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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

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PROVINCIAL and District Grand Lodges, which constitute the second principal part or division, next claim our attention. The rearrangement in this has been carried out on a large scale, and it will be seen, as we proceed later on, that the proposed changes do not, in all cases, appear to us to be improvements. Before, however, we enter upon the more direct talk of comparison and commentary, we propose giving, in précis, and side by side in their order of sequence, the proposed and the existing regulations.

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PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

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89. Ditto—to report proceedings, &c., to G. Secretary.

90. Ditto—may appoint a Deputy by patent during pleasure.

91. Ditto—and notify such appointment to his Lodges and the G. Secretary.

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PROV. OR DIST. G. MASTER.

N.B. Foot-note defining Dist. G.M. and Dist. G.L.

(1). Appointment a prerogative of G. Master.

2. May appoint what officers.

3. May preside in Lodges in district.

4. Shall determine complaints and may suspend Lodges and brethren; but shall not expel, though he may restore a brother illegally excluded.

5. Complaint to B. of General Purposes, in what circumstances allowable.

6. May summon Lodges and brethren.

7. May give or refuse consent, with concurrence of G.M. to removal of a Lodge, in, into, or out of his district.

8. Prov. G. Lodge, meetings of, regular and special.

9. Report proceedings to G. Secretary.

10. May appoint a Deputy by patent during pleasure.

11. Shall notify Dep.'s appointment to his lodges and G. Secretary.

12. Is responsible for legality of Prov. G.L. proceedings, and to have minutes of them kept.

OF DEP. PROV. G. MASTER.

1. Qualifications for, and residence in province of.

2. May preside in lodges in district, and when. No rank outside Province, but may wear clothing of a P.G.O.

92. D.P.G.M., Qualifications for.

93. P.G. Officers resident in Prov. except under dispensation.

94. Prov. or Dist. G. Officers—No rank outside Prov. or Dist., but may wear clothing.

95. Prov. or Dist. G. Wardens and Deacons, Qualifications for.

96. Prov. or Dist. G. Stewards.

97. Prov. G. Lodges, meetings of, regular and special.

98. Prov. & Dist. G. Lodges, opening of, when *in due form*, when *in form*.

99. Prov. G. Lodges—power to make by-laws, which to be in accord with B. of C., and approved by G. Master.

100. Ditto—to keep minutes.

101. Ditto—may advise Prov. G.M., but not adjudicate.

102. Ditto—may establish a local fund for charitable and other purposes.

103. Ditto—shall elect Prov. G. Treas. annually, whose accounts to be audited annually.

104. Dist. G. Master and Dist. G. Lodge—what they are.

105. Dist. G. Lodges may erase Lodges and expel brethren, and decide matters either by themselves or through a Committee.

106. Ditto or Committee—may exercise powers of Board of Gen. Purposes.

107. Ditto or ditto—proceedings, &c. to be subject to laws in B. of C.

108. Ditto—Meetings of, regular and special.

109. Ditto—to make and alter own rules and regulations, subject to approval of G.M.

110. Ditto—payments to District fund.

111. District Grand Master re-

OF THE OTHER PROV. G. OFFICERS.

1. Must be resident except under dispensation, and subscribing members to some Lodge in it.

2. To be appointed annually, but no rank outside province, &c.

3. Prov. G. Wardens and Prov. G. Deacons, Qualifications for.

Prov. Grand Stewards, when and when not members of P.G.L.

PROV. G. LODGES.

I. Opening of, when *in due form*, and when *in form*.

2. Who are members of.

4. May frame own by-laws, which must be in accord with B. of C., and approved by G. Master.

4. May establish a local fund for charity and other purposes.

5. To elect P.G. Treasurer annually, whose accounts to be audited annually.

9. Minutes of proceedings to be kept.

7. Condition of on death, &c., of P.G.M.

8. May advise P.G.M., but not adjudicate.

OF DIST. G. LODGES—IN COLONIES OR FOREIGN PARTS.

1. May raise Lodges and expel Masons, and decide matters of themselves or by Committee.

May raise brethren by dispensation to a higher degree at short intervals.

2. Proceedings of D.G.L. or Committee to be in accord with B. of C.

3. May, directly or by Committee, exercise powers of Board of G. Purposes.

4. Complaints to be preferred to D.G.M. or D.G.L., from which appeal to G. Lodge.

5. May make and alter rules, which shall be approved by Grand Master.

6. Meeting of, at stated times and special.

7. Condition of, on death of D.

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sponsible for returns, &c. to G. Lodge and may issue G.L. certificates.

112. Ditto—and is to be supplied with latter in blank by G. Secretary.

113. Lodges in Districts abroad to make returns in duplicate to G. Secretary.

114. District G. Masters—to make returns and remittances to Grand Secretary.

115. Ditto—Powers under dispensation to advance brethren to higher degree at short intervals.

We cannot say we are altogether satisfied with the revised arrangement as proposed. We admit the existing edition will be the better for some alterations and amendments, but there is a certain method in the arrangements. We have first the rules relating to Provincial or District Grand Master, with a foot note defining the latter, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and other Provincial Grand Officers, and Provincial Grand Stewards. In all these, with the said foot note as our guide, we presume the terms Provincial and District are interchangeable, unless otherwise stated, or where such interchange is obviously inadmissible. Then follow the rules relating to Provincial Grand Lodges, and then those affecting District Grand Lodges. In the proposed re-arrangement the same order and method are not observed. For instance, the whole of the group of regulations is headed "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." No. 78 refers to Provincial Grand Lodges, No. 79 to District Grand Lodges, and Nos. 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 94, 95, 96, 98 concern equally Provincial and District Grand Lodges, Masters, and Officers. Yet it is not till we reach No. 104 that we arrive at a definition of what District Grand Lodges and Masters are. Again, we have the Deputy Provincial Grand Master or Deputy District Grand Master referred to or specified in Nos. 78, 79, 80, 83, 88, and 89, but the power of the Provincial Grand Master to appoint a Deputy is not mentioned till No. 90. In Nos. 88 and 89, the Deputy spoken of is that of the Provincial Grand Master, and the same is the case with Nos. 91 and 92, the latter giving the qualifications for the office, while nothing is said as to the Deputy District Grand Master. If the foot note in the existing Constitutions were either preserved as it is, or incorporated earlier in the text of the new edition; and if in all the rules we have cited, here and elsewhere, so far as may be necessary, the words or "District" were inserted after "Deputy Provincial," the laws would be clearer and more accurate. These amendments will entail, comparatively speaking, no great amount of time or trouble.

Taking the new rules seriatim, we find No. 79 in two sections, the first concerning the origin and conditions of existence of Provincial Grand Lodges, and the other their condition on the death, resignation, &c., of the Provincial Grand Masters. This corresponds with Art. 7, page 54, and is far more compact, while it contains a new and salutary provision likewise.

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"78. Provincial grand lodge^s emanate from provincial grand masters by virtue of the authority vested in them by their patents of appointment from the grand master. It therefore follows that provincial grand lodges possess no other powers than those specified in these laws and regulations, and cannot meet but by the sanction of the provincial grand master or his deputy.

"On the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of the provincial grand master, his deputy shall perform all the functions of provincial grand master until a brother is duly appointed provincial grand master, or empowered to act as such by patent from the grand master, (33), but such deputy shall not thereby acquire the right to any additional rank."

G. Master.

8. Payments to District fund.

9. D.G. Master responsible for returns, &c., and may issue G.L. Certificates.

10. To be supplied by G. Secretary with forms of certificate in blank.

11. Returns to be made in duplicate to the G. Secretary.

From this it will be seen that, under the proposed new law, if it comes into force, the death, resignation, removal, &c., of the Prov. Grand Master does not destroy the organisation of the Prov. Grand Lodge, as is the case now. His Deputy may act in his stead until the appointment of a new P.G.M., or until the Grand Master has by patent placed the Province in charge of the Grand Registrar. This will necessarily save much trouble, as may be judged by the case of Essex, which but the other day had a complete Provincial organisation, which is now determined by the unexpected death of Lord Tenterden. We are curious, however, to know how it is possible to prolong the patent of appointment during pleasure of the appointee of a chief who is either deceased, or has been permanently or temporarily discharged of his functions. Rule No. 88 begins, "The provincial grand master, holding his office at the pleasure of the grand master, and the power of the deputy as well as of the provincial grand lodge emanating from the authority vested in the provincial grand master." When, therefore, through death or from some other cause, there is no longer a Provincial Grand Master, the power of the Deputy, and of Provincial Grand Lodge, which have emanated from the authority vested in the Provincial Grand Master, must of itself cease and determine. Common sense suggests the adoption of such an arrangement as is proposed under the law as revised, but something will have to be done to prevent legal difficulties arising out of a legally-impossible extension of powers that have ceased.

The same query will arise in connection with No. 79, which provides for the continuance of the Dist. G. Lodge and the exercise of the Dist. G. Master's functions on the death, or removal through other cause, of the Dist. G. Master. This law is substantially the same as Art. 7, p 58.

Rule No. 80—"Members of provincial or district grand lodge"—is better worded than Art 2, p 52, and No. 81 is verbally the same with Art. 1, p 45, but with the addition of "and until such installation he shall not be qualified to perform any of the functions of his office." This is a wise provision, as it necessitates the early installation of the new Prov. or Dist. G. Master in order that the Prov. or Dist. G. Lodge may be constituted.

Rule No. 82 is the closing sentence of the foot note at p 45, and enacts that a Prov. or Dist. G. Master, to be entitled to past rank, must have served five years from the date of his installation. This makes it impossible for brethren to become entitled to a seat in G. Lodge who have played only a trifling part in the direction of their Provinces or Districts.

Rule No. 83 has a decided advantage over Art. 2, p 45, which merely says, "He"—the Prov. or Dist. G. Master—"is impowered to appoint for his province a deputy, two wardens, two deacons, and other grand officers (except the treasurer, who is to be elected), and also provincial stewards not exceeding six in number." The proposed rule gives a list of the Prov. or Dist. Grand Officers he may appoint, and where more than one of each rank, the number of each to be so appointed. It is also added, "nor can he confer on any brother the rank of a past provincial or district grand officer." Rule No. 84 provides that in Provinces or Districts where there are more than forty Lodges, there shall be two additional Prov. or Dist. Grand Deacons and a Prov. or Dist. Dep. G. Director of Ceremonies.

Rule No. 85 corresponds in all essential particulars with Art. 6, p 47, and Nos. 86 and 87 with Art. 4, p 46, but an important function, as will be seen, is altogether omitted here. The two read thus :

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"86. He"—the provincial or district grand master—"shall hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting lodges or individual masons, within his province or district, and may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension. A minute of such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with the decision, is to be transmitted to the grand master."

"87. The provincial grand master has no power to erase a lodge or expel a mason; when, therefore, the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in his judgment to require the erasure of a

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4. (46). "He shall hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting lodges or individual masons, within his district, and may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension, according to the general laws of the craft. A minute of such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with the decision, is to be transmitted to the grand master."

4. (46). . . . "When the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in the judgment of the provincial grand master, to require the erasure of a lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, he shall make

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"The provincial grand master has no power to expel a mason, though he may, when satisfied that any brother has been illegally excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a lodge within his district, order him to be immediately restored, and may suspend, until the next quarterly communication, the lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with such order."

What we have printed in italics is, as we have said, excluded from this head or division, just as the existing law (Art. 9, p 32) conferring a similar power on the Grand Master had been omitted from the heading "Grand Lodge." The latter excluded law, and the above excluded clause, will be found grouped together under proposed new Regulation No. 208, under "Private Lodges." It is a fair criticism whether it would not have been better to group all the functions of the Grand Master under the head of "Grand Lodge," and all those of the Prov. and Dist. G. Master under that of "Provincial and District Grand Lodges," though it would be perhaps equally necessary even in that case to have some rule as to illegally-excluded members and their reinstatement, as in No. 208, which, of course, would contain the necessary references to the previous corresponding rules. If the object of publishing a revised Book of Constitutions is to make it as brief as possible, the present arrangement will be the better. But if clearness and compactness, under the several divisions, as well as brevity, are held to be the principal object, then our suggestion has a decided advantage.

Rule No. 88 compares with Art. 12, p 49, and is, in fact, that article reproduced almost word for word, and the same may be said of Rules Nos. 89. "To report proceeding to grand secretary"—90. "May appoint a deputy"—91. "Notice of appointment" of Deputy P.G.M.—92. "Must be a past master." 93. "Dispensation for non-residence." 94. "Provincial and district grand officers have no rank out of their province or district." 95. "Qualification for office." 96. "Provincial or district grand stewards." 97. "Meetings of provincial grand lodge." 98. "Opening of provincial or district grand lodge." 99. "By-laws." 100. "Minutes." 101. "Provincial grand lodge may advise, but cannot adjudicate." 102. "Local fund." 103. "Treasurer to be elected annually." These correspond with the following, in the order in which they are given, in the existing edition, namely:—Art. 9, p 48; Art. 10, p 49; Art. 11, p 49; Art. 1, p 50, "Of D.P.G. Masters," part; Art. 1, p 50, "Of D.P.G.M.," part; and Art. 1, p 50, "Of the other Prov. G. Officers," part; Art. 2, p 50, part, and Art. 2 p 51, part, the words "and shall possess within their district, the rank and privileges of grand officers" being omitted from the latter; Art. 3, p 51; law *re* Prov. G. Stewards, p 51, except as to clothing; Art. 8, p 48; Art. 1, p 52; Art. 3, p 52; Art. 6, p 54; Art. 8, p 55; Art. 4, p 53; and Art. 5, p 54. We have just noted the omission of certain words which were misleading in their definition of the status of Prov. G. Officers "within their district," and which, indeed, not long since caused some differences of opinion. We may add that the provision for non-residence under dispensation is now extended to Deputy Prov. G. Masters as well as the other Prov. G. Officers.

We have already remarked of No. 104, which corresponds with the first part of foot note at p 45, that, seeing it defines a District G. Lodge and District Grand Master and that these had already been frequently mentioned in the proposed rules under this head, it would have stood better at, or as nearly as possible at, the beginning of the division, either as a foot note or as incorporated in the text. No. 105—"additional powers" of D.G. Lodges—is to all intents and purposes the first part of Art. 1, p 55, while Nos. 106 and 107 correspond with Art. 3 and Art 2, p 56. Nos. 108, "Meetings of district grand lodges," 109 "Rules and regulations," and 110, "Payment to district fund," call for no observation, nor is there much to say as to Nos. 111 "District grand master may issue certificates," 112 "Blank certificates furnished," 113 "Duplicate returns to the Grand Secretary," 114 "Remittance of dues," and 115 "Dispensation to confer degrees at short intervals," except

that Nos. 113 and 114 are together equivalent to Art. 11, p 60, and No. 115 to the second section of Art. 1, p 55.

We shall enter on our consideration of "Private Lodges" next week.

LORD MAYORS AND FREEMASONRY.

Le Roi est mort; Vive le Roi. On Thursday Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart, Grand Junior Warden, laid aside the insignia of his office as Lord Mayor of the City of London, and Bro. Alderman Knight was formally inducted into the Civic Chair in his stead, amid those manifestations of the London citizens' loyalty to old and respected customs which are customary on such occasions. The grand inaugural banquet in the Guildhall followed in the evening, and was, as usual, attended by many of the principal members of the ministry. The loyal, patriotic, and other toasts were introduced and followed by speeches of varying merit. Everything, indeed, passed off in a manner worthy of such a gathering of Englishmen of the well-to-do classes, all bent on enjoying themselves around the festive board, and we may now be said to have fairly settled ourselves down to the work of a new Civic year under the tutelary care of Bro. Alderman Knight, Citizen and Freemason.

Ordinarily, of course, Lord Mayor's day and its celebration are matters outside the ken of a Masonic journal. There are many Lodges, it is true, which meet within the precincts of the city, and some of them have more immediately about them a certain added lustre from their connection, real or imaginary, with members of the great Corporation. These facts alone would not have induced us to make Lord Mayor's Day the subject of editorial comment. But latterly Freemasonry has played a more than usually conspicuous part in Civic celebrations. In two out of the last three Lord Mayoralties, the Mansion House has been the scene of brilliant Masonic gatherings, not of an informal character, but held there by dispensation from the Grand Master, in a close-tyled Lodge room, and the members all wearing the clothing and insignia of their rank. One of these meetings was honoured by the presence of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and the other no doubt would have experienced the same good fortune, but for the multiplicity of the Prince's engagements. Then, in Alderman Stone's Mayoralty, Lord Mayor Stone and the Sheriffs, of whom Sir J. W. Ellis was one, paid a sort of state visit to The Great City Lodge; and other Lodges, but especially the Alliance, No. 1827, have been similarly, though perhaps less ceremoniously, honoured by Lord Mayors who have also been members of the Craft. In short, a strong feeling of mutual respect appears to have grown up of late years between the City and our Fraternity, and it need hardly be said to their mutual satisfaction and even advantage. There is reason for this. No municipality in the world dispenses its charity of every kind with a more liberal hand than the City of London, nor is there a more benevolent and beneficent body than the Freemasons, whose splendid support of the Institutions they have established is constantly being made the subject of eulogy by the outside world. Under these circumstances, we may justly ask to be excused if we have gone somewhat out of our usual course to record the succession of one Masonic Lord Mayor by another. We have no means of foreseeing what may happen during Bro. Knight's year of office. He may not have the same opportunities as his predecessor and Sir F. W. Truscott enjoyed of manifesting, as it were, semi-officially, his sympathy with our Society, but of his hearty goodwill towards it we are as certain as that he is at this present time the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London. And, what will be regarded with equal satisfaction by our readers, the two aldermen who stand next in order for election to the Civic Chair are both Masons, so that, in all human probability, the next three years, like the year which closed on Thursday, will see the destinies of London City entrusted to gentlemen who are Craftsmen as well as citizens. We will content ourselves with adding the expression of our hearty good wishes to Bro. Lord Mayor Knight on his accession to power, and the hope that his year of office may be as prosperous as that of his immediate predecessor, Bro. Alderman Ellis, and his predecessors, Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir Thomas White, and Alderman Stone.

WHY I BECAME A MASON.

I remember, with an admiration that increases with coming years, my grandfather on my mother's side. The bottle-green coat with brass buttons that glistened in the sunlight, the snow-white collar that almost hid his ears, the ruffled shirt, the high-cut satin vest, the velvet pants reaching the knees and clasped with bright silver buckles, and the shapely foot encased in the softest leather shoe. His was an appearance that would have satisfied the most sanguine expectations of the most ardent aesthete. I can hear his rich mellow voice as he called "Horace! Horace!" and see the bright black eyes sparkle, when in answer to the call I made my appearance. I was his namesake—his almost constant companion. Oft has he told me that when calling my name the re-echo sounding through the halls carried him back to the hours of his youth, and brought recollections of his earliest days. The pleasant hours spent with him only made his company, to me, the more desirable, for I well knew that I was to be entertained with glowing descriptions of sights seen in foreign lands, or the varied experiences of "A life on the ocean deep." It was a clear bright September day, the leaves were just beginning to show that fall was fast approaching, and there was hardly breeze enough to blow the long curls back from my face. Grandpapa and I were sitting on the doorstep, he had just finished one of his most interesting stories, when I heard in the distance the soft sweet notes of "Nearer, my God, to Thee." As it approached, we saw a funeral train headed by men wearing collars and aprons, and bearing other insignia indicative of secret organisation. With boyish curiosity I asked him what they were, his eyes brightened, a smile, that made his dear old face appear the happier, played round his shapely mouth as he almost whispered, "they are Masons."

I had often heard the word, and as often desired to know its meaning. My opportunity had come. Grandpa—my store-house of wisdom, my cyclopædia of all that was to be known—could and would tell me.

"Grandpa," I said, "what do they do?"

"Horace," he asked, "have you never noticed in my room the picture that hangs just at the foot of my bed?" He had hardly finished the question when I recalled the many times that I had stood before it trying to spell the long words and decipher the meaning of the ladder reaching, Jacob's like, unto heaven; the trowel, square and compass, and the great eye that seemed to follow me around the room; I had seen and wondered often about it, and now told him so.

"Well," continued he, "that announces my right to claim membership in a brotherhood that has existed from time immemorial, and whose object is to better the condition of mankind."

"Is it of any use?" I asked.

"Have I never told you of the one benefit it was to me?"

I nestled closer to him, leaned my head on his breast, looked up into his face with boyish admiration, and then said that something good was in store for me. After patting my cheek, he began: "I was sailing the good ship 'Flora' when war was declared between England and the United States. I had left Bombay with a valuable cargo of merchandise, bound for New York. One morning shortly after eight, the look-out announced a vessel astern that seemed to be making directly for us. Nearer and nearer she came, until we could see that it was a man-of-war carrying the English flag. It was evident that she was chasing us. If there was doubt in the mind of any one it was soon dispelled by a ball that came hissing over us. I saw that to attempt flight was useless, that "discretion was the better part of valour," and ordering the sails to be furled I calmly waited the approach of my captors. It was not long before they were abreast of us, the gig lowered, and in a moment more there stood on my vessel's deck an officer, whose uniform told his high rank. He approached, asked for my papers, and on receiving them announced that we were his prisoners. We were transferred from the 'Flora' to the prisoners' quarters on board the 'Destroyer,' and there left to reflect upon the horrors of an English dungeon and the anxiety and earnest longings of friends in our native land.

"We had been there some time sweltering in the heat, and almost choked by the musty atmosphere, when a marine came to the door and announced that I was wanted in the commander's room. He led the way, and I followed, and in a second or so I was standing before the man to whom I delivered my papers, and who had conveyed to me the news of capture. He addressed me as 'Captain,' and in response to my respectful 'Sir,' told me his intention and what would be my final destination. I looked him full in the face, he coloured up, and in a moment I knew that he recognised that I was a Mason. He extended his hand, took mine and shook it heartily. I was sent back to my quarters. After a little while I was again summoned into his presence. This time he invited me to be seated, extended the hospitality of his cabin, and said that I should be assigned better quarters.

"I thanked him for his kindness, but said that I would share the fate of my men. I was again sent back. Within one hour from this last interview we were aboard the 'Flora,' my papers were given me, and with all sail set we again sped homeward.

"The joy of all knew no bounds, the crew gave vent to theirs in shouting, 'God save the King,' while I sat down and wept like a child at thoughts of what might have been.

"The mystery of their escape was to the crew a source of continual wonder, and often, unknown to them, I heard their speculations and mysterious tales as to the reason for it. I never knew my benefactor's name, but am quite sure that if earnest prayer ever secured any heavenly guidance in this life, and an immortal existence hereafter, that was and is his fate."

"Horace," some one called. I hardly heard it, so great was my interest in what had been told me. "Mother's calling," grandpa said. I kissed him, and ran off, with his promise to tell me at another time something more about Masons.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, when there were present Bros. W. Roebuck Past Grand Steward (in the chair), C. F. Matier, John L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, G. P. Britton, C. H. Webb, E. E. Barrett-Kidder, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Frederick Adlard, Donald M. Dewar, H. Massey, James Terry, W. Mann, Alfred Williams, W. Maple, H. S. Goodall, W. Paas, and F. Binckes (Secretary). After the confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques in payment of sums due. It was also resolved to invest £1,000 in Indian Three Per Cents. Petitions were examined on behalf of five boys as candidates for admission to the School, who were placed on the list. Two grants of £5 each were made to two former pupils of the Institution, and a grant of £10 was made to another. The Committee then adjourned.

Thursday was the forty-first anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who first saw the light at Buckingham Palace, on the 9th of November 1841. The County Ball, given at Sandringham, in honour of this auspicious event was arranged to take place yesterday (Friday). It should also be added that on the day itself there were the customary demonstrations in honour of the anniversary in London, at Windsor, Sandringham, Balmoral, and elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Bro. Kube's twelfth annual Musical Festival at Brighton commenced on Tuesday, under favourable circumstances as regards attendance, though the weather was far from being satisfactory. Mr. Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch," and Mr. Cowen's Scandinavian Symphony constituted the programme. Wednesday was devoted to the performance of miscellaneous classical music, and on Thursday "Elijah" was presented.

During the recent Egyptian campaign, according to the *Portsmouth Times*, there were no less than fourteen members of one Lodge among the British soldiers engaged. The Lodge in question was the Roman Eagle, No. 160, held at the Iona Hotel, Edinburgh, and the fourteen members were in the Royal Horse Guards, the Scots Guards, the Royal Marine Artillery, the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and the Royal Highlanders (Black Watch).

The Installation meeting of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading, took place on Wednesday. There was a large attendance of Craftsmen, and the proceedings throughout were of a very agreeable character. Brother Richard Dowsett is the new Worshipful Master, and the ceremony of the day was performed by Brother Moxhay P.M. A full report shall appear in our next.

A FREEMASONS' HALL AT BANBURY.

On Friday next, the 17th inst., H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., will hold his Provincial Grand Lodge at Banbury, for the purpose of laying the stone of a Freemasons' Hall, now being erected by the brethren of the Cherwell Lodge, 599. His Royal Highness will be escorted by a squadron of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars to the building, and will afterwards hold his Lodge, and preside at a luncheon in the Exchange Hall.

From the *Lifeboat Journal* we learn that casualties to ships in our rivers and harbours continue to be numerous; the number during the year having been 821, of which 31 were total losses, and 790 were partial casualties. Of these, collisions numbered 540, foundering 14, strandings 180, and miscellaneous 87. The 821 casualties caused the loss of or damage to 1397 vessels, of which 727 were British sailing vessels, 562 British steam vessels, 80 foreign sailing vessels, and 28 foreign steam vessels. The lives lost in these casualties were, happily, only 13.

There was a capital gathering at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on Friday, 3rd November, under the able presidency of Brother C. H. Bardoulean, who was ably supported by Bros. B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor, William Musto P.M. Secretary, and numerous brethren. The evening was devoted to rehearsing the first ceremony, which was ably rendered, especially when we remember that our Brother Bardoulean is but a young Mason. Some sections were also worked from the chair, and a capital evening's instruction was enjoyed.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad to notice that you are taking up for criticism the revised Constitutions and I venture to point out what seems an anomaly in one at least of the appointments, which must be cleared up now or never.

In the Province of Staffordshire, for the last sixteen years to my knowledge, it has been the custom of the D.G.M. to hand a jewel of office to, and receive fees of honour from, the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer. These have been invariably Past Masters, and some of them have done excellent work in their Lodges. It has also been usual for these Officers to wear the purple in common with other Prov. Grand Lodge Officers.

One of these brethren a year or two ago visited a Lodge in London at which some G.L. Officers were present; to his surprise he was informed that the office conveyed no right to the clothing, and that, whatever might be the intention of the Prov. Grand Master to confer honour, it certainly ceased at the boundary of his Province.

My friend's position, as you may imagine, was no pleasant one. He had Provincial clothing only, and the consequence has been that the brother must compromise the matter by carrying two sets of clothing for the very doubtful honour.

I trust the issue of the new Constitutions will either prevent the future granting of these honours, or give the position a recognised status in the Grand and Provincial Lodges.

I am, yours fraternally,

A. B.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot agree with your correspondent, ST. AUGUSTINE, "that another of your clients" was right as to the relegating Rule 6 to Rule 3, and adjusting the others accordingly, and not, as you suggest, simply transposing them, because, by so doing, you destroy the natural sequence in which those rules should arise." Premising that I am not quite sure I understand what he means by "the natural sequence" in which the rules "should arise," I would point out that if Nos. 3 and 6 are transposed, as you suggest, then the rules Nos. 2 to 6, according to their subject matter, will follow thus: No. 2, Grand Lodge; No. 3—now No. 6—members of Grand Lodge; No. 4, Grand Lodge's power of enacting laws; No. 5, Grand Lodge's power of final decision; No. 6—now No. 3—Powers of substituted authorities in Grand and other Lodges. Then would follow, as now, No. 7, members of Grand Lodge, *honoris causa*; No. 8, Grand Master's representatives and representatives from sister Grand Lodges; No. 9, Past Masters when members of Grand Lodge, when not members, &c. &c. &c. I see nothing whatever unnatural about this sequence.

I also disagree with him as to the proviso he would have inserted in Rule No. 7, which provides for "brethren of eminence and ability" being "constituted members of the grand lodge," either "by the appointment of the Grand Master," or "by a vote of the grand lodge duly confirmed." He would have the brethren thus honoured Installed Masters, as if it were impossible for any who has not passed the chair to exhibit unusual eminence and ability. I have no wish to depreciate Past Masters, but I wish it were more generally recognised that it is not necessary to be a Past Master in order to be an eminent and able Craftsman.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

"CRITIC."

THE VALUE OF OUR BOYS' SCHOOL VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No doubt, as you suggest, "Q." has written on this subject more warmly than he need have done, but I think he is right in the main. There is really no connection between the value of votes at any given election, and the price paid for them, while the cost of a purchased presentation has nothing to do with either, it being, as "Q." very properly points out, a known quantity determined by a competent authority. Taking the latter point first, and assuming a boy's stay extends on an average five years and a-half—the maximum period is seven, and the minimum four years—at an average annual cost of forty guineas, the total outlay at this rate for the period stated would be 220 guineas (£231). Leaving minute arithmetical calculation out of the question, will any one venture to suggest that 170 guineas (£178 10s) paid in advance is not a just equivalent for an annuity of £42 spread over five years and a-half?

Turning to the value of votes, I imagine it will be found to vary in an inverse ratio to the number of vacancies. If, for instance, there are ten vacancies and twenty candidates, then, all other things being equal, each of the latter starts with half a chance in his favour; if ten vacancies and thirty candidates, he has a one-third chance; and if ten vacancies and forty candidates, he has only a one-fourth. As a matter of fact, however, all other things are rarely, if

ever, equal, and the niceties of arithmetical calculation as to a candidate's prospects of success at a given election are liable to be disturbed by a number, more or less great, of outside circumstances. One has plenty of influence, another has not; one brings forward votes, another does not. In fine, you cannot, in cases of this kind, determine a result which is indeterminable, or rather, which is liable to be influenced by so many outside chances, by the ordinary rule of three. My advice is pretty much the same as Q.'s,—leave this question of value to take care of itself.

Fraternally yours,

THE CAST OF THE DIE.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE meeting of the General Committee was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under presidency of Bro. J. M. Case. There were also present Bros. Tate, Leggott, Dilley, Bolton, Brett, Berry, Goodall, Cottebrune, Edgar Bowyer, Bush, Webb, Stedwell, Adlard, Cabitt, Murlis, Lacey, Clarke, Gallant, Moore, Willing jun., and E. C. Massey. The Secretary reported that five deaths had occurred amongst the annuitants since the previous meeting of the Committee—three males and two females; the aggregate amount received by the five while on the funds being £940. The Warden's report stated that on the 11th ultimo an entertainment had been provided by Bro. Festa for the residents of the Institution at Croydon, to commemorate the occasion of his entering on his year of office as Master of the Montague Guest Lodge. The sum of £2000 now on deposit at Bank was ordered to be transferred to current account to provide for payments falling due, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques, of which a list was read by the Secretary. Of two applications from annuitants' widows for moieties of their late husband's annuities, one was granted, but the other gave rise to some discussion, as it appeared that the applicant had not been married for the full term of five years prescribed by the rules as a condition of eligibility. It was found that the Committee, who had in some similar cases waived this requirement, had in so doing contravened the rules, and it was therefore moved, seconded, and carried that Mrs. Lever was ineligible for the reduced annuity asked for. In reply to an inquiry, the Secretary stated that in some instances of this kind grants had been made by the Committee towards the support of the applicants until they could apply to be themselves elected annuitants, but that a notice of motion was requisite when it was desired to do this; whereupon Brother Dilley gave notice that he would, at the December meeting, propose that a sum of £10 be granted to Mrs. Lever. Nine petitions were presented on behalf of candidates for annuities to have their names placed on the list, from which selection will be made at next election. Of this eight were approved, and the names ordered to be added to the list; but the remaining petition gave rise to considerable discussion, and after the motion that it be received had been proposed, it was met by an amendment to the contrary effect, which was carried by a large majority. There being no other business before the Committee, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

STANDARD THEATRE.

BRO. James Willing jun.'s new sensational and emotional drama, entitled "The Ruling Passion," was produced on Monday evening at the National Standard Theatre, under the able auspices of the Bros. Douglass. It is replete with the strongest interest, and will, doubtless, when it has undergone some of the modifications and excisions the necessity for which only become apparent after a public presentation, secure a long period of popularity. Its reception on Monday was most favourable, though the scenes in the madhouse were too terribly realistic to exactly meet the taste of the audience. The scenery was of a character worthy in every respect of the reputation of the Standard and its energetic proprietors, and the stage accessories were equally to be commended. The acting of Mr. Edmund Leathes as the villain, and of Miss Louise Moodie as the twin sisters—Minnie Doone and Laurie Swaine—showed a complete appreciation on their part of the characters allotted, nor must we pass over the Nat Grey of Mr. Arthur Goodrich, the Dr. Dwining, keeper of the private asylum at Norwood, of Mr. Odell; while the Laura of Miss Katie Neville especially deserves praise. These several parts were most ably and felicitously interpreted. Those who think the height of dramatic representation consists in abundance of realistic situations will, we are sure, be pleased with "The Ruling Passion," the scene in which the heroine escapes in the balloon being especially terrible. By the way, we have seen it suggested in some of the criticisms on Bro. Willing's latest production, that the usual net to which the car lines of the balloon are attached was wanting. This is an error, and we may add that, in order to ensure a correct representation, the services of Mr. Wright, the well-known aeronaut, were called in, and he expressed his full approval of the balloon, and the arrangements for working it.

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TOO MANY DEGREES.

A MIDDLE-AGED lady, with a black alpaca dress, worn shiny at the elbows, a cheap shawl and bonnet, and her hands puckered up blue, as though she had just got her washing out, went into the office of a prominent Mason a few mornings since, and took a chair. She wiped her nose, and the perspiration from her face on a blue checked apron, and when the Mason looked at her with an interested brotherly look, as though she was in trouble, she said—

"Are you the Boss Mason?"

He blushed, told her he was a Mason, but not the highest in the land. She hesitated a moment, fingered the corner of her apron, and curled it up like a boy speaking a piece in school, and asked:—

"Have you taken the whole 233 degrees of Masoury?"

The man laughed and told her there were only thirty-three degrees, and that he had only taken thirty-two. The other degree could only be taken by a very few, who were recommended by the Grand Lodge, and they had to go to New York to get the thirty-third degree. The lady studied a minute, unpinned the safety pin that held her shawl together, put it in her mouth, took a long breath, and said—

"Where does my husband get the other two hundred degrees, then?"

The prominent Mason said she guessed her husband never got two hundred degrees, unless he had a degree factory. He said he did not understand the lady.

"Does my husband have to set up with a corpse three nights a week?" she asked, her eyes flashing fire. "Do you keep a lot of sick Masons on tap for my husband to set up with the other three nights?"

The prominent Mason said he was thankful that few Masons died, and only occasionally was one sick enough to call for Masonic assistance. When a Mason was sick, and away from home, or when his family desired it, the brethren were only too glad to sit up with him, but there were so many Masons, and so few sick, that it was only once in two or three months that a brother was called upon to sit up with anybody. "But why do you ask these questions, madam," said the prominent Mason.

The woman picked the fringe off her shawl, hung her head down, and said:

"Well, my husband began to join the Masons about two years ago, and he has been taking degrees or sitting up with people every night since, and he comes home at all times of the night, smelling of beer and cheese. I thought at first that the cheese was the result of his going to the Morgues to help carry Brother Masons home after they had been found in the river. He has come twice with the wrong pair of drawers on, and when I asked him how it was, he said it was a secret he could not reveal under penalty of being shot with a cannon. All he would say was that he took a degree. I have kept a little track of it, and I figure that he has taken 233 degrees, including the Grand Sky Fugle degree, which he took the night he came home with his lip cut, and his ear hanging by a piece of skin."

"Oh, madam," said the prominent Mason, "there is no Sky Fugle degree in Masonry. Your husband has lied to you."

"That's what I think," said she, as a baleful light appeared in her eye. "He said he was taking the Sky Fugle degree, and fell through the skylight. I had him sewed up, and he was ready for more degrees. After he had taken, I should believe, about a hundred and fifty degrees, I told him I should think he would let upon it, and put some potatoes in the cellar for winter, but he said when a man once got started on the degrees he had to take them all, or he did not amount to anything. One time I wanted a hat to wear to church, with a feather on, and he said feathers were all nonsense, and the next day he brought home a leather case with a felt coal scuttle in it, and a feather on it that could not have cost less than ten dollars, the way I figure millinery. And when he put it on, and I laughed at his ridiculous appearance, he began to throw his arms around, and I asked him what was the matter, and he said that was the grand hailing sign of distress, and if I did not look out an avenger would appear from a dark closet and run a toad sticker through me for a scoffer. He must have spent a fortune on the last hundred and fifty degrees. One morning he came home with his coat tail split right up his back, and his pants torn just as though a dog had chewed him, and one eye closed up, and a wad of hair pulled right out of his head, and he said he had been taking the 200th degree, but he would not tell me how it happened, because it was a dead secret. Sometimes a brother Mason comes home with him along in the morning, and they talk about a 'full flush,' and they both act full as they stand on the steps and talk about their 'pat hands,' and 'raising 'em out,' and 'calling,' and 'bob tail flush.' One night when he was asleep, I heard him whisper, 'I raise you ten dollars,' and when I asked him what it meant, he said they had been raising a purse for a poor widow. Another time he raised up in bed, after he had been asleep, and shouted, 'I stand pat,' and when I asked him what it meant, he said he was ruined if I told it. He said he had spoken the pass word, and if the brethren heard of it they would put him out of the way, even as Morgan was put out of the way. Mister, is 'I stand pat,' your pass word?"

The Mason told her it was not. That the words she had spoken was an expression used by men when playing draw poker, and he added that he did not believe her husband was a Mason at all, but that he had been lying to her all these years.

She sighed and said, "That's what I thought when he came home with a lot of ivory chips in his pocket. He said they used them at the Lodge to vote on candidates, and that a white chip elects and a blue chip rejects a candidate. If you will look the matter up and see if he has joined the Masons, I will be obliged to you. He says he has taken all the two hundred and thirty degrees, and now the boys want him to join the Knights of Pythias. I want to get out an injunction to prevent him from joining anything else until we get some under clothes for the winter. I will tell you what I will do. The

next time he says anything about Sky Fugle degrees, and consistency nonsense, I will take a wash-board and make him think there is one degree on Masoury that he has skipped, and now good-bye. You have comforted me greatly, and I will lay awake to-night till my husband comes from the Lodge with his pat hand, and I will make him think he has forgot his ante."

The lady went out to a grocery to buy some bar soap, and the prominent Mason resumed his business with a feeling that we are not all truly good, and there is cheating going on all around.—Geo. Peck.

The many friends of Bro. Jacob Norton will be deeply grieved to hear that for the last three months he has been stricken with a severe illness. From a letter just to hand from his son we learn that our worthy brother is now on the way to recovery, but when we bear in mind the age of Brother Norton, we can scarcely hope he will regain strength so rapidly as we feel all our readers could desire. Bro. Norton requests those of his correspondents who may deem him somewhat remiss in replying to their communications to accept this statement as a reason for any apparent discourtesy. We tender our deep sympathy with him in his affliction, and feel assured all English Craftsmen join us in the hope he may be spared for many years to continue the literary labours he has hitherto so ardently followed.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1267.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. Stevens W.M., Eugène Delacoste S.W., J. L. Mather P.M. as J.W., Soppet P.M. Treasurer, D. M. Dewar P.M. Secretary, Waters S.D., Tanner J.D., Hay I.G., Higgins Steward, P.M. Cramer, Percy Leith P.G.D., and a numerous attendance of members and Visitors, amongst the latter being the Grand Secretary Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and several distinguished Provincial Grand Officers. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Charles Toope, Corinthian Lodge No. 448, New York, was proposed as a joining member. Bros. Driver, Waters, Cowie and Rumsay were passed to the second degree, the work being ably carried out by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Eugène Delacoste S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and, in the presence of thirty W.M.'s and P.M.'s, duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Stevens, who carried out the duties in an impressive manner, that merited the encomiums passed on him by the brethren and Visitors at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bro. Dewar P.M. very efficiently acted as M.C. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. B. Stevens I.P.M., C. Waters S.W., W. Tanner J.W., Soppet P.M. Treasurer, D. M. Dewar P.M. Secretary, H. P. Hay S.D., H. Langridge J.D., T. L. Higgins I.G., C. Richardson Steward, Potter Tyler. The selection of Officers seemed to give every satisfaction. Letters of apology were read from Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, Col. Creaton G. Treasurer, Sir John Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. Hyde Pallen P.G.S.B., regretting their inability to be present. Heartly good wishes were tendered by the several Visitors. Bro. Percy Leith P.G.D. proposed that a Lodge of Instruction be established, to work under the warrant of this Lodge. The W.M. seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, seventy-eight in number, sat down to a *recherche* banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), which was superintended by Brother Dawkins. The repast gave unqualified satisfaction, the tables were artistically decorated, and buttonholes provided for every one present by the W.M. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and Mademoiselle Worrell sang the solo verses of the National Anthem. This was followed by that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Bro. Egbert Roberts sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." With the toast of the Grand Officers was coupled the name of Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, and Bro. Percy Leith P.G.D. Here Miss Isabella Stone sang a popular selection, with great taste and feeling, and was deservedly applauded. Colonel Shadwell Clerke said it was a great pleasure to return thanks on behalf of the distinguished Craftsmen the Grand Officers. There are only nine or ten offices in the gift of the Grand Master, and those brethren who receive them have to bear the heat and burden of the day. Personally he thanked them for inviting him. He had the pleasure of knowing the W.M. before he was a Mason, and was pleased to see him in the chair; he was also gratified to see how ably the I.P.M. had performed the ceremonies of passing and installation. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he tendered them his sincere thanks. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. followed. At this part of the evening Bro. Egbert Robert's sonorous voice was heard to great advantage in his popular song, "Big Ben." Bro. Stevens said he had wielded the gavel for two years, and need not take up their time in speaking of the merits of the W.M. He is a pattern to many in the Craft. He has been popular in every office he has been called on to perform, and the brethren would not have any cause to regret having elected him their Worshipful Master. The W.M., in reply thanked Bro. Stevens for his kind words. Whatever he had done he thought was but his duty, and for that he desired no thanks; he hoped their future would be such as the Lodge would be equally satisfied with. The next toast was one all the members would be pleased to receive; it was the health of the Installing

Master—Bro. Stevens. The W.M. might say he had never seen the ceremony better performed. Bro. Stevens had ably occupied the chair for two years, and he (Bro. Delacoste) hoped to follow in such able footsteps. Again a musical treat awaited the brethren. "Melodie," by Gounod, was sung by Miss Isabella Stone, while a violoncello obligato, by J. A. Brousil was given. Brother Stevens I.P.M., after acknowledging the honour done, said he was introduced to the Lodge by their respected Brother Hyde Pullen, and initiated by Brother Soppet. He then thought there must be something good in Freemasonry. The kindness he had received he should never forget. He passed through the chair, but, unfortunately, they lost by death the W.M. elect, and he was compelled to occupy it for a second year. He felt a great amount of pleasure in having the privilege to install their W.M., and hoped he had gained his approbation. The words uttered by the Grand Secretary it was a great satisfaction to him to hear; they would make a lasting impression on him. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. Brother Ramsay responded. Bro. Cramer returned thanks for the Past Masters, and Bro. F. Binckes made a forcible appeal in responding to the toast of the Masonic Institutions. The other toasts comprised the Treasurer and Secretary, the Wardens and Officers, &c., &c. To each full honour was done. The W.M. exhibited great judgment in selecting a musical party to add to the enjoyment of the meeting. To Bro. Edwin M. Lott was entrusted the arrangements, and he had secured the services of the popular favourite Madame Worrell, Miss Isabella Stone, and Bros. Egbert Roberts and J. Bronsil; these artistes exerted themselves most creditably. During the evening Bro. Pigache, by particular request, sang "The Chalet." The following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Dr. Ramsay, Mather, Hurdy, Jordan, Dankley, Higgins, Lott, Ruf, Green, Toope, Hobbs, De Grabowski, Kidder, Lemaitre, Festa, Cockerell, Delacroix, H. Wilde, Dickets, Armstrong, Shand, Coffin, Lintell, Wilde, Nicols, Dudley Rolls, Scott, Pigache, Binckes, Green, Armstrong, Kempster, Roberts, Graham, Berkeley, Hubinet, Levy.

THE THEATRES, &c.

- COVENT GARDEN.—PROMENADE CONCERTS.
- DRURY LANE.—At 7, FOGGED. At 8, PLUCK.
- ADELPHI.—At 7.15, FAMILIES SUPPLIED. At 7.45, DRINK.
- PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, AUNT CHARLOTTE'S MAID. At 8, THE ROMANY RYE. (Last night).
- VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, MONEY. This day, at 2.30 also.
- OLYMPIC.—At 8, FUN ON THE BRISTOL. (Last night).
- GLOBE.—At 8, A FAIR ENCOUNTER At 8.45, THE PROMISE OF MAY.
- CRITERION.—At 8, BRAVE HEARTS. At 9, BETSY.
- LYCEUM.—At 7.45, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. This day, at 2 also.
- SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.
- COMEDY.—At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.
- HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, NEARLY SEVEN. At 8.10, THE OVERLAND ROUTE.
- OPERA COMIQUE.—ON CONDITION. At 9.45, SOMETHING NEW.
- TOOLE'S.—At 7.20, WAITING CONSENT. At 8, GIRLS AND BOYS; a Nursery Tale.
- AVENUE.—At 7.30, WEDDING BLISS. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.
- GAITY.—At 7.40, DONE ON BOTH SIDES. At 8.15, LITTLE ROBIN HOOD. This day, at 2.30, also.
- ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, MERRY WAR.
- STANDARD.—THE RULING PASSION.
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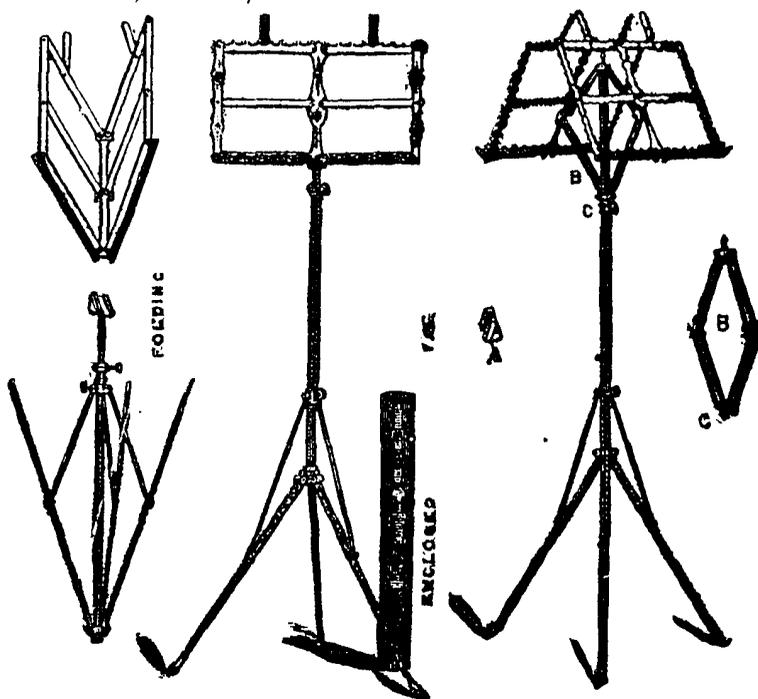
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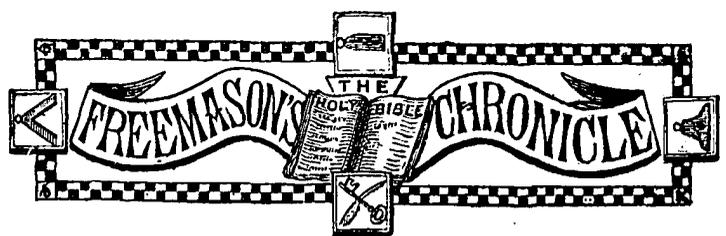
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Swindon, the receiving Lodge being the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295, New Swindon. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, presided, and was supported by Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M., Lord Harry F. Thynne, M.P., Prov. G.W. P.P.S.G.W., Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.G. Chaplain, F. H. Goldney Past G. Steward P.G. Treasurer, T. Ponting P.G. Reg., Henry C. Tombs Past G.D. P.G. Sec., W. T. Briscoe P.G. Sup. of Works, J. Chandler P.P.S.G.W. P.G.D.C., James Sparks, A. J. Beavan P.G. Pursuivant, William Nott P.P.G.J.W. Prov. Char. Sec., Alf. Plummer P.P.G.J.W., T. Graham P.P.G.J.W., C. F. Marshall P.P.G.S.W., T. S. Fatcher P.P.G.J.D., Rev. A. Law P.P.G. Chaplain, Rev. G. E. Gardiner P.P.G. Chaplain, S. Gauntlett P.P.G.J.D., J. H. Chandler P.P.G.O., W. H. Briuckworth P.P.G.O., W. S. Bambridge P.P.G.O., S. Badham P.P.G.O., Edwin Eyres P.P.G. Pur., E. Browne P.P.G.S.B., Robert Cook P.P.G.S.B., and many other brethren. There were comparatively few Visitors present, amongst them being Bros. Clement Tindway P.M. 592 P.P.G.D.C. Gloucester, C. E. Botley 780, &c. The roll of the various Lodges was called, and all were found to be duly represented. The Provincial Grand Master—Lord Methuen—after expressing his pleasure at again meeting the brethren, called upon the Prov. G. Secretary—Brother H. C. Tombs—to read the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also of a Lodge of emergency held on the 19th July last, at Devizes, principally for the consecration of a new Masonic Hall there for the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663. These minutes, which

were rather voluminous, having been duly read and confirmed, the Prov. Grand Treasurer—Brother F. H. Goldney—read an abstract of his accounts for the past year, which had been duly audited, the Charity account showing a balance in hand of upwards of £50 in addition to £100 invested in pursuance of the directions of the last Prov. G. Lodge. The accounts were approved. The Prov. G. Secretary then read the minutes of a meeting of the Charity Committee, held that morning. The Committee recommended a donation of £10 to the Prov. Benevolent Fund, and that two brethren who had offered their services should be approved as Stewards to represent the Province at the Festivals of two of the Masonic Institutions in the coming year, viz., Bros. Dr. Theobald Ringer 1533 P.M. 1303 for the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. James Sparks 1271 P.G.O. for the Boys' School. The Report of the Charity Committee and its recommendations were unanimously approved and adopted. A considerable discussion then took place as to the disposal of the balance on the Charity Fund account, and eventually it was resolved that £10 10s be placed on the list of each of the two Stewards named. The P.G. Master, before calling for the reading of the other reports, said that these were rather lengthy, and contained much valuable information which he thought would be much better appreciated if the reports were for the future printed and circulated with the Provincial Grand Lodge summons and agenda paper. The brethren would thus have time to consider them, and it would not then be necessary that such reports should be read in full at the Prov. Grand Lodge. This suggestion was unanimously approved. The Prov. G. Registrar—Bro. T. Pouting—read his usual annual report, which showed that the number of subscribing members in the Province, now 444, was practically the same as for the last two or three years. The report called attention to the fact that the outstanding subscriptions in arrear showed a very slight decrease, whilst the outstanding liabilities were considerably less, but that there was no other alteration in the main feature of the returns. It was especially noted that for the past three years two of the Lodges had neither outstanding assets nor liabilities. Accompanying the report the Registrar submitted an abstract, and the Lodge returns, dealing fully with the accounts both financially and otherwise, and made out on the averages for three years as had been done by his predecessors, and, in submitting it, he suggested that a summary, showing the totals of each Lodge return, would be more useful than one showing the averages for three years, as it would state accurately the position of each Lodge, and consequently of the Province at the date of the return, instead of only its general average position throughout a period of three years. The Provincial Grand Registrar's report was approved, and his suggestion adopted. Bro. William Nott, Provincial Charity Secretary, then read his report on behalf of the Provincial Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund Committee, which was as follows:—

CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

On behalf of the Committee I beg to lay before this Provincial Grand Lodge an account of its work during the past year.

This Province having no candidate for either the Boys' or the Girls' School, was enabled to so dispose of its votes as to more than cancel its indebtedness, and leave a small balance of votes owing to it.

On the Benevolent Fund account matters were different. It having been decided that the case of Mrs. Roach, the candidate adopted by the Committee, should, if possible, be carried at the election last May, arrangements were made by which this object was effected. Owing to the increase in the number of Wiltshire votes sent in to the Committee, to the good help given by outside friends of the candidate, and to certain advantageous arrangements which your Secretary was enabled to make, our candidate's success was secured with only a comparatively small debt being incurred by this Province on the Benevolent Fund account. Our candidate was seventh on the list of the thirteen successful candidates, with a total of 1448 votes.

Thus far as regards this Province more especially, it may be mentioned as regards the other Provinces with which Wiltshire is associated, that at the Boys' School election in April, out of the twelve successful candidates, four were from the allied Provinces, namely, one each from Lincoln, Worcester, Somerset and Leicester, whilst at the election for the same Institution in October now just past, the only case in which the association was interested, a Gloucester case, came in at the head of the poll. As to the Girls' School election, in April, the whole of the candidates were declared elected without ballot; in October the allied Provinces determined to run one candidate only, a Worcester case, and succeeded in carrying it, while the surplus votes beyond the number necessary were polled for a Somersetshire case which has been adopted for the election next spring.

As regards the Benevolent Fund and the other Provinces alluded to, a Widow's case from Bristol would, in addition to the Wiltshire case, have been successfully carried had it not been for some unfortunate mischance in the counting of the votes sent in. As it was, she was highest on the unsuccessful list, and at the next election there will, doubtless, be little difficulty in carrying her case, together with, it is hoped, those of two other candidates, one from Monmouth and one from Worcester.

Your Committee highly appreciates the hearty co-operation received from the representatives of other Provinces, and would more especially mention Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouth, R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somerset, W. H. Bowden Bristol, Geo. Taylor P.G. Sec. Worcester, Rev. W. Langley Leicester and Col. Basevi and his successor R. Vassar Smith, Gloucester.

In order to carry out the work which has been recapitulated, your Charity Secretary attended at three of the elections during the year.

The votes the Committee has had placed at its disposal by the Lodges in the Province, and voters connected therewith, during the last three years, have been as follows:—

	1880	1881	1882
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ...	372	407	475
" " Girls ...	350	372	356
" Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons ...	222	219	235
" " " for Widows ...	127	119	153
	1071	1117	1219

being an increase in this year over last year of 102 votes, and being considerably more than in any previous year.

The voting power of the Province is thus shown to be increasing, and it is very necessary that it should increase if Wiltshire is to hold its own at the elections, the number of votes necessary to carry a candidate at either of the Institutions having increased something like fifty per cent. during the past few years.

WILTSHIRE RECIPIENTS OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

As it may be interesting to the brethren to know what advantages are being derived by this Province from the various Masonic Charitable Institutions, the following particulars have been gathered together:—

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Three widows are now enjoying annuities of £32 each, or a total of £96 per annum. One (whose husband belonged to the Trowbridge Lodge 632) having been in enjoyment of her annuity for six years. Another (Devizes 663) for four years, the other (Chippendale 626) being the annuitant elected in May last.

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

The Wiltshire Scholars, with the Lodges to which their fathers belonged are as follows, and against the name of each is an extract from the Report of the Governness or Master of the School respecting them:—

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

- A. M. C. (Old Swindon 355), age 13, elected 1879, leaves the School 1885. "Will rise to third class after Christmas. Is a good girl."
- A. L. W. (New Swindon 1295), age 13, elected 1879, leaves 1885. "In fourth class; has lost time through delicate health, but is stronger, and likely to make more progress; is a good girl."
- E. M. G. (Salisbury 586), age 11, elected 1879, leaves 1886. "In fifth class and backward, but is a good little girl."
- F. J. N. (Old Swindon 355), age 11, elected 1880, leaves 1887. (No report.)
- G. E. B. (Old Swindon 355), age 11, elected 1880, leaves 1886. "In fifth class, but is likely to make progress; is a good girl."
- G. M. S. (Old Swindon 355), age 9, admitted 1882. "Is a nice little girl admitted this September; is backward."
- L. M. S. S. (Trowbridge 632), aged 10, admitted 1882. (No report.)

BOYS' SCHOOL.

- H. V. N. S. S. (Trowbridge 632), aged 12, elected 1877, leaves 1886. "Conduct satisfactory, ability and industry fair, and has much improved of late."

It will thus be seen that there are at present no less than eight Wiltshire children enjoying the advantages of education at these Schools, an education which must represent a money value of some £400 per annum and which, added to the annuities, gives a total of about £500 a year.

STEWARDSHIPS FOR THE CHARITIES.

During the year the following amounts have been taken up to the Festivals of the different Masonic Institutions by the following Stewards from this Province:—

Bro. Martin, Benevolent Institution ...	89	5	0
Dr. Ringer, Girls' School ...	56	3	0
William Nott, Boys' School ...	147	0	0
Dr. Ringer, " ...	15	15	0
Total ...	2308	3	0

BENEVOLENT FUND.

No claim as yet has been made upon this fund. The Committee has therefore been enabled to invest the whole of the income, thus helping to form a Capital Fund, which will in a short time be sufficiently large to afford from its investment a substantial annual income.

In last year's report the Committee was only able to furnish a provisional account of receipts and payments, but a complete account for the year ending 31st December 1881 is appended hereto.

Your Committee in its last year's report ventured to express an opinion that the number of contributing Lodges would this year be increased. Such anticipation has been realised, and there is every reason to hope that next year the whole, or nearly the whole, of the Lodges in the Province will be direct contributors to this fund.

Under the rules of this fund the Provincial Grand Lodge is entitled to nominate one of its Officers as a Life Governor of the fund, in respect of the donation of £50 voted to it last year. The R.W. the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Treasurer, the P.G. Reg., the P.G. Secretary, and the Charity Secretary are already *ex officio* members of the Committee. It is therefore suggested whether it would be desirable that this Provincial Grand Lodge should name another of its Officers to be a member of the Committee as Life Governor.

The Report was unanimously approved, but the consideration of the suggestion contained in the last paragraph thereof was postponed.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tombs, produced the report of the Bye-laws Committee, accompanied by the Draft of the Bye-laws, which such Committee recommended for adoption. These Bye-laws having been already well discussed in the Province, and generally approved, no discussion now took place upon them.

On the motion of Sir G. Goldney, seconded by Lord H. F. Thynne, the report of the Committee was adopted, and the Bye-laws, as presented, were approved and passed, and ordered to be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge; and it was resolved that if, and when, such Bye-laws were so approved, they should be printed and circulated in the Province.

Bro. James Powell W.M. of the receiving Lodge—the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295—asked permission to introduce for the approval of the Provincial Grand Master a banner which had been presented to the Gooch Lodge, the device thereon being the armorial bearings of the esteemed brother from whom that Lodge was named—Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart.—formerly D.P.G.M. of Wilts, but now the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks. Permission having been granted, Bro. Powell, accompanied by the Past Masters of the Lodge, retired, and re-entered with the banner in question. He begged leave to present their banner to the Provincial Grand Master, and to ask his sanction to its being used as the banner of the Gooch Lodge.

Lord Methuen, in reply, said that he most willingly gave his sanction, and that it would have given him additional pleasure if their dear friend, Sir Daniel Gooch, whose name they saw on the banner before them, could himself have been present on the occasion.

Bro. Powell thanked the P.G.M., and the banner was hung in its proper situation on the walls of the Lodge room.

Lord Methuen then said that a very pleasurable duty devolved upon him, and that was to recognise the services to the cause of Charity of two brethren, who during the past year had acted as Stewards for two of the Masonic Charities. He called upon Bro. W. Nott Prov. Charity Secretary, who having in previous years twice filled the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and once the like office for the Girls' School, and thereby become the possessor of the Charity jewel, and one bar, had in 1882 acted as Steward for the Boys' School (with a list of nearly £150), and thus entitled to a second bar. This bar the P.G.M. now, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presented to Bro. Nott, coupling the presentation with the remark that all the brethren were deeply indebted to him for his successful efforts during many years past in the furtherance of the cause of Masonic Charity in Wiltshire, and the hope that the Province would long have the benefit of his services.

Bro. Nott briefly returned thanks for the presentation, and expressed his gratification that his efforts in the cause of charity had been so well supported, and hoped that in the future he might still merit the approbation of his lordship and the brethren of the Province.

The P.G.M. next called up Bro. Deputy Surgeon General Theobald Ringer, of Lodge 1533, Marlborough (and P.M. of Lodge 1308), who had, during the past year, filled the office of Steward, both for the Girls' School and for the Boys' School, taking up for the former fifty-five, and for the latter fifteen guineas. This entitled him to the Charity Jewel, and such jewel the P.G.M. then, in accordance with the practice in the Province, presented on behalf of the P.G. Lodge to Bro. Ringer. Lord Methuen expressed the pleasure it gave him to thus recognise Bro. Ringer's exertions, and that it was with still further pleasure he found that brother's name down as one of the Stewards of the Province for the ensuing year.

Bro. Ringer thanked his Lordship and the brethren for this recognition of his services.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the letter issued by the Grand Secretary, dated 9th November 1881, declaring the precedence of Grand Officers over all Provincial Grand Officers (except Prov. G. Masters), whether in their own provinces or not. This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Committee as to Revised Book of Constitutions presented a report, in which certain alterations were recommended. This report was unanimously adopted, and the alterations recommended were directed to be submitted to Grand Lodge for consideration.

The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master then addressed the meeting, congratulating himself and Masonry on the excellent attendance that day. Masonry in this Province, fostered as it had been by such Deputy Grand Masters as Sir Daniel Gooch in the past, and Sir Gabriel Goldney in the present, still maintained its position, and showed that their influence on the Province had not been impaired by time. He himself felt deeply indebted to those Provincial Grand Officers, more especially to the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Tombs, who so kindly took so much of the labour of the Province off his hands, and he hoped that when he met them again he should be able, thanks to the valuable assistance of those Officers, to again congratulate them on the progress of Masonry in Wiltshire.

The P.G.M. in alluding to several matters which had been brought before them, more especially called attention to that part of the minutes of a preceding P.G.L. which expressed disagreement with Bro. Clabon's proposition to increase the dues to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence payable by Provincial brethren, and expressed a hope that the members of that P.G.L. would as far as possible make a point of attending Grand Lodge when the subject came on for discussion there, in order to support the resolution of the P.G.L. of Wiltshire.

Lord Methuen then declared all offices vacant.

On the proposition of Lord H. F. Thynne, seconded by the Rev. G. E. Gardiner, Bro. F. H. Goldney was re-elected by acclamation as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follow:—

Bro. Henry J. Birch 1295	...	...	P.G. Senior Warden
Col. J. R. Ford 335	...	...	P.G. Junior Warden

Rev. Canon Millar 626	...	...	P.G. Chaplain
F. H. Goldney 626 (reelected)	...	...	P.G. Treasurer
Thomas Ponting 1478 (reappointed)	...	...	P.G. Registrar
Henry C. Tombs 355 (reappointed)	...	...	P.G. Secretary
George Lopes 626	...	...	P.G. Senior Deacon
Edwin Browne 1295	...	...	P.G. Junior Deacon
J. H. Chandler 663	...	...	P.G. Supt. of Works
John Chandler 355 (reappointed)	...	...	P.G.D.C.
James Powell 1295	...	...	P.G.A.D.C.
T. C. P. Calley 355	...	...	P.G.S.B.
Frederick Harding 355	...	...	P.G. Organist
Joseph Gondge 1295	...	...	P.G. Pursuivant
John Savory 355 (reelected)	...	...	P.G. Tyler

This ended the business of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Goddard Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and warmly responded to.

We beg to draw our readers' attention to a modest little Masonic work published this week, and entitled "Occasional Papers on the History of Freemasonry." We cannot take upon ourselves to say much as to the "Papers" themselves, which have already appeared in our columns, nor need we lay much stress on the object in view in reproducing them in book form. They were compiled for the express purpose of being read in Lodges, and in Lodges of Instruction, and it is worthy of remark that, whenever any of them have been so read, they have met with a most flattering reception from all present. Now that they are before the Masonic public, they will, we trust, remove a complaint that has been often made in connection with the said Lodges of Instruction, to the effect that brethren would more regularly attend those useful Lodges, and take a greater interest in their proceedings, if there were occasional departures from the ordinary routine of work. These Papers, if utilised, will afford the much-needed relief from the monotony complained of. We have described the new publication as a modest little work, and modest it is, undoubtedly, in the important essential of price, which is only One Shilling. Our publisher has reason to be proud of this, when we bear in mind that the great obstacle to the free spread of useful Masonic literature has always been the exorbitant prices charged for works of no greater pretensions, and oftentimes possessing less interesting and instructive matter than this.

On Thursday, the 2nd instant, the members of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, paid a tribute of their respect to Bro. George Taylor, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Prov. Charity Secretary, who was first W.M. of this Lodge, by presenting him with a magnificent Past Master's jewel, specially manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of St. John's Square, Clerkenwell. The design embodies the Borough Arms, and the Arms and Crest of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, after whom the Lodge is named. The following is the inscription:—

Presented to Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR,
P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Secretary, P.M. 377 and 1874, and W.M. 560,
on the termination of his year of office as W.M. of the Lechmere
Lodge, No. 1874, in recognition of his labours in promoting
its foundation, March 1882.

On Thursday Bro. Richard Wilder was elected Mayor of Wallingford.

Mr. Paul Meritt, the well-known dramatist, whose name has become a household word throughout the entire English-speaking world in connection with such extraordinary dramatic successes as "Youth," "The World," "New Babylon," "Stolen Kisses," "Maukind," and "For Ever," has just completed an original ultra-sensational story of domestic interest, called "The Hidden Million," which has just been secured by the proprietors of the Pictorial World, and will form the entire Christmas number of that paper. The Story will be illustrated, by such distinguished artists as Robert Macbeth, Frederick Barnard, Hal Ludlow, Wal Paget, F. Burton, F. Barraud, W. B. Wollen, Charles Wyllic, M. Greiffenhagen, Lucien Davis, E. F. Brewtnall, Sidney Paget, and John Leighton, F.S.A.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1448—Mount Edgcombe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Fimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1688—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinnai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

MONDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
80—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Trottegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
180—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Jincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
597—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
599—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyric Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Heskoth, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Annual Supper of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7
86—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
199—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)

TUESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

- 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Muddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1849—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-ou-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Bolvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesday
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

- Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
593—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gilgall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Wykes, Masonic Hall, Driffild, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Chequer Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Johns Wood
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction).
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 607—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dulston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 683—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1630—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 768—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 933—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1395—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Now-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 6th inst., at Bro. McDiarmid's, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro' Junction. Present:—Bros. Westley W.M., Westmore S.W., Banks J.W., Johnson Preceptor, Perkins S.D., Taffs J.D., Cornock I.G.; also Bros. Heinrich, Littlewood, Philips, Denning, Keyse, McDiarmid, Carter, Skinner, Harvey, and Lowden. After preliminaries, the W.M. most efficiently rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising, Bro. Keyse acting as candidate. Bros. Harvey 177 and Lowden 1348, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Westmore was elected W.M. for ensuing fortnight. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned till the 20th inst. There will be no Lodge held next week, as on the 13th inst. the annual supper will take place, on which occasion Bro. Taffs S.W. 186, Lodge of Industry, will preside.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge met at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday the 4th inst. Present Bros. R. M. Jones W.M., Gribbell S.W., Galer J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Parkes S.D., A. M. Marks J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Gush, Houghton, Brasted, Rhodes, Nicholls, R. W. Pearey, and others. Lodge was opened in regular form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gush being the candidate. The first, second, and third sections were worked by Brother Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Brother Gribbell was elected to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to Brother R. M. Jones the W.M., this being the first time he had presided in this Lodge of Instruction.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting held on Monday, 6th inst., at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Cotton W.M., Taplin S.W., Brooks J.W., Rowles S.D., Taylor J.D., Bailey I.G. and Tyler, Tucker W.M. 1612 Preceptor; and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews P.M., who had previously given proof of his proficiency, being the candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, when Bro. Andrews P.M. worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Taplin was unanimously elected to the chair for the next meeting. Lodge was subsequently closed, with the usual formalities, and adjourned until the 13th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—There was a good meeting of this Lodge of Instruction on Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bro. Stokes W.M. was supported by Bros. Knight S.W., Payne J.W., Phillips S.D., Thurston J.D., Williams I.G., Terry P.M. Secretary, and a number of other brethren. Bro. Stevens P.M. and Preceptor was, owing to temporary indisposition, absent. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read, Bro. Stokes ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and subsequently a portion of the sections in the first degree were worked by the brethren. Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at 8 p.m. Bros. Tucker W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Mouson S.D., Geflowski J.D., Thomas I.G.; W. Goss P.M., &c.; Bros. Hadley 1612, A. Turner, S. Turner, Maton, C. E. Botley. The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Turner candidate. Bro. Hadley answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. A. Turner candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hadley 1612 was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Brother Goss proposed Bro. F. Botley be W.M. for the next meeting; this was seconded by Bro. Gomm, and carried unanimously. Bro. Goss having stated that he should unfortunately be prevented from attending the Lodge of Instruction in the future, Bro. Tucker proposed, and Bro. C. E. Botley seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Brother Goss for his past services to the Lodge. This was carried unanimously, and the brethren expressed their regret that Bro. Goss was leaving the neighbourhood. Lodge was then closed and adjourned till Friday, the 10th inst., at 8 p.m.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—The usual weekly meeting was held at its new quarters, the Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington, on Monday, 6th inst. Present—Bros. Chalfont W.M., Cuthbertson S.W., Smith J.W., Mote S.D., Douglas-Smith J.D., Hardy I.G., Taylor W.S.; also Bros. Dehane, Thomas, Wickens, Cursons, Simpson, Craig, Hart, Mitchell, Holland, Wood. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of raising and initiation were rehearsed, Bros. Craig and Cursons being the candidates. The Bye-laws having been read, the ballot was taken for the Officers for the ensuing twelve months, and was declared in favour of Bro. G. Read as Treasurer and Preceptor, and Bro. H. Dehane as Hon. Sec., Bro. Mote being appointed Assist. Secretary. Bros. Craig, Holland and Wickens were elected the Audit Committee. The Lodge was adjourned until Monday, 13th November, at 8 p.m., when Bro. Chalfont S.W. 1425 will be W.M.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—A regular meeting of this numerous and excellent working Lodge, was held on 6th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Myers W.M., Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., Lyon Treasurer, Albert Past Grand Pursuivant Secretary, Bean S.D., Walls I.G., S. B. Alexander and Dawsnap Stewards, Van Noorden Organist, Lazarus M.C.; P.M.'s M. Alexander, L. Alexander, Levy, Roberts, Hickman. Visitors—Davis 1222, Fletcher 180, Hart, Salmon, 1013, Dunlop 1138, Hirschman 609, Tucker 130, Antill 720, Posener 15. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Salinger, Deering, Lack, W. R. Davis 1422, and Beauchamp Roorkee (the latter by the courtesy of the W.M.) were raised to the third degree, and Bros. Lorie and L. Davis were passed. Both ceremonies were excellently and perfectly rendered. It was unanimously agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. G. A. Dodson P.M. on his recent bereavement,—the death of his mother. A notice of motion was given in by Bro. M. Alexander P.M., to be seconded by Bro. L. Alexander P.M., that the Lodge be removed, and that its future meetings take place on the third Mondays. On this an amendment was proposed by Bro. A. Roberts P.M., and seconded by Bro. S. Hickman, that the Lodge be removed and meet, as hitherto, on the first Monday in the month. After some discussion this was carried by a majority of eighteen. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Worshipful Master and those who had organised the removal of the Joppa Lodge. Brother W. Davis was proposed as a joining member. He, in reply, made a few pertinent remarks respecting his initiation in India, in the year 1873. He was present in Lodge when the M.W. G. Master visited it. He had been a Doctor in the army, and wished to become an active member of the Joppa Lodge. Shortly after this Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to light refreshments, when fifty-five, including Visitors, enjoyed their so-called off-night. The customary toasts were done full justice to.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday evening last, when there were present Bros. Perl W.M., Dixie S.W., F. Perl J.W., Forge J.D., Weeden S.D., P.M. Killick, W. F. Potter I.G., and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Potter answered the usual questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Potter acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Dixie was unanimously elected to fill the chair on Wednesday evening next, and the brethren then dispersed, after spending a pleasant evening. The annual supper will take place at the Cock Tavern, Highbry (Bro. Baker's), on the second Wednesday in December.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 7th inst. Present—Bros. Catlin W.M., Robinson S.W., Clark J.W., Forss S.D., Baker J.D., Dignam I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Smyth, Christian, Holsworth, Cracknell, Wardell, Darnell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smyth acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties by Bro. Christian working the first, and Bro. Forss the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. By invitation, the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections at the above Lodge on the 28th of November inst.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday last, there were present Bros. Seward W.M., Dyer S.W., Coop J.W., Smith J.D., Owen S.D., Wells Secretary, Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Bellerby I.G., Andrews P.M., Hadley, Henning. Lodge was opened with due formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Henning candidate. Bro. Jones delivered the charge. Bro. Coop, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. Hadley was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Dyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 14th November.

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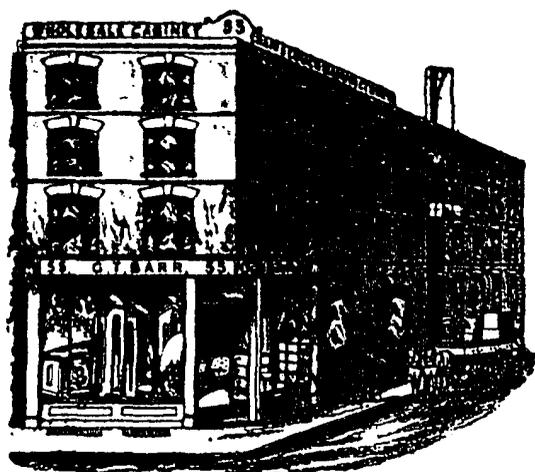
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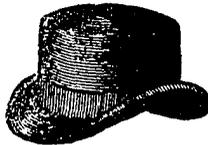
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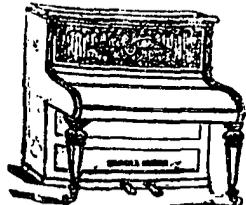
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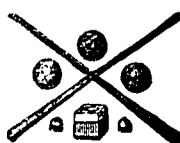
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