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
935	Harmony	28th Feb	Ditto
992	St. Thomas... ...	6th Mar	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra	8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ...	25th Feb	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspere	4th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1011	Richmond	21st Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1052	Callender	19th Feb	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1055	Derby TO-DAY,	14th Feb	Bedford Street, Cheetham
1077	Wilton	4th Mar	Red Lion Hot., Blackley
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Feb	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1134	Newall	5th Mar	F. M. H., Salford
1147	St. David TO-DAY,	14th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1161	De Grey and Ripon	5th Mar	F. M. H., Manchester
1170	St. George	18th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers	8th Mar	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth	2nd Mar	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord	21st Feb	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon	27th Feb	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys
1773	Albert Victor TO-MR.,	15th Feb	Town Hall, Pendleton
1798	Zion	4th Mar	74a, King Street
1993	Wolseley	5th Mar	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	13th Mar	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Mar	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick	11th Mar	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.			
62	Social	10th Apr	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue	22nd Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
204	Caledonian	21st Mar	Ditto
317	Affability	21st Feb	Ditto
325	St. John's	7th Mar	M. H., Salford
581	Rectitude	4th Apr	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair...	26th Mar	Town Hall, Hulme
935	Starkie	14th Mar	M. H., Salford
993	Alexandra TO-MOR.,	15th Feb	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1055	Derby	19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.

24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	7th Mar	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties	6th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	11th Mar	Ditto
541	De Loraine TO-MOR.,	15th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street
685	Northumberland ...	5th Mar	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker	13th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy	19th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur	28th Feb	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	8th Mar	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's	22nd Feb	Ditto
1863	Priory TO-DAY,	14th Mar	Grand Hot., Tynemouth
2260	Ridley	5th Mar	F. M. H., Maple Street
R.A.C.			
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar	Ditto
406	De Sussex	12th Apr	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's	20th Feb	Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	19th Feb	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road
1863	Priory	13th May	Grand Hot., Tynemouth

NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

471	Silurian	6th Mar	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	Isca	20th Feb	Ditto
1429	Albert Edward TO-DY,	14th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
471	Silurian	22nd Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street
683	St. Woolos	13th Mar	Ditto

NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 52	Union	5th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social	12th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ...	19th Feb	Ditto
807	Cabbell	28th Feb	Ditto
943	Sincerity	26th Feb	Ditto
1500	Walpole	7th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
52	Royal George ...	15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell	11th Apr	Ditto

NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 47	Newstead	5th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr	George Hotel
411	Commercial ...	11th Mar	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell	1st Mar	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	4th Mar	Ditto
1435	Annesley	22nd Feb	Ditto
1794	De Vere TO-MOR.,	15th Feb	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	18th Feb	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
47	Abbey	*30th Apr	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ...	14th May	Ditto
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb	Ditto
1435	Annesley	8th Mar	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon	29th Apr	Ditto

OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

340	Alfred	5th Mar	M. H., Alfred Street
357	Apollo University	26th Feb	Ditto
478	Churchill	4th Mar	Ditto
1515	Bertie	12th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			
340	Alfred	20th Feb	Ditto
357	Apollo University	27th Feb	Ditto

PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.

Lo. 70	St. John's	5th Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	11th Mar	Ditto
156	Harmony	4th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	6th Mar	M. H., Phœnix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	11th Mar	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship	28th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity	19th Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	21st Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	26th Feb	Ditto
1205	Metham	18th Feb	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's TO-DAY,	14th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas	18th Feb	Ditto
1550	Prudence	2nd Mar	Ditto
1847	Ebrington	12th Mar	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George	26th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	Western District / United Service	20th Feb	East Stonehouse
R.A.C.			
70	St. John's	28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude	19th Feb	Ditto
156	Harmony	6th Mar	Ditto
159	Brunswick	22nd May	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity	22nd Apr	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship TO-DAY,	14th Feb	M. H. Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord	22nd Feb	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity	22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn	15th Apr	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott	29th Apr	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas	23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George	21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.

257	Phœnix	27th Feb	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth TO-DAY,	14th Feb	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ...	11th Mar	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ...	8th Mar	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	21st Feb	Ditto
1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Feb	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	19th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth
1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	13th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street
2074	St. Clair	18th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
R.A.C			
257	Friendship... ...	13th Mar	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ..	12th Mar	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service TO-MR.,	15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport	28th Feb	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Temperance	25th Feb	Soldier's Institute, High Street

SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.

139	Britannia TO-DAY,	14th Feb	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Mar	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ...	4th Mar	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe	26th Feb	Ditto
2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
139	Paradise	18th Mar	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Loyalty	18th Feb	Ditto

SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS

130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DY,	14th Feb	M. H., Albion Place
359	Peace & Harmony	18th Feb	Ditto
394	Southampton ...	21st Feb	Ditto
785	Twelve Brothers ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
1780	Albert Edward ...	5th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C			
130	Royal Glo'ster ...	7th Mar	Ditto
359	Peace & Harmony	1st Mar	Ditto
394	Concord	28th Feb	Ditto

SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.

80	St. John	12th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	Phœnix	6th Mar	F. M. H., Queen Street
97	Palatine TO-DAY.	14th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
1389	Fenwick TO-MOR.,	15th Feb	Ditto
2039	Londonderry ...	22nd Feb	Ditto
R.A.C.			
80	St. John's	19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace
94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr	F. M. H.
97	Strict Benevolence	*21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace

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Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	THIS DAY (2nd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th.			
13	Union Waterloo	at	8	Earl of Chathm., Wm. St., Woolwich.
144	St. Luke's	„	7.30	White Hart Tav. King's Road, Chelsea.
147	Justice	„	8	Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford.
259	Prince of Wales	„	7.30	Railway Hot., Wimbledon
754	High Cross	„	8	Coach & Horses, Lower Tottenham.
879	Southwark	„	8	Sir Garnet Wolseley, Roth. New Road.
901	City of London	„	6.30	City Arms Rest., St. Mary Axe.
907	Royal Albert	„	7.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C.
1017	Montefiore	„	8	St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.
1158	Southern Star	„	8	Sir Syd. Smith, Chester St., Kenn. Rd.,
1259	Duke of Edinburgh	„	7	C. of G. Hope Tav., Limehouse Church.
1278	Burdett Coutts	„	8	Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green Road.
1306	St. John	„	8	Three Crowns, Mile End Road.
1339	Stockwell	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Kennington Road.
1348	Ebury	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Streatham Common
1360	Royal Arthur	„	7	Prince of Wales Hot., Wimbledon
1366	Highgate	„	8	Bull and Gate, Highgate Road, N.
1426	The Great City	„	6.30	M. H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1441	Ivy	„	8	Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W.
1571	Leopold	„	7	Austin's Hot., London Street, E.C.
1602	Sir Hugh Myddelton	„	8	White Horse, Liverpool Road, N.
1614	Covent Garden	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly. [well.
1622	Rose	„	8	Stirling Castle Hot., Church St., Camber-
1625	Tredegar	„	7.30	Wellington Arms, Bow Road, E.
1632	Stuart	„	7	Red Lion, Poppins Ct., Fleet St., E.C.
1673	Langton	„	5.30	White Hart, Abchurch Lane.
1685	Guelph	„	8	Town Hall Leytonstone
1744	Royal Savoy	„	8	Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W.
1791	Creaton	„	8	Whtshf. Hot., Gldhwk Rd, Shephd's Bsh
1816	Victoria Park	„	8	The George Inn, Broadway, Stratford.
R.A.C.				
188	Joppa	„	7	Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping Wall.
753	Prince Frederick Wm.	„	7.30	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
1471	North London	„	8	Northampton Ho., St.Paul's Rd.,Canon-bury, N.
1624	Eccleston	„	7.30	Crown & Anchor, 79, Ebury St., S.W.
	(3rd) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th.			
9	Albion	at	—	Crown Hot., Essex Street, Strand.
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Bedford Hd. Hot., Maiden La., Cov. Gar.
167	St. John's	„	8	York & Albany Hot., Albany St., N.W.
169	Temperance	„	8	Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.
217	Stability	„	—	Mas. Ha. Tav., Basinghall Street.
256	Unions (Emula. L of I.)	„	6	F. M. H
507	United Pilgrims	„	7.30	S. M. H., Camberwell New Road.
749	Belgrave	„	8	Clarence Hot., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
765	St. James's	„	8	Princess Vict., Lower Rd., Rotherhithe
766	William Preston	„	8	St. Andrew's Tav., George Street, W.
780	Royal Alfred	„	8	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
834	Ranelagh	„	8	Six Bells, Queen St., Hammersmith, W.
1056	Victoria (Metro. L. of I.)	„	7	Portugal Hot., 155, Fleet Street, E.C.
1185	Lewis	„	7.30	Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green.
1228	Beacontree	„	8	Green Man, Leytonstone
1287	Great Northern	„	8	Berwick Arms, Berners Street, W. [bury
1298	Royal Standard	„	8	Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road., Canon-
1365	Clapton	„	8	Ld. Stanley, Sandringham Rd., Dalston
1381	Kennington	„	7.30	Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E.
1472	Henley	„	7.30	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1607	Loyalty	„	8	Private Ro., 206, Mare Street, Hackney
1629	Henry Muggeridge	„	6	M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1716	All Saints	„	7.30	Town Hall, Poplar.
2030	Abbey	„	7.30	King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, Rd.
R.A.C.				
890	Hornsey	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
946	Strawberry Hill,	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.W.
1275	Star	„	8	Stirling Castle, Church St., Cmbrwll, S.E.
Mrk.				
355	Royal Savoy	„	7.30	The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavt., E.C.
	(3rd) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th.			
179	Manchester	at	8	Blue Post, Charlotte St., Fitzroy Sq.
198	Percy	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
1275	Star	„	7	Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.
1288	Finsbury Park	„	8	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1364	Earl of Zetland	„	7	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1541	Alexandra Palace	„	7.30	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
2012	Chiswick	„	7.30	Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith
R.A.C.				
19	Mount Sinai	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, Regent Street.
186	Industry	„	7.30	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
	(3rd) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th.			
22	Loughborough	at	8	Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
45	Strong Man	„	7	Bull and Bell, Ropemaker Street, E.C.
174	Sincerity	„	7	Railway Tav., Fenchurch Street, E C.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
511	Zetland	„	8	York and Albany, Regent's Pk., N.W.
548	Wellington	„	8	White Swan, High Street, Deptford.
933	Doric	„	8	Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E.
1178	Perfect Ashlar	„	8	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1227	Upton	„	8	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
1425	Hyde Park	„	8	Porchester Hot., Leinster Pl., Paddingn.
1489	Marquess of Ripon	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney.
1507	Metropolitan	„	7.30	Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement.
1536	United Military	„	7.30	Earl Chatham, Thomas St., Woolwich.
1572	Carnarvon	„	6	Salutation, Newgate Street.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	Railway Hot., Putney Station.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.			PLACE OF MEETING.
	(3rd) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th—*continued.*			
1586	Upper Norwood	at	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood
1608	Kilburn	„	8	South Molton Hot., South Molton St.
1623	West Smithfield	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate St., E.C.
1662	Beaconsfield	„	8	Chequers, Walthamstow.
1707	Eleanor	„	8	Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
1789	Ubique	„	7.30	Vict. Man. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
1804	Coborn	„	8	Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook.
1891	St. Ambrose	„	8	Baron's Court Hot., West. Kensington.
1901	Selwyn	„	8	East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
2021	Qn's Wr. & S. Marylebn.	„	8	Criterion, Piccadilly.
2090	Hammersmith	„	7.30	The Baths, Black's Rd., Hammersmith.
R.A.C.				
206	Hope	„	—	Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich.
	(3rd) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th.			
55	Constitutional	at	7	Bedford Hot., Southmpn. Bldgs., Holbn.
65	Prosperity	„	7	Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street, E.C.
140	St. George	„	8	Public Hall, New Cross.
141	Faith	„	8	Vic. Mans. Rt., Victoria Street, S.W.
177	Domatic	„	7.30	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road.
188	Joppa	„	7	Manchester Hot., Aldersgate Street.
238	Pilgrim (Work in German 1st & 3rd Tue.)	„	7	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street.
463	E. Surrey Lo. of Concd.	„	7.45	Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
554	Yarborough	„	8	Green Dragon, Stepney.
704	Camden	„	8	Northbrook Hotel, Lee.
706	Florence Nightingale	„	7.30	M. H., William Street, Woolwich.
753	Prince Fredk. William	„	—	Eagle Tav., Clifton Road, Maida Vale.
820	Lily	„	8	Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
858	South Middlesex	„	7.30	Beaufort Ho., Walham Green.
860	Dalhousie	„	8	Middleton Arms, Middleton Rd., Dlstn.
861	Finsbury	„	—	King's Head Tav., Threadneedle Street.
1044	Wandsworth	„	8	East Hill Hot., Alma Rd., Wandsworth
1076	Capper	„	8	Railway Hot., Angel Lane, Stratford.
1155	Excelsior	„	8	Com. Dk. Tav., Plough Rd., Rotherhithe
1321	Emblematic	„	8	Red Lion, York Street, St. James Square
1349	Friars	„	7.30	Liverpool Arms, Canning Town.
1382	Corinthian	„	7	George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	„	8	Crown Tav., Lambeth Road, S.E.
1471	Islington	„	7.30	Cock Tav., Highbury.
1540	Chaucer	„	8	Old White Hart, High Street, Borough
1558	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E.
1586	Upper Norwood	„	8	White Hart, Church Rd., Up. Norwood.
1612	West Middlesex	„	7.30	Bell Hot., Ealing.
1695	New Finsbury Park	„	8	Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767	Kensington	„	8	Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Sq., Kensgtn.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	„	7	Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside
1949	Brixton	„	8	Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, S.E.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hot., New Southgate.
2266	Cator	„	8	Railway Hotel, Beckenham
R.A.C.				
25	Robert Burns	„	8	Sussex Store, St. Martin's Lane.
704	Camden	„	8.30	The Moorgate, Moorgate Street.
975	Metropolitan	„	6.30	White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	„	8	Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road
	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th.			
3	Fidelity	at	8	The Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30	United Mariners	„	7.30	Lugard Hot., Lugard Road, Peckham.
73	Mount Lebanon	„	8	George Inn, Boro' High Street.
79	Pythagorean	„	8	Portland Hot., Greenwich.
87	Vitruvian	„	8	Bdg. Ho. Hot., London Bridge.
228	United Strength	„	8	Hope Tav., Stanhope St., Regent's Pk.
538	La Tolerance	„	8	Portland Arms, Gt. Portland Street.
720	Panmure	„	7	Balham Hot., Balham.
781	Merchant Navy	„	7.30	Silver Tav., Burdett Road, Limehouse.
813	New Concord	„	8	Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N.
862	Whittington	„	8	Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street
871	Royal Oak	„	8	Lord Clyde, Wooten Road, Deptford.
898	Temperance in East	„	7.30	Greenwich Pensr., Bow Lane, Poplar.
902	Burgoyne	„	6	Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand.
1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1475	Peckham	„	8	Lord Wellington, Old Kent Road, S.E.
1524	Duke of Connaught	„	8	Royal Edward, Mare St., Hackney, E.
1585	Royal Commemoration	„	8	The Eight Bells, Putney
1601	Ravensbourne	„	8	George Inn, Catford, S.E.
1604	Wanderers	„	7.30	Vict. Mans. Rest., Vict. Street, S.W.
1681	Londesborough	„	8	Berkeley Arms, John St., Berkeley Sq.
1708	Plucknett	„	7.45	Bald Faced Stag, East End, Finchley.
1805	Bromley St. Leonard's	„	8	Cherry Tree, Brunswick Road, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom	„	8	Station Hot., Camberwell New Road.
1963	Duke of Albany	„	7.30	Masons Arms, 169, Battersea Park Road
2206	The Hendon	„	8	Old Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.C.				
177	Domatic	„	7	Union Tav., Air Street, W.
180	St. James's Union	„	8	Swan Tav., Mount Street, W.
933	Doric	„	7.30	Print. H. Wks., 202, Whitechapel Road
*1339	Stockwell	„	6	M. H. Tav., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
1950	Southgate	„	8	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

* This Chapter meets only on third Mondays in each month.

(3rd) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st.

Lodges and Chapters, as 2nd Thursday in February (*see ante*).

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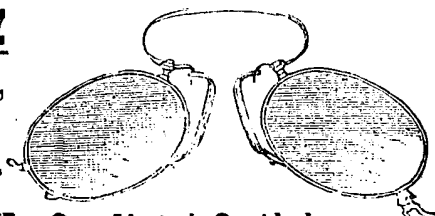
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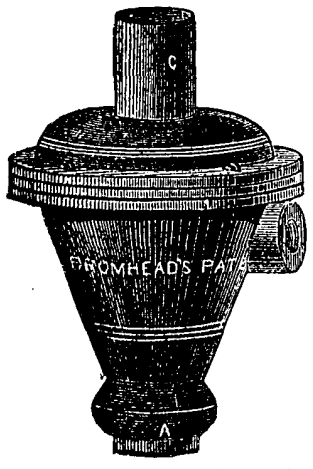
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JEMIMA SARAH TRUSLOW,

Aged 78 Years,

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