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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which takes place on Wednesday next, is looked forward to with considerable anxiety. On its result depends the welfare of a very large number of aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons, who, in the closing years of their life, find themselves obliged to appeal to their fellows for assistance. It is not only the numerous candidates who are at present outside the benefits of the Institution who will hail with delight a good result—or lament a poor one—but also they who have the distribution of the Funds amongst those who have been elected as annuitants. In the case of the latter, a very grave responsibility attaches to the Craft. It is one thing to regret the inability of the Institution to take on more of the candidates than there are vacancies for; to urge the Committee to increase the number of recipients, and to talk of the future taking care of itself; but it is not exactly the future which calls for immediate attention, but rather the present time—the requirements of the current year—and these are sufficient to cause all the anxiety which is felt as to the result of next Wednesday's meeting. A Festival such as a very few year's back would have been looked upon as a grand one, would now be absolutely below actual requirements, and while we do not approve of continually looking on the black side of affairs, it is yet necessary we should point out that more energy is needed in furtherance of the cause of Charity now than ever was the case. Large annual receipts have led to large increases in the number of recipients, while a strong reserve fund and frequent investments have created an impression in some quarters that sufficient funds are forthcoming year by year to meet the requirements of the Institution, without any extra efforts on the part of the Craft. We need hardly say that such a happy state of affairs has not yet arrived. The Festival of Wednesday next will require every effort on the part of the English Craft, and we sincerely hope that sufficient support will be given it to enable the Committee to carry on the work of the Institution during the current year, not only on the basis already agreed upon, but with even a still more extended number of annuitants. At the recent meeting of the Stewards the final arrangements for the Festival were completed. They comprised the appointment of the Ladies' Stewards, the Dinner Stewards, and the Reception Stewards, the balloting for places, &c. It was announced that in addition to the usual concert (this year under the management of Bro. Professor Lott G.O.), Lieutenant Cole would be present, and give his celebrated ventriloquial entertainment.

## FREEMASONRY AND THE PRESS.

THAT so many newspapers and magazines almost exclusively devoted to Freemasonry and its branches should exist, and apparently succeed in America, while so few are demanded in this country, strikes the mind as a curious and unpleasant fact. When the truth is realised, it comes home with startling force and opens up issues pregnant with grave purposes. What may be the reasons for so great a disparity is a matter that ought to lead to

some heart-searching, and which should most certainly engage the consideration of the Nestors of the Craft in England. The contrast at the present moment is too striking not to command attention, too painfully apparent not to awaken feelings of deep and serious disappointment. The causes that have led to this disparity need close scrutiny. They are problems of moment; and the Fathers of the English-speaking Fraternity are bound to try and solve them. It is a general law of Nature that offshoots show more life and elasticity than the source from which they spring. Their growth is mostly vigorous, sometimes wild and tangled. They live or die in proportion as the sap is sound and well nourished. The parent tree rarely suffers by the loss of its young shoots; as a rule it increases in dignity and massive strength, and only decays by violent means, or not until the worthiest branch of the parent stem has sufficiently matured its strength to take its place.

The American offshoots of English Freemasonry are not unlike the offshoots of the tree. Some are sturdy members of the old trunk; others are as wild and as hurtful as the thorny briar. These abound in the shape of prophets—professors of new systems—empirics, who use the weapon of personal criticism untempered by a sense of responsibility. We in England are content to accept Craft Freemasonry as the Mother of all that bears her name, and we deck her in Blue, as pure and as beautiful as the celestial sky itself. The Chapter, wedded to her, assumes a deeper hue. While admitting their origin and their indebtedness to the Craft, the Companions seek to amplify and complete the knowledge they gained in the Lodge; and the Mark degree, though it is not an officially recognised Order, stands at the present day as a living and growing scion of a venerable and noble family. Beyond these three Orders there are other degrees, diving deeper into mysteries, and traversing ground that philosophers have trod. These are sufficient to employ the minds of the most astute, and to satisfy the cravings of all honourable ambition. America departs from the old-world practices, and has become the nursing-ground of new shibboleths and singular inventions. With a zeal worthy of a better object men have arisen who have propounded extraordinary theories, who have found followers as enthusiastic as themselves, and who have started papers or magazines to back their pretensions. They are the wild briars, the unhealthy growths, the sapless branches, that flourish for a time, and either linger on in semi-obscurity, or wither altogether. These spurious Orders have doubtlessly stimulated the development of a certain kind of literature, but they do not account for the disparity that exists between the Masonic Press of England and America. They are the fungi, the unwholesome products of ambitious minds, and too often the work of unscrupulous adventurers. Apart from the organs of new Orders, America provides a mass of healthy Masonic literature, beside which our own products dwarf into comparative insignificance. Sometimes even in the genuine exponents of the Craft, theories of a bold and questionable character are broached. A freedom is exhibited that appears to border on license. Still the bulk is sound, often original, and always interesting. We in this country have rich mines of treasures which are hidden from the large majority of the brethren, chiefly because it does not pay to work them, and patriotism is not strong enough to induce the continuance of undertakings that result in pecuniary loss. We have volumes enough to testify to the genius and devotedness of our forefathers, but few consult

them. We have many able Masonic scholars among us still, but like the prophets of old they are not honoured in their own country. Those who have ventured upon the expense of printing the results of their learning and study have good reason to repent them of their temerity, and have realised the unwelcome and dishonouring fact that we are not readers and students of Masonic books.

We sadly need a new birth, in spirit if not in form, a fresh baptism of intelligence, and a warmer zeal for the intellectual and spiritual lessons that lie concealed in the arcana of Freemasonry. We have no quarrel with the social ceremonies of the Order, we are not Mawworms. Between asceticism and the luxury of the table there is a wide division, large enough for the development of other growths. We are bound by the spirit and letter of the ceremonies to study the material, intellectual and moral order of the universe, we are taught to practise all the virtues; and to neglect the sources where they are the most perfectly exemplified is to violate the principal canons of the Order. Newspapers and magazines may not be the best instructors, they are not equal in value to the works of deep thinkers and philosophers, but they are excellent substitutes. Very often they are the best mediums of instruction, because they are more general and varied in the treatment of subjects, and have the additional advantage of conveying news and moral lessons in a popular form. If we cannot have the solid pabulum, let us have the lighter food. When the taste has been cultivated, the digestion strengthened, then perhaps will come the desire for more substantial aliment. We are not jealous of our American brethren, we do not wish to disparage their work. We could not follow in their footsteps altogether. Our sober methods are unsuited to their notions of enterprise, but we might fairly emulate their zeal in the acquisition of knowledge, and at any rate not quite ignore the sources of instruction which lie ready to our hands. We owe it to the position we hold in the Craft to maintain an interest in its literature, we are bound by strong moral obligations to seek knowledge and to diffuse it, and unless we are more faithful in the future than we have been in the past, we shall be false to our traditions and unworthy of the great inheritance we possess.

### A PLAYFUL CRITIC OF MASONRY.

ONE of the most amusing men who ever made sport of Freemasonry was Thomas De Quincey, the English opium eater. He did not single out Masonry alone as the target for his literary arrows, feathered with wit and sarcasm, which he kept shooting as long as he lived, but he made sport of almost everything. He liked to say odd things, to take new views, and to overturn old ones. We may instance his paper in which he whitewashed Judas Iscariot; and another in which he discussed "Murder considered as one of the Fine Arts." We have always enjoyed his writings, because they are so original—in fact, we know scarcely any recent writer who excels him in this respect. De Quincey is a perfect dare-devil in originality. Perhaps none of his essays is more enjoyable, especially to Freemasons, than that upon Secret Societies. In it he is in his best vein, not caring what he says, only caring to be bizarre, brilliant and incisive. At an early age he says he became interested in secret societies, from his desire to know, (1) *What they do*, and (2) *What they do it for*? His was no peculiar experience. Many a man has become a Mason instigated by this same curiosity; but curiosity, while the lowest form of intellectual motive, in Freemasonry always leads up to something higher. De Quincey's curiosity, however, only led him to view our Fraternity from the outside, and always simply with the view of burlesquing it. Here is the first result of his sportive lucubrations:

The two best known of all Secret Societies that ever have been are the two most extensive monuments of humbug on the one side, and credulity on the other. They divide themselves between the ancient world and the modern. The great and illustrious humbug of ancient history was the Eleusinian Mysteries. The great and illustrious humbug of modern history, of the history which boasts a present and a future, as well as a past, is Freemasonry, let me take a few liberties with both.

And then he does take liberties with both, poking all

the fun at each of them that his everflowing mirth could devise. Referring to the Eleusinian Mysteries he says:

The goddess, and her establishment of hoaxers at Eleusis, did a vast "stroke of business" for more than six centuries, without any "unpleasantries" occurring. \* \* \* "Misfortune acquaints a man with strange bed-fellows;" and the common misfortune of having been hoaxed lowers the proudest and the humblest into a strange unanimity, for once, of pocketing their wrongs in silence. Eleusis, with her fine bronzed face, may say, proudly and laughingly—"Expose me, indeed!—Why, I hoaxed this man's great-grandfather, and I trust to hoax his great-grandson; all generations of his house have been or *shall* be hoaxed." And the satirist adds, "There was an endless file of heroes, philosophers, statesmen, all hoaxed, all, of course, incensed at being hoaxed, and yet not one of them is known to have blabbed."

De Quincey said he had a very bad opinion of the ancient world, but it would grieve him if he thought such a world could beat ours, even in the quality of its hoaxes! Here we must again quote his exact language, for it is brimful of humour:

I have, also, not a very favourable opinion of the *modern* world. But I dare say that in fifty thousand years it will be considerably improved; and, in the meantime, if we are not quite so good or so clever as we ought to be, yet still we are a trifle better than our ancestors; I hope we are up to a hoax any day. A man must be a poor creature that can't invent a hoax. For two centuries we have had a first-rate one; and its name is *Freemasonry*."

Mr. Gilfillan once called Mr. De Quincey paradoxical. But that did not offend him, for he replied, "Paradox is a very charming thing, and since leaving off opium I have taken a great deal too much of it for my health." But, most amusing of all, was De Quincey's statement of how he exploded Freemasonry, as it were by a dynamite cartridge, at one blast. We quote again:

Seriously, however, the whole bubble of Freemasonry was shattered in a paper which I myself once threw into a London journal, about the year 1823 or '4. It was a paper in this sense mine, that from me it had received form and arrangement; but the materials belonged to a learned German, viz.: Buhle, the same that edited the "Bipont Aristotle," and wrote a history of the Philosophy. No German has any conception of style; I therefore did him the favour to wash his dirty face, and make him presentable among Christians; but the substance was drawn entirely from this German book. It was there established that the whole hoax of Masonry had been invented in the year 1629, by one Andrea.

We wish all anti-Masons were as good-natured as De Quincey, for then we could laugh *with* them, as well as *at* them, and we only regret that the "Opium Eater" did not take the opportunity, through initiation, to have an *inside* view of Freemasonry. With his love for the humorous, he would have greatly enjoyed the Craft when at refreshment. He would have discovered that Masonry is *not* a hoax, after all; that its philosophy is of the highest order, its company of the best, its opportunities for intellectual culture of the rarest, and all of its surroundings just such as a man of his complex nature—with scholarly acquirements and an inexhaustible fund of humour—would have greatly enjoyed. Instead of his exploding *Freemasonry*, he would have found that *it* exploded all of his satirical views, and left him a wiser, better, and even, if possible, a wittier man.—*Keystone*.

### IS MASONRY RELIGION?

TO answer, we must clearly define the word religion. Webster says that it is "the recognition of God as an object of worship, love and obedience."

Masonry teaches that from the youngest apprentice to the Master presiding, all should "with reverence most humbly bow" in worship. We, as Masons, are admonished, "to have faith in God, hope of immortality and love to all mankind." To have "a faithful reliance upon divine providence" and are given rules by which we may be better enabled to discern "the power, the wisdom and the goodness of the Grand Artificer of the Universe."

As Masons we are taught to devote one-third of our time to "the service of God" and the distressed. That He "whom the Sun, Moon and Stars obey, and under whose watchful care comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits."

Masonry is full of such teachings. Webster says that religion is "any system of faith and worship."

But THE BIBLE, that Great Light and Guide defines "True religion and undefiled. To visit the widow and

fatherless in their affliction and keep yourselves unspotted from the world."

Masonry gives it as an imperative duty to have a care for the widow and orphan, defend them from harm and want. It teaches us "to regard the whole human species as one family . . . created by one Almighty Parent," and whom we are "to aid, protect and support." We are to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, and to restore peace," &c. "To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry."

These are but the faint outlines of the religious teachings in Masonry. Is it not, then, religion? If it is not, it is not anything.

It is not intended to take the place of the church—it cannot—to Christian or Jew. A man who *faithfully lives up to Masonic teachings*—worships God; devotes time to His service and to relieve distress; loves his fellow—will not fail to be a church member. A case of the contrary cannot be shown. But, nevertheless, Masonry is religion.—*Masonic Home Journal*.

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### THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—The time is near at hand when Grand Lodge will once more have to elect a Treasurer. Considering the event is so close the controversial air is remarkably still; scarcely a sign is made. This lull may precede a storm, or it may indicate indifference, a condition that leads to stagnation and death. Whatever it portends, the duty of all is made clear, who desire to vindicate a principle that has been solemnly ratified. These must take care that coldness and selfishness and the Pharisaical pride of the few do not kill the spirit while observing the letter; nor that what should be a high honour should become the sport and monopoly of blatant and vulgar agitators.

When the late esteemed and worthy brother Colonel Creaton was relieved of the office of Treasurer, and the honour of succeeding him was conferred upon Bro. Allcroft, most brethren believed that the principle of annual election had been established, and henceforth the only collar the Grand Lodge had to bestow would become the object of the ambition of men of commanding influence in the Craft. It is difficult to determine the precise character of this condition. No hard and fast line can be drawn, but no doubt a brother worthy of the suffrages of Grand Lodge should give proof of earnestness by service; he should be well versed in the ceremonies and courtesies of the Craft; his character should be charitable according to his means, and should be above reproach, and he should have leisure, to figure as an adjunct, if not as an ornament, at all gatherings where his office should be represented. There is little merit in being P.M. of several Lodges. The breast may be covered with jewels, and yet one but scantily adorned with such ornaments may be by far the worthier brother. It is not the number of members brought into the Fraternity that constitutes a brother's claim to honour, but the prudence and wisdom that guides him in the selection of suitable candidates. It is the quiet worker, the generous member, who gives unobtrusively, who believes in and acts upon the principle that if a brother applies to him, or if he knows of a brother who needs help, that it is his bounden duty to render it to the utmost of his power. He is not to act the Levite, but the good Samaritan; not to render lip service, but the ready uplifting hand. How many are there now regarded with honour who never think of Freemasonry outside of the Lodge or the banquet room, who pass a poor brother in the street as if he were only worthy of being known when surrounded by emblems of the Order? Personal worth to many is a matter of less moment than personal wealth, and he who has the longest purse, the closest connection with fashionable life, and assumes airs that are supposed to characterise the aristocracy—but do not really—these are the men who crave honours to the neglect of the more deserving. It is the first duty therefore of the electorate to see that the broad lines of justice are observed in their choice of a Grand Treasurer. They should discountenance the clap-trap arts of the demagogue, and equally repel the extravagant pretensions of the favoured few who had formed themselves into a charmed circle, the entrance to which is only to be gained by a talisman, pretty and fascinating no doubt, but not necessarily pure and strong.

Returning to the thought mentioned in the early portion of this letter, it must be borne in mind that the principle of the annual election of Grand Treasurer was clearly established by the appointment of Brother Allcroft, that principle was confirmed when his successor, Brother Horace Brooks Marshall, was elected. There is danger, however, to this principle threatened, on two sides. There is reason to infer that when Brother Creaton was superseded the belief prevailed that the office of Grand Treasurer would be kept in hands of the clique who were parties to the appointment of Brother Allcroft. These would-be dictators did not take into account the

voting power of the representatives in Grand Lodge, and if they did, they were under the impression that they would be able to control it. Having failed in that direction, it now appears that another method is to be adopted. Ostracism is the weapon now in use. Any one elected without the brand of this self-constituted body is virtually sent to Coventry. He must be tolerated, for the sake of propriety, but he is not welcomed or accepted as an equal, where it is possible to act otherwise. This course, it is stated, has already been put into operation, with the result that the contests for the appointment of Grand Treasurer have become embittered. The office has lost some of its dignity in consequence, and possibly it is hoped by some that it will sink so low that it will not be worth contending for, or that the appointment may come back into their autocratic hands.

Now, the duty of the members of Grand Lodge is clear. They should first secure a candidate who fulfils all the requisite conditions, in a broad and liberal sense; elect him, and then protect him from indignity. No select body of men, under any pretence of privacy, can withstand the honest and determined expression of the mass of the brethren. It will not do for a narrow clique to say—"We have a right to choose the friends with whom we shall dine when we pay for what we have ourselves; we will not be fettered in the choice of company we shall keep. As citizens, no one will deny them this right; as Freemasons, they stand on a totally different footing. They are bound, for instance, to recognise the popular vote, and, what is of more importance, they must yield allegiance to the teachings of the Craft, which forbid the pride of office and proclaim aloud the doctrine of equality. There is a moral obligation which none can shirk with impunity, and although it may be difficult to punish offenders holding high office, it is possible to utter a protest that shall not be altogether in vain. At any rate, the elect of the majority, be he who he may, must be saved from indignity, must be honoured throughout his term of office as well as at the time of election, and if it is seen that the brethren are in earnest, opposition to their views will soon cease. There must, however, be prudence on the part of the electors. They must choose candidates worthy of support. If they do not do this, the office will fade, and become the prey of mere demagogues, or lapse into the sinecure of a small clique, who value money more than brains, who count social privilege before honest worth, and who admire equality only when it exists merely in name."

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

AT the banquet which followed the installation of Worshipful Master of this Lodge, at Newbury, on Friday evening, 13th instant, Bro. Margrett, Past Grand Deacon of England, referred in feeling terms to our brethren and countrymen engaged in the Soudan, and proposed the health of the Past Senior Grand Warden, General Lord Wolseley, and the brave Masons engaged with him in Egypt. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and with full Masonic honours.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1327, at the Four Swans, Waltham Cross, Herts, on Saturday, 7th March. Bro. John Robinson W.M., Reilly S.W., Lewis J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Bickle, Searle, Middlehurst, Reilly, Davis, Lewis, and Sproat. Second Lecture—Bros. Rogers, Noyes, Gilbert, Robinson, and Fisher. Third Lecture—Bros. Hanchett, Wyatt, and Etherington. Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. A banquet will take place at eight p.m. Tickets 3s. Bro. A. H. Hanchett, Secretary.

We are requested to announce that the meetings of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602, will in future be held at the White Horse, Liverpool-road, corner of Theberton-street, every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock. At the meeting on Thursday evening next, the 26th instant, Bro. J. Weston, P.M. 1602, J.W. 1897, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, when a numerous attendance of the brethren is expected.

The Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Friday evening, at 7.30, has removed to the Loughton Public Hall, Station-road, Loughton.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Hour of Danger.—Disease commonly comes on with slight symptoms, which, if neglected, increase in severity, and thus become dangerous—a condition which betrays the grossest remissness—when these Pills, taken in accordance with their accompanying directions, would not only have checked, but conquered the incipient disorder. Patients daily forward details of the most remarkable and instructive cases in which timely attention to Holloway's advice has undoubtedly saved them from severe illness. These Pills act primarily on the digestive organs, which they stimulate when slow and imperfect, and secondly, upon the blood, which is thoroughly purified by them, whence is derived the general tone they impart, and their power of subjugating hypochondriacism, dyspepsia, and nervous complaints.



## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

AFTER having met for over a quarter of a century at the White Hart, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, this old-established Lodge has at length changed its place of meeting, and on Wednesday evening assembled for the first time, under a special dispensation for the gathering, at the Bridge House Hotel, where it has been decided by the brethren the Lodge shall in future hold its meetings. Bro. W. H. Bale, the Worshipful Master, presided, and there were present an unusually large attendance of members. Bro. Davis occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Minstrell that of the Junior Warden. The Past Masters present were:—Bros. Janaway, Thurkell Treas., W. Stuart Sec., Harnor, Whiting, Skirving, and Timothy. Bros. J. Terry, W. English, W. W. Chilton, Heming and Mildred were amongst the Visitors, and the members of the Lodge present included Bros. A. E. Birch, W. Watson, E. Chamberlain, R. Lambourne, John Irving, E. Woods, Henry Wright, R. Payne, G. Isaacs, and Z. Huntley. The Lodge was opened in due form. Mr. George Baley was balloted for and initiated. Afterwards the bye-laws of the Lodge were read, and Bro. Davis Senior Warden was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the year ensuing, and was very warmly congratulated upon the honour which had been conferred on him. Bro. Thurkell, who now for very many years has filled the position of Treasurer, was re-elected to that post. Auditors were appointed, and on the motion of Bro. Thurkell it was determined that in future the Lodge meetings should be held each alternate month. Some further additional subscriptions were made to the list of the Worshipful Master, who is Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and to whose list the Lodge has voted out of its funds £26 5s, making a total of £420 contributed to the funds of the Institutions. The Lodge, by the way, meets under a warrant dated 1762, but the books for a few years are missing, and unfortunately the centenary certificate is withheld. It is one of the old Athole Lodges, many of which seem to be in the same unfortunate position. Grand Lodge recognises the warrant under which this Lodge meets, and it would be a very graceful act if the rulers of the Craft would in this instance, as they have done in some others, not press the members quite to the strict proof they might be perfectly justified in doing if the Lodge had always met under the same constitution. As matters stand, the Lodge has been informed that it will not be entitled to its centenary certificate until the centenary of the Union. After the business of the Lodge had been transacted, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was well served at the adjoining banquet hall. In proposing the loyal toasts the Worshipful Master expressed the great regret with which he read in that day's papers that a price had been set upon the head of their esteemed Grand Master. Bro. Mildred replied for the Visitors, the W.M. remarked, in giving the toast to the brethren, that the Vitruvian Lodge was never more happy than when dispensing the bounties of hospitality and the blessings of charity. On proposing the Masonic Charities the W.M. alluded to the liberality of the Lodge to the Benevolent Institutions. They were subscribers, many of them, to all their splendid Institutions, or to one or other of them; it behoved them to do all they possibly could for them. Bro. Terry, who replied, said that there was scarcely any other educational institutions which the country supported by charity that could vie with those of the Masonic body. Their Girls' School was maintaining, clothing, and educating 230 girls at that moment, fitting them to become good women in the world. Their Boys' School was doing an equally good work. In the recent Cambridge examinations, out of 16 girls sent up 14 passed with honours and two with very great distinction; and out of 19 boys 15 passed with honours and four with great distinction. The value of the Benevolent Institution was shown by the number of candidates they had for admission. For the election in May they had no less than 127 candidates, viz., 46 men and 81 widows, although they had only vacancies for 12 men and two widows. The Committee had, however, decided to increase the number of both men and widows to be elected, depending upon the generosity of the brethren to support them. Masonry was frequently charged with being only a social institution, but three such splendid Institutions as they possessed were a sufficient answer to such a charge, especially when they considered that last year no less than £49,000 was raised by the brethren for the purposes of those Charities. Other toasts followed, including the health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Janaway, and that of the W.M. elect, given in eulogistic terms by the W.M. and greeted with full Masonic honours by the brethren. The usual valuable jewel, in token of the esteem of the brethren, and their admiration of the manner he has discharged his duties, will be presented to the retiring W.M.

## DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THERE was an exceptionally numerous gathering of the members of this Lodge on Friday evening, the 13th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, this being the first meeting since the installation of Bro. Pierpoint. Lodge was opened in form soon after four o'clock, when the W.M. was supported by Bros. Price S.W., Simner J.W., Everett P.M. Treasurer, Morris Secretary, Montague S.D., Chapman J.D., Harvey I.G., Wood D.C., Salmon W.S., Riechelman Organist, and about fifty other brethren. Amongst the Past Masters were Bros. Foxcroft I.P.M., McLean, Herbage, Ferguson, Foulger, Bow, Buscall, Willing jun., and E. Kent. There was quite a galaxy of visitors, even for this proverbially hospitable Lodge, and amongst them we observed Bro. Binckes Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Goodinge P.M. 171, Venner P.M. 1693, Tremere W.M. 1929, Smith 1318, Wardgrove 1609, Da Costa 1349, Digges 1531, Vogt 55, Morrett 1987, Cohen 1017, Carnell 1216,

Saunderson 1703, Price 1816, Vaughan 2005, Tomkins 569, Amphlett 1511, Williams 2005, Bower 765, Denis 1541, and many others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bros. W. R. Spindler and J. H. Selby were raised to the sublime degree, the impressive ceremony being performed in eloquent and perfect manner by the Worshipful Master. Resuming in the second, Bros. Weston, Grace, Tingley, and J. H. Ellis were passed. Bro. Arthur Tilbury, 975, by special desire, and with the permission of the W.M. of his Lodge, was also passed to the second degree. After this the ballot was opened for Mr. George Pardy and Mr. James Thwaites, who were unanimously accepted and initiated in the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., whose working was much admired by all the brethren present. Some other business was transacted, amongst which was a proposition by Bro. Everett P.M. and Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Ferguson, and carried, that the sum of 25 guineas be given from the Lodge funds to Bro. Pierpoint's list for the Boys' Institution. At the conclusion of Lodge business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. F. Clemow's best style, which ended, the customary loyal toasts were given in felicitous terms from the chair, and duly honoured. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, observed that reward always follows merit. He trusted that Bro. Willing's merit would be followed by the reward of being elected Grand Treasurer of England, even as Her Majesty had rewarded the merits of General Stewart, who had fought so nobly in the Sudan. Reward had followed merit in the case of Bro. Pierpoint, in his having been placed in the chair of K.S., and the mantle of that position could not have fallen upon more worthy shoulders. He had that day carried out the duties of the Lodge to the satisfaction of every member of it, and to the admiration of the Past Masters, who had watched critically his conduct in the chair. If a man could please and satisfy the Past Masters of the Domestic Lodge he could please anybody. Holding, as this Lodge did, so thorough an estimation in the Craft, they looked for something above mediocre in its W.M., and in this respect Bro. Pierpoint had by no means disappointed them. The toast having been seconded with especial cordiality, Bro. Pierpoint briefly responded. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had received the mention of his name, and was proud to see so numerous a gathering and to witness such a spirit of harmony and unanimity prevailing amongst them. In the short time during which he had occupied the chair of this Lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he trusted he had not failed to give satisfaction to the brethren. He could assure them that in his humble way he should endeavour, while in that position, to do his utmost to uphold the prestige which the Lodge had so long enjoyed, and he hoped to hand down unsullied to his successor the honour which, by the kindness of the brethren, he now enjoyed. He then in suitable terms proposed the health of the initiates, the toast being received in true Masonic fashion. Bro. Pardy, in the course of a well-conceived reply, said he had been many years in Australia, and had often experienced a strong desire to enter the Masonic ranks. That pleasure, however, had been reserved until his return home, and he could hardly say how pleased he was to have been admitted to the advantages of the Craft, of which he had as yet but gained a little insight. Bro. Thwaites also acknowledged the toast in a few happily-chosen sentences. In proposing the Masonic Charities, the W.M. intimated his intention of going up as a Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School, and said he felt sure he should receive that support from the members of the Domestic Lodge which was consistent with common sense—that being not detrimental to themselves or connections. The Domestic Lodge had always steadfastly supported the Masonic Institutions, and this year the turn fell to the Boys. In representing the Lodge, therefore, as its Steward during his year of office, he confidently anticipated the hearty support and assistance of the brethren. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. F. Binckes, the esteemed Secretary of the Institution. Bro. Binckes, in the course of his response, said it was somewhat singular that during his 34 years' connection with Freemasonry this was his first visit to the Domestic Lodge. He was very glad to have the opportunity of repairing the error, and of attending a Lodge which was remarkable for the consistent and steadfast way in which it had supported the Masonic Charities. He returned his best thanks, not only for the Institution with which he was more intimately associated, but for the others, and in doing so he indulged in the assurance that the members of this Lodge would do in the future equally well what they had done in the past. In the order of rotation it fell to the privilege of the Boys' School to be supported this year by the Domestic Lodge and he was pleased to hear that their esteemed Worshipful Master was going up as a Steward at the next Festival. He tendered to Bro. Pierpoint his hearty congratulations upon the manner in which he had discharged his duties that day, and which testified that he was imbued with the true sense of the importance which attached to that position to which he had been elected. Amongst the pleasures and the amenities enjoyed amongst Masons it was satisfactory to know that they never lost sight of the Institutions which were included in the toast, and in which 210 of the daughters of Freemasons were being clothed, fed, and educated; 215 sons of Freemasons were being similarly cared for, whilst 450 of the aged of both sexes were provided with annuities. The Committee of the Boys' Institution were now considering the admission of another fifty boys in the Preparatory School. For all these purposes a sum of not less than £10,000 a year was required, and they never failed to receive it. He trusted that the W.M. would be supported in his efforts as Steward this year, and that they would liberally support the Charities which were undoubtedly the very Keystone of the Order. The W.M. then extended a very cordial welcome to the Visitors, the toast being suitably responded to by Bros. Goodinge P.M. 171, Venner P.M. 1693, Dennison P.M. 1541, and Tremere P.M. 1299. In responding for the Past Masters, Bro. J. Willing jun. congratulated the Lodge upon the choice they had made in their Wor. Master, and whilst regretting his inability to attend the meetings of his Mother

Lodge so often as he could wish, he hoped to be a more regular attendant in the future. The W.M. announced with pleasure that the result of the "whip round" on behalf of the Boys' School was £91 9s 6d, a statement which elicited great applause. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, alluded to the excellent qualities displayed by Bro. G. Everett in the former capacity, and the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties appertaining to the office. Bro. Everett had the interests of the Lodge close at heart, and was always ready to forego his comfort and convenience in order to serve the brethren. The toast was received with great cordiality, and, was responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Everett. The health of the Officers of the Lodge followed, with other complimentary toasts, and interspersed by selections of vocal and instrumental music, combined to make up a very harmonious and agreeable evening.

#### TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

**A**MONG the laudable aspirations of the zealous Freemason there is none which approaches the desire of attaining to the Master's chair, and to being invested with the distinguishing badge which is "the highest honour it is in the power of the Lodge to bestow on any of its members." This salutary ambition, together with his eventual introduction to a Board of Installed Masters, of which he is about to be admitted as a component part, is a sure means of inducing a feeling of pardonable pride in having secured the goodwill and confidence of the members of his Lodge by whose suffrages he is being placed in so enviable and exalted a position. A Board of Installed Masters is a unique assembly, being composed "not only of Past Masters of the Lodge where the ceremony is about to be performed, but very frequently of Past and Present Grand Officers and visiting Masters and Past Masters of sister Lodges, and the brother in whose honour they have gathered can scarcely fail to be impressed, gratified, and filled with the earnest resolve that his future exertions in the cause of the Craft shall render him, at least in some measure, worthy of the distinction it has been his good fortune to attain. Reflections similar to these have no doubt on many occasions occurred to those privileged to witness the important and solemn ceremony of installation, and more especially when performed with due regard to every detail, as was the case at the above Lodge, which met on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. The retiring Master, Bro. Sol. Barnett, who at a former part of the evening initiated Messrs. Stanley Bamberger, Van Gelder, and A. Marks, with his usual efficiency, outdid his previous efforts, and by his deliberate address and elocutionary abilities secured for himself the hearty and enthusiastic approval of all present. The newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Syney Boas, commenced his duties by appointing the following as his Officers:—Sol. Barnett I.P.M., H. Peartree S.W., H. Tipper J.W., W. D. Bayley P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Myers Secretary, A. Marks S.D., J. M. Levy J.D., R. Bloomfield Jan. I.G., J. D. Barnett P.M. Organist, Thomson W.S., Eisenman D.C., Potter Tyler. A very handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift of the Lodge, was presented to the retiring W.M. for his valuable services during his term of office. After an excellent and well-arranged banquet, under the superintendence of Bro. Silver, the usual toasts were proceeded with. It is needless to say that the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with accustomed cordiality. The newly-installed W.M., who it appears has never before had an opportunity of presiding at any public gathering, doing this part of his duties in undeniably creditable manner. In reply to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Valentine W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge disclaimed any personal merit as the cause of the cordiality with which his name was received, but ascribed it to the spirit of sympathy between the sister Lodges towards each other. He would be failing in his duty were he to forget to express his approval and admiration of the manner in which the work of this Lodge was accomplished, and also to declare his gratitude for the fraternal way in which the Visitors were received. Everybody knew the saying, that "gratitude meant a lively sense of favours to come," but he could assure them that no such cynical spirit influenced him in what he had said. Brother J. Rensworthy, Senior Deacon 1728, said his visits to this Lodge, through the kindness of Bro. T. W. C. Bush P.M., had been so frequent, and his sentiments regarding it had so often been reiterated, that he feared his remarks would only be a repetition of what he had expressed on former occasions. He had had opportunities of witnessing the progress of many of the Officers when, step by step, they ultimately arrived at the highest point. It was not at all surprising that a Lodge where the best abilities were exerted in every portion of the work should become prosperous and influential. Bro. Dr. Harrow, P.M. Pilgrim Lodge, said that after the speeches already made by some of the Visitors he should have hesitated to make any remarks were it not that he belonged to a Lodge occupying an exceptional position in the Craft. The Pilgrim Lodge, No. 233, is the only Lodge on the Register under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England which is permitted to work the ritual in a foreign tongue. The German language is used. The Lodge was founded in 1779, and had therefore reached a century of its existence in 1879. There are some slight divergences in the work, and he would be happy to meet as many at the Lodge as could make it convenient to visit, that they might be able to note in what the difference consists. He was exceedingly gratified to be able to compliment the Lodge in regard to the efficiency of its Officers, altogether the whole proceedings have a tendency to create a feeling of wishing to come again. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., thought that under his guidance the duties appertaining to the chair would be creditably fulfilled, and the W.M. in reply expressed his thanks to the I.P.M. for his kind words, and to the brethren for the cordiality with which his name was received. He would ask them to bear with him in his endeavours, and pardon his shortcomings; relying on their assistance and co-operation he trusted to prove himself not unworthy of their confidence. The I.P.M. Bro. S. Barnett in response said, that

in the performance of his duties he was not nervous, but anxious to prevent disappointment. He had always felt that the brethren were "to his faults a little blind, and to his failings very kind;" this encouraged him in his work, and the assurance of their approval was all he aimed at. He would take the opportunity of again expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the very handsome jewel presented to him; the kindness evinced towards him would never be effaced from his memory. The W.M. next proposed prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, coupling with it the name of Bro. Morris Hart, the oldest P.M. of the Lodge, who, during a forcible and telling appeal on behalf of the fund, pointed to the excellent effects that had resulted from the timely application of its benefits, and in particular to the fact that in one case it was deemed neither injudicious nor unjust to grant the sum of £200 to one individual brother. It did not transpire how the appeal was met, but to judge from the generous disposition of Tranquillity members there is no doubt of a considerable increase to the fund, which now consists of £600 India 4 per cents., and £100 Scinde Railway, against which, however, a balance of £90 due to the Treasurer has to be considered. There was an amiable rivalry between Past Masters Bush and Staley, inasmuch as, in giving the health of the P.M.'s, the name of Bro. Bush was first mentioned. Bro. Staley, however, briefly responded, and Bro. Bush, who seemed to have acquired the trick of accomplishing the, to so many people, difficult feat of making an acceptable after-dinner speech, reviewed at some length several phases and experiences he had gathered during his Masonic career, and evoked a considerable amount of cheering when he incidentally mentioned the probable advent of Bro. John Constable P.M. and late Treasurer paying a visit to the Lodge before long. He was pleased with the progress made by the younger members in their official duties, and especially with the position of Bro. Peartree, a name never to be forgotten in this Lodge. The former bearer of it, by his services, had endeared himself to every member of the Lodge. No doubt some faults might be pointed out, but "If from them some errors fall, look in their faces; you'll forgive them all." The toast of the Officers having been proposed and replied to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were most ably conducted by Bro. Harry Tipper J.W., chief of the "Royal Criterion Glee Singers," assisted by Bro. Fletcher and Messrs. James, Wise, and Doyle. The Visitors were Bros. M. Benjamin 733, E. Walford S.D. 905, D. H. Jones P.M. 1694, D. W. Moorman Sec. 1981, G. Gardner S.W. 2012, E. Kopf D.C. 59, C. Colman 1535, N. P. Valentine W.M. 1017, J. H. Wilson W.M. 194, J. Gersher 1798, Sampson Samuel 1017, P. B. Harris 177, J. Rensworthy J.D. 1728, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, J. Thompson 733, B. Newington 342, J. Bedford 1671, D. Carrie 1017, J. Manning 177, B. S. Woolf 72, Dixon 2012, E. W. Bayley 2012, D. King 1445, J. G. Baker P.M. 753, C. W. Fletcher 2029, C. Harris 238, Lazarus P.M. P.P.G.W. Wiltshire, Alexander 1614, Dr. Harrow P.M. The Past Masters were Bros. M. Hart, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, T. W. C. Bush, Staley, John Ross, J. D. Barnett Organist, Croker, Harfeld, Defries, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

#### POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

**T**HE above Lodge held its usual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 12th inst. The proceedings commenced punctually at 5 o'clock. Bros. J. J. Runtz W.M., Bielings S.W., Oliver Bryant J.W., Tongue S.D., Turner J.D., and Banks Tyler. The following P.M.'s were present, E. T. Smith I.P.M., Dr. Corrie Jackson, Dr. Jagielski, Rath, Ebner, Lancaster (Secretary), and Nowakowski (Treasurer). Immediately after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for the following gentlemen: Mr. Daniel Bailey proposed by Brother Edrnt, seconded by Bro. Pardoe; and Mr. Edward O'Neill, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. A. H. Runtz, the result proved unanimous in favour of the candidates, and Mr. O'Neill who was in attendance was duly admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry in a manner that seemed deeply to impress him. Bros. Aston and Bottomley were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Hull, and Brushfield were raised. During the evening a telegram from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was read, in answer to one sent by the W.M. congratulating him on the coming of age of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor. The following is a copy:—

Saundringham. From Prince of Wales to Master, Polish National Lodge, 534. Freemasons' Tavern. I thank you for your kind congratulations.

This was received with great applause by the brethren assembled. All other business being completed Lodge was closed in the usual manner and the brethren retired to a modest repast. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured Bro. Smith I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Siegart here recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade." After this the W.M. made a suitably reply; it had always been his endeavour to make these evenings enjoyable to the brethren, and he hoped his successor would have as pleasant a year of office as he had had; especially in the number of initiates. He now had the pleasure to propose the health of the initiate of the evening; he felt sure Bro. O'Neill would make a good Mason. Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. here sang the Entered Apprentice song, and then Bro. O'Neill replied. He had been most favourably impressed with the ritual of the initiation, especially so by the exceedingly eloquent and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been delivered by the W.M., whose aspirations he would make every endeavour to realise. The next toast was that of the Visitors. Bro. Siegart P.M. Wellington Lodge, No. 548, and Bro. J. H. Crowther P.M. Barchaw Lodge, No. 1457, P.P.G.R. Essex, who both returned thanks. The toast of the Past Masters and Officers was proposed and duly honoured and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a somewhat laborious evening's work.

## GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting of this spirited Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 11th inst. Bros. J. H. Hawkes W.M., Ridley I.P.M., Pickett S.W., Ravenscroft J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Creed S.D., Ferguson P.M. acting J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C., Hickie Organist, Collins I.G., Sands and Slaughter Stewards, Hemming Tyler; P.M.'s Hurley, Margrett, Flanagan, Blackwell, and Dowsett; Bros. Brigham, Hukus, Biggs, Goodhind, James, Knight, Sparrow, Bennett, Ridley, Cottrell, Hunt, and George. Visitors—Bros. Hayward 414, Butler 2013, Knill 414, Withers W.M. 414, Sims 1209, Tubbs I.G. 2013. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Cottrell and Hunt, candidates for passing, proved their efficiency in the former degree; they were entrusted, and retired for preparation. Lodge was advanced, the candidates were re-admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. correctly performing the ceremony. After examination, Bro. Goodhind, candidate for the third degree, was raised. The first part of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Dowsett most impressively; the charge and explanation of the Tracing Board was given by Bro. Margrett in a masterly manner, the ceremonies being accompanied by music by Brother Hickie. Lodge was resumed. The Secretary read a communication from the Provincial Grand Secretary, stating that the sum of five guineas had been voted to the Grey Friars Lodge by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and asking to which of the Masonic Institutions it should be applied; also requesting that brethren qualified to receive the Charity jewel should send their applications to him before the 1st of March. It was proposed by the I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Dowsett, "that the above-named sum of five guineas be applied to the list of the W.M., who would represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May." The W.M. returned thanks. Bro. Pulley proposed, and Bro. Collins seconded, a candidate for initiation. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

## THE GREAT CITY LODGE.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Baber W.M. presided, supported by his Officers, and there were several visitors present. There was no business for the Worshipful Master, in the shape of initiations or working any of the degrees, but several matters cropped up as to applications for assistance and notices of motions for the next Lodge. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, a bountiful repast being provided for them. At the conclusion, the formal Loyal toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Chaplain of the Lodge, on behalf of the Grand Officers, said he regretted that none of the Principal Grand Officers were present that night to respond to this toast, but for himself he must say that it was a great pleasure to him to meet so many of his old friends. That pleasure was the greater in visiting them, as he had for some time past played the truant; but he could assure them it was not his wish to stay away, nor should he do so without just cause or impediment. In the first place, as he had said, he regretted that no other Grand Officer was present, and in the second place, he regretted that the Worshipful Master had no work to do, for he was able to do it had they given him the opportunity. In this Lodge he (Bro. Simpson) had nothing to do but to face friends on each side of the table, unlike their gallant soldiers who were now face to face with enemies, in defending what they believed to be the true principles of liberty, in the eastern part of the world. He alluded to an observation which had fallen from the Worshipful Master that night, when he expressed a hope that all of their members who were entitled to attend the next Grand Lodge would do so, and that they would be prepared to take part on that occasion. The power of attending and discussing matters in the Grand Lodge was the safety valve of the Constitution; a question of great importance would come before the Grand Lodge on that occasion. An important principle had been carried—mainly by the influence of Bro. Headon—in the case of Bro. Marshall, and he hoped that that principle would for ever be secured. It was an open question whether they should support Bro. Woodall or Bro. Willing; of Brother Woodall they knew nothing. It was, however, not a personal matter, but one of principle; he thought they would be justified in voting for the London candidate. It would be for them to consider how far it might be desirable that they should have an unwritten law, that they should elect a London member one year and a country one the next, and thus have turn and turn about; the candidates should always have fair play. If any members were pledged, they were bound in honour to redeem that pledge, but they should take care not to fall into the same error of exclusiveness by voting for the same candidate year after year, as was done before, for such a reaction must be deprecated. This was the only office—that of Grand Treasurer—that it was in the power of Grand Lodge to bestow. It was a great subject of Masonic policy which, after many years had been adopted, and he trusted in future years it might annually be followed. Bro. Keeble I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said he knew that Bro. Baber had prepared himself for any duties when he was elected to the office of W.M., and he regretted that he had not the opportunity of exhibiting the skill he possessed to discharge all the duties which might fall to him. He (Bro. Keeble) had placed his services at the disposal of the Lodge to represent them as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for the Old People, and if on Monday he should receive valentines in the shape of £5 notes he should be glad, and if they took the form of £10 notes he should not object to it. He concluded by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, which was heartily responded to. The W.M. returned thanks to the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast; he joined in the regret

expressed by the Past Grand Chaplain (Bro. Simpson) that they had given him no work to do; he trusted that his successor would be more fortunate. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the manner in which his health had been received. The health of the Past Masters of the Lodge was next given, and after a few words from Bros. Kibble, Freeman and Hamer, Bro. Headon, in returning thanks, entered into an explanation as to his intention to support the candidature of Bro. Willing for the office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. Willing last year had retired in favour of Bro. Marshall, and had not failed to recognise the principle for which they contended. Therefore, he should support the man who sacrificed himself to uphold a grand principle, which he (Bro. Headon) hoped they would establish for ever. Who knew Bro. Woodall? and how did they know if he was elected that at the end of the year he might not be desirous of going forward again? He was told that the country brethren were coming up in crowds, by excursion trains, and were on their arrival to wait on the steps at the door of Grand Lodge from nine o'clock in the morning, to crowd out the London brethren. He did not believe such would be the case, and he hoped that justice would be done by the election of Bro. Willing. Several other toasts were given. The evening was very harmoniously spent; Bro. Cozens presided at the pianoforte.

## NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

THE installation meeting was held on Friday, 13th instant, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Brother Henton, who was supported by the following Past Masters—Bros. Thiellay Treasurer (founder), Smith Secretary, Cowley, and Grummant I.P.M. The Officers present were Bros. the Rev. Sturdee S.W., Bertini J.W., Grassi S.D., Cash J.D., Priest I.G., and Church Tyler. Among the Visitors were—Bros. Rose 73, Addington 217, and Brinton 1329. The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings held on 12th December 1884 and 9th January 1885 were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which was of a satisfactory character, was read, confirmed, and ordered to be printed. Bros. Lucas, Shaw, Rowe, and Monitor were then raised to the sublime degree. The solemn ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Brother Grummant, by whom the ceremony was performed without a hitch. Brother the Rev. Sturdee having been duly installed, invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Henton I.P.M., Bertini S.W., Grassi J.W., Thiellay P.M. Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Cash S.D., Priest J.D., Graham I.G., Cowley P.M. D.C., Wild Deputy D.C., Court Assistant Deputy D.C., Grummant W.S., North Assistant W.S., Meyers Assistant Secretary, Church Tyler. The W.M. then presented the retiring W.M. with the Lodge jewel, which had been unanimously voted him at the previous meeting. After some formal business had been transacted the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren proceeded to the banqueting room in which a *récherché* repast awaited them. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave in sequence the toasts of the Queen and the Craft; the health of the M.W. the Grand Master; the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Each toast was prefaced by some exceedingly eloquent remarks. Brother Henton next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and alluded in graceful terms to the esteem in which Brother Sturdee was held by all who knew him, more especially by those who were present. The W.M. acknowledged the toast in a short modest speech. The Visitors were next complimented. The Worshipful Master passed a warm tribute of praise on Brother D. Rose, Past Master 73, for the instruction he had received from him for a long period, and which had enabled him to discharge duties incumbent on his position with pleasure and satisfaction. Bro. J. J. Brinton responded. He expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being a visitor on this occasion. He had never seen an installation more carefully and solemnly carried out. He heartily congratulated the Lodge on having such a painstaking Master and such efficient officers. He wished them prosperity for all time to come. Brother D. Rose P.M. and Preceptor also responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, to whom they were all so much indebted. Bro. J. Grummant, in responding, remarked that as their I.P.M. could not perform the ceremony, owing to pressing professional engagements, he had done so, but he felt his imperfections, and much regretted them. However, at all times he would do all in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge, and in order to accomplish that duty he had placed himself at their disposal. The toasts of the Past Masters, the Masonic Charities, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Wardens, followed; and the proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast. Some popular pieces of music were rendered, and some capital recitations given during the evening.

## CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge, named after our late respected Grand Secretary, Colonel Creaton, was held on the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. Williams, who was supported by Bros. Ferguson S.W., Rogers J.W., Cattle Secretary, Austin S.D., Colvill J.D., Williams I.G.; P.M.'s Neilson, Williams, Cornelissen. Visitors—Bros. Williams 909, Speare 860 Boston U.S., Cubitt 193, Burdon 11, Russell 733, Phillips P.P.G.D. Essex, Phillips 173, Dane 173, Arthur Thomas 1319, Jeffries 901, Reynolds 1441, Chalfont 1425, Craggs 834, Horn 1624, H. M. Levy 188. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Bradbury was raised to the third degree and Bro. Head was passed, in an able and perfect manner. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was free from liability and in a flourishing financial condition. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Ferguson S.W. and W.M.



elect was presented by Bro. Cantle, and in the presence of seventeen Worshipful Masters and Past Masters duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who was assisted by Bro. Williams, who rendered the addresses in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Cantle acted as D.C. The customary salutations of the brethren having been given, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Williams I.P.M., Rogers S.W., Austin J.W., Thurkle Treasurer, Cantle Secretary, Colvill S.D., G. F. Williams J.D., Helden I.G., Kift Organist, Cross W.S., Walter and Bull Stewards, Woodstock Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of each Officer. Bro. Cantle proposed, and Bro. Thurkle seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge, to be placed on the list of the I.P.M. (Bro. Williams), who will serve as a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School. This was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a most *récherché* banquet was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts. Bro. Williams rose; he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. He had known him well for many years, they were partners in business as well as Freemasonry. Brother Ferguson was one whom they all respected, and all trusted he might have health to carry out the duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. The W.M., in reply, thanked Brother Williams for the kind manner he had spoken of him. Bro. Phillips, P.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, whom he was glad to see present, had initiated him into Freemasonry. He would strive to give the brethren every satisfaction in the Lodge. At the festive board he wished to promote love and harmony, and he hoped at the expiration of his year of office they would say he had given them satisfaction. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list. The W.M. said the Lodge was famed for its hospitality; they had many distinguished visitors present; all were pleased to see them. He would call on Bros. Phillips P.P.G. Warden Somersetshire, Phillips P.M. 173, Jefferies P.M. 902, Cnibitt P.G.P., Reynolds W.M. 1441, and Baker P.M. 753. These brethren severally responded, and paid just compliments to the I.P.M. and also to Bro. Williams, who had performed the latter part of the ceremony. Bro. Phillips P.M. 173 paid a just tribute to the memory of the respected founder of the Lodge, whose name he hoped would be perpetuated. Bro. Phillips also expressed regret that the W.M. had left the Phoenix Lodge; he (Bro. Phillips) had initiated him into the Order; he was a man of strict integrity, and they would never regret having chosen him for their Master. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master Brother Williams. Last August Brother Williams met with a serious accident, but they were pleased to say he had recovered. He had done his work with skill and ability during his year of office, and the members would not sufficiently thank him. He had lately been very unwell, but they had seen him perform the ceremonies of passing and raising, in addition to the installation ceremony. Turning to Bro. Williams, Bro. Ferguson said he had great pleasure in presenting him with the jewel voted him at the last meeting; and, in investing him with it, he knew it would be highly prized; he trusted he would live long to wear it. Bro. Cantle P.M. and Secretary, said he desired to say the Officers of the Lodge wished to endorse all that had been said by the W.M. The Officers, with the assistance of the brethren, in order to mark their approbation, had prepared an illuminated testimonial on vellum; it was the talented work of Mr. E. Jackman, and it had a suitable inscription. Bro. Cantle added, this testimonial was not given with any vain idea of glorification, but he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. might spare their respected brother for many years; and when at home he looked at it, it might remind him of his many friends, Masonic and otherwise. Bro. Williams I.P.M. said he could hardly find words to express his gratitude. From the first time he entered the Lodge he had worked; he had advanced from the bottom of the ladder, and was pleased whenever his efforts had met with their approval. With respect to the elegant jewel voted him, he thanked them heartily, and hoped he might live long to wear it among them. With regard to the illuminated testimonial it was an unexpected pleasure to receive it. He was led to believe he had done his duty, and he would receive it with great pleasure, and appreciate it as a token of their kindness. He hoped he had performed his part of the ceremony to their satisfaction, and he thanked Bro. Williams for the admirable manner in which he had given the addresses. Bro. Williams followed; if his efforts had given them pleasure, he was fully satisfied. His services were at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Thurkle was a tried friend: he had done a great amount of good for the Lodge, and had kept it free from debt. With regard to Bro. Cantle, they knew his worth and capabilities as Secretary. He had now great pleasure in presenting Bro. Thurkle with a testimonial for his zeal and ability; this consisted of a very valuable gold keyless watch, with Albert chain and locket, bearing a suitable inscription. Bro. Thurkle said he felt proud at receiving the testimonial. When he looked at it he should never forget their kindness. He hoped to be among them for many years, and he trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. Cantle P.M. and Secretary followed. He had tried, and would continue to try, to make the Creton Lodge second to none in the Craft. This would be one of the best monuments to perpetuate the memory of the late Colonel Creton. It was the desire of the members to meet, not so much in numbers, but to be an harmonious Lodge; with the co-operation of the brethren he was sure it would prosper. He might say they had a good balance to credit, and they might give to the Charities. The Lodge had been only six years in existence. He hoped they would become Vice-Presidents. The W.M. was to be a Steward, and he (Bro. Cantle) trusted he would take up a good list. All his energies would be at their service. The toast of the Officers and Wardens came next; the W.M. was sure those whom he had selected were capable. Bros. Rogers and Austin responded, they were followed by Bros. Phillips, Capt. Helden, Cross, Walker, and brothers. The Tyler's toast was then given, a very agreeable and harmonious evening was passed. The W.M. provided an artistic selection of music, exercising

the talents of Bros. Arthur Thomas, J. Kift, J. Cantle, and Masters Charlton and Lewis. A very humorous recitation was given by Bro. W. G. Reynolds.

#### COBORN LODGE, No. 1804.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge usually draws together a good attendance of the members and friends, and as the Lodge is one which especially supports the Charities, in preference to sitting down to a banquet after each meeting, its installation Festival is heartily enjoyed. The impressive ceremony of installing the W.M. elect was performed by Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P., in his wonted impressive manner, it was evidently appreciated. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. R. Logan, who was supported by Bros. J. T. Robey S.W., Charles J. L. Tizon J.W., P. Edinger Treasurer, A. Souch S.D., E. G. Johnson J.D., C. Lawrence D.C., Ellerton Organist, Wheatley I.G., Erlam Steward, A. Harrison Tyler; P.M.'s C. Brown and F. J. Hunt, with a goodly array of members. The Visitors included Bros. Hancock W.M. 1716, P.M.'s Wildey Wright 1827, H. R. Jones 1014, J. Taylor 883 (Preceptor of the Coborn Lodge of Instruction), Huggett 1625, Potts 1716, Deason 1625, C. Reeve 1816, and several others. After the formal business was taken, Bro. Clarke assumed the chair, and installed the W.M. elect Bro. J. T. Robey into the throne of K.S. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the year:—Bros. Tizon S.W., Gouch J.W., Edinger (re-elected) Treasurer, Hunt Secretary, Johnson S.W., Wheatley J.D., Ellerton Organist, Lawrence I.G., Erlam D.C., Plater Steward, and Harrison (re-elected) Tyler. The W.M. of the Lodge always takes a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the sum of ten guineas from the Funds of the Lodge was placed upon his list. A sincere vote of thanks having been given to the Installing Master, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet was served in the high class style for which that establishment is noted. The usual toasts were all heartily received, Bro. Clarke replying for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and to his health as Installing Master. Bros. Wildey Wright and Hancock responded for the Visitors. After Bro. Clarke had proposed the Charities, of which he is an ardent supporter, the W.M. presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Logan. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion an instructive and pleasant evening, many of the brethren expressing a hearty wish that each succeeding installation would be as successful in every way. Bro. Ellerton presided at the piano, and had the management of the musical arrangements.

#### WHARTON LODGE, No. 2045.

THE third regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Willesden, N.W., on Tuesday 17th February. The Lodge was formally opened by Bro. Wm. Side W.M., in the presence of his Officers and about twenty members and visitors. The minutes of the last regular and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Bettsworth, Langley, Claise, and McKee were raised to the 3rd degree, and Bros. Bradshaw, Mitchell, Hartley Harris, and Bird-Gibson were passed. The two ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in his usual impressive style. A banquet followed the closing of the Lodge. In the course of the evening the health of the W.M. was heartily proposed, and pleasure was expressed by all that Bro. Side had had such an increase of members since the foundation of the Lodge, in August last. No less than 16 members have been initiated into the Lodge and four brethren have joined from other Lodges. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was proposed by the W.M. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the Secretary, Bro. Gawith, on account of a serious accident, which will unfortunately necessitate his keeping his bed for some weeks. The Rev. J. C. Wharton Treas. responded, and congratulated the brethren upon the flourishing condition of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings this Lodge has held since its birth, and augurs well for the future.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 5th proximo. The chair will be occupied by Brother John Jacobs, W.M. of the parent Lodge; and Brother G. Coleman, I.P.M. of the same Lodge, will fill the vice chair. Bros. A. Clark P.M. 1227, W. C. Smith S.W. 1563, and G. Fowles I.G. 1348 have been appointed Stewards. Tickets, price 3/6 each, may be had of Bro. G. Reynolds, 3 St. James Square, Pall Mall, or at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, on Thursday evenings.

Bro. James Stevens asks us to inform the brethren of North Kent that he is arranging to deliver his Lecture, "Knobs and Exerescences," by invitation of the Union Lodge, No. 127, at Margate, between the 13th and 27th of next month, and would be willing to arrange dates with other Lodges on the line of route between that place and London.

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Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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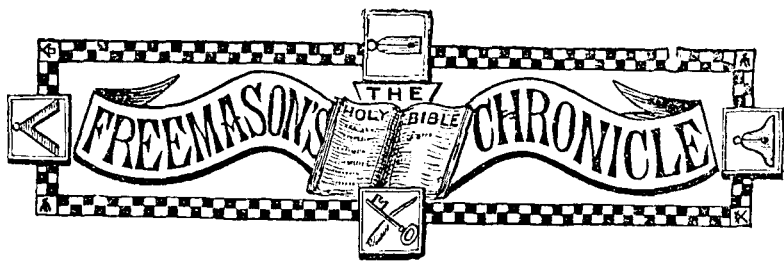
Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjab, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1619, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

- Edward Tyrrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
- Andrew Hay, P.D.D.G.M. Bombay.
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- F. J. Leville G. Sup. of Works Grand Lodge Bombay.
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- \* Aaron Stone P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
- \* William Bowen P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.D. Western Division South Wales.
- \* James Heywood, Constantinople.
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- \* A. J. Pritchard P.M. 162, 9 Gracechurch Street, E.C.
- \* G. Pritchard, Heath Street, Hampstead.
- G. King, Secretary Old Concord Lodge, Charterhouse, E.C.
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- W. Radcliffe P.M. and Secretary St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, 41 Aldersgate Street, City.

Proxies will be received by those marked thus \*, and by the Grandfather, Rev. J. A. Chamberlain, 1 Mullinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.





### CONSECRATION OF THE PORTSMOUTH, TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2058.

ON Monday afternoon the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), accompanied by Bro. Le Fenve Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a number of the Grand Officers of the Province, attended at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth, for the purpose of consecrating the above Lodge, which, as its name implies, has been established on temperance principles, as only non-alcoholic beverages will be served at its banquets, although non-abstainers are eligible for membership. There was a large muster in the Lodge-room at 4.30 when the Prov. Grand Master took the chair, and after the customary preliminaries had been gone through, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master made a few remarks on the circumstances under which the Lodge was formed, after which the Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren. In some cases they might doubt whether if new Lodges sprang into existence they would be adequately and properly supported. But in this large and important neighbourhood, embracing as it did such a large population, he saw no reason for believing that when a new Lodge was applied for, those taking that course were not actuated by a sincere desire to promote the interests of Freemasonry. He felt quite certain that no brethren would ever think of applying for a new Lodge unless they desired to ensure its success. He had no reason to complain on this score, for he had seen new Lodges spring into existence, and he had always found that brethren who had started them had been fully impressed with the weight and responsibility of what they had undertaken. Therefore he was quite certain that in this case he was not misinterpreting the feelings of those who had applied for the warrant and offered to hold office under it when he said that they were animated by the desire to secure the permanence, stability, and success of the Lodge. He wished them well, and that their success might be in accordance with what was anticipated. To propagate Freemasonry in the present day was no light work, and they must all feel that in the belonging to such a large and important Order, which extended its branches over every part of the civilised world, they had a heavy responsibility cast upon them. Every individual Mason ought to show that he had something to do for the welfare of the Order to which he belonged, that he had to show that he was a worthy member of it, and that if by his means something might be done to increase the repute, the permanence, stability, and the welfare of the Order, he might feel certain that he had done some good. He ought to feel that if the outer world pointed to Freemasonry and Freemasons as a body of men who were doing no good in the world, he was able to refute it, so far as he could, by his own conduct, and by showing that the lessons of Freemasonry had a powerful influence in shaping it, and turning him towards good and not towards evil. Let them feel that whatever might be said about their Order they could not have the finger of scorn pointed at them, or have it said that they were doing that which was wrong. Let them be animated by feelings like that, and they would do the very best they could to vindicate the fame of the Order to which they belonged, and of which they ought to be proud. He trusted that in that Lodge the principles which were instilled would have a powerful effect upon many who were initiated within its walls, and that the Lodge would be the means of propagating the tenets of Freemasonry, and doing good to many who were admitted within its precincts. He trusted that the Lodge might flourish, and that when they met again on any anniversary or other occasion they would be able to congratulate themselves upon the success which had attended the efforts of the promoters and those who might become members. Subsequently the Provincial Grand Chaplain (the Rev. Dr. Mullins, Chaplain to H.M.'s Forces, Aldershot) delivered an address. The constitution of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge was a marked event in the annals of the Province, for although there were Temperance Lodges in other provinces, this was the first in Hants, and it was fitting that Portsmouth should take the lead. The name of the Lodge cast no reflection on other Lodges, for he was sure that nothing was farther from the founder's wish than to claim a higher status of culture and utility than their fellows. Every Masonic Lodge that remained faithful to the principles of the Craft must, in the strict sense of the word, be a Temperance Lodge, and every Freemason who was true to the principles of the Craft must be a man who led a sober, righteous, and he would add a godly life. Temperance was one of the cardinal virtues, and as such was held in high esteem. The keystone of English Freemasonry was a belief in the existence of a personal, individual God, who had created all men, and consequently in His sight all were brethren, so that Freemasonry could be carried on upon an equal footing, and in a Masonic Lodge there could be no distinction, but all men were equal. Yet it was a fact that class Lodges existed for the convenience of the members. There were Lodges for the Army and Navy, for Barristers, for people engaged in the theatrical profession, for members of the Universities—the Sir Isaac Newton at Cambridge and the Apollo at Oxford. Therefore no apology was necessary for the constitution of a Lodge in which the brethren were united by a common opinion as to what they should not drink. It could not be denied that of late years a great movement had been taking place in this country, and there were about five millions of total abstainers,

amongst whom, no doubt, were a large number of Masons, for wherever they saw any great and philanthropic movement there they found Masons to the front. Therefore, it was only fair that here and there a Lodge should be constituted for their convenience. This was an age of searching inquiry and of intellectual activity, when most of their old institutions were on their trial. That being the case Masonry could not expect to escape the spirit of the age. But when they found Freemasonry come forth, and that from its inherent principles it was prepared to take part in the onward march of civilisation, that was the surest sign of its vitality and strength. There was no denying the fact that a great social reform had been progressing of late years. The temperance movement was one of the most remarkable of the age. It had more or less influenced all classes in society. Social reformers told them on indisputable grounds that in the future habits of temperance would elevate and improve the condition of the people. He was not there to deliver a lecture, but he regarded it as an indication of the power and vital energy of Masonry that it extended its sympathy to this movement, and accentuated its approval of this great social reform, as it did that day. Freemasonry had taken a glorious part in the great educational movement, and their Schools stood forth as a memorial of Masonic benevolence. For their great Institutions the large sum of £48,883 was received in 1884, besides between nine and ten thousand pounds voted by the Lodge of Benevolence to indigent Masons of all nationalities. One of the wisest things that had been done by the Provincial Grand Lodge was to formulate a scheme for the education of their local orphans. He thought the Grand Lodge of England had acted wisely in permitting the foundation of Temperance Lodges. One of the truest maxims to be found in George Eliot's works was—"Those whom we trust we educate," and he had no doubt that their total abstaining brethren would repay the confidence of the Grand Lodge, and in a tangible way show the stability of their principles, by constituting the new Lodge a Life Governor of the Masonic Charities. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Prov. Grand Master installed Captain T. Ward, R.A., P.M., as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, amid the applause of the brethren, expressing his belief that he would fully justify the choice, and that his past experience would be brought to bear for the good of the Lodge. Some of the Officers were invested, the complete list being as follows:—Bros. A. L. Emanuel, Past Master, Immediate Past Master, J. Palmer Senior Warden, G. Reading J.W., G. F. Bevis Treasurer, J. R. Pither P.M. Sec., P. H. Emanuel S.D., W. G. Robinson J.D., Q. Cecconi I.G., W. Robinson D.C., G. Sylvester Org., C. G. Adams P.M. Steward, W. Miller Steward. Several propositions for initiation and joining were submitted, and the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Sir George Willis were elected honorary members of the Lodge. At the banquet, which was served in the Officers' House, the W.M. presided, supported by the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. At the conclusion of an excellent repast, with which non-intoxicants were served, a congratulatory telegram was read from the W.M. of the Wolseley (temperance) Lodge, Manchester. After the preliminary Masonic toasts had been given from the chair Bro. Captain Haldane, in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, said they all knew how excellent a Mason he was, and what pains he took to make the Craft work well under his banner. The P.G.M., in reply, said he might congratulate them, and the world at large, upon the fact that while in the present day there were many who assailed Royalty, religion, and every rooted institution, a large body of men were banded together for the purpose of brotherhood, whose creed was reverence to religion and loyalty to their sovereign. Bro. C. G. Adames proposed the D.P.G.M. and Officers of P.G. Lodge, and Bros. Le Fenve and E. Goble, the recently appointed Prov. G. Secretary, responded. The P.G.M., in eulogistic terms, gave the W.M., who made a suitable reply. Other toasts followed, and with the aid of harmony a pleasant evening was spent. Bro. Sylvester presided at the piano.—*Portsmouth Times*.

At the Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, on Thursday, Companions G. Gregory acted as M.E.Z., W. Radcliffe H., Knight J., Sheffield S.N., Collinson P.S., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. The respective Officers performed their work in an admirable manner.

Bro. James Stevens has accepted the invitation of the Wallington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1892, to deliver his Lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, at the Festival meeting, to be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey, on Thursday next, 26th inst., at 6 p.m. A large gathering of brethren is expected on this occasion.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 21st February:—

Monday—Grand Master's Lodge, British Lodge, Warre Presentation. Tuesday—Mr. Solomon's Wedding, Cadogan Lodge, Enoch Chapter, Salisbury Lodge, Industry Chapter. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Novio Magians, Oak Lodge. Thursday—Universal Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, United Pilgrims Chapter, Globe Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge.

## THE THEATRES.

## ADELPHI.

"WHEN is G. R. Sims' new play to appear?" we asked the acting manager of the Adelphi the other night, and like Christopher Wren's epitaph, he replied, "circumspice." Looking around there were stalls, boxes, pit and gallery—all full. The people's Charles, after more than four hundred nights, plays with the same vigour and sincerity as when he first put his uniform on. Mr. Beveridge, as the villain, is no less cynical and incisive, and seems to enjoy the vigorous hissing the immortal gods bestow upon him so liberally. That ancient and honourable sympathy with virtue and detestation of wickedness which once always distinguished Olympus now is sadly fading out. West of the Griffin it is only at the dear old Adelphi the noble tradition is still honoured. "In the Ranks" is a thoroughly honest, wholesome play, and may Adelphi audiences long enjoy such good reason for their ready laughter and sympathetic handkerchiefs.

## PRINCE'S HALL.

FOR us of "la vieille garde" who cherish among our pleasantest memories the mystic wonders wrought of old by the great necromancers Phillippe and Robert Houdin there has seemed little chance of again enjoying such hours of delicious bewilderment. Monsieur Verbecke, who, like so many of his confraternity, is a Frenchman, has come to us with such wonder-working powers that he brings his spectators to dumb amazement, until, having recovered from the astonishment of each successive trick, they relieve the mental tension by loud applause. M. Verbeck has a fine presence, a most expressive physiognomy, and hands so mobile and delicate of touch one could imagine him unwinding a spider's web without breaking it. He is gifted with ready epigrammatic wit, which adds much to the charm of his performance. A high-bred homme du monde, the performance of M. Verbeck seems given, as it were, by a delightful friend, not by a professional prestidigitateur. It is difficult to recount his miracles—how an ordinary pack of cards held spread out in the left hand is gently patted by the right forefinger and immediately the cards shrink to one-third their size. The patting is repeated, they shrink again and again and again until they are no bigger than a postage-stamp. Then a ring lent by one of the audience is entrusted to a volunteer assistant to wrap up in a programme. He puts it inside, folds up the paper, and crushes it into a tight ball. In this form it is given to M. Verbeck, who, with coat and shirt cuffs turned back, receives the packet, and holds it in one hand whilst the other is motionless by his side. He unclasps his fingers, and, lo! they hold a sealed envelope. It is opened. There is another, also sealed; within this a third, and so on until the tiny fifth, which is given to the owner of the ring, and she finds her property safe inside. M. Verbeck gathers up the torn envelopes, crushes them in his hand, and produces from them the perfect piece of paper out of which they had been evolved. Two slates of the commonest description, apparently quite blank, and most innocent-looking, are tied together; questions are written on cards by the audience; one of these is chosen, not by M. Verbeck, the slate is untied, and the reply, filling the whole side, is found written in slate-pencil on it. Watches are borrowed and conjured into the pockets or under the waistcoats of innocent members of the audience who have not been approached by the Wizard. Coins appear and vanish, no matter how securely held, till, in the utter bewilderment M. Verbeck reduces us to, we begin to have an uneasy suspicion that perhaps he has exercised his mesmeric powers upon his confiding audience and made them think they see "such things as dreams are made of." The second part of the entertainment illustrates M. Verbeck's powers of animal magnetism over his comely subject, Mlle. de Marguerite. Complete rigidity of limb was produced at will, her eyes so affected that the eyelids remained motionless for ten minutes, whilst a strong flame held near them caused no contraction of the pupil. The phenomena would have been called miraculous by our simple-minded forefathers, and indeed they had a certain weirdness "not just canny," as an old Scotch lady who sat near us said. We believe we saw a gold pin stuck into the arm of the young lady, whilst no sign of discomfort was shown by her; but once having entered that enchanted hall we can only report the things it pleases the arch enchanter to make us accept as realities. We have no doubt the London public will enjoy these mystifications no less than the Lord and Lady of Sandringham, but we hope, in the interest of the public, M. Verbeck may consent to modify the prices of the reserved seats, which are fixed at a scale somewhat high for these hard times.

Bro. J. Greenfield (of the firm of Greenfield and Abbott), solicitor, 37 Queen Victoria Street, and Kingston-on-Thames, has been appointed by Sir William Foster Stawell, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Melbourne, a commissioner for taking affidavits, &c., for the said Supreme Court, Colony of Victoria.

Bro. John Armstrong died at Guernsey, on Thursday morning; he had attained the age of ninety-five; he was initiated in the Mariners Lodge, No. 168, in the year 1815, though, singular to relate, he only received his certificate from Grand Lodge a few months since.

## RANDOM NOTES ON FREEMASONRY.

LAST week Bro. Emra Holmes, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and Honorary Provincial Prior to the Knight Templars of Canada, delivered a lecture with the above title, before the members of the Mariners' Lodge of Freemasons here. In the course of his remarks, after enlarging on the antiquity of the Order and its connection with the Ancient Mysteries and the Travelling Freemasons of the Middle Ages, themselves descended from the Collegium Artificium of Roman times, the lecturer said:—In these days of Utilitarianism it is often asked what is the use of Freemasonry? What good does it do? It is useless for us to answer:—We have our great Masonic Charities, because the reply is, so have other Bodies with not half the pretensions of the Freemasons. What nobler work than the fostering and study of Architecture and Archaeology, the restoration of the churches built by our ancestors? The Masons of Bristol, under their esteemed Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, have set a noble example. They have restored the Lady Chapel of the St. Mary Redcliffe, the grandest Parish Church in England, at a very great cost, and they took part in laying the foundation stone of the new nave of their Cathedral. We can all do something in this way to show the world we are not degenerate scions of the Mediæval Masons, for we can always help with our money, if not with our hands, in the restoration of those beautiful and historic fanes reared by the wisdom and piety of our ancestors. Wherever a Masonic Lodge is situated near to some grand old church going to decay, as in the case of your Church of St. Peter-Port, its members should be the first to help with loving hands to rebuild the sacred edifice, if they believe in the history of their Order. Did time permit I could enlarge upon the science of symbolism, portrayed as it is in our sacred edifices, specially interesting to us Masons, and upon the curious Masons' Marks found scattered over the Cathedrals and Temples in Europe and Asia. Many of these marks in countries most remote are almost identical, pointing to a solidarity and community whose purpose, aims, history and origin were one. The lecture took an hour and a quarter in its delivery and was listened to throughout with great interest and attention. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Emra Holmes at its conclusion, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual collation was served, and a very agreeable evening, enlivened with speech, song, and recitation, was spent.—*Guernsey Advertiser*, 14th February.

## Obituary.

## BROTHER D. W. CABLE.

THE death of this respected brother, a most promising member of the staff of the London and South Western Railway, took place on Sunday, the 8th inst. It is about three and a-half years since Bro. Cable, who joined the service in 1869, was promoted from chief clerk at Addison-road Station, Kensington, to the charge of Norbiton Station. He at once displayed abilities of no mean order, and has always discharged his duties efficiently, courteously, and yet firmly. Last autumn fever broke out in the residence attached to the station, but happily all who were attacked recovered. Bro. Cable himself escaped the contagion. A second outbreak occurred about a month since, and Bro. Cable was relieved from duty. Just when it was hoped that the worst had passed, he was struck down, and in less than a fortnight death had claimed its victim. A general feeling of regret was expressed by all who had been associated with Bro. Cable, either in his public or private capacity. He was Secretary of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, an office he had held with marked ability. Amongst his brethren he was very popular, and it can be said of him most truly that he acted up to the principles of the body to which he belonged. The interment took place on Wednesday, at Kingston Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of the Brownrigg Lodge, and other members of the Order. These led the procession from the entrance gates to the chapel, with the following of the Railway Company's service:—Mr. Petit, Mr. Damen, Mr. Brooks and Inspector Townsend (Kingston station); Chief Inspector Rambelow (Waterloo), Mr. S. Fay (Traffic Superintendent's office), Mr. White (Manager's office); Mr. Jebbitt (relieving agent), Mr. Barnard, Signalmen Baker and Vincent, Head Porter Loughurst, Porters Papjoy, French and Whatman, and Outside Porter Papworth, of Norbiton; Porters Baker and Warland, of Hampton Wick, and Mr. Goodson, station master of Putney; in all there were about ninety assembled, to pay a last token of regard for a departed friend. Bro. Cable, who was but thirty years old, leaves a wife and four children, a number expected to be increased daily.

The regular meeting of the Board of Masters and Lodge of Benevolence took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President of the Lodge of Benevolence, presided, supported by Bro. Cottebrune, Vice President. The agenda for the Grand Lodge of the 4th March having been agreed to, the Lodge of Benevolence proceeded to the consideration of the petitions before them, having first confirmed the business transacted at the last meeting. The new cases were forty in number, and of these four were dismissed, and six were deferred. To the remainder, sums varying from £100 to £5 were recommended or voted, the total amount granted being £710, made up of one £100, one £50, three of £40 each, four of £30 each, one £25, nine of £20, four of £15 each, four of £10 each, and three of £5 each,

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Saint W.M., Brown S.W., Gildersleve J.W., Pitt Secretary, T. J. Maidwell, &c. After the usual preliminaries had been observed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. Pitt answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. S.W. Brown was elected to the chair for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday next, at seven o'clock.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 13th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. F. Botley W.M., Sperring S.W., Wing J.W., Andrews Treasurer and Preceptor, C. E. Botley Secretary, Norton S.D., Cammell J.D., Thomas I.G.; also Bro. Turner. After preliminaries, the second and third sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Norton answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. F. Botley vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. E. Botley, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. F. Botley acting as W.M. elect. Lodge having been resumed, Bro. Sperring was elected W.M. for February, 20th instant.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Dalston, on Tuesday, 17th instant. Bros. Polak W.M., Christian S.W., Clark J.W., Bunker S.D., Catling J.D., Smyth I.G., Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mortimer offered himself as candidate for raising; he was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Carr assisted Bro. Christian to work the third section of the lecture. Lodge was regularly closed in the third degree. Bro. Bunker assisted the Preceptor to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. The annual supper of the above Lodge will take place on Monday, the 30th of March, when a large attendance of old members is anticipated.

**Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638.**—On Monday, the 9th instant, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Surrey, attended the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, now held at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill. There was a large gathering of brethren, and for their edification the ceremony of consecrating a Lodge was rehearsed. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was much pleased with the room and the appointments, and congratulated the members upon the desire which they displayed for improving themselves in the working incidental to assemblies of the Order.

On Thursday, the 12th instant, a ball, under the auspices of the Brownrigg Lodge, was held at the Albany Hall. The lamentable death of the Secretary of this Lodge caused some to stay away, and the Stewards would have gladly postponed the gathering, had it been possible to obtain the hall on another night within reasonable time. As it was, about eighty were present; the arrangements made by the Stewards gave general satisfaction. The centre of the hall was covered with a "dancing cloth," and the space under the galleries on either side was shut off by hangings, so forming refreshment and supper rooms. Messrs. G. and C. Nuthall were the caterers (except for wine, which was supplied by Messrs. Bond and Co.), and as is always the case with that firm, they acquitted themselves well.

**Guelph Lodge of Instruction, No. 1685.**—The anniversary meeting took place on 5th February, when the Fifteen Sections were worked under the presidency of Bro. James Boulton P.M. 1056 and J.W. 28. The Lodge meetings are usually held at the Three Blackbirds Inn, Leyton; but on this occasion the brethren assembled at the Leyton Town Hall, to the number of nearly two hundred, and, Masonic costume being general, the room presented a pleasing effect. Besides those enumerated below, who worked the Sections, we noticed the following brethren present:—Bros. Tharpe 1228, Hobbs 249, Brown W.M. 1685, Purdne 834, Tugg 749, Vincent 1585, Robins 1056, Taylor 1421, Crombie 28, Bean and Dawson 1228, besides representatives from over fifty different Lodges. Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Cundick P.M. 1421 and P.Z. 933 as S.W., and Berry P.M. and P.Z. 554 as J.W., Bro. Latreille P.M. 1056 officiating as I.P.M., proceeded with the Fifteen Sections, according to the following programme:—First Lecture—Bros. Carr, Watkinson, Musto, Terry, Myers, Calver, and Cundick. Second Lecture—Bros. Barnes, Berry, Stewart, Christian, and Latreille. Third Lecture—Bros. King, McDonald, and G. Ward Verry. The three lectures were delivered in an admirable manner; on no former occasion do we remember them worked more perfectly, and those who were present will not be likely to forget the intellectual treat provided. The whole of the fifteen brethren who worked and the W.M. acquitted themselves so ably that individual praise is impossible, but a word of thanks is certainly due to Bro. Barner, who at a few minutes notice took the place of Bro. Durrant P.M. 1056, who was to have taken the first section of the second lecture, but was unavoidably absent. At the conclusion of the sections twenty brethren were proposed and duly elected members of the Lodge of Instruction, and it was likewise carried the brethren who worked the different sections should be elected honorary members. Bro. Bare P.M. 1685, the worthy Preceptor,

proposed, and Bro. Slade J.D. 1685 Secretary, seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Brown seconded, a vote of thanks to the other fifteen brethren who officiated, both of which were carried with enthusiasm and suitably responded to. Lodge having been closed in the usual manner the meeting adjourned, thus bringing to an end one of the most successful Masonic gatherings ever held in this district.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—Held on Monday last, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Weeden W.M., Dixie S.W., Turner J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Giffard J.D., McMillan I.G., Western W.M. 1693 Assistant Preceptor; and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whittle acting as candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Stockhall acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in second and first degrees in perfect harmony. The brethren and members of this Lodge of Instruction are invited to attend next Monday, to consider a notice of motion by Bro. Dixie, to amend a Bye-law, so that the sections may be occasionally worked in this Lodge. Bro. Edis 228 was elected a member. Bro. Hall P.M. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday next; Bro. Dixie will occupy the chair on Monday, March 2nd.

**Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, when there were present Bros. Wimble W.M., P.M. Powell S.W., L. E. Eagle J.W., Stone S.D., Cattermole J.D., Shorter I.G., Morgan Organist, P.M. Bellis Preceptor, and E. Eagle Secretary; also Bros. Davis, Hitchcock, Anderson, Phillips, Powles, F. Dadd, Burnett W.M. 1901, P.M. James Stevens 720, 1216, 1426, McNaughten 291, Bannister 1632, Langloy 1986, Bailey 948, Stone 1641, Channon 1475, Cheese 869, Neale 1981, Omar 1259, Wallis 901, Keyse 1314, Eadle 1441, Tilling 765, Pettit 1632, Beneditti 1155, Nomiss 1158, Wills 1901, and others. Lodge was opened in due form at 7.30 p.m., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then introduced Bro. Stevens to the meeting, and claimed their attention to his lecture, according to the notice which had been issued. The lecturer soon gave evidence of an ability to secure such attention; and, having opened his subject by a brief history of Masonic ritual from what he considers to be about the date of the commencement of Speculative Freemasonry, he took up the numerous points of divergence in verbiage and practice, and hurriedly explained their causes and effects. That these points were numerous and afforded opportunity for considerable comment may be inferred from the fact that lapse of time was forgotten alike by the lecturer and his audience, and the brethren were surprised to find that when Bro. Stevens was only about midway in the initiation ceremony they had given him their undivided attention for considerably over two hours. It was then arranged that an open discussion on some of the points which had been referred to, and the continuation and completion of the lecture, should be deferred to another evening, and Bro. Stevens expressing his willingness thereto, it was decided that the evening of Friday, the 27th inst., should be devoted to that purpose, the meeting to be held at seven o'clock instead of at the usual hour of eight. Bro. Stevens, who had received frequent favourable acknowledgments of satisfaction with his lecture during its progress, resumed his seat amidst considerable applause. On the first rising of the W. Master the following brethren were proposed and elected members:—Bros. Tilling, Wilkinson, Field, Swan, Hunter, and others. The dues were then collected, and the W.M. rose for the second time. It was proposed by Bro. P.M. Ellis, seconded by Bro. L. E. Eagle, that Bro. Powell occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting, —carried. It was also proposed by Bro. Bellis, seconded by Bro. James Burnett, W.M. 1901, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. James Stevens for his valuable and instructive lecture, and the same be recorded on the minutes; also that Bro. Stevens be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and there being no further Masonic business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until Friday evening next at eight o'clock.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, 14th instant, at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. G. Gardner (Treas.) W.M., Wing S.W., Wood J.W., Strong Secretary, Walden S.D., Perdue J.D., Alfred Bishop I.G., Weeks Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Ayling Preceptor, Johnson; also Bros. A. Tilbury, A. Williams, D. Stroud, Gomm, J. Sims, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren assisted the Preceptor to work the sections of the second degree, and Bro. Tilbury answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Williams offered himself for passing, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was again resumed and the ceremony rehearsed. Later on, the Senior Warden was unanimously elected to fill the chair of King Solomon for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his Officers. It was then announced that the first annual supper will be held at the Bolton Hotel, Duke's Road, Chiswick, on Saturday, 28th instant, at 7 o'clock precisely. Stewards have been appointed, from whom tickets can be obtained. There being a considerable amount of musical talent among the brethren of this Lodge a very enjoyable evening may be expected. Brethren are cordially invited. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

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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, 21st FEBRUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1361—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 Street, Fleet, E.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

## MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metronclitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 61—Probita, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 404—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1891—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Tedmorden  
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe  
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

## TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 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)  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1416—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1510—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 9 (Inst)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dalwick-road, East Brixton, at 9. (Inst. uction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 7.30.  
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 140—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 518—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.  
 M.M. 3—Kerstone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)  
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby

- 299—Emulation, Ball Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Becking  
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
 1358—Torbar, Town Hall, Plaignton  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

- R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham  
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight  
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30, for 6 o'clock.  
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 9 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poornia's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 908—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 992—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1238—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1540—Chancer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Creston, Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station  
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In).  
 R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

- 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1284—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1392—Rigerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1635—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire  
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
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 R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon  
 R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil  
 R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford  
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## THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 37—Virucian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 135—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 205 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 719—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staunton, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E. 3. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington

R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 483—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheshire  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
 R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston  
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester  
 R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston  
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields  
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset  
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking  
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

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)  
 107—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Piccadilly, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh  
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
 1395—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 1821—Ailingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon  
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 R.A. 690—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3  
 195—Jolly, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1334—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1871—Gastling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)  
 Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 176—Cavene, Albion, Aldersgate Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 1162—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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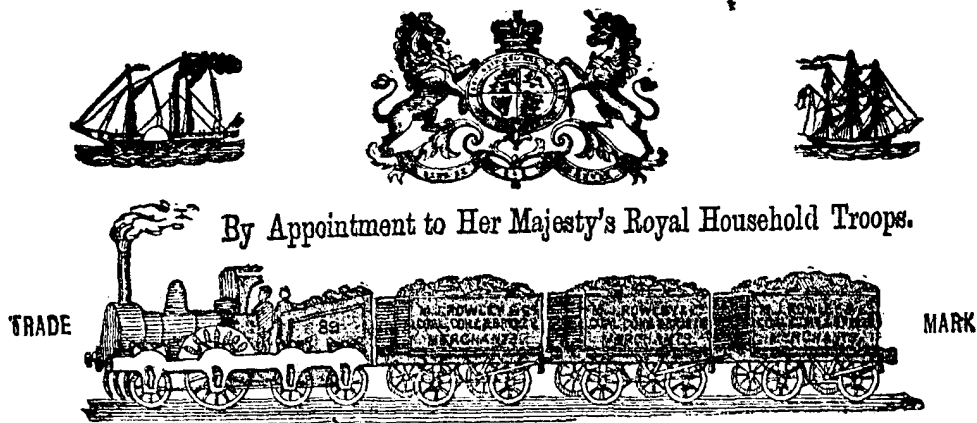
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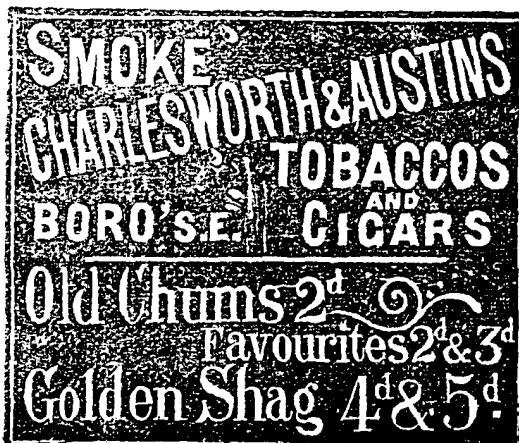
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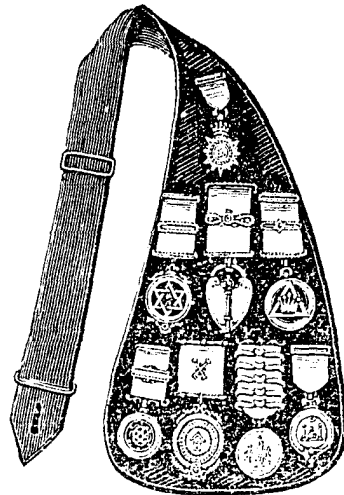
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