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## THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

(Continued from page 356.)

**R**ULE No. 170 concerns the "Annual return of members," and is in agreement with the first portion of Art. 26, p 69, and Rule No. 171—"Remittance of Fees, &c."—corresponds with the latter section of Art. 1, p 90, and a clause of Art. 26, p 69. They compare as follows, the new Rule being clearly much more precise:—

### REVISED EDITION.

"171. Every lodge when it makes the return of its contributing members, and of the brethren whom it has initiated or admitted, shall make a remittance for the registration fees, joining fees, fees for certificates, and quarterly contributions from each of its contributing members to the Fund of Benevolence (307, 308)."

### EXISTING EDITION.

26 (69). . . . "and at the same time remit all moneys due to the grand lodge." . . .  
1 (89) . . . . "Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, or admitted to join from lodges under other constitutions, shall, in addition to the register fees, make a remittance for the certificates, which may either be taken out of the initiation or joining fee, or charged separately to the brothers for whom the certificates are obtained at the discretion of the lodge."

The existing Rule has the demerit of vagueness in the latter part, while, as regards the expression "or admitted to join from lodges under other constitutions," it is manifestly faulty, as it leaves unnoticed altogether brethren who may be admitted into the lodge from other lodges under the same constitution.

No. 172 is a new and wise regulation, to the effect that "No lodge shall pay the quarterly contribution for a member who is in arrear, but his name shall nevertheless be returned with the words 'in arrear' written against it." Such a rule as this is not uncalled for, and is calculated to have the effect of arousing Lodges to a more regular collection of the moneys due from members. We have seen some Lodge accounts in which the annual subscriptions were terribly in arrear, while it is within the experience of almost every-one that when arrears are allowed to accumulate, they become in time hopelessly irrecoverable.

No. 173 provides for the "Return by provincial" (and district) "lodges" to the Provincial or District Grand Master of the particulars enumerated in No. 170, and the transmission of all moneys payable to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge. It agrees with Art. 2, p 73. Rule No. 174, as to the "Treasurer's accounts," is the same with Art. 15, p 66, but in a very reduced form.

### REVISED EDITION.

"174. All money received or paid for or on account of a lodge shall be from time to time regularly entered in proper books, which shall be the property of the lodge. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited, at least once in every year, by a committee appointed by the lodge."

### EXISTING EDITION.

15 (p 66). All moneys received or paid on account of the lodge shall be entered in proper books. *The fees or dues received on account of, and payable to, the grand lodge, and provincial grand lodge, shall be kept separate and distinct from the moneys belonging to the lodge, and shall be de-*

*posited in the hands of the master instead of the treasurer of the lodge, and shall be transmitted to the grand lodge, and provincial grand lodge at such time as the laws require. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited, at least once in every year, by a committee to be appointed by the lodge."*

The sentence in italics is very properly omitted. There is, in the first place, no reason why the Treasurer should not have the charge of all the Lodge moneys, whatever their ultimate destination may be, while, in the next, as regards the transmission of moneys due to Grand Lodge and Provincial or District Grand Lodge, it has already been provided for under Rules Nos. 171 and 173.

No. 175—"Rights of initiated brethren not prejudiced by neglect to make returns"—is substantially the same as the second paragraph of Art. 14, p 66. The introductory paragraph of the latter—"Every lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and in making the returns of its members, as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered"—is omitted, nor do we see any reason for its retention. As to the second paragraph, with which, as we have said, the new Rule corresponds, the neglect indicated consists not only "in not registering their names," but also in not "paying their grand lodge dues."

No. 176—"Annual return of masters, past masters and wardens"—embodies Art. 25, p 69, and Art. 5, p 19. It differs from the existing Law in fixing the time for the annual return to be made, namely, "immediately after the installation of the master." So far as this will have the effect of distributing over the year the work to be done in the Grand Secretary's office in connection with these returns, the introduction of this provision is a wise one. There is also this additional requirement at the end of the proposed Rule:—"This return shall also contain the full name and address of the secretary of the lodge."

Rule No. 177 concerns the "Penalty for neglect of returns," and embodies what of Art. 4, p 19, Art. 26, pp 69, 70, and Art. 4, p 90, relates to the subject. Much repetition is saved by this embodiment of the existing laws in one law, and we shall only quote the latter, leaving it to our readers to compare it with the former. It reads thus: "If any lodge shall during the space of twelve months neglect to make its return and payments to the grand lodge according to these regulations, it shall be liable to erasure, and the master, past masters, and wardens, shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge, or sit upon any board or committee, by virtue of any qualification derived from such lodge. This disqualification shall cease when the returns and payments shall be made." In the existing laws there is a certain degree of inconsistency. Art. 4, p 19, mentions "the master, wardens, and past masters" as not being, in these circumstances, permitted to attend grand lodge. Art. 26, pp 69, 70, confines the penalty to "the master, immediate past master, and wardens," so that, if this law stood alone, the other past masters would not be deprived of the privilege of attending Grand Lodge. It

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is needless to say that we consider the new rule preferable; it is a great improvement on the existing Rules, both as regards completeness and clearness.

Rule No. 178, like Art. 4, p 80, of which it is almost a verbal reproduction, provides that a "Lodge may regulate its own proceedings." No. 179—"voting"—is the second paragraph of Art. 2, p 62, but modified with advantage, as will be seen by contrasting the two.

## REVISED EDITION.

"Whenever it shall happen that the votes are equal upon any question to be decided by a majority of a lodge, either by ballot or otherwise, the master in the chair shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote."

## EXISTING EDITION.

2 (p 62). . . . Whenever it may happen that the number of votes shall be equal upon any question to be decided in a lodge, either by ballot or otherwise, the master in the chair shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote, excepting upon a ballot for a candidate for initiation or a brother to join."

The alteration of the words "in a lodge" in the first clause of the existing Rule into "by a majority of a lodge" renders the excepting clause unnecessary; though, having regard to existing Art. 4, p 85, which provides for the rejection of a candidate "if three black balls appear against him," we are at a loss to understand how any such excepting clause can have found its way into the said existing law.

No. 180—"Admission of members"—embodies most of the contents of Art. 12, p 65, introductory paragraph at p 82, "Of proposing members," &c., and Art. 1, p 79. Here again it will be seen that the proposed new Rule is incomparably superior to the Rules it is intended to supersede.

## REVISED EDITION.

"180. Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honourable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates, without due notice being given, or inquiry made into their characters, and qualifications; and from passing and raising masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, it is declared to be specially incumbent on all members of lodges to see that particular attention be paid to these particular points."

## EXISTING EDITION.

12 (p 65). "No lodge can make a mason, or admit a member, without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft."

(p 82). "Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honourable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates, without due notice being given, or inquiry made into their characters and qualifications; and from passing and raising masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, it is declared that a violation or neglect of any of the following laws shall subject the lodge offending to erasure, and no emergency can be allowed as a justification."

1 (p 79). "No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with."

We have but one suggestion to offer, and that is of an unimportant character. To avoid tautology the Rule should read "to see that *strict*"—instead of "*particular*"—"attention be paid to these particular points."

Rules Nos. 181—"Initiation"—and 182, "Initiation in cases of emergency"—correspond with the first and second paragraphs respectively of Art. 2, pp 83, 84. As regards No. 181 the words "unless his name, profession or occupation," are substituted for "unless his name, addition or profession,"—what "addition" may be is a mystery of mysteries—while the words, "with the names of his proposer and seconder" are very properly added. No. 182 is, in all important particulars, a reproduction of the second paragraph of the said Art. 2, p 84, the words "the name, profession, or occupation, and place of abode," being rightly substituted for "the name, &c." For the clause, "or in a summons for a lodge of emergency, to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons therefor," which is a very clumsy compilation, we would suggest, "or in a summons for a lodge of emergency, to meet at a period of not less than seven days from date of issue," with, if thought desirable, the words "of the said summons" superadded. The last sentence of the proposed Rule, "The master shall previously to the ballot being taken, read the proposition, and state to the lodge the cause of the emergency, which shall be recorded in the minutes," is better than the corresponding passage in the

existing Rule, "The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the propositions and emergency, to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge." In the 6th line of the new Rule for "circumstance" read "circumstances."

No. 183, like the earlier portion of Art. 3, p 84, states what must be the "age and circumstances of a candidate," the requirement that he shall be "his own master" being rightly struck out. No. 184 is the latter portion of the same article, but with the addition of the following sentence: "A person who cannot write is consequently ineligible to be admitted into the order." This, being a self-evident proposition, is hardly necessary; but if it is retained we should prefer the word "society" or "fraternity" for "order." No. 185—as to "Military candidates"—is Art. 8, p 86, but for the words at the end of the latter, "or by dispensation from the grand master, or provincial grand master" are substituted, "or by dispensation from the grand master, or provincial or district grand master of the province or district wherein the lodge may at the time be held." Some such extension of this part of the existing clause is clearly necessary in order to define its application. No. 186—as to "Joining members"—is virtually the same as Art. 1, p 83, while No. 187 is Art. 4, p 85, reproduced textually, with a wise provision added to the following effect: "and by-laws may also enact that a prescribed period shall elapse before any rejected candidate can be again proposed in that lodge." As regards No. 188—"An initiate may claim membership"—it must be read side by side with Art. 13, p 65, from which, on the surface, it does not appear to differ.

## REVISED EDITION.

"188. Every lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein, except a serving brother, unless such brother express his wish to the contrary on or before the day of his initiation, as no lodge should introduce into masonry a person whom the brethren consider unfit to be a member of their own lodge."

## EXISTING EDITION.

13 (p 65). "Every lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein, provided such brother express his wish to that effect on the day of initiation, to ascertain which the master shall call his attention to this law, as no lodge should introduce into masonry a person whom the brethren might consider unfit to be a member of their own lodge."

The insertion of the words "except a serving brother," may be thought necessary in order to give greater completeness, though the case is provided for under Rule No. 190. But the alteration of the clause, "provided such brother express his wish to that effect on the day of his initiation," into "unless such brother express his wish to the contrary on or before the day of his initiation" hardly appears to us to be a change for the better, as the latter—in our judgment at least—does not quite convey the same force as the clause for which it is to be substituted. The reason assigned is, in both cases, the same, namely, that a Lodge should not introduce into Masonry a person whom it does not consider fit to be one of its members. But is not this end more likely to be secured by requiring that the candidate shall express a wish to become a member of the Lodge wherein he is initiated rather than that he has no such wish? When a Lodge knows the person it is about to initiate is anxious to become one of its members, the brethren will naturally be more careful to make themselves certain of his being worthy of being introduced into Masonry. If, on the other hand, they know beforehand that he does not wish to be one of themselves, it is on the cards that they may concern themselves less immediately as to his worthiness to be admitted to the Fraternity. For ourselves, we should leave this clause as it is, only altering the words "on the day," into "on or before the day." As to No. 189, which, like Art. 6, p 86, limits the "number that can be initiated on same day" to five, "unless by a dispensation," the new Rule provides that the dispensation shall come "from the grand master, or the provincial or district grand master," whereas the existing Rule merely states that a dispensation for initiating more than five is necessary.

Bro. J. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts has kindly consented to rehearse the consecration and installation ceremonies in the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, held at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 7 p.m. It is expected there will be a goodly number of the brethren. Masonic clothing is to be worn on this occasion.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

ON Monday evening we had the honour of attending a Lodge whose "modest" dimensions was descanted on, to the infinite satisfaction of several of the speakers. Here, on Tuesday evening, we may say in the words of a popular poem, "the scene is changed." There is nothing "modest" about the dimensions to which the Royal Savoy Lodge has expanded. The Lodge is an offshoot of the Metropolitan, No. 1507, and now has nearly, if not quite 100 members on its roll. The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when the chair was taken by Bro. James Willing P.M., who was the first Master of the Lodge. It will be in the recollection of most of our readers that in our issue of the 21st October it was our painful duty to record the death of Bro. Jonathan J. Jones, the Worshipful Master of this Lodge, which took place after an illness of two or three weeks; consequently, since that date the Lodge has been without a Master. Lodge was opened at 3.30, when the members assembled, with the following visiting Visitors:—R. T. Elsam P.M. 201 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, A. Hardy 201, E. H. Smith 1642, B. Kauffmann I.G. 1732, J. Mason Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, W. Fountain 879, George Clark jun. 1777, R. G. Bell 534, G. S. Duke 1446, G. Emblin 147, G. A. Monsell 35, Richardson 1507, J. Garrod P.M. 754, W. M. Tegg W.M. 754, George Rowe J.W. 754, H. Thompson P.M. 177 and 1158, Henry Stiles W.M. 1507, A. Woodliffe 87, W. Adams 1687, Goode 1677, T. M. Ormeston 1507, Robert Biggar 820, C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, C. W. Hudson 315 and 1540 Prov. G. D. of C. Sussex, J. W. Tubby 1507, W. Abrahams 201, E. E. Barratt-Kidder W.M. 12, E. M. Money S.D. 28, J. Heaton S.W. 1260, J. R. Cox 1260, J. T. Salmons 917, W. J. Mosedge 1589, Edwin Storr Senior Deacon 167, H. C. Richardson 1627, Boney Past Master 79, Joseph Storey P.M. 1107, Frank Rothschild P.M. 1288, James Arnold 1472, J. W. Ager 947, C. J. Harris 79, T. C. Edmonds I.G. 1507, J. Hemming 1287, W. Harris P.M. 177, J. W. Simmonds P.M. 1288, J. Rothschild 1288, Charles Cockburn 129, William Bawbery 217, H. F. Roberts P.M. 79, W. M. Robinson W.M. 87, J. F. Saunders 1507, Arthur Millward W.M. 1677, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the audit committee was received and adopted. Bros. F. Jackson and R. Ross were raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Charles J. Knightley was passed. The ballot was taken for four candidates—Mr. William Reuben Dixon, proposed by Brother J. Willing P.M. Treasurer, seconded by Brother J. N. Hare; Mr. Charles Edward Hilton, proposed by Brother J. Willing P.M. Treas., seconded by Brother W. M. Stiles Secretary; Mr. Joseph Alexander Rees, proposed by Brother H. Hoare, seconded by Brother W. J. Jennings; and Mr. Henry Longman, proposed by Brother J. Bryan, seconded by Brother J. W. Smith I.G. In each case the result was unanimous, and Messrs. Dixon and Longman, with Mr. Sydney Clifford, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting, were introduced and initiated by the acting W.M. The W.M. elect was now presented, and Bro. Willing, in addition to the heavy work he had already performed, proceeded with the Installation ceremony. The Board of Installed Masters was an exceptionally large one, and all expressed their approval of the way in which the work was done. On the re-admission of those below the degree, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed the following as his Officers:—W. Cook S.W., Deller J.W., Jas. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles P.M. Sec., Holt S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., Jaques I.G., J. C. Smith M.C., Sillis A.M.C., Callahan Senior Steward, H. Dickie Junior Steward, Greenfield Organist, Mabey Assistant Secretary, Koester Past Master Tyler. The addresses were delivered in a careful manner by Bro. Willing, who on taking his seat had conferred on him the honour of a vote of thanks for his services. This having been suitably acknowledged, a proposition was made that as the late W.M. had left a widow and several children badly provided for, a petition should be sent in to the Board of Benevolence on her behalf, and this was signed by several of the members present. The Lodge also, taking into consideration that Bro. Jones would, had he lived, have had a Past Master's jewel voted him for his services, resolved to vote a sum of Ten Guineas for the immediate necessities of Mrs. Jones. A feature of the proceedings of the evening was the presentation to the esteemed Secretary, Bro. W. M. Stiles, of a substantial gold watch, which had been subscribed for by members of the Lodge. At the same time, the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, of which Bro. W. M. Stiles is the Preceptor—not to be outdone—embraced the opportunity of testifying their appreciation of Bro. W. M. Stiles and presented him with a very handsome chain. The watch bore the following inscription:—

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BRO. W. M. STILES M.E.Z. 1507, P.M. 1732, AND SECRETARY 1744,  
by the members of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744,  
and a few other brethren,

in appreciation of his invariable courtesy and valuable services as Secretary, since the formation of the Lodge.

Of course these gifts were fully appreciated and acknowledged by the recipient, who remarked that every time he looked at this valuable gift of theirs it would not only inform him of the progress of time, but would serve to remind him there were a large number of brethren who appreciated the fact that he was an earnest Freemason who tried to do his duty; and that he had been fortunate enough to gain a host of friends by the truly Masonic policy of striving to be happy, and communicating happiness to others. The banquet was served in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and a very large party sat down to do justice to it. Brother Hyland, who has acquired and profited by the experience he has gained as Worshipful Master of another popular Lodge, makes a capital president, and on this occasion fully sustained his reputation. The

routine toasts were done full justice to, Brother H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary responding for the Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Willing said he believed it would be admitted he generally had plenty to say; on the present occasion that was not the case. The toast he was about to propose—The health of their newly-installed W.M.—required no words to recommend it. Bro. Hyland had always proved himself anxious to carry out the work of Freemasonry, and there was no doubt that occupying the principal chair in the Royal Savoy Lodge would afford him ample opportunity of exercising that skill which he was known to possess. He was quite sure that Brother Hyland would also do all that lay in his power to promote the happiness of the brethren. The Royal Savoy was not a Lodge of grand pretensions: it was content with good work among its Officers, and goodwill among its members. It was not necessary for him to petition them for goodwill and consideration for their W.M., because he was sure that was already secured by what Bro. Hyland had done in the past; this was the best guarantee they could have of what his conduct in the future would be. After the W.M. had thanked Bro. Willing for the kind things he had said of him, he assured the brethren he would strive to the utmost to keep up the reputation of the Lodge. For "The Visitors" replies were made by Bros. Barratt-Kidder, H. Stiles, Harris, Hudson, Storey, Elsham and Edwin Storr, who explained the share taken in the production of the testimonial to their Preceptor by the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Several other toasts were given, and the proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character. All present vieing the one with the other to sustain the harmony of the meeting.

**New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.**—This successful Lodge held its usual meeting at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday evening last. Brother Marks occupied the position of W.M., supported by Brothers Ferrar S.W., Thompson J.W., Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Dixie S.D., Weeden J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Brothers Harper P.M., Pierpoint, Poller, Boulton, Haslip, Chipperfield, Priestly. Lodge was duly opened, and the previous minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able manner, Brother Priestly acting as candidate. Brother Chipperfield having proved himself an efficient E.A., was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was resumed to first degree, when Bros. Chipperfield and Priestly were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks was then recorded to the W.M. of the evening, Brother Marks, for the efficient manner he had filled that position, it being the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Brother Ferrar was elected to the chair of K.S. for the ensuing meeting. A vote of thanks was also recorded to the brethren who had so kindly contributed towards the renovating of the room. It can now safely be said that this Lodge is one of the best appointed and, as regards comfort, complete in the North of London. The annual supper will take place on the 13th December, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30 sharp.

The anniversary banquet of the members of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, will take place at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road (forty yards from Shoreditch), on Friday, 8th December inst. Tickets (price 3s 6d) can be had of the Secretary, Bro. H. Free 1227. Bro. R. Pearcy W.M. 1227 will preside on this occasion.

"Wherefore, Sweet Maiden;" a Song. Words by Bro. H. J. Moxon, Music by Bro. F. Julian Croger. We have received a copy of this very tuneful melody, and predict it will become popular amongst the young folk who are in the May time of their days.

Brother George Markham Tweddell requests us to announce that he has now ready for the Press, to be published as soon as a sufficient number of copies are subscribed for, bound in blue cloth, gilt lettered, price Half-a-Crown, to be paid for on delivery, "A Hundred Masnic Sonnets," illustrative of the principles of the Craft. Subscribers' names will be thankfully received by the author, Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Yorkshire, and the copies duly forwarded as soon as they are received from the binder.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Outward infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies, many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.

## Obituary.

## BROTHER J. W. FORGE.

IN another column will be found a record of the death of Bro. J. W. Forge. Our late brother served every office in the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, and was one of its oldest members. Although seriously ill as far back as last January, he was present at the consecration of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, when his brother by birth, R. P. Forge, was installed as the first Master by the Grand Secretary Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. Brother J. W. Forge was much respected by a large circle of acquaintance.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Agricultural Hall, Oakham, in the county of Rutland, on Tuesday, 21st November. In consequence of the inclement state of the weather, and the distance of the place of meeting from most of the Craft Lodges in the Province, there was only a moderate attendance.

The Vale of Catmos Lodge, 1265, under whose banner the Prov. Grand Lodge assembled, was opened at half-past one o'clock, shortly after which the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the Lodge-room, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master being received with the customary honours.

Amongst those present were W. Bros. G. Toller jun. P.G.S.B. Eng. D.P.G.M., Rev. W. Langley P.P.G.S.W. acting D.P.G.M., T. Harrold Prov. G.J.W., Rev. J. Bird Prov. G. Chaplain, Waite Prov. Grand Treasurer, Wright Prov. G. Registrar, Partridge Prov. G. Secretary, Allen Prov. G.S.D., Young Prov. G.D.C., Crow Prov. G.A.D.C., Gibson Prov. G.P., Walker Prov. G.A.P., Marris and Butler Provincial G. Stewards, Law Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Tanser and Dunn Prov. G. Tylers, Carrick, Crofts and Duncombe P.P.G. Junior Wardens, Richardson and Kelp P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Bennett P.P.G.J.D., Stretton P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Halford and Barber P.P.G.A.D. of C's, Wilkinson P.P.G.P., and many others.

Before proceeding with the business of the day, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master said he was sure that the brethren would hear with regret that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master the Earl Ferrers, who had intended to be present on that occasion, and had arranged to instal the W.M. elect of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, was prevented from attending, in consequence of having met with an accident in the hunting field.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then took the chair of the Craft Lodge, and in a very impressive and able manner installed Bro. Miles J. Walker as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards opened in form, and the rolls of Lodges and of Provincial Grand Officers were called, the former roll being answered by all the Lodges in the Province except St. Peter's, 1330, and the latter showing an unusually large number of absentees.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting, and of a special meeting, held in May last, on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Leicester were duly confirmed.

The Report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes was read, and, upon motion duly made, was received and adopted. The Report, amongst other matters, referred to the Royal visit to Leicester, in May last, the presentation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of a Masonic address of welcome on that occasion, and to the satisfactory arrangements made for the ceremony and the successful way in which they were carried out. The next subject was the draft of the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, of which, after explaining at some length the more prominent changes made in the existing laws, and with the exception of revised article No. 172, the Committee expressed their approval, the work appearing to them to have been carried out with much thought and attention, and to be a great improvement on the existing edition. As to article No. 172, the views of the Committee and of the Authors of the proposed revision were at variance. The Provincial Grand Lodge, at its last annual meeting, favoured the enforcement of the payment of quarterage in respect of members whose subscriptions were in arrear, at which meeting the question was fully discussed. The Committee had since been unable to discover any fresh reason for changing their views, and they suggested that Provincial Grand Lodge should oppose the adoption of the new rule. The motion of Bro. J. M. Clabon P.G.D., proposing an increase in the Quarterage payable to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, was also referred to in the Report, the Committee stating that the views of the several Lodges in the Province had been asked, and there appeared to be a general concurrence of opinion that the proposed increase was undesirable. A few appropriate remarks on the loss the Province had sustained by the deaths of some of its Past Provincial Grand Officers brought the Report to a close. The P.P.G. Officers referred to were the late Bros. J. M. McAllister P.P.G.S.D., Capt. E. B. Hartopp P.P.G. Reg., Major C. T. Freer P.P.G.S.B., and the Rev. J. O. Picton P.P.G. Chaplain.

The following Report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read and duly adopted.

### THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE.

In presenting their Annual Report the Committee are glad to be able to state that their Candidate for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who was unsuccessful at the October election of 1881, was elected in April last, though at a heavy cost of voting power.

After the October election of 1881 the Province owed 625 boys' votes. This indebtedness was raised in April to the large sum of 1,179. This at first sight may seem to have been a rash and unwise act, but it must be remembered that, as a large number of votes had been already expended on the case, the sooner the boy was elected the better, to save waste at future elections, and secure his entrance upon the advantages of the School before he became too old. No votes were, in fact, wasted, as he was amongst the lowest of those elected. To the Secretaries of the Provisional Charity Committees of Wilts, Monmouthshire, Derbyshire, and North Wales, for their kind help in lending votes, the Committee feel that their thanks are due. At the election in October the outstanding debt was reduced to 975. The Committee hope that brethren will do their best to support this excellent Charity at the next Festival, and they would remind them that money given to the Building Fund in the next year will secure a double quantity of votes.

The Committee now hold 471 girls' votes, which will be called up at the April election, and polled for the daughter of a deceased bro-

ther of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, who has been adopted as their candidate.

In the Old People's Charities the Committee are still 100 votes in debt from the election in 1880, but these will be cleared off in May next.

An application for relief has been made by the widow of a member of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, and a sum of £5 5s was voted by the Committee for her present needs.

The Committee have pleasure in proposing the name of W. Bro. J. G. F. Richardson, P.M. 1560, as Provincial Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and they have voted a sum of £21 to be placed on his list when appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The accounts have been duly audited, shewing a sum of £39 11s 8d to the credit of the Committee.

(Signed) S. S. PARTRIGE P.P.G.S.W.  
Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
13th November 1882.

The Report of the Committee of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association was presented and received.

The Committee report that the two half-yearly drawings had taken place, as usual, when twenty-three Life Subscriberships were drawn. The number of Life Subscriberships drawn since the formation of the Association, in 1878, was ninety-three, which represented a considerable permanent accession to the voting strength of the Province. The number of members was 134. The Committee draw special attention to the recent elections for the two Masonic Educational Charities. At the October election for the Boys' School, candidates polling a less number than 2464 votes were unsuccessful, and for the Girls' Institution the lowest successful number was 2212. Five or six years ago 1000 votes, or less, would generally be sufficient to ensure the election of a boy candidate, and a still smaller number was required for election into the Girls' School. In the face of these facts the Committee pointed out that the necessity for an Association of this description, and for its being heartily and systematically supported, need hardly be insisted on if local candidates for the future were to stand any chance of election.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer then submitted his annual statement of accounts, which was duly passed.

The Provincial Grand Registrar's report showed an increase in the number of subscribing members in the Province; but, though small, it was believed that the accessions to the rolls of the several Lodges during the past year comprised those only who would help to sustain and add credit to our Order. In other respects, the report stated that the several Lodges in the Province were in a very satisfactory condition.

The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was next in order on the agenda paper, when W. Bro. Robert Waite P.P.G.J.W., who has now held the office for several years, was unanimously re-elected, a vote of thanks for his past services being at the same time accorded to him.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master having declared all offices vacant, proceeded to invest the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Clement E. Stretton P.M. 279	...	G. Senior Warden
Miles J. Walker W.M. 1265	...	G. Junior Warden
Rev. J. Bird P.M. 442 1560	...	G. Senior Chaplain
Rev. Ambrose P. Dawson 1560	...	G. Junior Chaplain
Robert Waite P.M. 279	...	G. Treasurer
Joseph Barber P.M. 50	...	G. Registrar
Samuel S. Partridge P.M. 523	...	G. Secretary
John Halford P.M. and W.M. 1391	...	G. Senior Deacon
John Orlando Law W.M. 279	...	G. Junior Deacon
R. Bradshaw Smith W.M. 50	...	G. Supt. of Works
Joseph Young P.M. 523	...	G. Director of Ceremonies
Edgar Taylor I.P.M. 523	...	G. Asst. D.C.
William S. Black W.M. 1130	...	G. Sword Bearer
Alfred Lewin I.P.M. 779	...	G. Organist
George Oliver W.M. elect 1007	...	G. Pursuivant
John Hassell W.M. 779	...	G. Asst. Pursuivant
Edward H. Butler 1391	...	G. Standard Bearer
Robert Michie 279	...	G. Steward
Robert R. Cole 50	...	"
Benjamin A. Smith 523	...	"
James F. Hodson 1007	...	"
Edmund Jeeves 1130	...	"
Charles Oliver 1391	...	"
Thomas Dunn 523	...	G. Tyler
James Tanser 279	...	"

W. Brother Captain Richardson P.M. 1560 P.P.G.S.B. was unanimously appointed to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge as Charity Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read a letter from the Grand Secretary of England, on the subject of Brother Clabon's motion, when, after some discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge considers the proposed increase in the Quarterage payable by Craft Lodges to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, as suggested by Brother J. M. Clabon's motion, both undesirable and unnecessary."

After some further business the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form.

The annual banquet afterwards took place at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the admirable catering of the worthy host Brother J. Read giving every satisfaction.

The beautiful peal of bells in the Parish Church was rung in honour of the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

## KNIGHT TEMPLARISM IS THE BANE OF ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY.

A CORRESPONDENT, who signs himself "A Christian Mason," calls our attention to an editorial paragraph in our last issue (which we have placed at the head of this article), and questions the correctness of our assertion.

The *nom de plume* he assumes is, perhaps, the best criterion of the truth of our statement. For, had he been thoroughly imbued with the principles taught by Craft Masonry, he would have felt how incongruous is the appellation assumed by him.

A man may be a good Christian or a good Jew, and at the same time be a Mason; but he cannot be a Christian Mason or a Jewish Mason, because it would be inconsistent with the primary teachings of the Institution, and in flat opposition to the tenets of the Fraternity.

Knight Templars claim to be Christian Masons.

Their existence is an historical deception, and a fraud upon Masons and Masonry.

With the former we have nothing to do; the latter only concerns us. They are a fraud upon Masons because they falsely hold out to the Masonic world that they confer Masonic degrees; they are a fraud upon Masonry because they pretend to be a higher Order of Masons, and because their teachings are subversive of the pure truths of Masonry.

Whether a man uses Masonry for selling clothing, trading in hogs, gathering Republican voters, or bringing souls to Jesus, he is a fraud.

Jews believe in God, *one and indivisible*—that is the foundation of their faith.

Christians likewise believe in God—but triune and divisible in character.

A number of Jews styling themselves Jewish Christians, teaching a trinity and claiming to be the simon pure descendants of the apostles, would occupy the same position in the religious world as the Knight Templars occupy in the Masonic world.

They might go to the synagogue on Saturday, and proclaim the unity of God (as the Knight Templar does when he goes to the Masonic Lodge as a Mason), and the next day to church and proclaim the trinity of God (as the Knight Templar does in his Asylum), but the world would condemn them as inconsistent frauds, and their followers as silly dupes.

The Knight Templars are the Jesuits of Freemasonry.

Scratch a Grand Lodge politician and you will find a Knight Templar.

Show us a Mason who believes it inexpedient to strike out everything sectarian from the ritual, and we will show him to be a Knight Templar, more suited for a Conventicle than a Lodge-room.

The insidious manner in which the Commandery is given a prominent position at Masonic celebrations—the allusion in Masonic eulogies to the exalted position occupied by the deceased brother in Templarism—the occupancy by them of rooms in Masonic halls to give them a quasi-Masonic reputation, justify us in styling them the Jesuits of Freemasonry.

Their society may be composed of Masons exclusively, but that gives them no right to foist themselves upon the Fraternity as a Masonic body.

Suppose one thousand Masons, professing the Jewish faith, were to organise a society and dub themselves Knights of the Temple, or Defenders of the Sanctuary, or any other seductive name that would tend to rope in greenhorns, instead of wearing white plumes and billy-cock hats, they would wear turbans with gorgeous feathers of red, white and blue. Instead of walking a-foot they would be mounted upon gayly-caparisoned chargers; instead of a cross upon their banner with a Latin motto, "By this sign shall ye conquer," they would inscribe in Hebrew characters, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is ONE." Does any sane Mason imagine that a single Grand Lodge would afford them house-room in their Masonic hall, accept their escort in a Masonic procession, or eulogise their knightly character? We think not; neither will it ever be attempted, for Jews who are Masons are neither frauds nor fools. But it all depends whose ox is gored.

More anon.

Who will start a home for aged and infirm Masons?

THE THREE GREAT LIGHTS.—The light of reason, nature and revelation.

There are 123,557 Royal Arch Masons upon the rolls of the various States.

Now the time approaches when the Senior Warden gazeth wistfully at the East, and smileth graciously with the boys.

Why the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas should be embellished with wood cuts of a cross is something we cannot understand.

There are only two Lodges in the city of New York which make a liberal provision for the widows of deceased brethren—King Solomon's and True Craftsman.

Should any Grand Chapter adopt the revised translation of the New Testament, the Craft will no longer murmur at their wages, for they will receive a *denarium* instead of a penny a day.

Every Master should be able to draw his own designs upon his trestle-board. It is the oft-repeated monotonous lecture which makes the work dreary and keeps the members away from Lodge meetings.

[An esteemed correspondent sends us the above excerpts, which are taken from an American paper.—Ed. F.C.]

## MARK MASONRY.

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### PROV. GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual communication of Mark Master Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, 22nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough, under the banner of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 95. At 1 p.m. Lodge was opened, and the Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. J. Woodall and his Officers were received with the usual honours. Bro. S. Middleton Prov. G.D.C. then proceeded to perform the ceremony of installation, and placed Bro. V. Fowler in the chair of the Star in the East Lodge. After this the chair was assumed by the Prov. G. Master, who proceeded to open his Lodge, there being a full attendance of brethren from York, Hull, Driffield, Malton, Bridlington, Beverley, and other towns, amongst the Visitors being Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School. The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, as also was the Prov. G. Treasurer's report and balance sheet. The Prov. G. Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the year as follows:—

Bro. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.M. York ...	Dep. Prov. G. Master
Past Grand Warden ...	
J. S. Cumberland P.M. York (T.I.) ...	P.G. Senior Warden
J. Murray P.M. Scarborough ...	P.G. Junior Warden
T. Thompson P.M. York ...	P.G. Master Overseer
M. E. Collingwood W.M. Middlesborough ...	P.G. Senior Overseer
S. Chadwick P.M. Driffield ...	P.G. Junior Overseer
Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. York...	P.G. Chaplain
J. M. Meek P.M. Middlesborough ...	P.G. Registrar
T. B. Whythead P.M. York P.G.M.O.	P.G. Secretary
J. Marshall P.M. Malton ...	P.G. Senior Deacon
G. Wilson P.M. Beverley ...	P.G. Junior Deacon
A. Fraser P.M. Scarborough ...	P.G. Insp. of Works
S. Middleton P.M. Scarborough ...	P.G. Director of Cer.
M. M. Reynard W.M. Driffield ...	P.G. Sword Bearer
T. Marshall S.W. Beverley ...	P.G. Inner Guard
J. W. Marshall Malton ...	P.G. Organist
W. R. Metcalfe Malton ...	
G. S. Highmoor Beverley ...	P.G. Stewards
J. Elgey Duffield ...	

Bro. J. Todd P.M. York was then re-elected Treasurer, and after some other business, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. The Star in the East Lodge was closed by the newly-installed W.M., and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the Prov. Grand Master presided over a banquet, at which most of the brethren were present.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.—The quartely meeting of this Lodge was convened last week at Anderton's Hotel, Fleetstreet, when the brethren and visitors assembled under the presidency of Bro. Richnell P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. C. Walls P.M., C. J. Brown S.W., John Dodson J.V., F. Farrington M.O., W. Farrington S.O., Robert Skelton J.O., and many others. At the conclusion of business a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, after which the usual Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were honoured, in the course of which the W.M. took occasion to refer to the joy it afforded all Englishmen, and especially Mark Masons, to see Her Majesty taking so prominent a part in State affairs, particularly in regard to the welcome home of the heroes who had fought in the Egyptian campaign. He also alluded to the rapid spread of Mark Masonry in London and the Provinces, and paid a high tribute of praise to the rulers of that branch of Freemasonry in which they were this evening most specially interested. Bro. Walls gave the health of the W.M., to which toast Bro. Richnell duly responded, and in turn gave the Visitors, in whose behalf Bro. Keith Frith, barrister-at-law, replied in an eloquent speech. Several other toasts, interspersed with harmony, were honoured, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

## AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you please make known to the Craft, through your widely circulated journal, the existence of an impostor, who claims the help of Masons by stating she is "the widow of Bro. Thomas Lempriere P.M. and Treasurer of St. John's Lodge, Melbourne."

She tells a pitiful tale of her husband's murder in Alexandria, on 11th June last, and of dreadful suffering and privations on her own part.

I wrote, on the 9th August last, a letter addressed to the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Melbourne, and have just received a reply from the D.G. Secretary for Victoria, to whom my letter was handed, saying—

"We have in this city but one Lodge of that name, viz., the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729. I am afraid you have been grossly imposed upon by the so-called widow of Thomas Lempriere, because the only brother of that name in Lodge 729 is myself. I am the Secretary, and have been a member since 1858, and need hardly say I am pleased to observe that I am alive and in excellent health."

I can only regret not having been able to give this conclusive evidence of an imposture before, and fear that other Lodges, like my own, have been victimised.

Yours fraternally,

R. C. MOUNT W.M. 414,  
Prov. G. Senior Warden Berks and Bucks.

25th November 1882.

## WHAT CAME YOU HERE TO DO?

FROM THE MASONIC REVIEW.

IF the above query were propounded to each Brother as he entered the door of the Lodge, I fear very few would be able to give a ready and unconventional answer. The friends, as well as the enemies of our Society, entertain curious ideas of what transpires within our tyled doors, and very many of the more desirable material among the former are to some degree disappointed, when permitted to share in our labours, to discover that the occult and most interesting beauties of our science are crowded into obscurity by less intellectual and, I may say, un-Masonic observances. Initiating, passing and raising candidates, are in many Lodges, and in the opinion of many Masons, the only occasion when anything of interest is on the trestleboard, and when such labour is not marked upon it the irrational conclusion is hastily formed that Masonic progress has come to a standstill.

It were well that Masons should not only remember but thoroughly understand that the mere initiation of a candidate is only a ceremony—only an initiation; it does not make a man a Mason to acquaint him with the methods of satisfying others that he is one; nor is it true loyalty to the Craft for Masons to be so ready to invest every passable candidate with its rights and privileges. Every man of negatively good qualities admitted to the Fraternity makes one with whom all the other members are to be averaged. The number three is one of great universality in Masonry, and will serve to illustrate the idea presented. Let 1 represent the standard of Masonic excellence, 2 a medium, and 3 a negatively good character, one that presents no reasons why it is fit to work into Masonic material, and none why it is unfit. Three candidates representing these relative qualifications present themselves, are accepted, and with what result? Freemasonry's standard is not maintained, but is lowered to accommodate what may, with many chances in its favour, become rubbish in the attempt to give it the Masonic dressing. The admission of such candidates is a guarantee to each of them that men of similar calibre are eligible, and as friends usually present the petitions of friends, this brother's friends will be the only kind he will offer for inspection, and they are a kind that hope for Masonic respectability to give them *caste*.

A few years ago a moral and industrious young man petitioned one of the Lodges in the city in which I resided. I was well acquainted with him, and the Master of the Lodge to which he made petition enquired of me respecting his reputation. He remarked that he had learned his habits were good, usually spent his evenings with ladies, or in promenading the streets, dressed neatly and acting gentlemanly—but, and here he smiled—"he parts his hair in the middle, and I doubt his ability to appreciate Freemasonry." The candidate was accepted and initiated, and is quite often seen at Lodge, a quiet and apparently interested spectator; he was once elected and installed Junior Deacon, but never qualified himself, and is now, as he will always be, a nominal Mason, and the doubt expressed by the Master I have observed to be well founded. Masonry requires manliness in its members, and the man that effects effeminacy, and "parts his hair in the middle," lacks Masonic manliness. I doubt whether a purely "æsthetic young man" is worth making a Mason, he certainly adds nothing to the wisdom, and can contribute nothing to the strength and beauty of the edifice, and ought to be rejected.

Freemasons affect to attend the Lodge that they may learn lessons of moral rectitude, and add to their stock of Masonic knowledge. How many do it? In how many Lodges does the Master ever do more than his ritualistic duties require? Many in the observance of them manifest a degree of machine intelligence approaching to absolute ignorance of the duties of the Master's office. The theory of the Masonic organisation is excellent, perhaps as nearly approaching perfection as it is possible for human intellect to conceive, but its practice is shamefully abused, and due alone to the ignorance of its officials, and the botched work and inferior material they suffer to pass the inspection of the overseers. That this ignorance is wide spread, and exists in high places, is evinced in the variety of mirth-provoking questions put to the several Grand Masters, and annually repeated by them to their Grand Lodges. To the majority of these queries answers may be found in the several G. Lodge Constitutions, and in the remainder the exercise of a little common sense to construe the Constitutions would supply a ready answer. If Freemasonry were studied we would have no edicts of non-intercourse; no Grand Lodge complications; less legislation; fewer Lodges; more Masons; true Masonry.

What came you here to do? therefore becomes a very important question for Masons to consider, not only as respects themselves as members, but as Lodges. It leads us to contemplate why we spend time and money for Masonic purposes, and inaugurate methods for their accomplishment.

In my intercourse with the Craft, I have seldom found a Lodge in which there were not a few, perhaps but one or two, earnest, zealous seekers after Masonic light, Craftsmen who recognised in the rites and lectures of the Society something more than an arbitrary ceremony for observance in the admission of a new member, something more elevating and instructive than the simple repetition of these forms and the transaction of routine business, but what that something is they need assistance to discover. Let such make the Lodge a school of instruction, let the acquisition of the sought-for Masonic knowledge be what they come to the Lodge to do, and have something before the Lodge at each communication for the good of Masonry in general, and of their Lodge in particular. Indeed it is a wonder to me that some Lodges I have visited ever seen a meeting, for the very little they know of Freemasonry was explained in such a humdrum, slipshod, insipid manner, that it was like swallowing an emetic to endure it.

One of the emblems from which we draw instruction is the beehive; it recommends to us the practice of industry. At another

time we are told that man was formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God, and that he will so demean himself as not to be endeavouring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding, may be deemed useless members of society, and unworthy of our protection as Masons. Gauged by this standard how many are worthy?

The idea of a Masonic Lodge, when open, is a workshop; it is at labour, and no good Master of work will permit his men to idle their time. Every one should be busy, and not only busy but intelligently employed. We all admit that first impressions are the most lasting, therefore it becomes of the greatest importance that the initiation of a profane into our mysteries be done with a thorough knowledge of the ritual, and such a knowledge can be acquired only by frequent practice, therefore Lodges of Instruction should be frequently called, not for officers alone, but for the members, to the end that the absence of a regular Officer may not impair the successful working of the Lodge. My own practice, as Master, has been to assemble the Officers quietly, at residences or private offices, where each man was drilled in the *role* he was required to play in the drama of initiation, for as a drama it should be regarded and acted. And the manner is of far more importance than mere verbal accuracy, we admire the accomplishments of the lower animals at the circus, but do not forget that human culture and intelligence are wanting to make the exhibition more than an acquired habit or task. Therefore the Officers should be taught how to act their parts naturally, to use deliberation in speech and action, to convey by the intonation of the voice and expression of eye, coupled with grace and ease in delivery, a sense of earnestness and sincerity, that the candidate may be deeply impressed with the ceremony and become more than a nominal Mason. When the Officers become proficient and capable of imparting instruction to others, the members should be assembled and put in the official positions, with the Officers at their elbows to instruct them. All of the secrets, arts, parts and points must be insisted upon by the Master, for there is but one correct way, and any way is incorrect, nothing should be omitted for sake of brevity, for every thought and action in the Masonic ritual is pregnant with deep significance, is an important part of the whole, and essential to the proper exemplification of the wisdom, strength and beauty of the Institution. Indeed, rather than curtail the ceremonies, I would sanction the postponement of a portion of the ceremony until another meeting, as is the practice still in some jurisdictions, when several candidates are initiated at the same communication and lectured at another.

Religious and political societies regard a persistent inculcation of their doctrines essential to keep the membership intact; weekly sermons and periodical revivals in the churches, and vigorous political campaigns by the earnest patriots (!) are the result of this idea. Why then should we, Free and Accepted Masons, whose principles are preached from the same book the church uses, and whose territory embraces all political divisions and countries, be less earnest and industrious in our preaching than they? If it be that Masons regard their own principles of minor importance, the reason for such an erroneous opinion lies in the fact that we have not preached our principals sufficiently.

I have never failed to hear the Craft express the greatest satisfaction after listening to a sensible, instructive lecture by a competent and studious brother, and the very novelty of such discourses makes them the more eagerly listened to. The Lodge should be made a thorough school for Masonic culture, and to be successful, "the Master should have a lecture delivered each Lodge night, either by himself or some well informed brother selected for the purpose. After the lecture a general conversation should ensue on the subject discussed; interest and attention would be excited; the energies of individual brethren would be brought out and much useful information elicited.

Young Masons usually are like children, anxious to learn the why and wherefore of everything, and the practice of the Craft is to make them as ignorant as their predecessors by shutting to them all the fountains of learning. They find the membership unable to answer the simplest enquiry, and are either snubbed by the elders or laughed at by the younger for their verdancy. This is all wrong; encourage research; solicit the youngest Entered Apprentice to ask questions, and assure him of its importance by making it the subject of a Lodge lecture.

The ancient charges say, "All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only \* \* \* therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit," and with this as good Masonic authority I encourage the ambition of Masons to hold office. No one can detest more than I the scramble for office seen too often not only in the Grand Lodge but Lodges, and I think very much of the scandal could be removed were the above constitutional requirements enforced. The Mason who will qualify himself for a position and then aspire to it is worthy of confidence and advancement; he has evinced his zeal by study, his fitness by Masonic skill, and his worthiness by qualifying himself to "honestly finish his work, whether task or journey." If competent men were chosen for Officers the Craft would be the better for it, and only those who are ambitious to excel would wear the honours.

In the instruction of candidates it is an excellent plan to do it in classes; half a dozen members and the candidate make a good sized class, and if there are additional candidates form additional classes. By this means the candidate has the information repeated in his hearing several times before he is called upon to respond himself, and he loses much of that timidity and nervousness that is apt to attack him in open Lodge.

By all means cultivate music. Select some appropriate words for opening and closing the Lodge, and use them at every communication. There are few gatherings in the general associations of man that are conducted without the accompaniment of music. It is everywhere prevalent, and everywhere appropriate; there is nothing that can so effectually arouse the passions, elevate the soul or stimulate man to exertion, as music. The national air inspires the soldier to face

death, and the lullaby soothes the infant to sleep in its mother's arms. In religion and in politics it is a powerful influence, and in Masonic ceremonies it is equally efficient. It affords all an opportunity to participate and after an appropriate closing song the benediction falls on the ear with greater significance: "May the blessing of Heaven rest on us and all regular Masons; may brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us."

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held their monthly meeting, under the Presidency of Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, when there were also present Brothers Col. Peters, Robert Grey, John Rucker, Frederick Walters, Henry Gloster, Frank Richardson, J. H. Matthews, Edw. Spooner, Frederick Adlard, H. Dubois, Herbert Dicketts, C. H. Webb, A. H. Tattershall, Robert P. Tebb, Peter de Lande Long, and E. C. Massey. Brother Frank Richardson P.G.D. brought forward the motion of which he gave notice at the previous meeting, for the increase of the salaries of the teachers at the School at Battersea, in accordance with the recommendation of Miss Davis, the Head Mistress. The motion was agreed to. The proposed advances did not exceed £5 per annum in any case but one, in which instance £10 per annum was agreed to. The recommendation of the House Committee that Messrs. Rosser and Russell's tender to repair the boilers at the Schools, for the sum of £36 2s, be accepted, was adopted. Three petitions were under consideration, of which two were approved and the candidates' names ordered to be added to the list for next election; the other was deferred for three months, the child being unable to read. The chairman reported that a sum of £200 had been paid since the previous meeting on account of the building of the swimming bath. It was resolved that if money were required on the current account before next meeting it should be withdrawn from the sum of £2000 now lying on deposit account at the bankers. Bro. Frank Richardson gave notice that he would move the following resolution at next meeting:—

"That the best thanks of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Leach, R.E., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the School-building at Battersea. And that as a small recognition of the services rendered by him he be, and is, elected an honorary Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto."

#### JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE annual Convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 27th November, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. Gulliford M.E.Z., Isaac H., Cohen J., Lazarus Treas., Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Henochsberg P.S. P.Z.'s Albert, S. M. Lazarus, L. Lazarus, Levy, Dickinson, and Littaur. Visitors—Osborn M.E.Z. 1602, and Edgar Bowyer P.Z. 1471 and 174. The report of the committee was read and adopted. The business feature of the day, the installation of Principals, was then proceeded with. Comps. Isaac was installed Z., Cohen H., Henochsberg J. The ceremonies being conducted by Comp. Littaur in his usual faultless manner. Comps. Lazarus P.Z. was invested Treasurer, Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Dewsnap S.N., Brooke P.S., Meiter 1st Asst., Hobiinstock jun. 2nd Asst., Goddard Janitor. The Companions were addressed by the new M.E.Z. on their investiture in very appropriate terms, while the selection gave every satisfaction. The resignation of Comp. Abraham P.Z. was accepted with regret, and also that of Companion Brall. The Chapter was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until the last Monday in January. The Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z. in eloquent terms proposed the Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. W. H. Gulliford I.P.Z. said, when he was authorised to hold the gavel, the Companions knew what they had to expect; it required a powerful speaker to enumerate the qualities of their M.E.Z. From the time Companion Isaac was exalted, each office he had held he had filled with credit, and his work had always been done in a truly Masonic spirit. He (Bro. Gulliford) hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to successfully carry out the duties. The M.E.Z. in reply thanked Comp. Gulliford for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. As he was now placed in the position of M.E.Z. he would endeavour to do all he could to give the Companions satisfaction. The Chapter was part of himself, and although but a young Mason, in his own Lodge he had initiated, passed and raised candidates, and installed his successor. He hoped during his year of office to make many exalted; although the Companions had made him their king, he had no desire to consider them as subjects. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. The Joppa Chapter, he said, was noted for its reception of Visitors. On this occasion they had only two, but both of them had made their mark in Freemasonry—Companions Bowyer and Osborn. The members of the Chapter were proud to see them both. Comp. E. Bowyer said he was pleased to be present. This was the first time

he had visited the Chapter. He was pleased with the excellent working; the M.E.Z., however, had been known to him for many years as a good working Mason. Comp. Osborn followed, fully endorsing all the remarks of Comp. Bowyer. The M.E.Z. said the toast of the Past Principals was one that ought to commend itself to their regard. Each was well worthy of it. He must first draw attention to the one who had just vacated the chair—Comp. Gulliford; no better Mason existed; it was perhaps too late to dilate on his excellent qualities. He would merely say Comp. Gulliford had been S.E. for three years; had filled the office of H. and J. to their satisfaction; and while in the occupation of the chair had done his duty in every respect; it was to him an auspicious moment when he was entrusted with the honour of placing on Comp. Gulliford's breast the token of esteem which all agreed he had fairly earned. The Companions in giving him this jewel hoped he might wear it as a token of the respect in which he is held by every member of the Chapter. He would now place the jewel on his breast, hoping he might live long to wear it. In addition he had to present another token, in the shape of a gold signet ring, with suitable engraving and inscription, as a further memento of their appreciation of his services. Comp. Gulliford said he felt it an especial honour to have to return thanks for the first time in his capacity of I.P.Z. He should always wear the jewel he had just received with pride. He regretted that at the meeting he had not had the opportunity of showing his qualification for work, but they knew he had worked, and could do so at any time. On behalf of himself and the P.Z.'s he returned his and their sincere thanks. The M.E.Z. had now a pleasing duty to perform; to propose the health of the Installing Principal Comp. W. Littaur, whose intellectual qualities were thoroughly known and appreciated. After a response from Comp. Littaur, the M.E.Z. complimented the H. and J.; the latter had been obliged to leave, but they had the H., Comp. I. P. Cohen, who he hoped would be the next Z.; he would couple with the toast the names of Comps. M. J. Emanuel, Brooks, and Dewsnap. This having been acknowledged by the Companions enumerated, the M.E.Z. gave as a special toast the health of Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z., who, in place of Companion J. Lazarus, who was unavoidably absent, had officiated in the capacity of Treasurer. Whatever duty Comp. Levy undertakes, it is for the benefit of the Chapter. Comp. H. M. Levy responded. The Janitor's toast was given, and the Companions separated, after spending a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

**St. Peter's Chapter Rose Croix, Bolton.**—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Saturday, the 25th November, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Present:—Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank 32 P.M.W.S. in the chair, W. J. Thomson 30 First General, C. S. Lane 30 Second General J. D. Murray Grand Marshal, J. T. Richardson Ass. Dir. of Cer., W. Nicholl Capt. of Guard, R. D. Brook Steward, A. Jefferis Organist, J. W. Taylor 30 P.M.W.S., Morris P.M.W.S., Rob. Harwood 30 P.M.W.S., Bros. J. E. Tees, Wm. Wyld, John Bollard, R. H. Swindlehurst, Frank H. Huet, Geo. Ferguson; Visitors—Ill. Bro. Thos. Chorlton 30 Palatine Chapter, Manchester; also Ill. Bro. Capt. C. R. N. Beswick-Royds 33 Sov. G. Inspector General Northern Provinces. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, a communication was read from the Supreme Council, intimating the appointment of the Ill. Bro. Captain Royds 33 to the position of an Inspector-General of the Northern Provinces, and requiring the brethren to render due fealty, submission, and obedience to the said brother. Whereupon the Ill. Bro. Royds was warmly congratulated on his preferment, and acknowledged and saluted with the honours due to his rank. The following brethren were balloted for and approved—Bro. Robert Barlow Seddon of Lindsay Lodge, No. 1,335, Wigan, proposed by Bro. W. M. Wyld, seconded by Bro. J. D. Murray Grand Marshal; Bro. William Johnson of Lindsay Lodge, No. 1,335, proposed by Bro. J. D. Murray Grand Marshal, seconded by Bro. W. M. Wyld; Bro. William Hiram Horrocks of Marquis of Lorne Lodge, Leigh, No. 1,354, proposed by Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, seconded by Bro. J. D. Murray Grand Marshal; Bro. Benjamin Thomson of Lodge of Equity, Widnes, No. 1,384, proposed by Bro. J. Thomson 30, seconded by Bro. Reginald Young 30. Bro. Thomson, being the only one in attendance, was perfected and saluted as a Sov. P. Rose Croix. A resolution was adopted expressing the deep sympathy of the Brethren with Ill. Bro. Entwisle 30, in his serious affliction, with the earnest hope that his valuable life may be spared, and he be permitted to be as useful to the Masonic world in the future as he had been in the past. Chapter closed at 6 p.m.

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Grand Lodge will be opened at four o'clock p.m.

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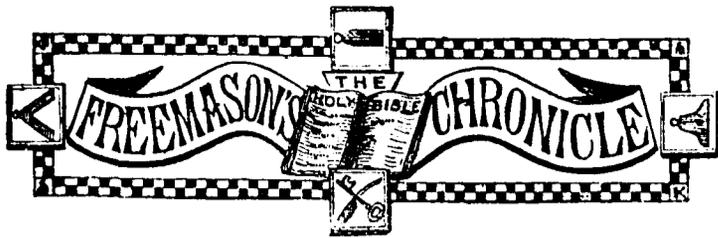
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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th December 1882 :—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th September 1882 for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

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

The Widow of a Brother of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, London . . . . .	£50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland . . . . .	50 0 0
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### 7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

*To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.*

The Board have to report the irregular conduct of a Provincial Lodge who, acting on a paragraph in their By-laws, recently raised a Fellow Craft to the degree of a Master Mason; within a period of 13 days from his having taken the former degree.

As the By-law in question was passed contrary to paragraph 7, page 86, of the Book of Constitutions, which requires an interval of 28 days between the conferring of any two degrees in England, the Board has ordered that the degree so conferred on the Brother in question be cancelled, and that he be re-obligated in that degree previous to his being registered as a Master Mason; and further, that the irregular By-law be forthwith altered so as to be in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
*President.*

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
21st November 1882.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of November last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,012 16s 4d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

### 8. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

*To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.*

The Board have to state that in the year 1877, just previous to the dissolution of the District Grand Lodge of Egypt, the Deputy

District Grand Master in charge reported on certain Lodges in his District as follows :

- Lodge No. 1068—CAIRO.—In abeyance for 4 years, not possible to revive it.  
1154—ALEXANDRIA.—Never met. Warrant believed to be lost.  
1156—CAIRO.—In abeyance for many years. Warrant believed to be lost.  
1419—RAMLAH.—Dissolved by its own members. Warrant frequently applied for, but cannot be obtained.

Since the above-named period no returns or other documents have ever been received from the said Lodges, and there is no doubt that they have ceased to exist.

The Board therefore recommend to Grand Lodge that the Lodges—

No. 1068—Cairo  
1154—Alexandria  
1156—Cairo  
1419—Ramlah

be erased from the list of Lodges on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER P.G.D.,  
*President.*

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
7th October 1882.

### 9. APPEALS.

1st.—From the Victoria Lodge, No. 1186, Brisbane, Victoria, against the ruling of the District Grand Master.—That a Lodge of Instruction can only be held under the Warrant of a Lodge under which it is sanctioned, and consequently not in any other Building.

2nd.—From Brother Lionel Mordecai, of the Friendly Lodge, No. 239, Kingston, Jamaica, against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, confirming a decision of Brother John Ashenheim P.M., whilst acting as Master of the Lodge.—That an alteration made by the Lodge in their By-laws, changing their day of Installation from December to January, was valid notwithstanding that it had been submitted for the approval of the Deputy District Grand Master, on the ground that it was not a "material alteration" as contemplated by Article 5, page 63, of the Book of Constitutions.

3rd.—From Brother John James P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105, Plymouth, against a decision of the Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire, refusing to call on Bro. Capt. Elphinstone-Stone, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, to furnish the information on which he had opposed the election of Bro. James as Provincial Grand Treasurer at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 1st of August last.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

### 10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By Brother JOHN M. CLABON P.G.D. :—(postponed from the Grand Lodge on the 7th June last, that an opportunity might be given to the Provincial Grand Lodges to consider whether an increase should be made in the quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge).

"That for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the members of the Lodges in the London district (except Military Lodges), shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the Fund, instead of one shilling as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March 1814. And that all members of Lodges not within the London district (except Military, Colonial, and Foreign Lodges) shall pay quarterly, ninepence each to the Fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge."

(2) "That no sale be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge."

(3) By Brother EDWIN T. BUDDEN P.M. No. 622 :—

"Whereas one of the great and professed objects of Freemasonry is to promote the Liberal Arts and Sciences ;

And whereas the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is endeavouring to establish a great National Institution called "The Royal College of Music" to consist of a Charitable Foundation of 100 or more Scholarships, for which His Royal Highness solicits the co-operation and assistance of all Public Corporations and great Associations throughout the land :

And whereas the Most Worshipful Grand Master has rendered great and valuable services to the Craft during his Grand Mastership ; this Grand Lodge in recognition of such services agrees to endow Two Scholarships in the aforesaid Royal College of Music ; and that the Board of General Purposes be instructed to carry this resolution into effect at the proper time by two or more instalments, as the Board may decide."

By Brother JAMES STEVENS P.M. No. 1216 :—

(1). "That having regard to the great increase during the

past twenty-five years of Lodges within the London District, the present radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall be now reduced to a radius of four miles from Freemasons' Hall."

- (II). "That the Lodges between the four mile radius from Freemasons' Hall and the radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall be included in the respective Provincial Grand Lodges of Middlesex, Herts, Essex, Kent, and Surrey."

Name of Brother nominated for Election to the Office of Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT P.G.P.

Names of the Brethren nominated for Election to the Office of Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother CHARLES ATKINS P.M. No. 27 and 1260.

HENRY GARROD P.M. No. 742.

GEORGE POLE BRITTEN P.M. No. 183.

CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE P.G.P.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother CHARLES ATKINS	27
GEORGE POLE BRITTEN	183
JOSEPH D. COLLIER	1366
THOMAS CULL	1446
CHARLES DAIRY	141
HENRY GARROD	749
CHARLES F. HOGARD	205
JOHN M. KLENCK	1339
WILLIAM MANN	186
JAMES H. MATTHEWS	143
WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN	3
WILLIAM STEPHENS	1489
EDWARD FRANCIS STORR	22
EDWARD WHITE	177

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

- No. 1976.—The Umlazi Lodge, Pine Town, Natal.  
 1977.—The Blackwater Lodge, Maldon, Essex.  
 1978.—The St. George Lodge, Herberton, Queensland.  
 1979.—The Lodge of Fidelity, Sydney, New South Wales.  
 1980.—The Prince of Wales' Lodge, Muswell Brook, New South Wales.  
 1981.—The Arnold Lodge, East Moulsey, Surrey.  
 1982.—The Greenwood Lodge, Epsom, Surrey.  
 1983.—The Martyn Lodge, Southwold, Suffolk.  
 1984.—The Earl of Clarendon Lodge, Watford, Herts.  
 1985.—The Light in Assam Lodge, Sibsagar, Assam, Bengal.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1883 is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

The Grand Masters' Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be consecrated by the Most Worshipful Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Past Grand Master, on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., immediately after the business of Grand Mark Lodge, which will be held on the same day. M.W. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom is the W.M. designate, M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Kintore are respectively the Senior and Junior Wardens designate. The membership of this new Lodge will be restricted to present and past Grand Officers.

At the last regular meeting of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, of Portsmouth, Bro. Ernest Hall was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Captain W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N.

The Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction, which meets at Bro. Medworth's, the Crown and Cushion, London-wall, E.C., held its first meeting of the season on Monday evening, 20th ult. The chair was taken at half-past six o'clock by Bro. Donald M. Dewar Assistant G. Mark Secretary, who, with the co-operation of several brethren, rehearsed the ceremony of advancement. These meetings will in future be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month. Bro. S. J. Turquand still gives his services as Preceptor, and we hope he will be supported by a goodly muster of brethren interested in this degree on Monday next, 4th December.

## 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, 2nd DECEMBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Couits, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)  
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

### MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-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.)  
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Prind Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilbarrn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road  
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 441—Thres Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge  
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.  
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

### TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 166—Union, Criterion, W.  
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.  
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road  
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W  
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington

1393—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square  
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich  
 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 Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow  
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle  
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.  
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
 980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.  
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cocker-mouth.  
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
 1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
 1483—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

### WEDNESDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)  
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 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)  
 1293—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Marc-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 604—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow  
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigau.  
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool  
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.  
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

### THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 102—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney

704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand  
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.15 (Instruction)  
 1672—Morrington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)  
 M.M. 197—Stadholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch  
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury  
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester  
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire  
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.  
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.  
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland  
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire  
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster  
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks  
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire  
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 R.A. 591—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.  
 R.A. 758—Redwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

### FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 760—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Onse-street, Goole.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
 1001—Harrrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harriogate  
 1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1299—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

### SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 198—Perey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1929—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

### DEATH.

FORGE.—On 27th November, at his Father's residence, Holly Bush House, Wanstead, Bro. J. W. FORGE, of Leytonstone, Mile End, and Bennett's Hill, Doctors Commons.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65.**—There was a numerously-attended meeting of the members of this Lodge on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when Bro. Roberts Wor. Master presided, supported by Bros. G. Schadler S.W., Rich J.W., Brown P.M. Sec., Hawkins S.D., Marshall J.D., Gregory I.G., Walker M.C., Chicken I.P.M., Daniel P.M., Ferry P.M., Harris, Rogers, Retallack, Haller, Stanford, Wood, Rudd, Ratcliffe, Ruse, Dyson, Sladden, Martin, Pilater, Brown, East, Edridge, Watkins, Roberts, Speight Prov. G. Tyler Sarrey Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Caney 943, Norwich, and Searl 1107. Lodge was opened in due form, and after transacting some formal business, was advanced, when Bros. Wood and Retallack were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being most impressively performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. It was the subject of remark that, as an evidence of his Masonic zeal, Bro. Retallack had travelled all the way from Cornwall in order to take his degree, and that he had to leave early in the evening in order to meet his business engagement in the West of England next day. The business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, the brethren and visitors dined together, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, reference being made to the valuable services rendered to the Craft by the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Chicken I.P.M. then asked the company, to drink with the fervour it deserved the toast of the Wor. Master, in doing which he spoke of the admirable manner in which Bro. Roberts had discharged his duties during the year. He had been a constant worker in the Lodge, and also at the Lodge of Instruction and anything else that appertained to Freemasonry. In all his functions he displayed a most commendable zeal and discernment, and had thus gained for himself the esteem and admiration of all with whom he was brought into contact. The W. Master, in responding, thought he scarcely deserved the encomiums which were constantly passed upon him by the Past Masters and other brethren of the Lodge. He had been a member of it many years, and had done all he possibly could to further its interests, as he trusted he might be able to do in the future. This evening it had afforded him pleasure to raise two worthy brethren to the third degree, and he hoped, during the remainder of his term of office, they would bring forward many candidates for the mysteries and privileges of the Order. He trusted they would all rally round him and give him as much work as they possibly could. He then announced that it had been decided to hold their annual ball, in aid of the Masonic Charities, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, 16th January 1883, and he was pleased to say a large number of the Officers and brethren had signified their willingness to act as Stewards, and to assist him in carrying the affair to a successful issue. He wanted a good list to take up as Steward to the Benevolent Institution, and as the Lodge would only meet once more before he completed his term, he hoped to be liberally supported. He then proposed the Visitors, with which he coupled the name of Bro. Bullen, who though only a young Mason, was a good and true one, and a thorough Cornish man. Bro. Bullen suitably replied, thanking the brethren for their hospitality, and expressing regret at having been unable to attend earlier to witness the raising of his esteemed friend Bro. Retallack, in consequence of having to attend his own Lodge at Norwich. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, said he could not say enough in their praise for the valuable aid and counsel they afforded him in all that pertained to the good and welfare of the Lodge. He thanked them all most heartily, and expressed the confidence he felt that they would all work harmoniously together in the future as they had done in the past. Bro. Chicken I.P.M. said it was a pleasure to work under the able rule of their present W. Master, and the Past Masters would share with him in the desire to do all they could to maintain the prestige that had so long been enjoyed by the Prosperity Lodge. He hoped to be able to render what little assistance he could for many years to come. He urged those who had not yet joined the Prosperity Chapter to lose no time in doing so, as only by that means could they learn the genuine secrets of the Masonic art. Bro. Brown P.M. also responded, and in doing so said the Past Masters, one and all, had the true interests of the Lodge at heart most thoroughly, and did whatever they could to promote its prosperity. As one of the originators of the Chapter, he desired to see it flourish and continue the successful career it had enjoyed in the first part of its existence, for it was already stronger than many of the Chapters in London of many years' standing. Their Chapter carried a considerable amount of weight with it. He was proud also to say the Charities' Association connected with this Lodge was in a very satisfactory and progressive condition. Bro. Ferry P.M. followed, with a few similar remarks, in the course of which he told the brethren that, until they joined the Chapter, they could not know really what Freemasonry was. In reply to the toast of the Officers, Bro. Schadler expressed the gratification it afforded him to act as Senior Warden under so estimable a Master, and Bro. Marshall delivered himself of similar sentiments as J.W. The health of the working Officers was responded to by Bros. Walker as M. of C., and Hawkins as I.G., after which the Tyler was summoned to bring the official list of toasts to a fitting close. The interesting proceedings were judiciously varied with some capitally-rendered songs and recitations.

**Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.**—On Monday evening, 27th ult., at Bro. McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro'-junction. Present Bros. Banks W.M., Perkins S.W., Cormock J.W., McDiarmid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Littlewood S.D., Sherring J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Keyse I.G.; also Westley, Westmore, Denning. Visitor—Brother Leigh 1772. After preliminaries, Bros. Sherring and Westley worked the second and third sections of the lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, with Bro. McKinley candidate. Bro.

Westley, in a most able and efficient manner, worked the fourth section of the lecture. Bro. Leigh 1752 was elected a member. The surplus of the Supper Fund, after all disbursements had been paid, was handed over to the Secretary. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday evening, 4th October. The members held their usual harmonic meeting. Visitors are cordially invited to these gatherings.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held on Saturday, 25th November, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, Islington, Present—Bros. Fenner W.M., Weeden S.W., Ferrar J.W., Percy Preceptor, Gribbell S.D., Houghton J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Rhodes, Galer, F. Venning, Richardson, Archer, &c. Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rhodes answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The same candidate answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Frank Venning, of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, was duly elected a member, and Bro. Charles Weeden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

**One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin.**—At the usual monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Monday, 27th Nov., Bro. John Treverton S.W. was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master, and Bro. W. Rowe P.M. P.P.G.D.C. was re-elected Treasurer, for the ensuing year. It was also resolved to present to Bro. W. Rowe a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge. The installation and presentation will take place on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th December, at three o'clock, after which the members will partake of their annual banquet.

**United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.**—Meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday the 24th November. Bros. C. H. Nevill W.M., M. E. Stokes S.W., A. J. Styles J.W., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, John S. Terry P.M. and Secretary, C. H. Phillips S.D., Henry J.D., W. S. Payne I.G., H. Willshire, and others. Lodge was worked entirely in the first degree, with ceremony very ably rehearsed by the W.M., and sections by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called off for entry drill and called on. Bro. M. E. Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was then closed in harmony.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Meeting at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 28th November. Present—Bros. Musto W.M., Barnes S.W., Cundick J.W., Myers S.D., Hirst J.D., F. Clark I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington I.P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Job, Richardson, Beaton, McDonald, Musto jun., Moss, Loane, G. H. Stephens, Hopkins, Steward, West, Webb, Allen, Boyce, T. Jones, Catling, Smyth, Robinson, Larter, Wardell, Marsh, Christian, Baker, Young, C. Lorain, Glass, A. J. Clark, Olley, Darnell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren assisted Bro. Musto to work the sections. First Lecture—Bros. Hirst 1421, Musto jun. 1549, Moss S.D. 933, McDonald S.D. 1445, Barnes P.M. 554, 993. Second Lecture—Bros. Stewart 1278, Richardson 174, West 993, Cavendish P.M. 1421, Webb P.M. 1607. Third Lecture—Bros. Hopkins 749, Job W.M. 1076, G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623. After a most successful evening's working by the brethren of the Doric Lodge, the following were elected members:—Gray 933, Musto jun. 1349, Loane 1421, Hirst 1421, Hopkins 749, Richardson 174, West 993, Beaton 463. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. and presiding Officers, and also to the brethren who assisted in working the sections. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

**Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1529.**—The Festival of St. John was celebrated by this Lodge on Wednesday, the 29th November, when the W. Bro. W. W. Howard duly installed Bro. John Best as W.M. for the ensuing year. He invested his Officers as follows, viz:—Bros. W. W. Howard I.P.M., Thomas Gatley S.W., George Bray J.W., H. F. Whitefield P.M. Treasurer, W. Hortop Secretary, John James S.D., E. Middle J.D., J. B. Old M.C., John Coade I.G., Samuel Roberts, W. H. Cobeldick and Robert Drew Stewards, F. Whitley Organist, W. C. Garrison Tyler. The business of the Lodge having been duly transacted, the brethren attended a banquet at the Barley Sheaf Hotel, which was served by Bro. Grove in his usual excellent style. There was a numerous gathering.

**Walden Lodge, No. 1280.**—The annual festival of this Lodge was held at Saffron Walden, on the 21st November, when Bro. Henry King S.W. was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. A. Jones P.M. P.P.J.G.W. in his usual careful and impressive manner. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. Joseph Bell P.M. P.P.J.G.W., on the occasion of his quitting the chair for the third time, and in recognition of his unwearied services to the Lodge as its founder, promoter and firm supporter. The presentation was made by the new W.M., who enlarged upon the many and valuable services rendered to the Lodge by the I.P.M. Bro. Bell feelingly responded, promising still to do all he could to promote the best interests of the Lodge. In the evening the members of the Lodge, and several Visitors, dined together at the Rose and Crown Hotel.

## SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THE Annual meeting was held on Monday last, at the Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. It is satisfactory to know that this Lodge, though it does not aspire to occupy so prominent a position with regard to numerical strength as some of the Lodges which assemble in the immediate neighbourhood, is making steady and consistent progress. It was, and is, intended to be a Lodge where members of the Craft and their friends who desire to join the ranks of Freemasonry, residing in the immediate locality, may assemble together in a quiet, unostentatious, and economic manner. The Lodge was consecrated in 1879, and the brethren who hitherto have ruled it have won the confidence and esteem of the members. Lodge was opened on this, the first day of its fourth year, by Bro. George Harrison, who was supported by his Officers, and Past Masters L. Bryett and A. B. Baker; two honorary member—Bros. G. W. Dixon P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, and J. O. Carter P.P.G.S.W. of the same Province. As is usual at the meetings of this Lodge, there was a fair attendance of Visitors, amongst them being Bros. T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 Prov. Grand Secretary Essex, T. W. Sharle 1567, C. Sweaby Smith, M.D., P.M. 1380, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, R. Pye 820, F. L. Oliver S.W. 834, Stephen A. Cooper P.M. 1657, George Whittaker 1791, L. Lichtwitz 1642, M. S. Rubinstein 1642, G. P. Festa W.M. 1900, W. Side P.M. 1507, G. Read P.M. 511, F. Richmond 1695, H. F. Jones S.D. 1512, J. Walter P.M. 1158, Capt. A. Nicols W.M. 1794, Peter Harnett 813, T. Collings P.M. 1585, T. W. Heaton 1642, Robert Calingham 1178, C. Dawson Philpott 1895, W. Park 511, J. Nielson W.M. 1791, T. H. W. Fry 1692, George Pung Hazell 697, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Brother Harrison proceeded to raise Brother Crowe, which ceremony he performed in a careful and impressive manner. Amongst other items of business set out in the agenda for the members to transact, was to ballot for and, if approved, initiate Mr. Frederick C. Mander, estate agent, of 2 St. Agnes-villas, Uxbridge-road, W., who was proposed by Bro. White, seconded by Bro. Williams J.D. Also for Mr. Carl Vandyke, photographer, Gloucester-road, S.W., proposed by Brother Wyatt, seconded by Brother Pierpoint S.W. and W.M. elect. The ballot was in favour of both these candidates; as likewise was it for Bro. Walter Coates, Whittington Lodge, No. 826, proposed as a joining member by Brother House, seconded by Brother Alais Past Master and Hon. Secretary. The duty of installing the Wor. Master elect—Brother R. Pierpoint—was most satisfactorily carried out by the outgoing Master, Bro. Harrison. The Officers invested were R. Josey S.W., Peter Burton J.W., W. Game P.M. Treasurer, A. C. Alais P.M. Secretary, W. Williams S.D., C. Breitbart J.D., Fisher P.M. I.G., W. J. House M.C., J. Pierpoint W.S., A. W. Paul Aast. W.S., Schofield P.M. Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by Brother Bryett P.M.; that to the Wardens by Brother Alais P.M. and Secretary, while the concluding address, to the brethren, was given by the Installing Master. Brother P.M. Baker officiated as Master of Ceremonies throughout. At the close of the ceremony Brother Harrison was complimented on the ability he had displayed in carrying out the work of the day. It was now announced that Mr. Mander, one of the candidates named above, was in attendance. He was introduced, and the new W.M.—Bro. Pierpoint—initiated him into the mysteries of the first degree. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, and Brother Harrison feelingly acknowledged the courtesy and invariable kindness he had received from the members, which he trusted might endure for many years. Some matters of home interest were then brought under consideration, and hearty good wishes having been tendered, Lodge was closed. The banquet was provided by Brother J. R. Ward, who served it up to the satisfaction of all assembled. After the loyal toast of the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master introduced that of the M.W. the Grand Master. The Prince of Wales, he said, was a staunch upholder of the principles of Freemasonry, and this toast was at all times greeted with a hearty reception. After "God Bless the Prince of Wales," routine toasts were pushed on. Brother Harrison eloquently proposed the health of the W.M., and then came a song from Brother Past Master Baker. In reply Brother Pierpoint said he hardly knew how to express his thanks. He felt flattered by the way in which his name had been received. It was with some amount of diffidence he ventured to undertake the duties of the chair, but he would strive to the uttermost to carry them out successfully. It had been said that from the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh; his heart was full, but words did not fall glibly from his mouth. Some men had greatness thrust upon them; he felt it was so in his case. However, of this he could assure them, he appreciated their kindness to its fullest extent. The health of the Initiate was followed by the E.A. song, by Brother Bryett. Bro. Mander made a suitable reply, expressing the hope that he might eventually reach the Master's chair; he would strive to become a good and worthy Mason. For the Visitors Bros. T. J. Ralling, Festa, Neilson, Reid, &c. replied. The Worshipful Master in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master remarked that Brother Harrison had given full attention to the duties of his office during the year, and had ably conducted the ceremonies, including the crowning one of installing his successor. After a lively song by Bro. Rubinstein, Bro. Harrison acknowledged the honour done him by the W.M. He assured one and all he would ever exert himself to advance the interests of the Lodge. The next toast was that of the Past Masters, followed by a cornet solo, admirably rendered by Bro. Heaton. Bro. S. Bryett was the first to respond to the toast. He felt he might, with becoming modesty, take unto himself some credit for the success that had attended the establishment of their Lodge. True, it was not a large one, and this became the more apparent by comparison with others in the immediate neighbourhood. The Shepherd's Bush Lodge was not heralded into the world with a fanfare of trumpets, neither was there a large attendance of Grand Officers at its inauguration; but he felt he might state that it was an influential one, and had made satisfactory progress. They started with ten founders, and all were pre-

sent that evening. They had more than doubled the roll of the number of their mess, and what was originally intended was carried out, inasmuch as all the members were residents of Shepherd's Bush. Bro. Baker also replied; he expressed his gratification at seeing so goodly an array of Visitors; this might be accepted as a testimony of the respect in which the Lodge was held. For the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Game and Alais replied; the Officers were also complimented, and in due course the Tyler gave the parting toast. Bro. Oliver presided at the pianoforte during the evening; he also contributed some excellent songs. We must not omit to mention the W.M.'s song—"The Old Brigade"—which was given with much spirit. Bros. Reid and Morgan favoured with recitations.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—At the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday last, there were present Brothers Jones W.M., Smith S.W., Seward J.W., Bellerby J.D., Henning I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Wells Secretary, Beasley P.M.; also Hadley, Danby and Clarke. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Henning candidate. The W.M. delivered the charge in a very able manner. Brothers Henning and Hadley answered the questions leading to the second degree. The meeting on Tuesday next being the one preceding the regular meeting of Lodge No. 1612, the Officers will occupy their respective positions, when it is hoped that the brethren will attend punctually. Brother Smith was elected Worshipful Master for the 12th December, and having appointed his Officers in rotation, Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to 5th December.

**Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.**—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., at the Prince Regent, Bro. Monk's, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. In the absence of the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Bye jun., who was attending his regular Lodge, Bro. Hy. M. Williams Secretary was invited to take the chair. He was supported by the following:—Bros. S. Richardson S.W., F. A. Smith J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treasurer, R. R. Johnson acting Secretary, Richard Poore S.D., H. Goodwin J.D., H. Hooper I.G.; Bros. Pooler, Croucher, Knight, Howe, Harling, Hoare, Moss, Durham, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Howe as candidate. Bro. Phillips gave proofs of proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by Bro. Phillips. Lodge was resumed in the third, and regularly closed to the first degree. On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. S. Richardson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the brethren, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in peace and harmony until the following Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Most of the brethren remained for the "social hour" after labour, and some excellent songs were given. Bro. A. W. Sebastian Hoare, of Trinity College, London, ably presided at the pianoforte. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, referred to the fact that the meeting that evening completed the first six months of the Lodge's existence; that the number of members was exactly seventy, while the attendance at the weekly meetings was most satisfactory. The Officers of the Lodge felt amply rewarded for their labours by the earnest manner in which the brethren worked the various ceremonies, the regular attendance of so many, and by the hearty good feeling existing in the Lodge.

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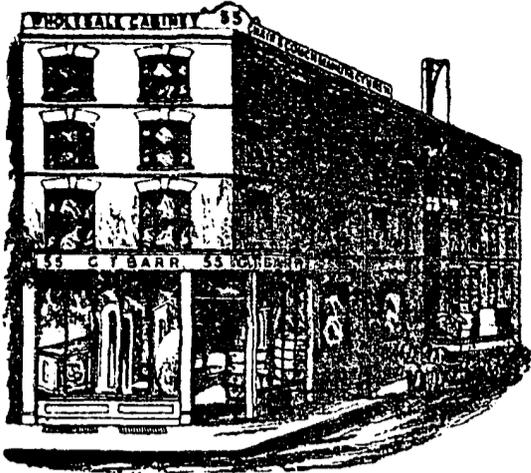


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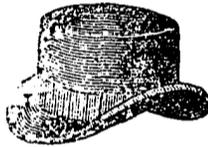
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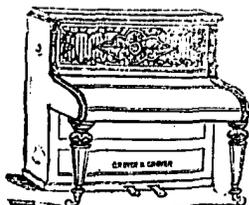
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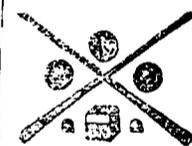
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