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## THE OCTOBER ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE ballot paper for the Boys' Election, which takes place on Monday, the 13th proximo, contain the names of fifty-seven candidates, but as No. 55, Leo Kretschman, has been withdrawn, the number of those who will go to the poll, so far as is at present known, will be fifty-six. From this number twenty-seven are to be elected, or nearly one-half of those eligible. This is a state of affairs which, compared with some of the Boys' Elections of the past, is most satisfactory, and will no doubt afford a chance of election to many who had hardly hoped for success at this contest. Of the fifty-six candidates whose claims we have to consider, five appear as last application cases. No. 1, Horace Gale, now comes forward for the sixth time, with 418 votes to his credit. He is one of three dependent children left fatherless, in March 1881. His father was a member of No. 898, London. No. 10, Albert Edmund Crutchett, one of five fatherless children, has stood three elections, and brings forward three votes as the result thereof. His father was a joining member of No. 202, Devon, and shows a long record of membership. It is impossible to say what chance the lad has of election, as we are unaware whether his father's Province has officially "adopted" him. If they have, he will, in all probability, be elected; if not, we imagine that his case is one of those which should have been removed from the list as an abandoned one. No. 14, James Ambrose Gore, brings forward 696 votes as the result of two elections in which he has taken part. He is one of four children left to the care of a widowed mother, and is accredited to the Province of Norfolk. No. 46, Edwin James R. Nichols, and No. 48, Herbert Asquith, are the other two last applications, and both now appear for the first time. The former is one of two fatherless children, whose father was a member of the Province of Middlesex, and the latter one of five now dependent on their mother, who was left a widow early in the present year. The late Bro. Asquith was a member of the Province of East Lancashire, and had many friends there, who, we hope, will now come forward, and do their best to relieve his widow of the care of one of her five children.

There are three cases in which neither parent is living, and one in which the lad belongs to a family of three, dependent on their stepmother. No. 7, Harry Robert Graves, now makes his fourth application, bringing forward 25 votes as the result of his three previous attempts. He is one of five children who are left parentless, and is accredited to the Province of Lincolnshire. We should, however, imagine this to be one of those cases in which the Craft generally should render assistance rather than that his chance should depend on his father's Province alone. No. 52, Walter Speed, seems to be another most distressing case. He is one of a family of six, left with neither father nor mother, the former having been a member of Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, Derbyshire. The present is the lad's first application. We hope he will receive sufficient support to secure for him a place among the successful. No. 54, George Octavius Fearon, is one of a family of whom there still five children dependent on friends. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and is accredited to the Province of Cumberland, in which district his father held Provincial Grand office. No. 47, Fred Jenner, is the lad who, with two

others, is now dependent on his stepmother. He is accredited to the Province of Sussex, and now makes a first application.

Forty-two of the remaining cases are lads whose father is, in each case dead, and of these two are members of families in which there are eight children dependent on the widowed mother. No. 9, Benjamin Meeds Hildred, a candidate for the fourth time, from Wiltshire, brings forward 283 votes. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and, as we have said, is yet one of eight relying on their mother. No. 41, Horace Field Aspinall—a new case—is accredited to the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, London, to which his father subscribed for nearly nine years (close up to the date of his death). Coming next on the roll we have four cases in which there are seven children dependent. No. 6, James Pullen Seagrave, who has taken part in the last three elections, stands a good chance, as he brings forward 1198 votes to start with, being indeed second on the "brought forward" list. His father was a member of two London Lodges, and the position the son now occupies on the ballot paper shows that the brethren who knew him are doing something to show their friendship. No. 23, Frank Perkins, polled 202 votes in April last. Like the last-mentioned case, this lad's father is accredited to London, he having been P.M. and Secretary of St. James, No. 765. No. 30, Percy White Musgrave, has a sister in the Girls' School. He now makes a first application for admission to the Boys' Institution, and will doubtless secure a place there at no very distant date; the two Lodges his father was associated with (the Acacia and the Metropolitan, both of London) have been proverbial for their efforts on behalf of the families of their old members. No. 56, Charles Henry Wurr, comes from the Province of Nottingham, and is also a first application case. No. 16, Arthur Warner, one of a family of six, has 224 votes already polled on his behalf, he having stood at each of the last two elections. His father was W.M. of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London. No. 20, Stanley Claud Dawson, also one of six, has 349 votes to bring forward, he having been a candidate in April last. His father was initiated in Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Surrey, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, which occurred in November 1882.

Five children dependent on a widowed mother is recorded in nine of the remaining cases. No. 3, Reginald Alfred L. Mitchell, a Devonshire lad, has eight votes brought forward to show for the four elections he has already taken part in. No. 8, Frederick Teilo Davis—a fourth application—from the Eastern Division of South Wales, has but two votes already to his credit, but his father's Province is among the best of the Charity workers, and are doubtless gathering their strength together in order to carry this, the only case they have on the list, if it is in any way possible. No. 18, James Campbell Besley, has already stood two elections. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and would himself seem to have a certain chance of being elected to the Boys', as he brings forward the large number of 1670 votes. No. 26, Frank Kingsley Manning, has four votes to his credit. He has stood one election only, and is accredited to the Province of North Wales and Salop. No. 36, Francis Buckland B. Kent; No. 39, Richard David Williams; No. 43, Edgar Howard Pope; No. 49, Isaac Harold Lester; and No. 53, Albert Taylor, are the remaining lads in this section. Pope (43) has a sister in the Girls' School, but in other respects there

is nothing special about the cases. Kent's father was a member of No. 1297, London; Williams's of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, W. Lancashire; Pope's of Royal Lebanon, No. 493, Gloucestershire; Lester's of Nos. 199 and 1208, Kent; and Taylor's of Tranquillity, No. 274, East Lancashire.

Nos. 13, 17, 19, 29 and 38 each form one of families of four, left to the care of widowed mothers. No. 13, John Sinclair Barker Allen, comes forward for the third time, with 244 votes to his credit. His father was a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 100, Norfolk; No. 17, Charles Bernard Cooper, has had similar experience so far as number of elections is concerned, but has met with much greater success, having already polled 1070 votes. His father was a subscribing member of No. 1381, London, until the time of his death, which occurred in 1883. No. 19, William Featherstone Sharland, has 544 votes to his credit from the two contests in which he has already been engaged. His father was a Devonshire Mason, having been a member of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, a matter of eight years. No. 29, John George Hardy (Jersey); and No. 38, Alfred Llewellyn Pedley (South Wales, West Division), are both first applications. No. 21, Arthur Moore is one of a family of five, of whom two are partially provided for. He has 37 votes to his credit from April last. His father's Lodge was the Montague, No. 665, Dorset.

There are ten cases in which the families dependent consist of three children, and of these five are first applications. No. 11, William Taylor Gishford, son of an old member of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London, has 997 votes to his credit, as the result of two elections in which he has been a competitor. No. 22, Alfred Thompson Mushens, polled 10 votes last April. His father was a member of the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Durham. No. 25, Lewis John Thomas Harvey, has a sister in the Girls' School, and himself brings forward 505 votes as the result of his friends' labours in April last. His father was connected with Nos. 72, 1475, and 1658, three London Lodges, and during the few years he was associated with them appears to have gained several friends, if we may judge from what is being done for his family. No. 27, John Leathart Heinke, brings forward 183 votes from April. His father was initiated in the Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452, Surrey. No. 28, Samuel William Knight, had 311 polled on his behalf last election. His father was S.W. of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London. No. 40, John Braithwaite Broadbent (East Lancashire); No. 42, Charles William Whitehead (East Lancashire); No. 44, Sydney John Pearson (Staffordshire); No. 51, John Henry Brown (London); and No. 57, Harry Edwards Henshaw (London), are all first application cases. Henshaw has a sister in the Girls' School, but beyond that there is nothing special in any of the cases to refer to.

No. 12, Christopher W. G. Barber (London), who now comes forward for the third time, is one of a family of whom two children are dependent on a widowed mother. He has 870 votes to his credit, so that his chance of ultimate election may be looked upon as very good. No. 31, Sidney James Simpson (Northumberland); No. 35, Cuthbert John George Roddam (London); No. 37, Algernon Sackville West (London); No. 45, Arthur Taylor Richardson (Devon); and No. 50, Walter John Richards (London), each of whom are members of families in which two children are dependent on the mother, close this section. They are all first applications, and with the exception of young West (37), present no special features. He has a sister in the Girls' School.

No. 24, Richard Cephas Matthews, is an only child now dependent on his mother. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and he brings forward 853 votes from April last, a state of affairs which stamps his election as all but certain. His father was initiated in Tasmanian Lodge, No. 536, Hobart Town. No. 33, George Cannon (Northumberland), and No. 34, William Baret Macqueen (London), both of whom now appear for the first time, are also the only children dependent on their respective mothers.

In the remaining cases, which are five in number, both parents are still living. No. 2, Reginald Beaumont, now comes forward for the fifth time, with 1088 votes to his credit. He is one of ten children dependent on his parents, but why he is eligible for this Institution we do not know, as no reason is assigned. No. 4, Frederick Wallace Longman, whose father is incapacitated, is one of three children dependent. He brings forward 95 votes from

three previous elections. No. 5, James Murray Green, who has already stood three elections, has not fared so well, as his total at present stands at 21 only. He and one other child are dependent. No. 15, John Augustus Miller Bailey, has 155 votes to his credit, the result of two contests. He and nine other children are dependent. No. 32, John Nicol McMillan, is a first application case. He has a sister in the Girls School, and yet there are still eleven children dependent. The father is described as insane, and thus we may say that this, the last on the list, is among the most deserving of the fifty-six it has been our duty to review. McMillan's father was initiated in a South American Lodge, afterwards joining No. 1719, London.

In closing our remarks we can but again express our pleasure at the large proportion of candidates it will be possible to elect. We hope that the most deserving will ultimately succeed.

### THE ETHICS OF VISITING.

THE right of visit is one which, within certain definite limitations, appertains to every Mason in good Masonic standing. It is a right, too, which is enjoyed by every such Brother probably more than any other right conferred by Freemasonry. No other is exercised so frequently, or with results so pleasurable. It is the privilege the exercise of which practically proves the whole Masonic world to be akin. Lodges in America and China are equally within the area encircled by the Mystic Tie, and Brethren of the one may visit those of the other with a freedom and benefit that are productive of the largest good and truest enjoyment. In order to the attainment of this result the right performance of certain correlative duties is necessary on the part equally of the visitor and the Lodge, or other Masonic body visited. We shall state a few of these, in order that the ethics of Masonic visiting may be the better apprehended, and the more correctly exemplified.

The visitor should be careful to claim the exercise of his right at a time when he is aware that it is not inconvenient to the Lodge. Suppose the body meets at seven o'clock—in that event he should not, if he be a stranger, knock at the portals of the Lodge so late as nine, or it may be ten o'clock, and expect to have his call *instantly* attended to. When seven o'clock is fixed as the hour of meeting it means seven, for members and visitors, and stragglers after that hour have no right to cavil because they are kept waiting outside a reasonable length of time, or perhaps, if the exigencies of business require it, altogether. Too much indulgence is usually shown these tardy brethren. Until quite recently, for example, a whole hour was devoted, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to admitting *late* members, no business whatever, meanwhile, being transacted. Thus were those who were *diligent* in the performance of their Masonic duties made to wait upon those who were *negligent*. Now, the better custom has been adopted of limiting the time for the main reception of tardy members and visitors to the first half-hour—to the large satisfaction of punctual brethren, the quicker despatch of business, and justice to all concerned. No brother has a right to complain that two or three hundred other brethren would not sit with folded hands for an hour while he made up his mind whether he would come to see them and take part in their proceedings. The ethics of visiting do not require this, and the sooner this is distinctly understood the better for the comfort and pleasure of all concerned.

The Lodge visited, when the brother calls at a *timely* hour, and at a period when it is not engaged in labour, should recognise his mystic knock by promptly communicating with him in the accustomed manner. He should not be kept waiting unduly, any more than the Lodge should so be kept waiting. These correlative rights are reciprocal, and their right exercise entails no hardship on either party. Neither one may present an allowable excuse for the non-performance of that duty, which is required to be performed by what we may style the unwritten canon of courtesy. Freemasonry is a Fraternity, and the actions of its brethren towards each other should always be fraternal. It is equally unfraternal for a brother to visit at a *late* hour, and for a Lodge to decline to acknowledge

the call and admit the visitor at an *early* hour, when the exigencies of the work do not forbid it.

Between the visitor and visited there stands an important officer—the Tyler. Primarily he represents the Masonic body whose door he tyles, but secondarily he owes the performance of important duties to every brother with whom he is officially brought in contact. In fact, he is the *visible* head of the Lodge. It is within, he is without, and it is, to a large degree, under his control. Every brother who addresses him, and bespeaks his kind offices, is entitled to receive them. He is the servant of the Craft. We use this term in no invidious sense, for we are all servants; but he specially owes to visiting brethren that fraternal acknowledgment of their greeting, and that prompt and reasonable response to their Masonic request, that every brother owes to another when one is in authority, and the other under his authority, and at the same time having certain well-defined rights. We are convinced that few Tylers transgress in this respect; but none should. They are stationed at the outer door as the representatives of the Masonic bodies they tyle. The dignity and utility of these bodies are, so far as the visitors are concerned, in their keeping. If they neglect to perform their duties, or needlessly delay the applicant for admission, they do injustice no less to the dignity of their own place than to that of the Lodge and the visitor. The prompt, courteous and attentive performance of duty in this regard is not only right and proper, but it reflects credit on the individual, the office, and the Lodge.

The profane world has the habit of saying “not at home” when any unwelcome visitor calls, or it is inconvenient to receive an otherwise welcome one. There is no “not at home” in Masonry. If we are anything we are a band of brothers. He who professes his willingness to go out of his way to aid a distressed worthy brother ought above all to receive him with wide-open hand when he comes in his way, and especially to see him.

Another truth in this connection is worth remembering. A visiting brother is entitled to more than twelve inches square, or any other number of inches square, of seat-room in a Lodge. He is entitled to more than to be let alone for a whole evening. Courtesy does not end at the door of the Lodge. There should follow the cordial word of welcome, the bidding to be “at home” while in their midst, and not only at entering, but thereafter, when occasion permits, there should be that sociability which above everything else gives zest to a visit by a strange brother, and causes him to remember with feelings of supreme pleasure the hour he spent with his brethren of the Mystic Tie. It is a very easy thing to treat a visiting brother fraternally, from the moment that he knocks at the door to the time he leaves the Lodge, but it has a very large result. It blesses both giver and receiver. It proves Freemasonry to be no empty theory, no lofty impractical ideal, but something which is truly and best exemplified in practice, ever displaying a courtesy as free as Freemasonry itself, and as substantial as the material masonry that gave birth and name to our glorious Fraternity.—*Keystone.*

## THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 180.)

WE remarked, at the conclusion of our last paper, that Chapter II., entitled “Investigations on the Third Degree,” must be looked upon as supplementary to Chapter I., and contains a great mass of interesting information. Having stated emphatically his opinion that the “triplex division” of our Rite dates from about 1717, and having justified himself in the expression of this opinion by quotations to a like effect from Lyon, Gould, and others, Bro. Hughan sets himself to the task of producing, from various sources, such references to the third degree as are apposite to the question. The first in point of time is contained in the General Regulations of 1721, compiled by M.W. Past Grand Master Payne, the year 1721 being, curiously enough, the same in which Dr. Desaguliers is said by Lyon to have visited Mary’s Chapel and communicated to the members a knowledge of the ceremonial of the Degree. The words of Regulation XIII. are, “Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow Crafts only here”—that is, the Quarterly Communica-

tion—“unless by a dispensation;” but the Regulation did not long remain in force, as, in the Grand Lodge Minutes of 27th November 1725, it is recorded, that “a motion being made that such part of the 13th Article of the General Regulations relating to the making of Masters only at a Quarterly Communication may be repealed, and that the Master of each Lodge, with the consent of his Wardens, and the majority of the brethren being Masters, may make Masters at their discretion. Agreed to *nem con.*” As we have already pointed out—and Bro. Hughan is of the same opinion—this does not suggest a very great antiquity for the degree. The author next quotes from the version given by Dermott in the “Ahiman Rezon,” the edition from which the quotation is made being the third—of the year 1778. The passage reads thus: “About the year 1717 some joyous companions, who had passed the degree of a Craft, though very rusty, resolved to form a Lodge for themselves, in order, by conversation, to recollect what had been formerly dictated to them, or, if that should be found impracticable, to substitute something new, which might for the future pass for Masonry amongst themselves. After this meeting the question was asked whether any person in the assembly knew the Master’s part, and being answered in the negative, it was resolved *nem con.* that the deficiency should be made up with a new composition, and what fragments of the old Order found amongst them should be immediately reformed, and made more pliable to the humours of the people.” In a note to this statement Dermott gives the names of the “geniuses”—eight in number—“to whom the world is indebted for the memorable invention of modern Masonry.” In 1881, however, Bro. Gould made the important discovery that these eight brethren—whose names appear in precisely the same order both in this edition of the “Ahiman Rezon,” and Anderson’s 1738 Edition of the Constitutions—were present, not at a meeting held in 1717, but at the occasional Lodge at Kew in 1737 at which H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales was initiated and Crafted.

The next reference to the Degree is contained in a work entitled “Philo Musicæ et Architecturæ Societas,” which was presented to the British Museum in 1859, the dates of the circumstances recorded being anterior to that of the minute of Grand Lodge sanctioning the conferring of the Second and Third Degrees in subordinate Lodges. We give the passage in full as quoted by Bro. Hughan: “On the eighteenth day of February this Society was Founded and Begun at the Queen’s Head, near Temple Barr, By us the Eight underwritten, seven of which did belong to the Lodge at the Queen’s Head in Hollis Street, and were made Masons There In a just and perfect Lodge, viz., Mr. Willm. Gulston, Merchant, & Mr. Edmund Squire, Gent., were made Masons the 15th of December, 1724, By Mr. Thomas Bradbury, Master of the said Lodge. Coort Knevit, Esqr., and Mr. William Jones, Gent., were made Masons the 22nd of December, 1724, by His Grace the Duke of Richmond, Grand Master, who then constituted the Lodge. Mr. Papitton Ball, mercht., and Seigr. Francesso Xanerio Germiniani were made Masons the 1st of February, 1724. Mr. Thomas Marshall, Gent., was made a Mason at the George in Long Acre some time before. The said Mr. William Gulston, Coort Knevit, Esq., Mr. William Jones, and Mr. Edmund Squire were Regularly pass’d Masters in the before mentioned Lodge of Hollis Street, and before we founded this Society, a Lodge was held, consisting of Masters sufficient for that purpose, In order to pass Charles Cotton, Esq., Mr. Papitton Ball, and Mr. Thomas Marshall Fellow Crafts. In the performance of which Mr. William Gulston acted as Senior Warden. Immediately after which, vizt.—the 18th Day of February, A.D. 1724, he, the said Mr. Willm. Gulston was chosen President of the said Society.” Other particulars are quoted, but they are of less material consequence.

Passing over the theory suggested by Brother Hyde Clarke, we next come to some quotations given by Bro. Woodford from the Byelaws of a Lodge about 1730 preserved in the Rawlinson MSS. in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. The first reads thus: “3. Two pounds seven shillings at his making, and received double clothing. Also, when this lodge shall think convenient to confer the Superior Degree of Masonry upon him, he shall pay five shillings more.” The same Bro. Woodford then gives the following regulation made by a Lodge on the 5th January, 1731-2, namely, “That all and every person or persons recommended and accepted as above shall pay for his or

their making the sum of three pounds three shillings. And for their admittance the sum of five shillings, and every Brother who shall pass the Degree of F.C. and M. shall pay the further sum of seven shillings and sixpence." These quotations are followed by particulars furnished by Bro. Watson, of Lincoln, from the Minute Book of a Lodge founded in that city in 1730, and referred to by Oliver in his "History of the Witham Lodge." The regulation noted was passed 5th December 1732, and is to the following effect: "No Brother made in another lodge shall be passed Master in this under half-a-guinea, to be paid for the entertainment of the Masters present; and if he be a member of another lodge, he must bring the leave of the officers thereunto belonging, if the lodge is still existing over and above. The members are to be excused for five shillings, when they are sufficiently qualified to be admitted to that degree." But the following from the same Minute Book relates particularly to the Third Degree: "Tuesday Dec'y 3rd, 1734; present (names given), it was proposed that there should be an election of new members, and at the request of the whole lodge, Sir C. Wray, Bart., D.G.M., was elected Master of the same, who was pleased to nominate Sir Christopher Lahr, Bart., Sen' Warden, and Sidney Every, Esq., Jun. Warden for the ensuing year. But as regards our said two new Wardens, as well as several other Brethren of this lodge well qualified and worthy of the Degree of Master had not been called thereto, our said Right Worshipful Master was pleased to direct that a *Lodge of Masters* should be held at the place aforesaid, on Monday ye thirtieth instant, at which time the said (names given) should be severally admitted to the Degree of Master, on their paying severally 5s a piece to the box and 12d to the Door keeper." The Lodge of Masters was accordingly held, as appointed, and "the several Brethren following were in due form admitted to the Degree of Master (to wit), Bro. Lahr (&c.), after which a general lodge was held."

After references of a similar character to a Salisbury Lodge, dated 1735 and 1737, and one to a Norwich Lodge, dated 1743, we are told that of those present at the constitution of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath, now No. 41, on the 18th May 1733, "there were present (1) the Master, (2) Wardens, (3) Fellow Crafts, (4) six brethren described as 'Masters,' and (5) four styled 'Pass'd Masters.'" The 15th Bye Law of this Lodge, passed in the year 1746, provides that "Every Fellow Craft who is found able and cunning in the judgment of the officers, and desirous to pass Master, shall pay five shillings into the Treasurer's hands for the benefit of the lodge," Bro. Hughan suggesting, and very reasonably, on the strength of this, that "the 'Masters noted in the minute of 18th May 1733, were those who had received the Third Degree, the 'Pass'd Masters' being brethren who had presided in the lodge, and thus qualified as *Past Masters*.'"

As regards the records of the Grand Lodge at York, Brother Hughan considers the fact of his having obtained no help in the pursuit of his investigations from the "oldest Bye-Laws, dated 1725," is a further significant fact in evidence of the modern character of our system of Degrees. He notes, however, that there is preserved "a little narrow slip of parchment containing list of M.M.'s"—to the number of 35—"from 1729 to 1734 (*circa*)," and also that Brother Francis Drake, in his address before the York Grand Lodge on 27th December 1726, as J.G.W., declares "that three parts in four of the whole earth might then be divided into E.P., F.C., and M.M."

Bro. Hughan's attention is next directed to a question raised in this journal on 25th August 1777, by our worthy friend Bro. Jacob Norton, as to the character of Master Masons' Lodges, of the existence of which in the 1738 Constitutions he happened to have become aware a short time previously, and he (Bro. Hughan) expresses it as his opinion "that 'Masters' Lodges' described really two classes of meetings." 1. Lodges which worked the Third Degree on certain days in each month, and (2) Lodges which assembled as Master Masons only, just as some Lodges practically do now, such as the 'Fortitude Lodge,' No. 64, Manchester, the fee for initiation being so high as to be virtually prohibitive; but for joining Master Masons the cost is merely nominal. Taking this view of the subject we can quite understand how all the Lodges had the right to confer the Third Degree, some of the number working the ceremony at stated times only, and others caring but to assemble as Master Masons, leaving to the

ordinary Lodges the duty of perfecting Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. In process of time, some of the first class seemingly cared as little for the Third Degree as those of the latter did for the previous ceremonies, hence arose the custom of looking to certain Lodges for the working of the Master Masons' Ritual, and thus becoming known especially as 'Masters' Lodges,' though every Lodge had just as much right to work the ceremony. Beyond question, it was considered the warrants permitted of the three Craft Degrees being worked, whether by old or new Lodges; hence this fact must be allowed its full weight in the inquiry; and no explanation can be correct which ignores that right."

The chapter concludes with the following passage: "There was a disinclination to proceed to the Third Degree manifested by many brethren during the latter part of last century, and there seems to have been some little truth, at least in the assertion made in 1730—in "The Mystery of Free Masons,"—"quoted in the *Freemason* in July 1880, to the effect that—"There is not a Mason in a hundred that will be at the expense to pass the Master's part?" So late as 1752, when the first Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall was installed, the brother who presided was only a Fellow Craft. In Scotland, matters were even worse, for in the historical account of St. Machar's Lodge, No. 54, Aberdeen, Dr. Beveridge states that 'The First Degree was always given alone, and the Second and Third together;' a large number, however, contented themselves with the First Degree, without proceeding to the others. Thus, of 260 who up to, and including, the year 1775 took the First Degree by itself, only 137 took the other degrees."

(To be continued.)

## DIFFERENT VIEWS OF MASONRY.

THE difficulty of giving a proper definition of what Freemasonry is, presents itself to us at the present time with as strong a force as it has to Masonic writers in the past. Not but that there have been innumerable definitions accorded; but I make bold to say that not one of these can be held up as conveying fully the true signification of Freemasonry.

I do not propose in the present short article to propound a new definition, nor do I intend to criticise the many that have from time to time been laid before the Craft; rather do I wish to consider the several ways in which Freemasonry is presented to the minds of different Masons, and the estimation accordingly held by them of the value of our Institution.

In briefly looking at this question we have to take into consideration fully the different temperament of individuals; their mental capacity and training; their association; and, most of all, the Masonic education they have received. Considering, therefore, these surroundings in connection with my subject, I will attempt to classify, as far as possible, the different aspects in which Freemasonry has been looked upon that have come under my notice.

Some have called Freemasonry a religion, others term it a science, others again make it merely a social Institution, where the bitterness of ordinary life is (or should be) eschewed and a peaceful hour may be spent amongst men bound together by a congenial tie. There are a goodly number, again, who value Freemasonry solely for the convivial meetings attached to it, and are always to be found at Lodge when a good supper is to be had. Again, I have heard men say openly that they had joined the Fraternity to gain introduction to a certain class of individuals merely as a trading matter, and that they were forced to do so because "every one did it." Then there is the great class who join it out of curiosity, or, perhaps, because somebody in a position above them is a Mason, and it is supposed to be the proper thing to do. Near akin to this is that class of individuals who wish for congenial society, and look to find amongst the members of the Craft men of education and intellect. Lastly, there are those who call our Institution merely a charitable one.

I think that from the divisions I have made I can illustrate my views, and will take the section first that considers Freemasonry a religion.

Now there must be, I take it as a fundamental principle, in any religion that the practice of it will save the soul, and in dealing with this it is understood that I address

myself only to Masons who must of necessity believe in the immortality of the soul. If, then, the mere practice of the principles taught in Freemasonry will purchase heaven for us, we come into direct contradiction with the teachings of Christianity. Considering, however, that our whole system is built upon the doctrines laid down in Holy Writ, and prior to 1813 the Grand Lodge of England used Christian prayers, and dedicated its Lodges to St. John, and that in America and the great part of the world the same is continued to this day, I cannot see how we can consider Freemasonry to be in any way opposed to Christianity, which it would necessarily be if a rival religion. It would also clash with all religions by asserting itself in their place. The fact that we are taught to abstain from all topics of religious controversy while in the Lodge also repels the idea of Freemasonry being a religion. It appears to me very probable that it was to combat this idea that in our lectures Masonry is designated "A System of Morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." I take it, therefore, that instead of saying that a good Mason must necessarily be a good man, we should say that a good man must necessarily be a good Mason. This way of putting it may at first blush appear as taking away from the teachings and good to be derived from the Craft, but it is not so. I hold that many men who have never been initiated into the secrets of the Craft are better Masons than numbers who have listened to our beautiful ritual, and sat under the sublime teachings of the Craft. Masonry is in the heart, and does not consist of the forms and ceremonies appertaining to it; and it is the fact of its being centred in that innermost recess that has induced many worthy and earnest Masons to look upon it as a religion. I think that we cannot too strongly disassociate our minds of the least suspicion of this idea—an idea that must necessarily be repugnant to our wives and families, who would thereby be debarred from participating with us in the benefits of what is to them as important a matter as to ourselves.

The application of the term "science" to Freemasonry has a very nice sound, and appears to carry out the idea of the system. There is no doubt but that in times past it was esteemed a science, for are we not told that Freemasonry was known of old by the word Geometry, which included all the sciences? Indeed, the pursuit of the study of this portion of Freemasonry is of special interest to those who are mentally fitted for it. The demonstration of certain known laws in geometry, and their application to our system of working the degrees, &c., has a charm for certain individuals. As Freemasonry is in these days, however, more considered in its symbolic than its operative sense, the title of "science" as applied to it loses its signification, unless applied symbolically. In this sense Masonry is a science—a science of life—a study and search after that greatest of all objects—truth.

The third class may be composed of professional or business men, who, tired with the strain and fight of daily life, seek to find in a Masonic Lodge rest from the busy turmoil. The idea conveyed by this is very beautiful, and has a charm about it which, I must confess, I very much admire. In the same sense that we regard our own fire-side, so do many of us come to regard our Lodge. The aim of this class of Masons is to spend a social hour with their brethren, freed from the carking cares of the world, and if to such brethren the Lodge presents this feature or characteristic, then I claim that a Masonic Lodge is a great boon, if not a necessity. It may be said that the same thing may be gained at a club of congenial spirits, and so it could, provided it took for its standard the principles of Masonry. It would then be a similar institution, but would lack the universality that the Craft has attained.

The next class is one to beware of. Those Masons who see no more in the Institution than a good supper and conviviality, and consider what has been termed the knife and fork degree the essence of Masonry, are of positive harm to the Society, for not only do they lower the whole tone of the Lodge, and drive away good earnest Masons, but they convey an idea to the outside world very prejudicial to the Craft. Let it be understood that I am not one of those who rant and rail against the festive board. On the contrary, I firmly believe that it is an integral portion of Masonry, and that in the breaking of bread and the use in moderation of God's good gifts at the social board before parting, warmest feelings and goodwill are often engendered, and ideas and sentiments interchanged between brethren who would never otherwise have had an oppor-

tunity for so doing. The class that I deprecate consists of those who care not one straw about the work of the Lodge or the practical carrying out of the principles of Masonry, and who are rarely, if ever, seen at Lodge unless there is a grand banquet provided. I disclaim such men. Their belly is their god, and of Masonry they know nothing.

The worst section, though, is the trading class. Who has not met the trading Mason? The man who will in the precincts of the Lodge—aye, even in the very Lodge itself, if needs be—put his business under your nose, and, if you will, take your order for his goods. Is there a more contemptible creature than the trading Mason? Not content with soiling his own hands, he will tell others, not Masons, that they should come in and be one of us, you know, with the intimation, or perhaps the outspoken words, that it will do your business good. God forgive the man, say I, who, once knowing the principles of the Craft, dares to prostitute its high privileges by using them to his own personal ends.

By far the greater number of men join the Craft, though, out of curiosity, or because some friend of theirs is a member. A goodly proportion of this class, having satisfied their curiosity, and merely taken their degrees, become unaffiliated, and in a short time forget all about it, except that they were once made a Mason. The pity is that they did not stay long enough to become Masons, as out of this class perhaps we lose some of what would have been our best men had they known more about things. If you ask them what they think of Masonry, they will tell you perhaps that "they were disappointed, and found nothing in it." Of this class, however, there is always a good percentage that stay with the Craft, and should they happily fall into congenial society, they may turn out worthy and creditable Masons, for, being brought into contact with its principles and sitting under its teachings for a short time, they begin soon to appreciate the Institution.

This brings me to the class who seek in the Masonic ranks for intellectual society above the ordinary run of daily life. This class contains those who ornament our Institution, and should they be fortunate enough to join a Lodge containing the elements they seek, with a Master in the chair competent to impart instruction, and make them feel in a congenial sphere, the Craft gains a valuable addition to its ranks.

The last class I notice is that that looks upon the Masonic Institution as a benevolent society merely, whose only object is to provide funds to assist indigent members. Were this the only object of Masonry it could as well be carried out by a Committee like any other charitable institution, with all the ceremonies, &c., abolished. Many Masons there are who consider that they have performed their duty by simply subscribing to their Lodge, and, when necessary, putting down a sovereign or two in any begging list presented to them. It would ill become me to decry the charitable endeavours of brethren, but I do most heartily protest that our society is not a charitable institution. This portion of our system has grown up as a necessity of the principles we teach, and that, instead of our being banded together to dispense charity, we dispense charity as the result of our being banded together. There is a very wide difference between these two. Charity is not our primary object, but it is the outcome, and so has established itself as an important portion of our system.

The question arises whether a better system of education cannot be undertaken in our Lodges, so that those errors, which are more of the head than the heart, may be rectified, and many of our brethren brought to look upon Masonry in its best sense. Of course I do not expect that under any circumstances all will view it in the same light, the different temperaments and mental ability affecting considerably each individual; yet I think that there is room for improvement in imparting a healthy and vigorous appreciation of our Society in the minds of many who at present are woefully ignorant of its true aims and principles.

Perhaps, on another occasion, I will endeavour to point out what I consider might be done.—*Victorian Freemason.*

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me to add to your interesting series of articles on the Catalogue of the Worcester Masonic Exhibition, that copies may be obtained from Bro. George Taylor (Provincial Grand Secretary), Summerlyne Villa, Kidderminster, at two shillings each, post free. Bro. Taylor had a large number printed so as to supply brethren with copies of the Catalogue who were unable to attend that noted Exhibition. Impressions also of the Commemorative Medal may be obtained from the same brother, at 2s each (white metal), 3s 6d (bronze), 10s 6d (silver), carriage free. The interest exhibited in the matter must be my excuse for thus troubling you and trespassing on your valuable space.

Yours fraternally,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

Torquay, 20th Sept. 1884.

## LEGALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—About a month ago your Masonic contemporary started a correspondence as to the legality of Freemasonry in England, but it has not gone on, and the Editorial remarks made upon the subject were so very unsatisfactory that I venture to ask you to throw some further light upon the point, if you can, or to let the information the subject demands be given to the public by correspondence in your columns.

The Act of 1799 clearly makes those Lodges which were then existing legal, provided they complied with certain properly defined regulations. These regulations, however, are such that no Lodge, not existing at that time, can comply with them.

The Act of 1817 only differs from the Act of 1799 in respect of Ireland, which is excluded from its operation by clause 39.

Perhaps some of the learned archaeologists of the Craft can throw light upon this subject, as, seeing the position in which we stand in relation to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it is of grave importance to every English Mason.

Yours fraternally,

THE W.M. OF A LONDON LODGE.

## SOMETHING NEW ABOUT THE "AMERICAN MASONIC MOTHER."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I first received the *Keystone* and the pamphlet reprinted therefrom, containing the copy of the new discovered record of a Lodge of 1731, at Philadelphia, my attention was mainly directed to the list of figures, in search of the *two guineas and a-half*, which ought to have been recorded in that book if the Philadelphian brethren ever had an English charter at that period. But no "two guineas and a-half," or the word *charter* or *warrant* did I find therein. And I believe I mentioned it in a letter to your paper some months ago. My thoughts were then so much absorbed in looking after evidence for the Philadelphia charter as to cause me to overlook a very important item, viz., that William Allen in 1731 was not the W. Master of a Lodge, but a *Grand Master*. Thus much is stated in the printed form. But Bro. MacCalla left out of print the fact that William Pringle was Grand Master Allen's "Deputy" on 24th June 1731. And now read the opinion which Bro. H. Drummond P.G.M., of Maine, has inferred from his newly discovered facts. Bro. D. says, "Quite recently the Ledger of St. John's Lodge at Philadelphia, existing as early as 24th June 1731, has been discovered. It is a very important historic document, and we congratulate our Pennsylvanian brethren upon its discovery. It was found by Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, in the Library of the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

"Portions of it have been photographed, and we have taken the opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of a copy sent to us by order of the M.W. Grand Master by his private Secretary, and to tender our hearty thanks for it.

"It shows that a Lodge was formed early in 1731 and maintained its organisation for several years. It confirms our former belief that the Lodge spoken of by Franklin was a permanent organisation, like the four English Lodges in 1717.

"The accounts all commence 24th June 1731; but the Lodge had previously existed, although, as we judge, only as brethren met and opened one. But on that date it seems to have been determined to make a permanent organisation. There is no evidence that it had any warrant, or existed under any other authority than that of the brethren who formed it. The 'Stock Account' is given, and while it shows a payment for the book itself, there is no item of payment for any warrant or of any sum whatever for expenses of organisation.

"Benjamin Franklin was a member, and we have no doubt that he was made a Mason in it in the early part of 1731.

"William Allen was also a member, and his account is given. It

affords conclusive evidence that on 24th June 1731 the Lodge knew nothing of Daniel Coxe as Grand Master. For the account is headed 'William Allen, Esq., Grand Master.' In the 'Stock Account' William Allen is also designated 'Grand Master.' In the 'Stock Account' also William Pringle is designated on the same date (24th June 1731) as 'Deputy Master.'

"The Pennsylvania theory has been, that in 1732 Allen was elected Grand Master to succeed Coxe. But here we have evidence that on 24th June 1731 William Allen was recognised as Grand Master, and William Pringle as his Deputy, and this, too, when the Lodge first took on the form of permanent organisation.

"The discovery of this book settles that, so far as is known, the first Lodge organised in permanent form in this country existed in Philadelphia, but it also shows that the Lodge recognised William Allen as Grand Master; of course it did not recognise Coxe as Grand Master at the same time, and therefore could not have existed under the authority of Coxe." (*Report of Committee of F.C. for Maine 1884.*)

Comment upon the above opinion is unnecessary, as far as I am concerned, but perhaps Bro. Hughan or Bro. Q. may have something to say upon the subject.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 8th Sept. 1884.

The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, will commence the Session on Monday next, 29th September, and continue its meetings every Monday evening, at seven o'clock p.m., at the Printing Works, 202 White-chapel-road, near the London Hospital. Bro. W. H. Myers, the Preceptor, will rehearse the installation ceremony at the first meeting.

The Doric Chapter of Improvement, No. 933 will meet on the following Wednesday, at the same place, and continue its meetings every Wednesday evening, at 7.30 p.m. Comp. T. J. Barnes Preceptor.

Our Masonic vacation is nearly over, and the members of the various Lodges are looking forward to their regular meetings. During the vacation changes have taken place, and familiar faces will be missed, but this will be counterbalanced by many recollections of happy meetings in the past. Aspirants to office should avail themselves of the advantages offered by Lodges of Instruction, while those in office will feel a pride in resuming their various chairs, ready and able to give a perfect rendering of our beautiful ritual. We would recommend brethren especially to exercise care in introducing candidates. Due regard should be paid both to their moral and social position; once a Mason always a Mason is a maxim that should be well pondered.

Madame Worrell announces that her Annual Evening Concert will take place on Tuesday, 14th October, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, when the following artistes will assist:—Madame Adelina Paget, Misses Spencer Jones and Pauline Featherby, and Madame Raymond; Bros. Henry Ashton, Henry Guy, Alfred Kenningham, Frederick H. Cozens, Frederick Bevan, and Mr. James Budd. Pianoforte—Miss Bessie Waugh. Violin—Miss Adeline Dinelli. Conductor—Bro. Turle Lee. Tickets (3s, 2s, and 1s each) may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 52 Knowle Road, Brixton Road, S.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, on Tuesday, 30th of September next, at the Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W.

A Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, will be consecrated in November. The consecration has been postponed, in consequence of the alterations at Brixton Hall not being yet completed. The intention of the petitioning Companions is that the Chapter shall, if possible, be consecrated by the same Grand Officers as consecrated the Lodge in August, 1881.

On and after Friday, the 26th September, the Ubique Lodge of Instruction, No. 1789, will hold its meetings at the Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, instead of, as formerly, at the Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, 106 Buckingham Palace Road.

## SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

THE brethren of the above Lodge assembled on Saturday afternoon, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, for the transaction of important business. There were present Bros. A. Middlemass W.M., J. J. Brinton J.W., C. Wilson (Secretary), G. W. Marsden S.D., R. J. Voisey J.D., Hermann I.G., H. Forbes Stoward. Bro. J. C. Bradley acted as S.W. *pro tem*, and the Past Masters present were Bros. Mansell, Sugden, H. Bickerstaff and R. R. Bryant. The Visitors were Bros. R. Tilling P.M. 765, W. E. Johnson S.W. 134, and R. J. Vincent P.M. 1963. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Robert Elgar was then raised and thereupon took his seat in a Master Mason's Lodge. The W.M. intimated that the next important business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, together with that of a Treasurer and Tyler. He had received a communication from Bro. J. C. Reynolds jun., their Senior Warden, wherein he stated that in consequence of continued indisposition he was reluctantly compelled to resign office, and therefore hoped that some other more efficient brother would be elected for Master. The W.M., after some discussion had ensued, called on the Secretary to read over the names of the brethren who were eligible to fill the chair. This having been acceded to, a ballot was taken, which resulted in Bro. J. J. Brinton J.W. being elected. The W.M. congratulated that brother on his promotion, which doubtless had come unexpectedly upon him. Brother J. C. Reynolds Senior Warden was once more unanimously elected Treasurer and Bro. Harrison Tyler. The next business was the appointment of an Audit Committee, and on the motion of Bro. B. Bryant, the sum of five guineas was voted for the purpose of being handed over to the W.M. elect to be distributed among the Masonic Charities. After some important business had been forwarded, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to an excellent repast awaiting them, provided as usual by Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent Road. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were proposed and honoured. In proposing the health of the Master elect, the W.M. passed a warm encomium on Brother Brinton, and stated that he and all the Past Masters would render him every assistance in their power during his term of office. Their brethren was an outspoken man, and a warm-hearted one, as he had himself realised since his accession to office. The Worshipful Master elect acknowledged the compliment, and expressed a hope that with the assistance of the members of the Lodge he should be able to discharge the important duties associated with the position of W.M. satisfactorily. The promotion had come upon him quite unexpectedly; however, he would do all in his power to emulate the example of those able brethren who had preceded him in the important office. He hoped that the great Architect of the Universe would shed His rays on all their undertakings. The proceedings lasted until a late hour of the evening, and concluded with the Tyler's toast.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

THE first regular meeting since the vacation was held on the 11th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Sims. Bros. J. R. Smith S.W., C. Stokes J.W., Power P.M. Treasurer, Walter Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Nettlefold S.D., Walker I.G., Back Organist, Brown D.C., Plummert and Clayton Stewards; also Bros. Blacklogg, Sutton, Goodyear, Blenkarn, Brown, Lane, Prior, Catt, Baker, Smith, Powell, Taylor I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Larham P.M. 1216, Paton 205, Martin 1385, Thomson 1922 and Eidmans 225. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. Brown was raised to the third degree in a very able manner by the W.M. This being the night for election, Bro. Smith S.W., having efficiently performed every duty in the Lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Power was re-elected Treasurer. A sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to present Bro. Sims, the retiring W.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties during the year. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent supper. The W.M. ably presided, and gave, briefly and eloquently, the Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the Visitors was responded to, and some excellent harmony was rendered, by Bros. Mitchell P.M., Power P.M., Mackie and Sutton.

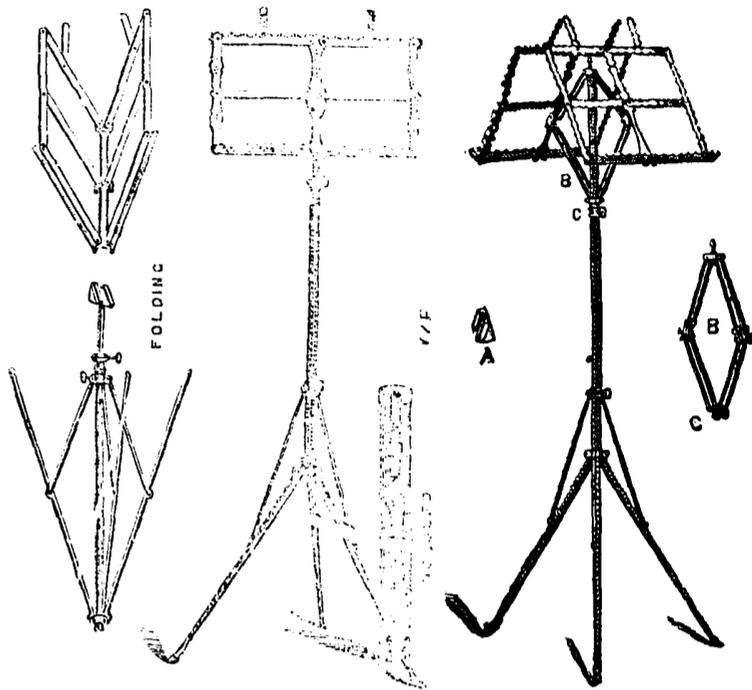
## ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Criterion Hotel, Piccadilly. Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Tayler W.M., and the following Officers:—Bros. Vincent P.M. as S.W., Bottle J.W., Coulthard and Johnstone Deacons, Moorman I.G., Ray D.C., P.M.'s Fisher, Flattely, Jones and Peacock, and a large number of brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. McLewin to the rank of M.M.; the ceremony being performed in Bro. Tayler's usual impressive and perfect manner. A ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Bottle J.W. was elected (Bro. H. J. Johnson P.M. S.W. having retired.) Bro. Isaacs was unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Thomas Tyler. Members having been elected as Auditors, and to serve on the Benevolent Fund Committee; the Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the 15th of October. A very gratifying matter was the subject of some conversation during the evening. A calculation has been made and it is discovered that this Lodge, just completing its eighth year of existence, has during that period subscribed nearly nine hundred pounds to the different Masonic Charities. The brethren then separated.

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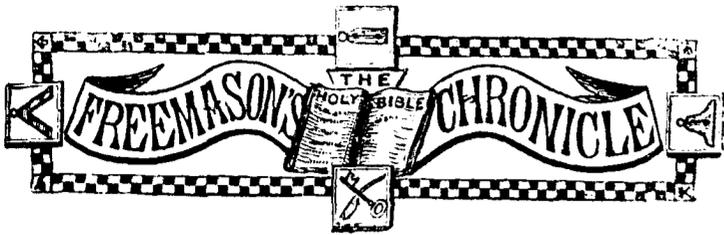
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### CATALOGUE OF THE MASONIC SOIREE AND EXHIBITION, WORCESTER, AUGUST, 1884.

(Continued from page 186.)

**B**RO. J. S. CUMBERLAND, of York, is second only to Bro. G. Taylor, of Worcester, in the number of his exhibits; while many of them, as indeed may be imagined from the enthusiasm and archaeological tastes of our worthy brother, are highly interesting to the admirers of curios. His array of contributions extends from No. 921 to 978E, and among them we have noted No. 926, a Silver Past Master's Jewel, said to have belonged to Lodge 520—the Friendship, of Gibraltar—of which Bro. Hughan remarks—"the design is most unusual, the square being suspended from the sun, a segment confining the extremities of the square, and enclosing the 47th problem of Euclid." Bro. Hughan sets down the date of the jewel "at about 1820," under the circumstances. Of 935—"Silver-pierced Jewel of elaborate design (circa 1760)," we are told—"This is a rare beauty, and of the same style as a sketch I have of one dated 1730. It may be of a continental manufacture, and used by a French brother; at all events it is old and valuable." As to another silver pierced medal, but of 1790 (No. 936)—Bro. Hughan says he should "date it earlier. The whole of the field is cut out, leaving only the emblems, these being artistically connected and arranged, so as to form a really handsome combination." No. 944—"Gilt Royal Arch Medal, depicting the removal of the third cope stone. 'Anno Lap. 5767,'" appears to have evoked some enthusiasm from the annotator, who writes: "This medal must be seen to be appreciated. The design was adopted in 1802 by the 'Ancients' for the distinctive Jewel of the 'Nine Worthies,' or 'Excellent Masters,' appointed to visit the Lodges and Chapters." Of No. 954—"Gold-pierced Master Mason's Jewel. Copy of an antique, engraved on both sides." He says—"This is an elaborately engraved medal, diminutive as to size, but not easily surpassed as to quality of workmanship." Other jewels are similarly commended for their rarity or beauty of design. Among works bearing upon Masonry is included Dermott's "Abiman Rezon." London: 1756—1st Edition. There is also a "Genealogie of the St. Claires of Roslyne, by Father Richard Augustin Hay, Prior of St. Pieremont, Edinburgh, 1835. Edited by James Maidment, Advocate." Bro. Hughan observes in respect of this that it is "a rare and particularly interesting work relating to the family of the St. Claires, and of itself completely dispels the illusion that the office of Grand Master of Scotland was hereditary in the St. Clairs of Roslin, there being a wide difference between the rank of Patra"—Query, Patron—"of early days, and that of Grand Master, the latter being unknown in Scotland until 1736." No. 975 is a "Curious Masonic Work by W. Finch, A.D. 1807," with portraits, &c., which is said to be "rare in a perfect state, and as a work certainly it is curious, if not reliable." No. 976 is thus fully described—"Silver and Enamelled Seven Pointed Star, three inches in diameter. Half a circle (containing a Painting of three figures, representing Faith, Hope, and Charity) rests upon two columns of Mother-of-Pearl, between which are the Square and Compasses on the Holy Bible, above being the Sun, and still higher the letter 'G', emblems being scattered around in rich profusion. Rev. Compasses of gold cord tied with the same at the head, and confined at the points by a segment of Mother-of-Pearl enclosing the Sun and letter 'G,' the whole being within a circle." This is exhibited by Bro. C. E. Ruddock, of Ripon, per Bro. J. S. Cumberland, and is pronounced by Bro. Hughan to be "a magnificent jewel."

Among the contributions of Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk is a "Large Masonic Jug—Figure of Hibernia and St. Patrick, with numerous emblems and mottoes," pronounced by the annotator to be a "rare piece, and probably unique." Bro. J. St. Clair Mayne, Secretary of Lodge No. 494, Ireland, sends "Old MS. 'Rule Book of 494 Lodge.' Dated July 21, 1772. It contains the Bye-laws of the Lodge, originally, and as altered from time to time, with signatures of the members. Among these will be found the autograph of the Duke of Wellington ('A. Wesley') and Earl Mornington, who were initiated in this Lodge." To this is appended the following note:—"The Lodge, No. 494, was originated by the Marquis of Kildare (afterwards Duke of Leinster) in 1772. In 1775 the Earl of Mornington joined, and on becoming Grand Master in 1777, presented an Apron, of an unusual kind, which the Masters were invested with down to 1856, but unfortunately it has been missing for some time. On 7th December 1790, the 'Hon. Arthur Wesley' (subsequently the Duke of Wellington) was initiated in the Lodge, the Book of 'Rules' containing his autograph and other celebrities. The initiation of the 'Iron Duke' has been questioned, His Grace (on the authority of Bro. Gould) even forgetting the fact himself, but the fact is clearly proved."

Bro. Hughan is among the more liberal contributors, and several of his exhibits—which by the way, are chiefly literary—must have attracted a good deal of attention. No. 991—"Nine Photographs of the Aberdeen 'Mark Book,' from A.D. 1670," and No. 994-998, being various versions in copy of the "Old Charges" are noteworthy. No. 1011, "Laws of the Grand R.A. Chapter, A.D. 1778" is rare, from its being the "first Edition," while the next in numerical sequence, No. 1012, which is an edition of the same Laws of 1823, is set down as valuable "because of the List of Chapters and Illustrations of the

Jewels." No. 1013 is an "Original Copy of 'Articles of Union' of A.D. 1813, between the so-called 'Ancient' and 'Modern' G. Lodges. No. 1024 is the "History and Bye-Laws of No. 3 Chapter, Philadelphia, by Bro. Meyer 1874," which is "believed to be the oldest existing Chapter in the world." No. 1031 is a "Gutta-percha impression of the 'Nine Worthies Medal,'" which Bro. Hughan remarks was "struck in 1802, and resembles others issued during the last century, exhibited by Bro. Newton, Cumberland, &c. There are seven preserved by the Grand Lodge, but there were nine." Bro. the Rev. F. A. Woodford contributes among other curios a "China Masonic Punch Bowl, 1780," a "China Jug, 1821," a "Cole's List of Lodges, 1762," and sundry certificates (No. 1072). Following these are the exhibits of different brethren, and then comes the numerous group sent by Brother George Taylor, P.G. Secretary Worcestershire. (Nos. 1081-1172.) These constitute a small exhibition in themselves, and include several exhibits of value or rarity. Thus of No. 1084—"Rare Silver Medal," 1763—Bro. Hughan remarks, "This medal is similar to the one worn by Bro. Henry Price, first Provincial Grand Master for all America, and is quite a little treasure. It is Marvin's No. 61, who considers it of English origin, which opinion I share with him. It was 'struck in a die,' as he states, "with what would have been the field carefully cut out," thus leaving the objects discernible on either side." Of No. 1085—"Royal Arch Jewel. Early this Century,"—we are told. "I have never seen one of this design before, the ribbon on either side hanging from the jewel being entirely new to me." No. 1086 is the "Celebrated Martin Folkes Medal," of which Brother Hughan remarks, "Several authorities unite in stating that this medal was struck in Rome in 1742, possibly by Hamerani, in the Papal Mint. It is very rare, in fine condition, and possibly the above is the only impression in this country. Bro. Martin Folkes was D.G.M. of England in 1724, under the Duke of Richmond, President of the Royal Society in 1741, and President of the Society of Antiquaries in 1750. Some very unlikely stories have been circulated about this medal, but the facts as to the Masonic and scientific eminence of Folkes are undoubted. We have only met with it in bronze." Of No. 1087—"the Royal Medal of 1802,"—we read "This is Merzdorf's 9 and Marvin's 262, and is without doubt the finest of the English Masonic Medals. It was issued in 1802 by Bro. W. Hollins P.M. 38, evidently to commemorate the patronage of the Craft by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence (George IV. and William IV.) The letters "G. P. O." have been explained to mean "Grand Principal of the Order," but they refer to H.R.H. being Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch. We have seen impressions on silver bronze, and white metal." No. 1088,—"Masonic Halfpenny Token. Struck A.D. 1794 in commemoration of election in 1790 and installation in 1792 of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G.M."—is believed by Hughan to be "unique." No. 1104 "Antique Pierced Silver Jewel in the shape of a G," we are told, is "unique in design, so far as my researches go, the letter being usually within a circle. The mottoes 'Nous vivons sur le quarre,' and 'Virtute et Silentio' are to be found on Major McGachen's Medal, and I met with the former once at Falmouth. Date about 1780." As to No. 1110,—"Silver Star Jewel. Hand holding hour-glass, on blue enamel centre, motto on wrist 'Fraternitas,' inscription on hour-glass 'centi anni,'—Bro. Hughan says it is "quite new to me, and I cannot find out its origin," while of No. 1112,—"Antique Masonic Plate, Roman figures and ornamentation interspersed with Masonic Emblems," he writes "Of most elaborate design, and probably unique." No. 1117, an old apron is noted as a "choice production" and not of an "ordinary design." No. 1129, a first Edition of the Constitutions of Grand Lodge of England of 1723, as being as a matter of course exceedingly rare. Nos. 1130-1141 are also "Constitutions," Pocket Companions, and Abiman Rezon's—all more or less valuable—while No. 1142—"the Coin Collectors' Companion, 1795"—is described in the footnote as including "several Masonic Tokens" and as being "very rare; unknown to Henry, of London." No. 1157—"Les Franc. Maçons Ecrasés. Rare Plates, 1762"—is spoken of as a "rare edition of a very singular work, the illustrations being very suggestive," while No. 1158, "Clavel's Almanach Pittoresque, de la Franc-Maçonnerie, 1844 to 1848," is set down as a valuable little collection. No. 1164—"Freemason Examined' 1754. List of Lodges," writes Bro. Hughan, is "a singular work, professedly an 'exposure,' but is it so? The List of Lodges is valuable, for Calendars of that period cannot now be obtained apparently at any price."

We have now completed our review of the Exhibits as specified in the Catalogue, and annotated by Bro. Hughan. In general terms, we may remark that the work of editing has been carried out with remarkable judgment by Bro. Taylor, who, as Provincial Grand Secretary of Worcestershire, has played a leading part in connection with this successful Exhibition, and to whom, therefore, we should prove very ungrateful, if we did not pay him at least the very ordinary compliment—which, however, is considered by many as the greatest compliment that can be paid—namely, that he has carried out a very laborious work with very great credit to himself and in a manner to reflect still greater credit on the Province he is associated with. We trust it will not be long ere we have an opportunity of chronicling the success of a similar Exhibition; if not in Worcestershire or Yorkshire, at all events in some other part of the country.

### THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

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At the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, on Tuesday, 30th inst., at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, S.W., at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. Smith S.D. 1563 W.M., Smith J.D. 1744 S.W., Fendick W.M. 1321 J.V. First Lecture—Bros. Seymour, Solomon, Fendick, Davies, Edwards, Farwig, Paul. Second Lecture—Bros. Wetherhilt, Green, Hemming, Smith, Cottebrune. Third Lecture—Bros. Cursons, Brindley, Swan. Bro. Swan Secretary.

## MARK MASONRY.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held at Falmouth on Monday, the 15th inst. The brethren assembled under the banner of the Love and Honour Lodge, No. 94, at the Town Hall. The use of that building for the occasion was obtained through the courtesy of Bro. H. Liddicoat, Mayor of the Borough. The members of the Love and Honour Lodge had arranged to give the Prov. Grand Lodge a very loyal and cordial reception. A Committee, consisting of Bros. Lieut. Baynes Reed, R.N., G. T. Olver, J. M. Carne, J. N. Francis, and J. Howell, Chief Officer of the Coast Guard, had been appointed to prepare the Hall, and under their management that large and lofty room had been converted into a handsome Masonic Lodge-room. In addition to the elegant insignia of the Mark Degree of the Masonic Order the room was tastefully draped with flags, and a choice collection of flowers, shrubs, plants, and rare ferns from the grounds and conservatories of Mr. E. C. Carne and Mr. W. H. Lane were judiciously distributed throughout the Hall. There was a large attendance of the brethren. Business commenced with the opening of the P.G. Lodge at 2:30 p.m. by the R.W. Bro. the Prov. G.M.M.M. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., 30 deg., supported by R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan Past G.W. of England, W. Bros. Thos. Chirgwin 18 deg., J.P., P.M. 78 D.P.G.M.M., Charles Truscott 275 P.S.G.M.W., N. J. West 87 P.P.S.G.M.W. P.J.G.M.W. *pro tem*, J. Q. James 175 P.G.M.O., J. F. Hooper 101 P.G.S.O., R. Carter 94 P.G.J.O., W. Tweedy 78, J.P., Past D.P.G.M.M. P.G.M. Treas., W. J. Johns 78 P.G.M. Sec., Samuel Mitchell P.G.S.M.D., Samuel Harvey 78 P.G.M.D.C., W. Rooks 78 P.G.M.I.G., and the following Past Prov. Private Lodge Officers and prominent brethren:—W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. W. E. Mitchell 31 deg. P.M. 206 P.P.G.S.M.W., the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., 175 P.P.S.G.M.W., W. Guy 275 P.P.G.J.M.W., W. F. Newman 94 P.P.G.S.M.W., Dr. W. Mason 78 P.P.G.J.M.W., H. Tilly 94 P.P.G.M.O., W. L. Fox 94 P.P.G.S.O., W. H. Dunstan P.P.G.J.O., T. C. Polglase 94 P.P.G.J.O., M. Little 94 P.P.G.J.O., A. Luke 275 P.P.G.M. Reg., W. D. Rogers W.M. 94 P.P.G.M.I.W., T. H. Lukes 275 P.P.G.M.A.D.C., Bros. H. P. Vivian J.O. 73, W. Huthnance P.P.G.M.St. 87, George H. B. Reed S.W., Norman Gray J.W., George Timmins M.O., G. Carter S.O., T. B. Hart Reg., J. Carne Sec., G. T. Olver S.D., J. S. Dunn J.D., W. J. Carne O., W. Anderton I.G., Wm. Rusden Tyler, J. Denton, H. Bishop, C. H. Williams, E. J. K. Nicholls, W. H. Dunston, J. N. Francis, H. Liddicoat 94, Chas. Kent J.W. 101, W. Ellis S.W., J. M. Richards J.W., Charles Hudson M.O., F. J. Culley S.D., J. O. Eva I.G., P. L. Morgan J.W., H. Dudley 175, A. Luke W.M., R. Parson M.O., J. Brewer J.O., W. J. Tredinnick Sec. 275, J. A. Collins W.M., J. W. Williams J.D. 325, J. F. Andrew 387, E. Aitken Davies P.P.G.M.J.D. Devon. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Controller Bake Prov. G.M.S.B., Gilbert B. Pearce P.P.G.S.O., Samuel Tresidder jun. Sec. 94, T. A. Kistler W.M. 73, F. H. Pool P.P.G.J.W. The Prov. G.M. Treas. Bro. W. Tweedy reported a satisfactory balance in hand. The Masters of the Lodges in the Province reported very favourably of the progress of their respective Lodges. There was a general advance in the number of members and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed. The Prov. G.M. Sec., Bro. W. J. Johns, reported that there were nine Lodges now in the Province and 279 members, an increase of about 40 members during the year. The Lodges held their meetings regularly and were preceeding very satisfactorily. Since the last annual meeting a new Lodge had been consecrated, the Lebanon, No. 325, held at Fowey, and that appeared to be going on very successfully. The arrangement by which the Fort Lodge brethren were permitted to meet alternately at Newquay and St. Colomb had worked well. It had enabled them to strengthen their numbers and they were very much pleased with the change. It enabled them to attend to their Masonic duties with far less inconvenience. That grant of the R.W. the P.G.M. was not, however, to be taken as a precedent, as such a grant would not be readily repeated. The reports were received and adopted. The Prov. G.M. said, before appointing the new Officers, he should like to make a few remarks. He was extremely gratified at the progress which Mark Masonry, as shown by the returns, was making in Cornwall. As their P.G.M. it gave him great pleasure. On the 12th of May he consecrated a new Lodge at Fowey. On that occasion he had his doubts as to the probable success of that Lodge. He thought it a little too near the Lodge at St. Anstell. He was, however, very glad to find that there was no occasion for such doubts. Both Lodges were making good progress, and were reported to have every prospect of continuing to do so during the next year. Freemasonry was evidently making great progress. Attempts had been recently made to throw some slurs on the Order, which he thought were no credit to the authors of them. An attack on the Order had been issued from Rome, which he could not help characterising as being the most scandalous one that had ever been published in the English newspapers. On that attack the *Saturday Review* had thought proper to be merry, but to the credit neither of its taste nor of its judgment. The writer in that paper was pleased to say that the society was too trivial or too criminal to expose its secrets. To the brethren who understood the matter such a statement was ridiculous. To the outer world it might with great propriety be said, was it likely that the sons of the Queen who had joined Freemasonry would have done so had the Order been either trivial or criminal? Then looking at the roll of the members of the Order not only in that county, but throughout the kingdom, were they men likely to be found associated with a society which was either trivial or criminal? He could not conceive how any prominent paper could have made such remarks. Freemasonry stood upon too firm a basis in England to be injured by such sneers, or to be injured by any edict from any foreign potentate. The secrets of Freemasonry no Freemason need be ashamed of. The extinction of

the Order in this country if possible would be a source of great regret. Its great and noble principle of charity was highly respected by all who understood it and treated it with justice. He could not also help thinking that it was a curious thing for persons who lived in glass houses to be throwing stones. For stones to be thrown about secrets issuing from Freemasonry from a society which abounded with secret societies, and whose secrets were looked upon very widely with suspicion, was a hardihood he had not looked for. Such secret societies, too, as were rumoured to exist should surely make it well to look at home. However, Freemasonry was on such a firm basis as must make Freemasons smile at any such extremely petty attacks, whatever views they might take as to their taste or discretion. Their society would survive any such attacks as emanated from Rome, or comments in the columns of a newspaper. Sir Charles's forcible remarks on these attacks on Freemasonry were eloquently put, were warmly applauded by the brethren, and at the close of the address received rounds of cheers. Bro. Wm. Tweedy was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Province. Bro. Hughan called the attention of the brethren to the Province being behind in rendering support to the London Masonic Charities proportionate to what was received therefrom. If the Province looked forward to further benefits from those Charities greater aid must be rendered from the Province. He proposed that a vote of ten guineas should be given from the Prov. Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Chirgwin, and carried. Bro. Hughan then called attention to the term of office of the R.W. Brother the Provincial Grand Mark Master being about to terminate, and proposed his re-election. This proposition was warmly applauded, seconded by Bro. Chirgwin, and carried. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle thanked the brethren for the kindness which they had shown him. He said he could not disguise from himself that he was getting an old man, and the time could not be far distant when he would find it necessary to withdraw from some of his public avocations, and give way to younger men. As long, however, as his age and health permitted him and it was their wish to recommend him to the office to which they had just elected him, he would endeavour to show his appreciation of their kindness and consideration. The Right Worshipful brother the Provincial Grand Mark Master then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. T. Chirgwin 78, J.P. ...	...	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
H. Tilly 94 ...	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
A. Luke 275 ...	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
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Rev. W. A. Bloxsome, M.A., 175	...	Prov. G. Chaplain
William Tweedy ...	...	Prov. G. Treasurer
W. L. Fox 94 ...	...	Prov. G. Registrar
W. J. Johns 78 ...	...	Prov. G. Secretary
Lieut. G. H. B. Reed 94	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
Charles Trevithick 78	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
W. Ellis 175 ...	...	Prov. G. Inspector of Works
S. Harvey 78 ...	...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
J. A. Collins 325 ...	...	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
George Olver 94 ...	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
George Carter 94 ...	...	Prov. G. Organist
W. Rooks 78 ...	...	Prov. G. Inner Guard
C. Kent 101 ...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards
R. Parsons 275 ...	...	
W. Simmons 78 ...	...	
John Langdon ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler

The P.G.M.M., D.G.P.G.M.M., the two P.G.M. Wardens, the P.G.M.T., and P.G.M. Secretary, were elected the Board of General Purposes. Thanks were, on the proposition of R.W. Bro. Hughan, unanimously voted to the brethren of Love and Honour Lodge for the admirable manner in which they had arranged for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at Bro. R. Carter's Royal Hotel. The R.W. Bro. the P.G.M.M. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle presided. The catering of Bro. Carter was pronounced very satisfactory. After dinner the usual Masonic Mark toasts were drunk. R.W. Bro. Hughan gave a very interesting account of the marked progress being made by the Mark Degree in Great Britain and all over the world. It numbered over 150,000 members. He believed it to be one of the oldest of the Masonic degrees. The cathedrals and other ancient public buildings abounded with recognised marks of their Masonic forefathers. That degree was also one of the most interesting. The recent charges brought against Masonry were groundless. To denounce the Order as atheistical was to circulate a base fabrication. One of its very principles was the recognition of a great Creator and Ruler of the Universe. Any man who did not believe in a Godhead had no business in the Order. He had obtained admission on false pretences. And it would be but honest of him, directly he had made the discovery, to leave the Order. He had no business amongst them.—*Western Morning News*.

The great success of the Benevolent Fund established in connection with the Mark Degree in Freemasonry has long been a subject of comment among Masons generally. The Fund has an educational branch, the purpose of which is to pay for the education of Mark Masons' children in neighbourhoods in which they reside. Candidates are elected. The next election, for which there were three candidates, was fixed for the 2nd October, but the success of the fund at the last Festival was such that all three children, one girl and two boys, can be accepted, and no one will be left out in the cold. Such a result should stimulate the Mark brethren to increase liberality towards this fund.—*Evening News*.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE  
BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS.

A VERY interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when the Officers of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, attended at Stratton-street, to present to the Baroness, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, an illuminated address, thank her ladyship for her kindness and liberality on the occasion of the consecration of the Lodge at the Town Hall, Westminster. The address—which was beautifully illuminated—was surmounted with the arms of the Lodge, supported by the various Masonic emblems and designs, framed in an oak frame, specially designed and carved. It contained an exact copy of the resolution passed at the first meeting of the Lodge. At the meeting it was proposed by Bro. H. Bowman Spink I.P.M., seconded by Bro. W. H. Baker S.W., and unanimously resolved,—“That the best thanks of the brethren be, and are hereby given to the Right Honourable the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, for her liberality and kindness displayed to the Lodge in presenting the Masonic furniture and regalia, and the brethren trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will be pleased to shed the rays of His benign blessing upon her Ladyship, that she may be enabled for many years to continue the exercise of her benevolent influence in the interests of the Craft, and for the general good of mankind.” Signed by Bros. Burdett-Coutts W.M. and J. E. Shand Secretary, on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The Officers present consisted of Bros. W. Burdett-Coutts W.M., W. H. Baker S.W., H. Bowman Spink I.P.M., J. E. Shand Sec., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, W. Sugg S.D., R. Montague J.D., H. R. Baker I.G., J. A. Jones, R. E. H. Goffin, J. Gibson, and Piper. They were duly received by the Baroness, who was accompanied by her sister and Miss Pinn. The Worshipful Master in the name of the Lodge made the presentation, and said that the brethren of the Abbey Lodge were desirous of recording in some slight degree the appreciation of the interest her ladyship had taken in the welfare of the Lodge, and he was sure that she would be pleased to know that the Lodge had already made such progress that its success was insured. It had already taken a high position among the Masonic Lodges of the Metropolis, and had early distinguished itself in supporting the Masonic Charities. It was a pleasure to him as the first W.M. to know that the objects in the formation of the Lodge had been fully realised, and that the Baroness herself might remember with gratification that the interest she had both shown and taken in the Lodge had not been given in vain. Bro. H. Bowman Spink eloquently supported the W.M., and alluded to the close connection the Baroness and her family all had with Westminster, a connection which had even now been made more binding by the appointment of the W.M. as the first Master of the Lodge held at the Westminster Town Hall. Wherever the English language was spoken the name of the Baroness was a household word, and that because she had always been so prominent in supporting the greatest of the Masonic principles, “Charity.” The Rev. R. J. Simpson also spoke in support, and Bro. W. Sugg addressed, the Baroness on behalf of the junior Officers of the Lodge. Bro. H. Baker Secretary read the vote of thanks to the Baroness, which was then handed to her by the Worshipful Master. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts said how much she was pleased with the address, and the words that had fallen from the Officers of the Abbey Lodge who had spoken. She had at all times taken great interest in the welfare of anything appertaining to Westminster, and that interest had now, if possible, been increased by the position which her husband had taken in this truly Westminster Masonic Lodge. She was happy in the knowledge that her dear sister had witnessed that day's ceremony, for she had, perhaps, even a greater memory of her father's work in Westminster than she had herself. She wished the Abbey Lodge and its members every success. At the conclusion of the ceremony refreshments were provided in the dining room, and the visitors had an opportunity of inspecting the many objects of interest in the house. Among the numerous trowels presented to the Baroness on laying various foundation stones was the one she used when the first stone of the Westminster Town Hall was laid, and among the china was a very handsome Worcester jug, having a very fine portrait of the late Sir Francis Burdett upon it, in many respects similar to that painted upon the handsome stained-glass window in the Council Chamber of the Westminster Town Hall.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. R. P. FORGE.

BRO. E. Woodman S.W. 1950 entertained a few personal friends to dinner, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., the occasion being his birthday. During the evening Bro. R. P. Forge P.M. 619, 1950, was presented with a Silver Mounted Riding Whip, a Silver Sovereign Purse, and a handsomely-framed Illuminated Address (artistically executed by Bro. J. A. Collings). These gifts were subscribed for by a few friends, as a slight mark of the esteem in which Bro. Forge is held by them. A most pleasant evening was spent. Amongst those present were—Bros. J. Osborn, Akehurst, Rhodes, Wright, Collings, Hammond, Harding, Western, Snook, Potter, &c.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—At Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday last. Bros. Western W.M., Jordan S.W., Gribbell J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Weedon S.D., Goddard J.D., Rhodes I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Cusworth, Hall, Hunt, Jones, Killick sen., Clarke, and other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Fenner rehearsed the ceremony of installation Bro. Western as candidate for the Master's chair. The W.M. was saluted, and he invested and appointed his Officers. The installing Master then gave the various addresses in his usual able manner. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Dixie acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, 29th September. A musical evening followed, Bros. Woodman, Wright, Baines and Akehurst assisting.

Friday, the 21st of November next, is the day fixed for the purpose of making a presentation to Bro. George Lambert P.G.S.B., F.G.S., P.M. Percy Lodge, W.M. of the Cutlers Company, &c. at the Holborn Restaurant, by a numerous circle of Masonic and other friends, in recognition of his services in connection with charity, and in testimony of his liberality and efforts exercised in the advancement of science, which qualities have endeared him to every class with which he has been associated. Bro. Alderman Savory, of Grand Masters' Lodge, will occupy the chair. To ensure a successful meeting a committee has been formed, of which Mr. H. F. Thomas, Past Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, is the chairman, and E. M. Cutler, Esq., the honorary secretary and treasurer. We trust that whatever form the testimonial may assume it will be one of which Bro. Lambert may justly feel proud.

A new Lodge, called the Kendrick Lodge, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Thursday next. Bro. W. G. Flanagan is the W.M. designate.

Bro. W. Gray will be installed W.M. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, on Friday, the 3rd proximo.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe P.G.J. East Lancashire, installed Comps. C. Furness Z., R. Ruston H., and R. Anderson J., of the Equality Chapter, 1145, at Accrington, on Saturday last.

The Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, No. 749, resumed their weekly meetings at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate, (opposite Metropolitan Railway Station), on Thursday, the 25th instant.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—On Tuesday, 23rd instant, at Bro. Midwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Ansbecker W.M., Walker S.W., Valentine J.W.; Ruse S.D., H. Haynes J.D., Haller I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Daniel, Schadler, Rich, Hawkins, Dyson, Harris, H. Mitchell, Healey, Schwelzer, Klengenstein, Haynes. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sainte candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moss, when Bro. Dyson having answered the necessary questions, and being entrusted, was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. giving the full explanation of the working tools. Bro. Ansbecker resumed the Lodge to first degree, when Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Bro. H. Mitchell 65 and Bro. J. Healy 1348 were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Ansbecker for the able and most efficient way in which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned. This being the sixth meeting of the Second Prosperity Charity Association, the members were enabled to take two ballots of ten guineas each, which proved in favour of Bros. Walker and Brown.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1679—Henry Muggersidge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammer-smith, W. (Instruction)  
 Singsi Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

## MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moor-gate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1745—Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 204—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 418—Three Graces, Private Rooms Haworth  
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pen broke  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster  
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

## TUESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leader-hall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 141—Frith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square  
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Obampion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dart ord  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 986—Fesketh, Grapes Inn, Crcton  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1358—Torbar, Town Hall, Plaignton  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

## WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Day, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 227—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)  
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 538—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)  
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 893—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farrington Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)

- 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.  
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
 1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch  
 1791—Clutton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lam', Wigton  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 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  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, 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.  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno  
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 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  
 1075—Fartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan  
 135—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Staunmore.  
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite  
 1797—Southdown, Hurtlepierpoint, Sussex  
 1842—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea  
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale  
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds  
 R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea  
 R.A. 410—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford  
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argy o-street, Birkenhead  
 R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton  
 R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough  
 M.M. 36—Turness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

## THURSDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leader-hall-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)  
 147—Justice, Droghda Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 227—Jo ac, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 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, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Parliament, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1558—D. Connaught, Parliament Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street  
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

- R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars  
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 31—United Industrialists, 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  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford

- 233—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
- 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.
- 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
- 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
- 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
- 346—United Brethren, Roya' Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Da'e, near Blackburn
- 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
- 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
- 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
- 448—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 458—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 638—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
- 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
- 1098—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
- 1184—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsam, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
- 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
- 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
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
- 1639—Watling-street, Cook Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
- 1770—Valo of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Buiith, Breconshire
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
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- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
- 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
- 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
- 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
- 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
- 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- R.A. Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
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- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
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- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
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- 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
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- 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
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- 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
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- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
- 998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
- 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
- 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1529—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1643—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
- R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
- R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
- 1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
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- 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
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- 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
- 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 20th inst. Bros. Powell W.M., Cross S.W., Lowe J.W., Robinson S.D., Ashton J.D., Turner I.G., Fenner acting Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Ricknell, Western, Manger, Dixie, Edwards, Gregory, Barnett, Edwards and Richardson. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Western was examined, and entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Bro. Powell vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Western, who resumed the Lodge in the first degree and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Dixie acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and Bro. Fenner worked the last section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Barnett, of the Mozart Lodge, was elected member. Bro. Cross was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 27th inst.

**Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.**—On Monday last, at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W. Present—Bros. Underwood W.M., Sheppard S.W., Halsey J.W., Ricknell S.D., Boyden J.D., Telfer I.G., Galer Preceptor; also Bros. Wood, Finch, Cosgrove, and Ross. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Finch having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Cosgrove was examined, and entrusted. Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Bros. Telfer and Ross were unanimously elected members. Nothing farther having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday, the 29th instant.

**Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.**—On Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Fountain Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present—Bros. M. S. Spiegel P.M. 188 W.M., J. Laurence S.W., W. J. Mason J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Treas. and Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Sec., F. Chandler S.D., W. H. Chalfont P.M. 1425 J.D., S. Stretch Jun. Steward, C. J. Morse I.G.; Bros. F. G. Baker P.M. 753, W. A. Vincent W.M. 1139, W. Craig P.M. 1425, G. G. Walker W.M. 1201, C. W. Hunt W.M. 1425; Bros. C. S. Mote, W. Death, R. E. Carsous, C. R. Wickens, J. Stephens, W. H. Wadham. Visitor—C. B. Corston P.M. 865. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. G. Walker, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. Spiegel then retook the chair and resumed to the second degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation of Bro. Vincent as W.M. elect. Bro. Corston was elected a joining member. Bro. Laurence was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting. Votes of thanks to Bro. Spiegel (W.M. for the first time) and to Bro. Walker, were unanimously carried. The Girls' votes of the Lodge were given to Bro. G. Read. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned until Monday, 6th October, on account of the house changing hands.

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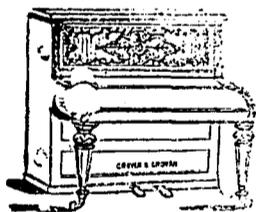
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