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## SKILL AND ASSIDUITY IN A W.M.

VERY much of the success, or otherwise, of a Lodge depends on the capability of its Master to properly manage its concerns. Perfection in the ritual, and ability to work the several ceremonies without a pause are not sufficient qualifications; indeed, a Master may be letter perfect in all that concerns the actual ceremonial of his Lodge, and yet lack that skill without which it is impossible to keep the members united and harmonious. We do not hesitate to say that a Master who cannot personally perform the ceremonies of the three degrees, and properly open and close his Lodge, may act detrimentally to the success of his Lodge,—indeed, is sure to do so; we would much prefer he should be deficient in these respects than that he should lack the ability which enables one man to keep all those around him on good terms with each other, and ensure the enjoyment of the party over whom he may be called upon to preside. Instances are to be met with on every side of utter failure on the part of brethren of whom the most was expected. Brethren have been appointed to office, and eventually have been elected to the Master's chair, who were known far and wide for their ability to work any ceremony of the Order they might be called upon to perform, at a moment's notice; and yet they proved themselves quite incapable of accomplishing the apparently easy task of actual management. It almost seems, it must be admitted, that a thorough knowledge of the ritual, with some men, so far from being an advantage, is a state of affairs actually to be avoided, for it often happens that "letter-perfect" brethren pay more attention to the correct utterance of the actual words, both on their own part and on the part of all around them, than they do to the spirit and hidden meaning those words are intended to convey. It is very difficult to lay down laws or offer any rules by which skill in the management of a Lodge may be acquired. Actual experience is the best tutor, and, as usual, this experience is often very dearly paid for. The ability to successfully preside, either in a Lodge, a business, or in any vocation of life, may be said to be a gift possessed by some people from their infancy, while others seem incapable of ever attaining an aptitude for so doing. Still, there are certain rules which may be clearly defined so far as the ruling of a Lodge is concerned, and it behoves every candidate for the Master's chair to study to apply them to himself.

We would first urge the necessity of every Worshipful Master being Master in his own Lodge, for it is only by securing for himself the respect due to a ruler that he can hope to ensure obedience from others. He must not, however, govern with a rule of iron, but rather by firm kindness. The skill of a Master in this respect is never more evident than during a discussion, when opinions are fully expressed for or against a proposal; it is then that the president should know when to put an end to mere words, and proceed to take the actual voice of the assembly on the point at issue. Again, at the banquet table, the Master's gavel should, and usually does, secure immediate recognition; but if he once allows it to be thought he does not intend that it shall always imperatively demand the respect due to it, it soon becomes all but unheeded. It is this great power, attached to the wielding of the emblem of supreme authority, that also calls for great caution in its use. It must never be improperly or

unfairly used, and for that reason should not put a stop to any discussion after one side only has been heard, or check a brother in the course of a speech likely to influence the assembly if continued. In cases where, in the opinion of the Worshipful Master, enough has been said by any speaker in support of, or in opposition to, a proposal, the gavel should not be used to finally close the remarks, but should be sounded, and a warning given that the speaker must finish within a given time.

A Worshipful Master should next remember that he is a servant in his own Lodge; that he has been elected to his position by the members, over whom he rules, for the express purpose of performing certain duties for their benefit, and for the well-being of the Lodge itself. In such position he should be careful to maintain his dignity, and at the same time be respectful to those by whose suffrage his office exists. While at all times entitled to govern as he may think best, he must be careful not to let his private views assert themselves in opposition to the wishes of his constituents, for although his appointment may be impossible of revocation, the name of Past Master, shorn of reputation, is one of which no man can boast. His acceptance of the office has shown his willingness to adhere to the customs attached to it, and among those customs must certainly be classed that of servitude. It would have been far better for many a Lodge if its Master had recognised that he was the servant of the members, willing to gratify their reasonable desires, than that he should have looked upon himself as despotic ruler, and the members of his Lodge as mere puppets useful only for the purpose of carrying out his personal desires. There are very many other points where we could show that skill in a Master is most essential; in his relations with the Past Masters, with the Treasurer and Secretary, and with the Officers generally, may be mentioned among the number, but these, and a further consideration of the subject, we leave for later comment.

## THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREE-MASONRY.

(Continued from page 210.)

HAVING laid before our readers the various references which Bro. Hughan has been able to collate respecting the origin of the Schism, we shall make so bold as to suggest a theory on the subject, which, without any idea of self-laudation, appears to be worthy of some amount of consideration. We have some diffidence in taking this step when we know that men like Hughan and other of his learned fellow workers have generally contented themselves with an enumeration of the differences which arose in the English Craft between the years 1730 and 1750, and led shortly after the latter mentioned year to the establishment of a second Grand Lodge of England, in rivalry to the 1717 Grand Lodge. There is no reason why such a theory, if it is at all reasonable, should not be presented. It can do no harm by veiling the circumstances in an obscurity still more profound, and it may do some good in helping to make them more comprehensible. At all events we present our suggestions, such as they are, for the careful perusal of our readers, with the knowledge that

they can be of no disservice in any future attempts to evolve the truth, and in the hope that they may prove to be of some service, however slight.

But, before laying down our theory, it will be as well, perhaps, if we clear the way somewhat by stating it as our opinion, frankly and unhesitatingly, that whatever may have led to the Schism, it cannot well have been those innovations in the ritual on which some have felt inclined to lay so much stress. The bulk of the irregularities to which Bro. Hughan has referred concern the "Making of Masons." Thus, on 15th September 1730, Past Grand Master Sayer was "publicly admonished" in Grand Lodge for having taken part "in the proceedings of one of those clandestine lodges," and he was recommended by the D.G.M. "to do nothing so irregular for the future,"—the "clandestine lodges" referred to being such as had been irregularly constituted in defiance of the regulations promulgated in 1724 "for the due constitution of regularly warranted lodges." In March 1735 the Grand Master referred to "the grievance of making extraneous Masons in a private and clandestine manner upon small and unworthy considerations." In June 1739 there was made a similar "complaint concerning irregular making of Masons," while, as Bro. Hughan points out, "other complaints were made later on, but as it has never transpired of what the irregularities consisted, save the assembling of brethren to 'make Masons,' without regular warrants, we are at a loss to find any justification for the statement that the innovations at that time consisted in a different mode of working the Third Degree. The minutes of the Grand Lodge, however, do not specify any changes in the ritual, but irregularities in the constitution of the Lodges, as also the insufficiency of the fees. The correctness of the ceremonies, though irregular in their surroundings, is virtually admitted by the means taken to prevent such persons visiting the legitimate lodges."

In Chapter IV., entitled "Advent of Royal Arch Masonry," will be found many statements which confirm our view that changes or innovations in the ritual can have had little, if anything, to do with bringing about the Schism. Among them will be found one contained in the report of "the joint Committee" of the "Regular" and "Atholl" Lodges of South Carolina, "appointed by those two bodies to make the preliminary arrangements for a union," to the effect that "from the reciprocal examinations by the several Committees already had in Grand Lodge, it doth appear that there exists no difference in the mode of passing and raising, instructing, obligating, and clothing, in the respective Grand Lodges." Then, in a further quotation from Bro. Joseph Robbins P.G.M. Illinois, Bro. Hughan, using the words of the latter, says, "If in view of these facts, there is longer any room to doubt, that doubt is disposed of by the fact that the Rituals extant of the period extending from 1723 to 1730 inclusive, five in all, show that they had the same modes of recognition that we have now. This period antedates by twenty or thirty years the first appearance of the Royal Arch, and the identity of the essentials of the Ritual then and now is conclusive that the alleged mutilation of the Third Degree, to form the basis of that Order, is pure fiction." Later on, Bro. Hughan points out why it was "impossible that any very violent changes could have been made in the Rituals of the Craft Degrees by either of the two rival Grand Lodges—first, because, had they so done, they would have been opposed by the foreign G. Lodges, and thus cut themselves off from the Fraternity generally; and secondly, it would not have been likely, under such circumstances, that Lodges in England would have been working under warrants from both the 'Regular' and 'Atholl' Grand Lodges, as several did, first accepting the one, and then obtaining the other, after which they acknowledged, for a time, first one and then the other, according to their fancy, until the 'Union,' when they held fast to the charters from the 'Atholl' Masons, because of securing higher positions on the United Roll of Lodges." If we take this view, it is fairly arguable that, if neither of the rival Grand Lodges made "Any very violent changes" in the "Rituals of the Craft Degrees," the Schism cannot have been brought about by any such changes. That there were some differences between the two systems is very properly admitted. "There must, undoubtedly," says Bro. Hughan, "have been some minor differences between the two opposing Grand Lodges to account for the fact that on brethren from the one society joining the other they had to be 're-made' in either case; 'Moderns' made

'Ancients,' or *vice versa*; but all this can well be granted without the material alterations having been agreed to, as so many claim." Then, as to the various so-called "Exposures," of 1723, 1724, 1730, and later, Bro. Hughan points out how contradictory they are, and consequently how untrustworthy as evidence they must be; "Still," he writes, "accepting them as guides, what does their evidence amount to, and where do they lead us? They do not give any countenance to the theory that the 'Moderns' and the 'Ancients' were so much at variance in the modes of working the three degrees; so that, supposing we accepted their testimony, there would not be aught found against the general view we have propounded."

Here, then, we find ourselves in this position. The chief subject of complaint in the regular Grand Lodge—the only one in existence in London till 1753—appears to have been that of making Masons irregularly, and for small and unworthy considerations. We are further informed that there were no material differences in the manner in which the Craft Degrees were worked by the rival Grand Lodges, and consequently there can have been none to induce the Schism. Such differences in working as existed between the Grand Lodges were probably the effect, not the cause, of the Schism. But so serious a dissension among the members of the Craft is unlikely to have had its origin in a cause or causes of a trifling character. These may have had the effect of widening the breach and making it more enduring, but they cannot well have originated it. The question which next presents itself is—Where shall we find a cause of sufficient gravity to have induced such a dissension? and we think an answer may be found in connection with the disturbance that arose in Grand Lodge over the special privileges accorded to the Grand Stewards' Lodge, founded in 1735. Brother Hughan quotes from the Grand Lodge records as follows—we have noted the passage before, but it will bear repetition—"A petition and appeal was presented and read, signed by several Masters of lodges, against the privileges granted to the Grand Stewards' Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication. The appellants were heard at large, and the question being put whether the determination of the last Quarterly Communication relating to this matter should be confirmed or not. In the course of collecting the votes on this occasion there appeared so much confusion that it was not possible for the Grand Officers to determine with any certainty what the numbers on either side of the question were, they were therefore obliged to dismiss the debate and close the lodge." Here, then, we have a very substantial difference happening at the close of the year 1735, and we may be very certain that the closing of the Lodge did not summarily determine the angry feelings to which such a difference must have given rise. It must be borne in mind that the granting of these special privileges to this newly-constituted Stewards' Lodge was tantamount to the establishment, if not exactly of an *imperium in imperio*, at all events of a kind of aristocracy in the ranks of a society of which the members presumably met on a footing of equality. There were, of course, the usual gradations of rank attached to brethren holding certain official positions in the Lodges and Grand Lodge, but otherwise this doctrine of equality had been fairly well upheld up to the time when these privileges were granted, and it seems only reasonable to suppose that such an innovation into the system which had been built up from 1717 onwards, must have met, as in fact from the passage quoted we know it did meet, with the most serious disapproval. The more stringent regulations passed before and subsequently to this event, must be set down as neither more nor less than certain necessary safeguards against the admission of unworthy persons into the Craft; but this establishment of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, with its exceptional privileges was, as we have said, the setting up of an aristocracy, and what is worse still, of an aristocracy founded upon wealth. Kloss, according to Findel, includes this among the causes of the Schism; we feel inclined to go further and erect it into the cause, all other differences being of subordinate value.

(To be continued.)

At the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, the North London Chapter of Improvement, held a meeting on Thursday, the 9th instant, at 8 o'clock. Companion Sheffield was the M.E.Z., Knight H., Radcliffe J., Minstrell acting S.E., Williams S.N., Phillips P.S. There was a goodly attendance of R.A. Masons.

## BRO. DRUMMOND AND THE "MOTHER" OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

**Q**UITE 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 Pennsylvania 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 the Lodge was formed early in 1731, and maintained its organisation for several years (after it was formed). 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 organization. There is no evidence that it had any warrant, or existed under any other authority than that of its 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 as 'Grand Master.' In the 'Stock Account,' William Pringle, also, is designated (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 the 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."—*Committee on F. O. of the G. L. of Maine 1884.*

We sincerely congratulate Bro. Drummond on his very important discovery, and we presume that our esteemed confrère, Bro. MacCalla, will be overjoyed to learn that Philadelphia had a *veritable* Grand Lodge a year before he or any one else ever supposed, and the next centennial of the "Mother of American Freemasonry" will doubtless be celebrated in 1931 instead of 1932.

Brother Drummond deserves to be richly rewarded by the Pennsylvania brethren for making their Grand Lodge a year older than their most sanguine partizan advocates ever dreamed of, and the least they ought to do is to petition their Grand Lodge to confer upon Bro. Drummond the title of P.G.M. of Pennsylvania, for surely every one must admit that Brother Drummond's discovery is worth more than all the discoveries ever made either by Brother MacCalla or his friends upon the question of the "Mother of American Masonry." Indeed, we do not know which to congratulate most, whether Brother Drummond or Bro. MacCalla and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. However, upon mature reflection, we come to the conclusion to congratulate all parties concerned, including the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for while the latter is undoubtedly the Mother of American regular chartered Freemasonry, to Pennsylvania may be ascribed the honour of being an *older* American Masonic mother, but a MOTHER of *illegal* and *unchartered* Masonry.

And now, this important question being amicably settled, we propose that three cheers be given in all our American Grand Lodges for all the mothers, grandmothers, and *mothers-in-law*, too, in the United States of America.—*Masonic Truth.*

## ROYAL ARCH.

### OLD KING'S ARMS CHAPTER, No. 28.

**T**HE first Convocation, for the present season, of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-Street, on Monday last, 6th inst. The business of the evening consisted of exalting Bro. E. W. Parkes, P.M. Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, who was proposed by Comp. Pritchard, and seconded by Comp. Farnfield P.Z. This ceremony was performed in a very careful manner by the various Officers, and seemed to make a very favourable impression on the candidate. After the usual business communications from the Scribe E., the Chapter was closed in the usual manner, and the Companions retired for refreshment. The Officers of the Chapter are Comps. T. Thomas Z., Watson Thomas H., Baron Ferriere J., Miller P.S., Paas S.E., and T. Money S.N., with Colls and Farnfield P.Z.'s. The following visitors were present: Comp. Rev. Jos. Vaughan, St. Michaels, Deptford, Dr. Corrie Jackson J. 534, T. Griffiths P.Z., and Sudbrook.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—This eminent Chapter of Instruction or Improvement, which has for many years held its quarters at the historic old Jamaica Tavern, in the neighbourhood of Cornhill, has been compelled to seek a new home, in consequence of the old structure being doomed to destruction, and on Tuesday night found a new resting place at the White Hart Tavern, in Cannon-street (corner of Abchurch-lane), the well known hostelry of Bro. Chard. The duty of finding new quarters for the meeting of the Chapter was, in May last, entrusted to a Committee, and after a most anxious and willing inquiry, they succeeded in obtaining a most admirable room for the purpose at the place above stated. As this Chapter of Improvement has been the means of giving the most important instruction to all seeking advancement in this Supreme Degree, anything concerning its welfare was naturally looked to with considerable interest. Accordingly, on Tuesday last, for the first time the Companions met at the room which for some time will be their place of occupation; it was well attended, and amongst those present were Comps. Lilley Z., Gillard H., Perrin J., Webb S.N., and Beedell P.S. There were also present Comps. Walls, Smart, Catterson, Child, Bing, Turner, Stanton, Brooks, Haynes, Braine, Newton, Fraser, Appleby, Daniel, Davies, Maidwell, and Franks. Comp. Brown occupied his usual place as Preceptor and S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Child being the candidate. Comps. Brooks and Davies were unanimously elected members of the Chapter of Improvement. The votes of the Chapter were accorded to Comp. Lilley, who is supporting the case of Henshaw, a candidate for one of the Masonic Institutions. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed, and the convocation was adjourned until Tuesday evening, the 14th October, at half-past six o'clock.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. J. L. Mather V.P. occupied the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., W. Paas, C. F. Matier, T. Cubitt, W. Roebuck, R. Berridge, H. Hacker, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Dr. Morris, L. Ruf, G. P. Gillard, W. A. Scurrah, A. E. Gladwell, E. M. Money, G. P. Britten, C. H. Webb, C. Daniel, H. S. Goodall, and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information. Two petitions were submitted and accepted, and two grants of £5 each for outfits were made. Two notices of motion for the Quarterly Court on Monday next were given—one by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart to except the month of September from the operation of Law 36; and the other by Bro. J. L. Mather, on behalf of the House Committee, to the effect that three boys, in addition to the 27 already announced, be admitted by election on Monday; this, if carried, will raise the number of vacancies to be ballotted for to 30. Notice was given of the withdrawal of Leo Kretschman, No. 55, from the list of candidates, and information was given that Bro. G. Plucknett, Treasurer, had received and paid into the London and Westminster Bank the sum of £50, being the amount of a legacy, free of duty, handed over from Mr. C. J. Kilpin.

Bro. Seymour-Smith announces that his Annual Benefit Concert will take place at the South Place Institute, South Place, Moorgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, 18th October. Bro. Smith has secured the services of Madame Agnes Ross, the Misses Matilda Roby, Maud Cameron, Meta Russell, Helen Heath, Mesdames Worrell and Raymond; Bros. Lester, Walter Pritchett, G. T. Carter, C. A. White, W. V. Leonard, Arthur Thompson, James Budd, W. G. Hazelgrove, and Chaplin Henry. For Instrumentalists: Madame Brett and Miss Evelyn Seymour-Smith (Pianoforte); Mr. W. Morrow (Cornet), and Bro. Richard Blagrove (Concertina). The Entertainment will be conducted by Bros. Michael Watson, Turle Lee, and Seymour-Smith. As usual, Bro. Smith has secured a most energetic Board of Stewards, and we anticipate this reunion of "old friends," who we look forward to see at these popular gatherings, will not be the least pleasant in which we have taken part.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## AN IMPOSTOR.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to Bro. Pulsford, in your last issue, I refer him to a letter of mine in your paper of the 12th May 1883, and to pages 259 and 296 of last year's *Freemason*. The story about the shipwreck, and being a member of a New York Lodge, was told to me on the above date, and it subsequently occurred to me that he was an impostor, though nothing was said to me about his eyesight. The second statement in Bro. Pulsford's letter was told to me by another individual, who gave the name of H. Newman, of Lodge 316, who called here on 16th June last; his statement was that he was wounded in Egypt in the head, he had obtained the rank of sergeant, but was discharged without a pension, the wound affecting his sight; he wore glasses, and said he had just been discharged from an Ophthalmic Hospital, where he had been under treatment for five months. I believed this to be a genuine case.

Is it possible that the individual of last year's experience met Newman and heard his story, and is now making use of it? Bro. Pulsford's letter shows how necessary it is that we should have an organised system of relief throughout the whole of England and Wales, as then these impostors would find trading on Masonry a poor game, my experience is that eight out of ten Begging Masons are professional vagrants.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. FRANCIS P.M. 804.

Havant, 6th October 1884.

The two letters that follow are of such general interest, that we feel we shall gratify our readers if we reproduce them. They are extracted from the pages of that ably conducted journal *The Keystone*.—[Ed. F.C.]

## BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW MASONIC WORK.

*To the Editor of the Keystone.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Bro. Hughan's recent work, "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," has doubtless been forwarded to you for review. I hasten, at the outset of this letter, to state that in alluding to it I have no intention of anticipating your own critical observations upon a volume of such general interest. It may be a question how far the small band of us who write Masonic books, are capable of passing judgment upon the works of one another. The buttons are always on the foils, and like the congratulations which for the most part greet the retiring W.M. who installs his successor, the rejoicing of the little knot of Masonic students over a new book by one of their number, may arise not so much out of the brilliancy of the performance, as from the simple fact of his having got "through with it all!"

But if, on the one hand, we become unduly elated by the commendation of our *confrères*, the Masonic press, on the other hand, supplies a wholesome corrective in the shape of more critical notices, which are not always agreeable to peruse—that is, of course, by the person chiefly concerned.

To come, however, to Bro. Hughan's book. Perhaps I may be excused for saying, that in my opinion it is the best he has written, and shows, what those who know him well were already convinced of, a wider grasp of the general subject than is indicated by any other of his previous works.

The absence of any index whatever detracts, I feel bound to say, from the utility, if not from the merit of the publication. Readers of the shapely volume will find the various matters treated in a manner which is at once interesting and instructive. But Bro. Hughan should surely have taken into consideration that a work running to 130 pages, or to 150 if the appendices are included, will be very inconvenient to consult for purposes of reference, without some better guide to the contents than a mere descriptive roll of the various chapters.

Having done my best to pick out flaws in this—the latest venture of one who has done so much to elevate the tone of Masonic literature, I gladly turn to its numerous claims upon our gratitude. The chapters on the Third degree, and upon that of the Royal Arch, are not only eminently readable, but will be found to contain a mass of information, collected with great care and discrimination from sources not available to the ordinary student. That all the conclusions with which Bro. Hughan presents us will be endorsed by his critics, I shall not be so rash as to affirm, but I think it may be predicted, that even those who cannot follow our Brother in his arguments, will derive instruction from the way in which he puts them.

Bro. Hughan has yet to "run the gauntlet" of the Masonic press. I wish him a good deliverance, and if it fares with him, as it did recently with myself, to incur the unanimous censure of "Reviewers of the Craft," I sincerely hope that the tone and temper in which you, Bro. Editor, criticise, albeit adversely, the writings of your contemporaries, may be imitated on this side of the water.

Fraternally yours,

R. F. GOULD.

## THE ENGLISH MASONIC EXHIBITION AT WORCESTER.

*To the Editor of the Keystone.*

YORK, 31st August 1884.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just returned home from a pilgrimage to the great Masonic Exhibition at Worcester, and as I am somewhat conscious of my neglect of you for a lengthy period, I am going to send you a rapid sketch of the whole affair, which has been about as great a success as anybody could have wished, and much more important than anybody could have hoped. Ever since last February, when the York College of Rosicrucians got up an Exhibition at York, the leaders of Masonry in the Province of Worcestershire have been working away to produce something of the same kind. The Mayor of Worcester, who is a very enlightened Mason, visited the York Exhibition himself, and then and there expressed a reckless determination to do or die, and he found a pillar of wisdom and strength in Bro. George Taylor, of Kidderminster, the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose services in his Province are well known. These two good and true men discovered a safe backer in Sir E. A. Lechmere, Bart., who is one of those rarely-found men of high rank who really work shoulder to shoulder with the rank and file of our Craft. Securing the aid of those who had helped in the accumulation of the York collection, these workers went still further a-field, and, by means of circulars and advertisements in the Masonic press, ransacked every likely nook and cranny in the world of Lodges wherein might possibly remain some gem unknown to fame. The effect was excellent. We, York brethren, had some difficulty in securing loans of treasures, because the owners feared for their safe return, but they had got them back sound and secure from York, so that there was little or no hesitation in lending them to Worcester. Thus it came to pass that a week before the date fixed for opening the Exhibition, Bro. Taylor found himself facing a most formidable task, and a pile of packing cases, that looked like the contents of a steamer's miscellaneous cargo. All, however, melted away before the dauntless attacks of our Worcester consignees, and in a week's time the disgorged treasures were scientifically and tastefully arranged upon the walls or in glass cases and on tables in two spacious rooms in the upper story of Worcester Guildhall.

Bro. Cumberland, of York, and I, both of us exhibitors, had arranged to make the Worcester pilgrimage together, and accordingly, on Tuesday afternoon last, we boarded a Midland train and steamed away for the city that proved so fatally faithful to the unfortunate cause of the Stuarts.

Just as we were starting the postman put into my hand a parcel containing a copy of the catalogue of the Exhibition, sent on in advance, which served to beguile the hours and astonish our weak minds until we arrived at our destination. It is a remarkable catalogue, as I think you also will say when you have glanced through the copy I send you by book post. In its preparation Bro. Taylor has been assisted by our mutual friend Bro. Hughan, who is always ready to bear a hand in a good cause, and whose newest work, just out, on the "Origin of the English Masonic Rite," formed one of the objects exhibited.

Hospitable to the core, the Worcester Craftsmen arranged to entertain their principal guests under their own roofs, and so Bro. Cumberland and I found ourselves billeted in the domicile of Bro. H. G. Budd, the Master of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, a young surgeon, and as amiable and hospitable as his house was comfortable, and who at once proceeded to make us thoroughly at home. Next morning saw us at the Guildhall, where the finishing touches were being put to the preparations for the evening *soirée*, at which some five hundred ladies and gentlemen were expected to attend. During the day the Masonic luminaries of England kept mustering in great force, and it would have been difficult to have experienced anything more thoroughly in accordance with the spirit of the Royal Art than the series of friendly greetings and introductions that made the hours glide away all too speedily. Here we met, and for the first time gripped the hand of brethren whose names and reputations had for years been familiar to us, but whose voices had never before greeted us, and whose faces we had never seen, yet with whom we had been long in close correspondence. Luucheon came, and with it, in our case, a party embracing brethren from York, London, Malta, Chester, Manchester and Birmingham; and so it was wherever the Craft gathered. From the uttermost parts they came, from the four cardinal points of heaven. But the pleasantest days end soonest, and the time soon arrived for a quiet dinner and preparation for the evening's entertainment.

At 7.30, Bro. Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere, he in his regalia as Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire, took their place under the folds of the Provincial banner, whilst near them the Mayor, Bro. W. B. Williamson P.M., and the Mayoress, stood beneath the civic sword of state and awaited the arrival of their guests, who were marshalled up the oaken staircase and through the dense bordering of flowering plants and past the trophies of flags and guns by an energetic and courteous corps of brethren who acted as Stewards. The introductions over, a band of music struck up a grand selection of Masonic airs, and the large assembly-room was soon filled. Sir Edmund then ascended the dais and welcomed the visitors in a pleasant speech, in which he was followed by the Mayor, and afterwards by Bro. the Dean of York, who, as usual, was wonderfully happy in the lightness and airiness, and at the same time sound good sense of his remarks. These preliminaries over, the guests dispersed to view the collections. Then was the time when one might see the beauty and fashion of Worcester at its best and pleasantest. Never were pretty faces looking prettier or bright eyes sparkling more gaily, or charming lips more disposed to smile and commend. The whole thing was so new, such a complete novelty, that all our fair sisters were pleased and happy. No doubt numbers of them anticipated some disclosures, or trusted in their superior sagacity to make some discoveries. But although in these respects they undoubtedly went away as wise as



they came, yet they thought they had found out some awful secrets, and so departed, no one having the heart to disabuse them of the illusion.

The exhibits were in two rooms. Books, engravings, aprons and old documents occupied one, and jewellery, medals, ceramics, &c., filled the other. The latter room was naturally the most popular from the remarkable beauty of many of the examples of the engraver's and die sinker's arts. Some of the goblets, too, were very massive and old, and there were swords of state, and solid bullion ornaments of many kinds belonging to a class of curios that always seem to draw popular attention. Some of the engraved glass and antique jugs and drinking cups and firing glasses were very curious and rare. As for emblematic jewels the name of their variety was legion. From early last century to the present day, every imaginable kind of specimen was shown, whilst on one table was arranged the very handsome civic plate of the city and corporation of Worcester.

In the room devoted to books, &c., the aprons most attracted the attention of the weaker sex. Certainly, many of them were exceedingly curious, and displayed an amazing amount of skill and care both with the embroidery frame and the paint brush. Then there were old Minute Books of Lodges extending back as far as 1730, strange old works on Freemasonry, comically engraved squibs and cartoons, photographs, and, in fact, an almost inexhaustible quarry for the intelligent Craftsman. Downstairs, on the ground floor, the generous hosts had provided a splendid supper and a second band of music, and if any one on that occasion went away hungry or thirsty it was through no fault of the hospitable entertainers. And so home and to bed, as old Pepys would have said.

In the morning a stroll round the Cathedral filled up the hours, an inspection of the two beautiful stained glass windows, presented by the Freemasons of Worcestershire on different occasions, of the gloriously carved pulpit of marble and alabaster, of the magnificent alabaster retdos, marble pavements, and noble east window, the preparations for the rapidly approaching choir festival, and of the numerous monuments that thickly dot the transepts and side aisles. At noon there was a suspicious movement of "black-coated men, armed with small leather cases," in the direction of the south side of the Cathedral, and we soon found ourselves drifting with the stream through the old abbey gateway with its groined Norman roof and into the doors of a noble Gothic hall, now used as a school, but which was originally the refectory of the monastery, on the north wall being still traces of the pulpit whence the reader droned out his daily homily. Here we find everything set out for opening a Masonic Lodge, and presently Brother Budd opens the Worcester Lodge in the three degrees. In the meantime we pass on through the cloisters into the Decagonal Chapter House, where we find the Provincial Grand Master, several Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished visitors, robing. Falling into our places, we advance in procession, are announced and admitted into the Lodge-room, where presently Sir E. A. Lechmere, having received the gavel, resigned into his hands by Bro. Budd, proceeds to open his Provincial Grand Lodge. Then the formal business is transacted, reports read, votes taken, all most regularly and harmoniously, thanks to the arrangements of Bro. Taylor, and finally the Officers for the year are appointed. Amongst other things it transpires that this small Province, consisting of only a dozen Lodges, has directly contributed nearly 15,000 dollars in six years towards the three Masonic Charities.

This being concluded, another procession is formed, and marched through the beautiful shade of the cloisters to the Cathedral, whose bells are ringing in that wild intoxication of harmonious sound known as "a merry peal." The Chaplain, in his place in the line of procession, is preceded by four "Lewises," of about twelve years of age, who carry between them, by the corners, a velvet cushion, on which rest the open volume of the Sacred Law, and the Square and Compasses; and the position of our brother, the Provincial Grand Master, is marked by his Sword Bearer, who bears before him a ponderous blade, such as might have exercised the arms of Baldwin himself, to wield. As we slowly advance through the cloisters, the sunshine, darting through the tracery dividing us from the quadrangle, lights up the bright colours of the blue clothing and flashes on the gold embroidery and jewels, whilst the steady sunlight gleams brightly upon the rows of white marble slabs in a setting of emerald sward, that mark the resting places of bygone churchmen, whose remains have found an appropriate resting place amongst the foundation-stones of the mighty fane in which they ministered.

As we enter the Cathedral doors the organ strikes up a Masonic march, composed for the occasion, and we advance up the central aisle, which is lined by interested spectators, and take our seats in the choir, on both sides of the massive tomb, surmounted by a huge gilded effigy, which marks the resting place of King John of England. And then the choral service proceeds, and the grand old Liturgy of the oldest Christian Church in the world finds a warm answering note in the breasts of many a brother present, and after Sir George Elary's anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord," has been sung by the choir, our brother, the Dean of York mounts the pulpit stairs, his collar of P.G. Chaplain of England worn outside his canonicals, and discourses eloquently to us from that remarkable passage in the Acts of the Apostles, "In every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him." It was a remarkable sermon, and I shall not attempt to give you any idea of it, because it is to be printed, and when it is published I shall send you a copy.

So, after an offertory in behalf of two deserving local charities, and the benediction from the Very Rev. Lord Alwyne Compton, we reform our procession and return to the old hall, where hearty good wishes are exchanged, and the Lodge is closed. Then to undress, and to the Guildhall to dinner, where I find myself admirably planted—Bro. George Taylor on my left, Bro. Cumberland on my right, Bro. Hughan on my left front, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn Past Grand Chaplain right opposite, and Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England on my right front. Nothing could have been better as far as surroundings went, and if only the dinner had been hotter all

would have been perfect. But these are not the times to grumble. We are all in the humour to be pleased, and we are pleased accordingly. We follow the usual lines of the toast list on such occasions. The Dean of York proposes the health of his old college friend the Provincial Grand Master; the Grand Secretary proposes the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Godson, whose beaming face reflects smiles like a many dimpled ocean; the Senior Provincial G. Warden, who is the Mayor of Kidderminster, proposes the Dean; Bro. Hughan and I respond for the Visitors, and Bro. Frederick Binckes, that Past Master in oratory, responds for the Masonic Charities, and so we jog along with musical interludes until the Tyler's toast warns us that it is time to seek repose.

A good night, well earned sleep, and a hearty breakfast combine to land us once more at the Guildhall, but this time to say farewell. I stroll round the rooms, renew a few of yesterday's acquaintanceships, think of the *Keystone*, and secure a commemorative medal (which I send accompanying this), adjourn to the Crown Hotel with some few friends for a "dochan doras" (I have not the faintest idea how to spell it), and then the usual stuffy cab lands us two at the railway station. Here, who should we find on the platform but Bro. Hughan and his Torquay contingent, on the way to Malvern. We join company, and at Malvern charter a carriage and drive round the Wyeh-road, and gaze on the far-off Welsh mountains and the lovely intervening plains. But time will slip along and trains persist in starting punctually, and at 4.20 we must bid our good brethren good bye, and board a crowded train for Birmingham, where we arrive hot and irritable at six. What wonders are wrought by a good dinner and a cigar? At eight we are ourselves again, and ready for anything—and we need it—for, lo! in the smoke-room of the Queen's Hotel is our old friend Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, who tells us he is on his way to Stony Stratford, where a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge is held the next day. So the evening passes in pleasant converse, and the next day brings us back to old York, feeling better and wiser men, from a Masonic point of view, than we were when we last left its white walls behind us.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. The Audit Committee's report was read by Bro. Terry the Secretary, and received. Among the candidates for the annuities of the Institution, the case of one brother was deferred for further information. Seven candidates, three of whom were females, were placed on the list for the election next May. Only two of the accepted cases were from the London district. On the motion of Brother James Willing jun., seconded by Brother E. F. Storr, it was agreed that in future a list, as far as practicable, of the particulars of each candidate's case be printed for the use of the Committee, in the same manner as at the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., has received from the Unions Lodge of Instruction at Leicester, through its Secretary, Bro. E. P. Steeds, a pleasing souvenir of his late visit to that place, and a record of the satisfaction afforded to the brethren there by the delivery of his Lecture on the Ceremonial of the First Degree, in the form of an engrossed copy of the resolutions passed on that occasion, thanking him for his services and constituting him an honorary member of the Lodge. We understand a similar compliment awaits him from Kidderminster, where he lately delivered his instructive lecture.

The installation meeting of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, was held on Thursday afternoon, at Messrs. Spiers and Pond's, the Criterion, Piccadilly. Bro. James Willing jun., the first Master of the Lodge, having been elected to fill the chair for the second year in succession, was installed. The first, second and third degrees were worked during the evening.

At the meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Brockett Sorrell, the Master, presiding, an elegant testimonial was presented to Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., the Treasurer of the Lodge. The presentation took the form of a portrait in oil, of our worthy brother, and it was made in recognition of his services to the Lodge since its formation, and to perpetuate the esteem in which he is held by the members.

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## PROV. G. LODGE NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE Masonic Provinces of Yorkshire occupy a very prominent position in the history of Freemasonry, owing partly to their present strength, and perhaps still more to their history and antiquity. The fact that the earliest known meetings of Freemasons took place centuries ago in the ancient capital of the county will always lend a colouring of interest to those who reverence what is antique, whilst the noble efforts in the cause of the Masonic Charities that have been made in the county of broad acres will go far to justify the existence of a society that might otherwise be regarded as somewhat of an anachronism. Some of the oldest Lodges now in existence were warranted in Yorkshire, and in both Provinces there are several of these bodies that have celebrated their hundredth anniversary. In the Province of North and East Yorkshire, whose members met at Whitby, on Wednesday, the 1st instant, we find the York Lodge, warranted in 1777, the Humber Lodge of Hull, warranted in 1756, and the Lennox Lodge at Richmond, warranted in 1763; whilst the Old Globe Lodge at Scarborough will be a century in existence in 1891, the Constitutional Lodge at Beverley two years later, and the Lion Lodge at Whitby in 1897, if the world lasts as long. It will thus be seen that in North and East Yorkshire, at any rate, Freemasonry is not a mushroom system, and if we cared to go back into the earliest records, the parchment rolls, many of which belong to the York Lodge, we should see that no organisation now existing can boast of so long an existence as that wonderful society which permeates every circle of humanity over the world's surface, and registers kings and peasants indiscriminately on its vast rolls of membership. Yorkshire is divided into two Provinces for purposes of local government. The Province of West Yorkshire has been for many years ruled by Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., who has lately resigned his office through ill-health, and Brother T. W. Tew, of Pontefract, his Deputy, is now acting Provincial Grand Master. North and East Yorkshire, in which York is included, is governed by the Earl of Zetland, whose late uncle was the Grand Master of England up to his death. The meeting, on the 1st instant, at Whitby, was held there by the invitation of the Lion Lodge, and is the annual gathering. The brethren assembled in the Grand Saloon on the South Cliff, a splendid room, which had been carefully set out by the Whitby brethren for the occasion. At one o'clock the Board of Benevolence met in a small room under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, when sums to the amount of sixty guineas were voted to various applicants, and soon after two o'clock a procession was formed, and the Provincial Grand Master entered the Grand Hall accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers, who occupied their chairs as follows: Bros. J. P. Bell D.P.G.M., T. B. Whytehead P.G.S.W., A. T. Rogers P.G.J.W., Rev. J. Blake P.G. Chaplain, R. W. Hollon P.G. Treasurer, W. J. Watson P.G. Registrar, M. C. Peck P.G. Secretary, M. Rooke P.G.S.D., W. Wilson P.G.J.D., R. Beevers P.G. Supt. of Works, E. Bryan P.G.D.C., D. W. Dixon P.G. Sword Bearer, W. T. Atlay P.G. Organist, G. Simpson P.G.P., J. Best P.G.A.P., and F. J. Lambert P.G. Tyler. The Lodge was then opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Amongst these were replies to the addresses of condolence sent to the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, on the occasion of the death of the late Duke of Albany. The report of the Board of Benevolence was read and adopted, after which the Provincial Grand Secretary read several letters of apology, from the Dean of York and other brethren who were unavoidably absent. In reference to the Charities Association, Bro. Peck said that, in consequence of absence in America of Bro. Woodall, the Charities representative, they were unable to give any formal report, but he expected that Bro. Woodall would be home in time to take charge of the votes at the next election, and he believed they would be able to carry their candidate for the Girls' School. Bro. Cumberland said he was about to leave the Province to reside in London, but would be glad to take charge of the votes for the next election, and his offer was gratefully accepted. The report of the Bye-laws Committee was then presented, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master proceeded to explain the alterations that had been made. Eventually it was decided to defer the consideration

of the report until a Special Provincial Grand Lodge, which the Earl of Zetland said he would call for the purpose at York in January, and in the meantime brethren who had suggestions and amendments should send them in to the Provincial Grand Secretary before the 1st day of January. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was then read and adopted. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.G.S.W. then proposed a vote of five guineas to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and in doing so said no brother had done more to elucidate the history of Freemasonry in Yorkshire, and as York was really the mother of Freemasonry our historian had a special claim upon all Masons. This was seconded by Bro. J. Todd (York), and carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. Sir James Meek, seconded by Bro. J. Stephenson (Whitby), Bros. J. W. Woodall and Tesseyman were re-elected Charity representatives. Bro. R. W. Hollon Prov. Grand Treasurer said that having served the office of Treasurer for a great number of years, and being now advanced in life, he did not wish to be again nominated. He thanked the brethren for their kindness and courtesy during the length of time he had served them, and would ask leave to nominate as his successor Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, of York. The proposition was seconded from the body of the Lodge, after which Bro. Dr. Handyside proposed as Treasurer Bro. Sir James Meek, who he said was a brother known for a great number of years in the Province as one who had taken a very active part in Masonry, and had gained by long services the confidence of his brethren. This was seconded by Brother J. Todd (York); and Brother J. S. Rymer having signified his unwillingness to stand for the office under the circumstances, the motion was carried unanimously. The Lodges then handed in their fees, and the Provincial Grand Secretary stated that the result was satisfactory, and the numerical strength of the Province was about two thousand. The Provincial Officers for the year were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. J. T. Belk 1848	...	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
Gilbert Wilkinson 250	...	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
The Dean of York 236	...	...	Prov. G. Chaplain
J. Sykes Rymer 236	...	...	Prov. G. Registrar
Sir James Meek 236	...	...	Prov. G. Treasurer
M. C. Peck 250	...	...	Prov. G. Secretary
Andrew King 57	...	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
W. Smith 123	...	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
H. Walker 312	...	...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
V. Fowler 643	...	...	Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies
E. D. Hackers 1760	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of Cers.
G. F. Marwood 543	...	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
W. Gillett 1605	...	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
R. B. Atkinson 1244	...	...	
William Hill 602	...	...	Prov. G. Organist
J. Elgry 1040	...	...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
W. Stokeld 561	...	...	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
F. J. Lambert 1010	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler

The Provincial Grand Master nominated the Cleveland, Zetland, St. Germain, North York, St. Cuthbert, and Royal Lodges to appoint Stewards. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. R. W. Hollon for his services as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, and carried by acclamation. In replying, Bro. Hollon said that he had for thirty-four years been their Treasurer, and felt that he had done as much as he could for the Craft. He thanked them cordially for their good feeling. The Prov. Grand Master said he had received invitations from the Leopold Lodge, at Scarborough, and York Lodge, at York, to meet at those places; but as Scarborough had invited them last year, he should accept the Leopold's invitation; the next meeting would be at Scarborough. After a vote of thanks to the brethren of the Lion Lodge for their hospitable reception, the Lodge was closed, and the Prov. Grand Master retired, with his Officers. A banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Hotel, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. Hallgate and Atlay, and Mr. Barraclough efficiently acted as trumpeter, an office which he performed on a similar occasion in 1867.

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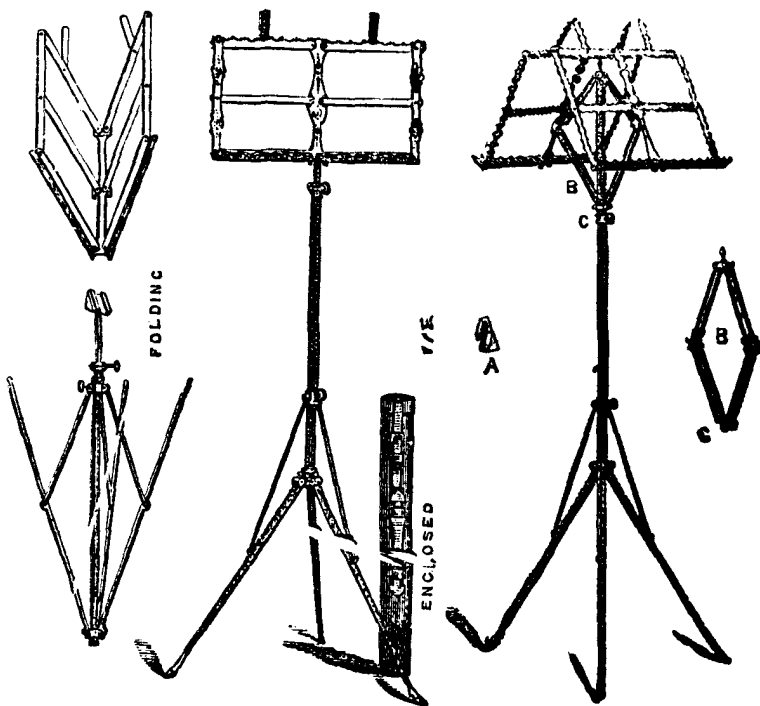
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To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART (P.G.D.) V.-Pres.:—  
"In Law 36, to insert, after the word 'Month,' in line 2, the words,  
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2. By W. Bro. J. L. MATHER, V.-P., on behalf of the House Committee:—  
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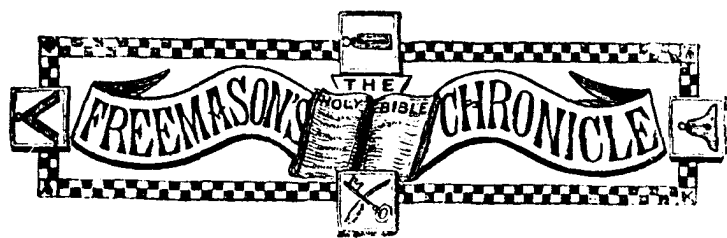
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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## VILLIERS LODGE, No. 1194.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 4th instant, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Bro. T. C. Gambrill W.M., G. Gilby S.W., W. Vincent P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex J.W., R. A. Steel P.M. Treasurer, W. Dodd P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s Cross, Harvey, Plimsoll, Monson, Plimsaul, Lancaster, T. Verity P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex. The brethren were honoured by the presence of the following Visitors:—R. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, C. Tayler W.M. 1624, Robertson W.M. 1538, H. Bond P.M. 1314, R. H. Winglay 2012, Shaw 1441, Sanders 1362, R. Bottle J.W. 1624, H. Folsom J.W. 1604, E. Giddings 1446, W. Palmer 749, Marlis P.M. 1642, Kew P.M. 179, C. Spark P.M. 140, R. Jarlberg Secretary 1928, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. G. Gilby S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge by Bro. R. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner. There were nineteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. T. C. Gambrill I.P.M., W. Vincent P.G.S.B. S.W., Monson J.W., Steel P.M. Treasurer, Dodd P.M. Secretary, Foot S.D., Adams J.D., P. Monson I.G., Besant D.C., Strong Organist, Thomas W.S., Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. Bro. Vincent efficiently acted as D.C. Applause followed the investiture of each Officer. A ballot was now taken for the admission of Mr. C. Dodd; being unanimously in favour, the W.M. had an opportunity of showing his proficiency by initiating this candidate into the Order. This he did in a manner that reflected great credit on him. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and the Lodge was closed until the third Saturday in March. The brethren sat down to a very excellent dinner and dessert, provided by Bro. Sadler. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Thrupp responded on behalf of the Grand Officers. Two important appointments had been made—Bro. Philbrick to the office of Grand Registrar, and Bro. Fenn to that of President of the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Master would never have selected these brethren unless they were worthy of the appointments. The Masonic qualifications of each were well known. The toast of the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers was next on the list. The W.M. could but reiterate what had so frequently been said of the Provincial Grand Master—he is beloved and respected throughout the Order; he has in every way shown a capacity that has entitled him to esteem and respect. Bro. R. Thrupp D.P.G.M. in responding, said it had been gratifying to him to see the manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony of installation. Great credit was likewise due to the W.M., so recently installed, for so perfectly rendering the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Gambrill I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M.; he said the brethren had seen his ability in every office he had held; also his working that evening, while his presidency left nothing to be desired; he hoped his year of office would be a happy and successful one. The W.M., in replying, remarked that having been initiated in this Lodge, it was indeed a pleasure to preside over it; all his energies would be at their service. The toast of the Installing Officer and the Immediate Past Master followed. The W.M. was certain that the way in which Bro. Gambrill performed the ceremony was satisfactory to every one present; he had great pleasure in being the medium to present him with a gold Past Master's jewel, with collar and jewel attached, as a mark of the respect entertained for him. He hoped he might be spared for many years to be among them. Bro. Gambrill regretted he had had but little work to do in his year of office. However, he sincerely thanked them for the jewel that had been presented him; he would wear it with a pleasant recollection of his association with the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate, Bro. C. Dodd, whom he had known for over fifteen years. He hoped to see him eventually occupy the chair. Bro. Dodd having briefly responded, the W.M. complimented the Visitors, and Bros. Kew, Brown, Marlis, Bond, and Tayler having severally replied, the toast of the Masonic Charities was introduced, and acknowledged by Bro. Peachey. Other toasts comprised the health of the S.W. and the J.W., and the rest of the Officers of the Lodge; Bros. Vincent, Steel, and others responded. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, and the brethren returned to town. Bros. Cross, Strong, Brown, and C. Tayler contributed to the harmony during the evening.

## KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Highbury Railway Hotel, Islington, and may be characterised as the most successful Installation the Lodge has celebrated. There was a goodly array of members and visitors, and the proceedings, most harmonious throughout, were not concluded until a late hour. The Lodge was opened by Bro. James Crosbie, the

W.M. of the past year, who was supported by N. E. Western S.W., H. P. Isaac P.M. Treas., C. K. Killick P.M. Sec., J. Cooper D.C., J. A. Collings Org., R. Defriez I.G., G. T. Snook Steward, Past Masters H. Hawkins, C. K. Killick jun. (P.P.G.S.B. Herts), J. L. Mather, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. T. Hornblower late 1693, G. Tooley I.G. 2024, James Bayne Org. 1897, C. Neison 1423, J. Frankling 913, C. Hammond 1471, S. Pardoe [P.M. 511, W. W. Morgan jun. late 1107, E. W. Collins 97, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, D. Job J.D. 861, W. Mittens 861, A. J. Dixie 453, R. F. Jordan S.W. 141, E. Woodman S.W. 1950, R. Baker P.M. 188, W. H. Prestwick 483, H. Harding 1471. The minutes of the last regular Lodge and of a Lodge of Emergency having been confirmed, and the Auditors' Report presented, Bro. N. L. Western, the W.M. elect, was presented for Installation by Bro. J. L. Mather, who has performed a similar office on each of the occasions in the past that a brother has been presented in this Lodge. Bro. Western was duly placed in the East, and having been saluted he appointed the following Officers:—R. P. Forge S.W., J. Cooper J.W., C. K. Killick Sec., H. P. Isaac Treas., G. F. Snook S.D., J. Millington J.D. His next duty was to initiate four gentlemen into the Order, and this he performed in an able manner. The initiates were Messrs Walter Atterton, John Potter, George Batten, and Charles Rousenberg. After some formal business Lodge was closed and the brethren then proceeded to the banquet room, where, under the presidency of the new W.M. a most enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. briefly proposed the usual loyal toasts, and in due course the I.P.M. gave that of the Master. The latter, in his reply, said he felt highly gratified at the position he had attained. It had been the summit of his ambition to attain the Master's chair, and having now succeeded in obtaining it, he hoped he might carry out its duties in such a manner as to be a credit to it. He then gave the health of the Installing Master. Most of the brethren then present had heard Bro. Crosbie's rendering of the beautiful ceremony, and he thought it had been done in such a manner as should ensure a hearty response to the toast by all assembled. The W.M. had much pleasure in presenting his predecessor with a Past Master's jewel. It had been well earned, and was thoroughly deserved. Bro. Crosbie had worked the Lodge during the past year in a praiseworthy manner, and had brought his labours to a most satisfactory termination by installing his successor. He concluded by remarking that while he placed the jewel on Bro. P.M. Crosbie's collar with pleasure, he must also express the wish of the brethren and himself, which was, that he might be spared for many years to wear it, and grace the Kingsland Lodge with his presence. Bro. Crosbie replied. He felt highly flattered at the remarks of the W.M., and by the remembrance of the kindness shown him by the brethren in the past. The W.M. next proposed the health of the initiates. He felt he might call this the toast of the evening, as without initiates from time to time they would soon come to grief. Bro. Atterton felt it a very difficult matter for him to express his feelings. He had enjoyed himself very much, and trusted that the first evening he had spent as a Mason might be one of many he would enjoy in the Kingsland Lodge. Bro. Potter tendered his thanks. He trusted they would always find him a good Mason, and one who would at all times uphold Masonry as far as laid in his power. Bro. Batten followed, saying how gratified he was at being received among them, and endorsing the remarks of his predecessors. Bro. Rousenberg was also gratified at his admission into Freemasonry. It had been his ambition for many years past to become a Mason. Now that he had been admitted he hoped he should prove himself an acquisition. He hoped the brethren would never have cause to regret his admission among them, and that he should prove a credit to the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, and was acknowledged by Bro. Pardoe. He could but be sensible of the compliment which had been paid him, in selecting his name from those of so many visitors as were then present to respond to the toast. As a Past Master it had been his fortune to visit many Lodges; he had had large experience, and while he did not wish to flatter the members of the Kingsland Lodge, he might truly say he had seldom, if ever, spent a more enjoyable evening. Bro. Baker followed, as also did Bros. Collins, and Cusworth. The latter brother could but point out to the newly initiated brethren that only six years previously their present W.M. had himself occupied the position they did that evening. This was an evidence of what might be in store for them, and what reward they might receive if they devoted themselves to the work of the Lodge as energetically and perseveringly as Bro. Western had done. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Institutions, coupling with it the name of Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry said this was a toast which he trusted would never be forgotten in the Kingsland Lodge, or, indeed, in any other. Charity was a subject which required to be forcibly impressed on every Mason, a fact which the founders of the ceremony of initiation had fully recognised. The ordeal which the four newly admitted brethren had recently gone through had no doubt made an impression on their minds that would never be effaced. He ventured to say that Freemasonry—so far from being the evil which many described it as, was an Institution of which they might be proud. The three central Institutions alone required donations of over £40,000 a year to maintain them as they were at present working, and when they considered the number of the recipients who were supported from this sum, they must admit that Freemasonry was doing a good work, even if these Institutions were the only benefits they could point to. This appeared to be recognised by the Craft, who were certainly most liberal in their support. While other Institutions were selling out stock, and drawing largely on their funds, the Charities of the Masonic Order were enabled to extend the field of their operations, and make large increases from time to time to the numbers they were able to relieve. But this extension of benefits called for extension of support, and in order to maintain the reputation of Freemasonry additional interest must be continually awakened. Speaking more particularly as regarded the Benevolent Institution, Bro. Terry recounted what was

being done for the old brethren and widows elected as annuitants. It must be a great gratification to Freemasons that they were able to relieve so many of those who, in their declining days, were compelled by adversity to appeal to them. It behoved them, while they were enjoying themselves at their Lodge meetings, or elsewhere, to bear in mind the distress of those less fortunately circumstanced, and to do what they could to help them. Bro. Terry concluded by making a forcible appeal to the W.M. and brethren to support his Institution at the next Festival, an appeal which we are pleased to say resulted in the acceptance by the W.M. of a Stewardship. The toast of the Past Masters was next given, and was ably responded to by Bros. Hawkins, Isaac, and Hall. The Officers having been toasted, Bro. Forge replied on their behalf, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

#### MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1489.

THE installation meeting was held on 3rd inst., at the Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-road, when Bro. Gray was installed by Bro. Paget. Some initiations were also performed. The outgoing Master, Bro. John Tovell, was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

#### ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE, No. 1538.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. Thomas J. Robertson, after raising Bro. E. J. Harper to the third degree, installed Bro. J. P. Parkes as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. After the appointment and investiture of the Officers, the Master, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Robertson with a valuable Past Master's jewel.

#### ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

A VERY agreeable meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ultimo, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that this Lodge was consecrated at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, and that our worthy brother, the late George Kelly King, was the first W.M. Consequent upon the closing of the North London Palace, the members had to seek a new *locale* for their meetings, and it is generally considered that they have made a wise selection in choosing the Imperial Hotel, which has secured for itself a well-deserved reputation for studying the requirements of its patrons. Bro. R. J. Ward presided on the occasion we are about to recount the particulars of, and was ably supported by Bro. Jesse Ward S.W., Fitch J.W., Larchin P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary, Kearney S.D., Snelling J.D., Gooding I.G., &c. After the preliminary work of opening the Lodge, and reading and confirming the minutes, Brothers Gifford and Wheatley were passed, and Brothers Dorington, Stanley, and Boyer were raised. Routine work then received attention, and Lodge was closed. A modest, but capably served banquet, was then served under the superintendence of the courteous manager, Bro. A. Begbie, whose efforts to promote the enjoyment of his guests were fully appreciated. The after proceedings were conducted most ably, and it goes without saying that the gathering was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Amongst meetings that have recently taken place at this establishment we may mention that the brethren of the Perseverance Lodge assembled on Saturday, the 13th ult., under the presidency of their W.M. Bro. Eade, who was supported by about 60 Craftsmen. The banquet served on this occasion gave the most unqualified satisfaction, and all testified to the way in which Bro. Begbie ministered to the wants of his party.

On Wednesday next, the 15th inst., the Crusaders Lodge assembles at the Imperial Hotel, when Bro. Dr. Defriez will be installed as W.M. for the next twelve months. We hope to be in a position to give a full report in our next.

#### ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE installation meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180 occupied the chair. Bros. F. Green sen. S.W., E. Valeriani J.W., Butlin Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, F. V. Green S.D., Shaw J.D., Adams I.G., Court D.C., Colepepper W.S., Potter Tyler. Visitors—S. Dicketts 193, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., R. G. Brand 25, R. Ccombs P.M. 12, T. H. Johnston 1608, F. Freeman 1515, J. R. Shand P.M. 1563, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, Freeman 55, Ponsford 25, W. Brindley W.M. 1604, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Greenwood was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being conducted in Bro. Stacey's usual perfect manner. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. F. Green sen. S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and installed W.M. by Bro. J. R. Stacey. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. efficiently acted as D.C. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. E. Valeriani S.W., F. V. Green jun. J.W., Butlin Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Mole S.D., Shaw J.D., Adams I.G., Potter Tyler. In delivering the several charges to the Officers as he invested them, Bro. Green was very happy in his remarks; what he said was well considered, and merited the applause he received. Bro. C. W. Parsons P.M. proposed, and Bro. Valeriani S.W. seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M., for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of raising and installation. This was

unanimously agreed to. Bro. Stacey having replied, and routine work done, Lodge was closed until November. The brethren sat down to a capital banquet and dessert, provided by Brother Gosden, the service of which gave great satisfaction. The W.M. presided, and on rising said he would not give the brethren long speeches. After full honour had been paid to her Most Gracious Majesty, the W.M. said that the Lodge over which he had the honour of presiding adopted one of the titles of the Grand Master for its designation. His Royal Highness had kindly given special permission for the brethren to use his arms as Duke of Rothesay. Bro. Cottebrune responded for the Grand Officers; he was pleased to see the W.M. in his position; from his knowledge of what was required as regards working, under his direction he was sure the Lodge would prosper. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. and Sec. then proposed the health of the W.M., who undoubtedly has the interests of the Lodge at heart. There was a small Lodge, but those within it were anxious to show what they, as a Lodge, could do. He was sure it would continue to make progress. The present W.M. was well qualified to conduct the business. The W.M. in reply said he felt proud to hear the encomiums passed on him by Bro. Cottebrune; it was a pleasure to listen to them. When he should be called on to hand the gavel to the S.W., he hoped to leave the Lodge in a prosperous condition; this he was sure to do if the brethren would co-operate with him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Stacey P.M. 180. The brethren had tested his qualifications to-night; the Craft has only to ask his assistance, and it is readily given. All were proud to see him present. Bro. Stacey replying said it was indeed a pleasure to install the W.M. Bro. Parsons had requested him to perform the ceremony, and he felt a great pleasure in complying. Any assistance the Craft required of him, his services were always at command. Bro. Brindley W.M. 1604 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded for the Visitors, and paid a just compliment to the Installing Master; also to the W.M. for his able presiding. The toast of the I.P.M. and Secretary was next on the list, Bro. W. C. Parsons is always ready and willing to do the work; no more experienced brother could be found in the Order. He had been a P.M. of another Lodge, and was well qualified for his duty. Bro. W. C. Parsons in reply said he was gratified at the remarks of the W.M.; he felt it a duty and pleasure to ask Bro. Stacey to occupy the chair as Installing Master. He was a P.M. and Secretary, and he was sure they could not have a Brother more capable to perform that ceremony. As far as his duties of Secretary of the Lodge were in question, the members knew he was at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers, and Bro. Valeriani S.W. responded; he hoped to deserve all the encomiums passed upon him; he had been Steward for the Boys' School, and would be pleased to follow for the Girls', and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Any contribution the Lodge might give would be thankfully acknowledged; his heart was full of charity, and he hoped the brethren would contribute a small amount each, so that a large sum might be realized. Bro. Green J.W. followed; he fully endorsed the S.W.'s remarks; he would follow as a Steward, and trusted they might both realise large sums for the Masonic Charities. He trusted he might eventually arrive at the grand position his worthy father now occupied. Bros. Bullen (Treasurer) and Court followed, and then the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

The Installation Meeting of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, took place on Monday last, the 6th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Alfred Charles Rawlings was installed in the chair by the outgoing Master Bro. Henry Cox. We hope to give a full report next week.

The Chelmer Lodge of M.M.M., No. 342, was consecrated at Chelmsford, on Wednesday. The ceremony took place at the Corn Exchange, and was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Prov. G. Master East Anglia, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Fred. Binckes Grand Mark Secretary afterwards installed the W. Master designate, Bro. J. P. Lewin. Bros. F. Cozens and Theodore Distin had charge of the musical arrangements.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, at the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N., by the brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at seven o'clock.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. G. King P.M. P.Z., &c., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, opposite Wimbledon Station, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Lodge will be opened at 6.45.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, No. 1259, at the Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse, on Thursday, the 16th instant, by Bro. R. Atkins P.M. Preceptor.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 13  
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1375—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 M.M. 311—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith  
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1637—Unity, Harrow  
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 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)  
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marques of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 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.)  
 1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate  
 R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.C. 71—Baldon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
 537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 559—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 767—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants  
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
 1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey  
 R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley  
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
 167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel  
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horus, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1448—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N. at 8. (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 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)  
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton  
 628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge  
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey  
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks  
 1485—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex  
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc  
 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon  
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth  
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 245—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodnun  
 R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon  
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter  
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, 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)  
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)  
 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)  
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
 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)  
 961—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 964—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 965—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 992—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Dike's Hotel, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1293—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1791—Creston, 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. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 203 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
 311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Llandport  
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 693—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames



938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks  
 1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Du ham House Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester  
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 258—Ambibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde  
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Englefield Street, Maryford  
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 R.A. 579—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall  
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
 R.A. 137—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alawick

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27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 160—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palme-ston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 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.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1771—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 1951—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 753—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.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 M.M. 189—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 81—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 263—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 343—Coicord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 1580—Craibourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton  
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton  
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester  
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigan  
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith  
 R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire  
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor  
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgaan Tavern, Plumstead  
 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts  
 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

#### FRIDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

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. (Instruc.)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 832—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermya-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1701—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3  
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 317—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chanter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth  
 R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

#### SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1195—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet, E.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
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#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

##### OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

A MEETING was held on Tuesday last, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., under the presidency of the W.M., W. H. Harris, who was supported by a goodly proportion of Past Masters and Officers. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. Edwards W.M. elect 1507, T. W. Lee 205, A. Withers P.M. 211, Sefferton 913, Thos. Bate P.M. 700, W. Montgomery J.W. 1475, J. Fisher 1184, W. Hatch 1771, W. Ballard Eccleston, Theodore Distin, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, &c. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The agenda paper contained the names of four gentlemen as candidates for initiation, viz., Mr. Charles Meierhoff, who was proposed by Bro. C. J. Fleck, and seconded by Bro. J. A. Fleck; for Mr. James Corns Pearson and Mr. William Hunt, both proposed by Bro. Harris W.M., and seconded by Bro. Dean; and for Mr. William Buer, who was proposed by Bro. Marriott, seconded by Bro. Whaley. The ballot was clear, and all four being present, they were severally introduced and enlightened in the mysteries of the first degree. Bro. Sykes, an Initiate who desired advancement, was then examined as to the progress he had made in the science, and proving worthy, had the second degree conferred upon him. The ceremonies were ably conducted by the Worshipful Master, who was well supported by his Officers. In the course of the evening the case of a member who was in distress was brought under consideration, and relief granted from the Benevolent Fund, to the extent of Ten Guineas, with the promise of further assistance should the circumstances of the applicant not improve by the time the brethren next assemble. After Lodge had been closed, the members, with their visitors, repaired to the Crown-room of the Freemasons' Tavern, where a capital banquet was supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), under the superintendence of Bro. E. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were done full honour to. The Initiates received a cordial greeting, and the compliment paid them was responded to by each, Bro. P.M. Speight giving the ever-popular "E.A." song. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Hilton, proposed the health of the W.M., whom he congratulated on the way in which the work of the day had been conducted. In replying, Bro. Harris expressed his thanks, both for the reception he had met with, and for the assistance he had received from the Officers. It is an honour for a man to be Master of a Lodge at any time; especially did he appreciate the honour of having to preside over a Lodge so distinguished as the Old Concord. It would ever be his endeavour to sustain it in its present elevated position, and he felt assured he should be ably supported by the Past Masters and Officers; in fact, by all the members of the Lodge. He again thanked them for the reception given to the toast. For the Visitors, who were next complimented, the majority of those named above replied. The Master was congratulated on the way in which the work was done, and happy reference made to the liberality displayed by the Lodge in assisting its brother in distress, especial mention being made as to the readiness to respond the brother in question invariably displayed, under his more favourable circumstances, when an appeal was brought under his notice. A special toast was given in honour of the I.P.M., who thanked the Master for the compliment. In speaking to the toast of the P.M.'s, Bro. Harris referred to the zeal and energy shown by the Treasurer (Bro. Gorton) and the Secretary (Bro. G. King). Several features of interest were touched upon by these brethren in the course of their remarks acknowledging the toast. Bro. Holland made the announcement that a literary work, which had occupied his serious



attention through a long and protracted illness, would shortly be in the hands of a publisher, when he trusted it would receive a due amount of consideration and appreciation from the Craft at large. The Officers' toast was next honoured, and the replies made were brief but well to the point. The Tyler gave the parting toast at an hour that gave ample time for the brethren who had any distance to travel to catch trains without the unseemly scramble we are too frequently accustomed to encounter. A capital selection of songs, &c., was given during the evening, this part of the programme having been entrusted to Bro. Theodore Distin, who was assisted by Madame L. Sims, Miss L. Distin, and Mr. Imhoff.

#### JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE first regular meeting for the season was held on the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Bros. G. Bean W.M., Martin S.W., J. W. Dewsnap J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, W. L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, L. Wall S.D., Lion J.D., Hart I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., E. Van Noorden Organist, L. Davis Steward; P.M.'s H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, O. Roberts, L. M. Myers. Visitors—M. A. Lion 223, J. Gibbs 1613, L. De Lecuov 185, A. Thomas 1319, Appleton W.M. 1381. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Coombs was passed to the second degree, and Bro. E. Levi No. 185 was, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the third degree. Both the ceremonies were excellently worked. The W.M. alluded to the approaching celebration of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore's hundredth year, and spoke of the banquet which was to take place at the Criterion on the occasion. A reply to a letter of condolence, sent by the Lodge to the family of the late respected Bro. Albert P.M. P.G.P. was read. The resignation of a member was accepted, with regret. Brother Alexander, Senior Past Master, was elected an honorary member. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, forty-one in number, sat down to a *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Brother Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. H. M. Levy responded for the toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. The Fund had at one time £1400 to its credit; whereas now it had only between £600 and 700; he hoped several of the brethren would give a sum of five guineas, and thus become Vice-Presidents. During the last year they had distributed the sum of £500 amongst their members. The same brother then proposed the health of the W.M. In every office Bro. Bean had held he had gained the esteem of the brethren, particularly so as W.M. He (Bro. Levy) regretted the death of the I.P.M. Bro. Benjamin, whose loss the Lodge fully deplored. They had noted Bro. Bean's great desire to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and he hoped they would give the toast a good reception. The W.M. in pertinent terms responded to the toast. Bros. H. M. Appleton W.M. 1381 and W. Gibbs J.W. 1613 replied for the Visitors. The other toasts given were, the Past Masters, for which Bro. Alexander replied; the Wardens, the Treasurer and Secretary, &c. &c. The Tyler in due course gave the parting toast. An excellent musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden Organist. Miss Reba, Miss Carlingford, Bros. Arthur Thomas and Edgar Mortimer were the artistes engaged. Mr. Walter Van Noorden accompanied on the piano.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Bros. Sainte W.M., B. Haines S.W., Haller J.W., H. Haynes J.D., Buggins I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Walker, Ansleecker, Healy, Daniel, Schwarz, Steed, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Steed candidate. Brother Walker answered the necessary questions, and being entrusted, was passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge opened in the third degree, when entry drill was gone through. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. It was unanimously proposed, seconded, and carried, that Bro. Schwarz 1348 should be made a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. B. Haynes was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.**—This Lodge of Instruction, since its removal to the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, has been remarkably well attended, particularly so during the summer months, when many of the Lodges of Instruction have been compelled to close in consequence of inability to get a sufficient number of brethren together to hold a meeting. On Tuesday, the 30th ult., the Fifteen Sections were very efficiently worked by Bro. W. C. Smith S.D. 1563 as W.M., the able and energetic Preceptor of the Lodge; Bros. J. C. Smith J.D. 1744 as S.W., R. W. Duncan 1436 as J.W., assisted by the following brethren:—W. H. Smith, L. Solomon, W. Chilcott, D. T. Davies, J. Paul, C. A. Woods, W. Fowles, J. Hemming, C. J. Day, Cursons, Brindley, G. F. Swan. Lodge was also attended by Bros. Cottebrune, W. B. Fendick, H. Cox, R. Kirk, H. Baines, R. Fendick, C. Corby, A. G. Clark, J. Purnell, W. Kent, J. Thom, B. G. Brown, W. F. Girdlestone, J. Holmes, G. W. Harrington, G. F. Meads, J. Ellis, S. H. Barrow, J. Koenen, J. W. Ray, A. J. Taylor, T. C. Edmonds, R. A. Kirkaldy, E. Ardwine, H. Ludwig, R. J. Brand, W. Perry, W. Englefield, J. Seymour, Captain Nicols, W. A. Scurrah, W. H. Wadham, F. J. Potter; also some other brethren. A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. C. Smith for his efficiency in working and presiding, and for his indefatigable and persevering efforts as Preceptor to the Lodge; also to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the sections so perfectly. The Lodge was then closed, the brethren appearing well satisfied with the work of the evening, and with the exertions of the genial and worthy host Bro. J. Holmes.

**Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.**—On Monday, at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, W. Present—Bros. Laurence W.M., Chandler S.W., Vincent J.W., D. Hane Secretary, Mote S.D., Cruttenden J.D., Goswell Steward, Madlewell I.G., P.M.'s Cpt. Nicols, Craig; also Bros. Cliburn, Morse, Cursons, Chapman. Death. Visitor—Bro. Day 1641. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Craig and Chapman being the respective candidates. Bro. Chapman was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was adjourned until 12th inst.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., there were present Bros. Western W.M., Woodman S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Townsend S.D., Snook J.D., Dixie D.C., Brook Acting Preceptor, Ware I.G. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stretch candidate. Bro. Western practised Investing the Officers, and relinquished the chair in favour of Bro. Hunt, who opened Lodge in second degree, when Brother Turner, as candidate, was passed. Lodge closed and adjourned till Monday, 13th October, when Brother Woodman will occupy the chair. On this occasion Bro. Woodman has invited several musical brethren to join, and trusts to have a goodly assembly of Craftsmen. Three new members were elected—Bros. Thom, St. George's 190, Townsend, Earl of Clarendon 1984, C. Neison, Era 1423.

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Masonry's creed is the ideal one—Faith in God and Immortality. With any narrower creed we should not number with us, as we do, great and good men of all theistic religions. The longer the creed the fewer the subscribers to it.

A genuine Mason must have breathed into him the breath of Masonic life. Yet we usually commit his making to a 'practise hand. The Junior Warden must learn—therefore let him learn upon the Entered Apprentice?

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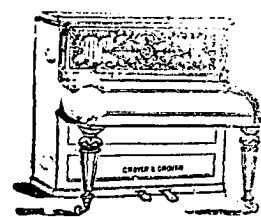
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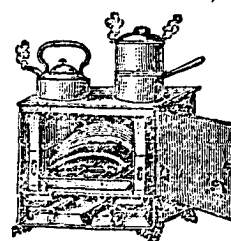
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