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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

VARIOUS are the ideas we have recently heard expressed relative to the mode of admission to, and the conduct of, our Lodges of Instruction; and although from time to time we have ventured to express our opinion on these points, probably a brief space may not be inopportunely occupied if we revert to a few of them in the light of utterances we have overheard within the past few weeks. As most of our readers are aware, these "nurseries" of the Craft partake too frequently of the "free and easy" character; their regulations are in many instances lax; and the test of admission, if any, is far from disciplinarian. We do not mean for a moment that there is often occasion for the ejaculation "It rains" as regards a Lodge of Instruction; there is, and ever must be, an insurmountable barrier against the cowan's approach to the sacred threshold of a Masonic Lodge. But why not the same safeguard against intrusion into a Lodge of Instruction as is pro-Lodge of Instruction where several brethren were waiting, during the progress of the ceremony, for admission. brethren-who from a variety of circumstances have fallen by those means had gained sufficient notion of gesture to enter an indifferently conducted Lodge of Instruction? It may not be that he is directly coerced into giving his Let it be borne in mind we are only assuming such might "orders to the waiter," as he may be in an hotel or resat dinner in a commercial room one night, in the country, the subject of Freemasonry cropped up, and remarks upon it were, as we suggested, used rather too freely. Our "next door neighbour," with signs he, as admitted, had "picked up," expressed himself glad to meet us "as a brother," There is yet another question to which our attention has and to find himself in the congenial company of so many often been directed, and that is the compulsion almost other members of the ancient and honourable Institution.

was he made a Mason? and then came the innocent reply, "at Cheltenham!" It need hardly be said that the incipient Ananius who had "tried it on," no doubt with partial success at other places, was quietly advised to get back to Cheltenham as rapidly as he could, and sent to Coventry for the remainder of the evening. It is an undeniable fact that the Masonic signs and secrets are too frequently expressed in mixed assemblies, regardless of that strict caution which is so rigidly enjoined in the earlier stages of the Mason's career; and it may be that the insidious are able to glean much from indiscreet members of the Craft to insinuate themselves far into the regions where they speedily come to grief. We think it was in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" where somebody who wanted to get to the celestial spheres by royal road vaulted "over the garden wall" instead of entering by the prescribed wicket gate, and who very soon fell amongst thieves and repented of his temerity. Such a fate always meets the man who is foolish enough to assume a virtue he does not possess, and who thinks it wonderfully clever vided for in a regular Lodge. As a matter of fact the to steal a march in the direction we have indicated. We almost universal rule is, that the outworks are not guarded, admit there are few mean or base enough to attempt such and although the brethren may be in themselves assured a deceit; but there would be more if they thought that the conclave is properly tyled, there is no difference. Every by practice and ingenuity they could accomplish a clever Lodge of Instruction, as well as a regular Lodge, feat. It remains, therefore, a question with those who should have an attendance book as well as a Tyler. To have the interest of our Lodges of Instruction at heart give a case in point. Only very recently we attended a to use every precaution against the possibility of intrusion; and we only re-echo an expression we overheard the other night that absolute security should be provided by the Amongst them was a brother—whom we afterwards ascer-tained was to all intents "good and true"—who, when meeting, and the requirement also of an attendance book challenged by the superior Officer of the Lodge, failed in such as is used at the regular Lodges. Brethren would be the first instance to give even the rudimentary proofs readily found to accept the outer guardship of a Lodge of of his being a Mason. We have known scores of "rusty" Instruction as a preliminary step to other offices, and who would see that the applicants for admission into arrears in that respect—similarly placed. But in the were perfectly eligible. Another point which has been frecase to which we more particularly refer the Officer, quently argued is, that of the importation of "refreshinsistant upon proof, put our brother through a variety ments" during the periods of labour, and this is one which of evolutions, until, in the end, although not au fait, he we think should be seriously considered by Preceptors and convinced the brethren present of his eligibility for admis- members generally of Lodges of Instruction. It may be sion, and was thereupon received with the same cordiality argued that it is a matter of conscientious scruple, and as though he had been an expert at the Art and had been entirely at the individual option of the brethren, whether known for years amongst the members of the Lodge. But the consumption of "liquor" and tobacco during the the question arises—Suppose this had been otherwise? rehearsal of solemn ceremonies is the "correct thing." Assuming that a man had "picked up" in his travels—as But be that as it may, we apparently protest against a we know many have done-from incautious brethren many custom, which is emphatically on the increase, that requires of the preliminary signs and tokens of Freemasonry, and every attendant at a Lodge of Instruction to mingle rebe possible. We do not say the intruder would remain taurant; but the look, either askant or derisive, is to a long undiscovered, or that he would gain much solid sensitive mind sufficient to divert the attention of the insight into the true work of the Craft; but such an idea student, and to render his mind uneasy during the rehas struck us as possible, and it would be as well if the hearsal of sublime ceremonies. As a matter of stern possibilities of such a case were guarded against. Sitting decorum, refreshment should never be mingled with solemn other members of the ancient and honourable Institution. which is placed upon visitors to join Lodges of Instruction, He heartily wished us all well, and the compliment was, There are many Lodges in which, when a stranger appears though we saw rather suspiciously by some, reciprocated. invited it may be for an evening by a friend, he is imme-We ventured to inquire of our newly-found friend where mediately pounced upon and amidst felicitations, no

never be permitted to enter again. It is argued that the Music Club, and principal promoter of a Parsee entrance fee is a mere bagatelle, and that the small amount dramatic company, the object of the latter movereceived is devoted to Masonic Charity. That may be so; but the principle involved is the same, and for a visitor to be swooped down upon and elected a member of a Lodge before he can pronounce the proverbial "Jack Robinson" is to our mind both out of taste and indicative of a spirit of black mail which should find no place in our Masonic ranks. In every case a brother should be asked beforehand whether it would be agreeable to him to be nominated as a member, and in no instance should a man have the "honour conferred upon him" without his explicit consent. Otherwise the apparently increasing strength of Lodges of Instruction is merely a myth, for no man can belong to, and honestly perform the duties of, a score of Lodges of Instruction, to which in a moment of rerhaps well-intended friendliness he has been unanimously elected. It is a very satisfactory feature that, connected with many of our Lodges of Instruction, Associations are being formed in aid of the Masonic Charities, and the ballots which so frequently take place in them are an evidence of the real spirit of benevolence which is engendered in these "conservatories" of the Craft. We only hope they may go on and prosper. Let us recollect that Lodges of Instruction are not primarily intended for the benefit of those worthy brethren who cater for their comfort and enjoyment, but for the weal of an Institution which it is our pride and boast to have so far carried on satisfactorily, and to the admiration of the world.

THE LATE BRO. CURSETJEE NUS-SERWANJEE CAMA.

WERE there no other tie to bind us, in memory at least, to the noble Parsee, Bro. C. N. Cama, the interest he took in Press matters, and the enterprise he displayed in promoting the establishment of newspapers, would be sufficient. In this, as in all other business matters, he displayed rare acumen and public spirit, and in his dealings with other subjects he proved that he possessed high moral courage, a heart overflowing with kindness, and a moral energy that demands for him a niche in the gallery of real heroes. Bro. Cama was born in 1815, and was therefore 69 years of age at his death, which took place at Breach Candy, Bombay, on the 24th ult., after a very brief illness. Originally in poor circumstances, by industry, integrity, and pluck, deceased worked his way up until he became one of the most successful merchants trading between England and China. ${
m He}$ united in one man the enterprising and successful trader, the social reformer, and the devoted patriot. A brief summary of his career will bear out this statement. It is almost like reading a romance, so full is it of eventful deeds and noble purposes. Bro. Cama, in 1834, when 19 years of age, began his commercial career in Bombay as an apprentice; two years later he went to China, and having there finished his training, he returned to Bombay, where he commenced business as the head of a firm. Branches were opened in Calcutta and China, and prosperity followed every enterprise. Two ships were built, and with proper patriotism Bro. Cama wished to have them officered and manned by a Parsee crew. In this he failed, but he showed the deep interest he took in all matters that affected his race. He was the founder of two newspapers, and took a prominent part in the establishment of a third, all of which are successful. He was instrumental in opening a girls' school. in connection with the Students' Literary Society, and he continued to support it with his means. When Sir Erskine Perry, Chief Justice, retired from Bombay in 1851, Bro. Cama contributed largely to a "Perry Professorship of Jurisprudence," for which he received high commendation from Sir Erskine for "the services rendered by Mr. Cama to the native community," and for "his good qualities of head and heart." The deceased started the Moola Feroze Madrasa (College) in 1854, and afterwards established schools for the poor at Trombay, Kerole, and Worli. The former he helped with his money, the latter he entirely supported for ten years. Two years later Bro. Cama took the lead in opening a school for boys at Nowsaree, and rendered valuable services as chairman and treasurer of

doubt—he is unanimously elected a member of the Lodge the institution. He was one of the prime movers in of Instruction, which under many circumstances he may founding the Victoria Museum, Chairman of the Native ment being a means of introducing social reforms among his countrymen. To the foregoing long and eminent record of educational work must be added his labours in favour of sending the sons of Parsees to England to be educated. He set an example by committing his own sons to the hands of English teachers, and as a branch of the firm was established in London, it was made the head centre for counsel and encouragement to all those who were studying in England. Before closing this branch of our subject it should be mentioned that the third paper Bro. Cama was instrumental in starting, the Stri Badh, is now entirely written by Parsee ladies.

While engaged in so much educational work, the deceased found time and opportunities for helping in numerous charitable undertakings. When an epidemic of smallpox broke out in India, resulting in the destruction of hundreds of thousands of lives, Bro. Cama "offered a handsome prize for a Gujrati essay on the use and advantages of vaccination, and circulated the pamphlet at his own expense far and wide in the remote corners of the Presidency." He was foremost in the establishment of a charitable dispensary in the Fort, an institution he never ceased to help with his means and counsel. He also assisted to found a similar institution at Bandora. Indeed, there was no movement of a benevolent character that Bro. Cama did not support. While reserving the first place in his heart for those of his own persuasion, he was ever kindly disposed to listen to the call of the oppressed and afflicted. He furthered the cause of the Hindoos, especially with regard to widow remarriage, and no one engaged in literary pursuits sought his aid in vain. stretched out his hand to help his poorer brethren in Persia, and so highly was he regarded that he was elected a member of a "committee appointed to frame the Parsee law of succession and inheritance," and "his suggestions, which were the results of his long worldly experience and strong common sense, were taken in a kindly spirit by the committee." A citizen so active and large hearted could not be a bad son, so no surprise need be felt at the fact that, upon the death of his father, Bro. Cama and another member of his family contributed "Rs.1,25,000 towards the nucleus of a charity fund to commemorate his memory." Having sketched the career of the deceased thus far, we may add that very early in his career he displayed business qualifications of a high order. He was brought prominently into notice by his skilful administration of an estate which was said to be insolvent. Subsequently he had a hand in the formation of numerous public companies, and yet he never forgot his duties as a citizen nor the claims of humanity. Like many others, he suffered greatly in the crisis of 1864, from which he never wholly recovered, but it speaks well for the man that the change in worldly circumstances never caused his heart to falter in the promotion and execution of deeds of charity. The Times of India, to which paper we are indebted for the particulars here set forth, says of Bro. Cama that "he made the best of his rather unenviable position, and it is said that even in his latter days the needy and the indigent did not seek his aid in vain." Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, in his history of the Parsees, writing about the Cama family, says: "It has been well distinguished for its commercial enterprise. honesty, and uprightness in Bombay." Deceased was a Justice of the Peace, a Fellow of the Bombay University, and an honorary member of the Students' Literary Society. From the prefix to his name, it goes without saying that he was a Freemason. He was a member of the Lodge Rising Star of Western India, the first native Lodge in Bombay, and we believe that the brethren held a funeral service in his honour at the meeting next following his death. Of course, his countrymen paid all honour to the dead. The Oothumna was duly performed by the High Priest of the Kadmce Parsees, in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends. At the conclusion of the ceremony, says our authority,

The high priest proposed, that with a view to commemorate the memory of the deceased, his name should be included in the list of ancient Persian kings and leading Parsees who have rendered rare and valuable services to their community, and should be recited at every public religious ceremony. This is one of the rarest honours rendered to the memory of the dead by the Parsees, and it says much for the esteem in which the deceased was held that the

proposal met with universal approbation. The sons and relations of the deceased subscribed among themselves Rs. 8,000 to form the nucleus of a fund for the purpose of supporting Parsee students in indigent circumstances.

So ended life's journey, so full of incident and fraught with good. In prosperity and adversity Bro. Cama never neglected the best instincts of the human heart; nought depressed him except the misfortune he could not relieve, and nothing made him so happy as rendering help where it was needed, regardless of creed or country. No doubt charity was an inborn quality of our deceased brother's heart, but its exercise was stimulated and strengthened by the Masonic teaching he could not fail to learn. What an example does Bro. Cama's life present to all, to the young especially; and what hope does it not inspire in the breasts of all true Masons, who can point to such a noble disciple of the Craft. Bro. Cama's career was the spirit of Freemasonry put into action; the embodiment of its loftiest teaching, and the lesson we should learn is that what was possible in his case is also possible in that of others. The deceased was a bright and shining light, the lustre of which has been somewhat dimmed by the death of the mortal body. When the mists caused by sorrow shall have cleared away; when memory recalls the noble deeds done in the flesh, then will the light shine more brilliant that ever, then will it become the beacon for all who desire to emulate their grand prototype. At this time and under present circumstances it seems almost impertinent to mix up the living with the dead, but we cannot resist the opportunity of offering condolence to one member of the deceased's family now amongst us. Our own Bro. Cama has made a name in the Fraternity, and if he but possesses one tithe of his lamented uncle's virtues, he is worthy of all the honour that the Craft can bestow upon him. He comes of a good stock, as we have seen, and if virtue as well as evil be hereditary, then the claims of Bro. Cama stand high indeed. His loss just now must be a deep grief, but in the testimony of worth comes the consolation; and in the bright career of his uncle he will find an example which, if followed, cannot fail to lead him to honour and renown.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, Canonbury, at eight o'clock. These meetings invariably command a good attendance; indeed, this has been so since the foundation of the Chapter of Improvement.

As will be seen by Advertisement appearing in another column, the proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant will make special provision for the visit of our Provincial brethren to United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next. The Holborn Restaurant has been justly described "as one of the sights of London," and we do not think our visitors—many of whom, perhaps, will be in the metropolis for the first time—could do better than make arrangements to dine at this deservedly popular establishment.

The unfortunate Press regulations which, as the official authority of the House of Commons, the Speaker felt himself compelled to issue, doubtless at the instance of the Home Secretary, Sir Wm. Harcourt, and others, having now become to a certain extent a dead letter, we cannot but congratulate the Gallery Committee (elected annually by the journalists in the Houses of Parliament) upon the very firm stand which they made in defence of the privi-There were present at the leges of their colleagues. meeting of the Committee, when the determination was arrived at to see the Speaker, amongst others, Bros. Henry Massey, T. Minstrell, Herbert Wright, and J. Heckther. It may be mentioned that the efforts to deprive the journalists of No. 18 Committe room for transcribing purposes is only one of a series of attempts which have been made in the same direction. There seems to be a little jealousy on the part of some of the officials of the House at the privilege which is given to the Press by sanctioning the use of this room.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at Ealing, on Wednesday, 18th inst., of Captain A. P. Hobson, the manager of the Royal Aquarium. He had been suffering from blood poisoning, but his condition had not been considered serious.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire. There was a very strong attendance both of London and Provincial brethren, the large Hall of the Tavern being filled to its fullest extent. The banquet was well served, and, considering the large number of guests, reflected the greatest credit on the catorers, Messrs Spiers and Pond. At its conclusion grace was sung.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach proposed the health of Her Majesty tle Queen. This was the first tenst at every festive gathering of Englishmen, but would be doubly welcomed at a meeting of the Craft, the proud beast of whose members was that loyalty was one of the first attributes of a true Mason. It would be trebly welcomed when it was remembered that the occasion of their meeting was one of Charity; for when any one remembered the history of Her Majesty's reign they must see in her not merely a great constitutional monarch, but also the true and loving heart of a good woman. Whether it be to high or to low, to rich or to poor, the time of distress always brought Her Majesty's kindly sympathy, and thus it was she reigned in the hear's of her people by a prouder title than that of long descent.

The next toast was that of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The Chairman felt those present would drink the health of the Prince of Wales, not only with the loyalty due to the member of the Royal Family who was heir to the throne, but also with that peculiar loyalty which as Masons they felt towards their Grand Master. His ability and geniality, he ventured to say had made him popular with every member of the Order. It was a remarkable testimony to the activity with which his Royal Highness performed his public duties, that it hardly ever happened among the numerous occasions when his health was drank at public meetings, that it was not possible to find some new duties he had undertaken, or some fresh idea that had occurred to him for the benefit of the country. It was but a few days back that the press had announced the issning of treasonable and insulting manifestoes on the other side of the Atlantic, by traitors against the life or liberty of his Royal Highness, who sheltered themselves under the protection of a foreign country, and shortly after came the announcement that the Prince and Princess of Wales intended to pay an early visit to Ireland. This answer of His Royal Highners to the threats of his foes was worthy of him and of our future king -he accepts the challenge-he will visit Ircland. speaker ventured to think that from the warm-hearted and generous, though often mistaken people of Ireland, would receive that cordial welcome which his conthat cordial welcome and his genial character deserved, and that the Princess of Wales would exercise over this susceptible race that charm with which she had enslaved us from the first moment she set foot on our shores.

The third toast was that of the Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon. The Chairman was quite sure he need say nothing to commend the toast to the sympathy of the brethren. They had often witnessed the ability with which the Earl of Carnarvon presided in the absence of the Grand Master in Grand Lodge, and knew full well the elequence with which it was possible for Lord Carnarvon to expound matters that might be for the welfare of the Craft, or demolish foolish prejudices arising from ignorance of what Masonry really was. The brethren had appreciated his labours for the Craft in the past, and hoped they might long be continued in the future.

In proposing the health of the Deputy G.M. Lord Lathom, and the Present and Past Grand Officers, the Chairman felt he need say little of Lord Lathom. His interest in Masonry and his popularity among the brothren was known to all. He also felt sure there was no necessity to be speak from those around him a hearty welcome for the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. He spoke of the Grand Officers as he had found them. Whenever any Masonic work had to be done in the Province with which it was his good fortune to be connected-requiring special care in its performance-he had always found the Officers of Grand Lodge most prompt and anxious to help. Their assistance was also given most zealously in the cause of Charity. Only last year, on the similar occasion to that they were then celebrating, one of their number (Sir John Monckton), at a moment's notice took the place of a brother who was absent in consequence of ill health, and nobly pleaded the cause of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In coupling the name of Bro. Monckton with the toast the speaker felt he was sure of a hearty welcome, not merely because of that brother's past services to Grand Lodge and to Masonry at large, but also because of what he achieved last year on behalf of the Benevolent Institution.

Sir John B. Monckton responded. He did so with great gratitude, both to the Chairman for proposing the toast, and to the brethren for the way in which they had received it. The toast was one which any brother might be prond to respond to, associated as it was with the name of the Earl of Lathom, than whom a better Mason, a better man, or a better friend to the Craft, never existed. The Chairman had very kindly referred to the Festival of last year, and had spoken of its result as being unprecedented. He (Sir J. B. Monckton) was not ungenerous when he hoped that honour might not be attached to it much longer. Without betraying any secret, he might predict that the Festival presided over by Sir M. Hicks Beach would prove to be the most successful of all the Festivals held on behalf of the Benevolent Institution.

The toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons—was next proposed. The President did not doubt that nearly every one present knew as much of the benefits of the Institution as he could convey to them; still it was his duty as Chairman to remember that there might be a brother among them who ought to know more than he did know. Therefore he should tell them, as

why it was worthy of their support. Since the Institution was started it had aided with its annuities more than one thousand brethren and widows of brethren. At the present time 170 old Masons and 203 widows were in receipt of sums of £10 and £32 a year respectively and this was done at a cost of something like £15,000 a year. How was this sum provided? He believed that not more than £3,600 per annum arose from any certain source of income; thus there was something like £11,500 dependent annually upon the charitable gifts of the English Craft, to meet merely the present liabilities of the Institution, and it would be impossible, he ventured to say, for such an association as English Freemasonry to disappoint the old people of the pension which they legitimately reckoned on receiving. But even more was required year by year, as more and more candidates came forward for the benefits of the At the present moment there were 119 approved Institution. awaiting election. The Committee were proposing to elect nineteen more than the vacancies would warrant, but even then they could only elect, with a reasonable regard for safety, 35 out of the 119; he therefore felt the brethren had a reason for the atmost liberality they could exercise that night. The Institution was only some forty-three years of age—a part of it even less-and at its initiation it had to withstand severe opposition. There were many at its formation who felt that it would encroach on the then existing Institutions, who doubted whether the Craft could maintain another Charity, and who felt that the Board of Benevo lence sufficiently supplied the needs of decayed brethren. All these doubts had to be met, and he ventured to say that the Institution at its birth must have been very strong and vigorous or it would have perished before it came to perfection. But the difficulties and doubts were surmounted, and the way in which they had been surmounted was perhaps the most extraordinary event in the charitable records of this charitable country. Thirty years ago there was not onetenth of the interest taken in this Institution that there was at the present time, neither was there one-tenth the number of Stewards or one-tenth the amount contributed. The Charity had grown with marvellous rapidity, and he looked to the brethren that night to provide for a further extension of the work of the Institution. The candidates were deserving objects-not men who had entered Masonry in order to profit by it, but brethren who had been a credit to the Order; while the widows had been the dear partners in life of such brethren. Every case which appeared on the list of candidates was that of a person who had been well to do in past life, often wealthy, and utterly unfit to cope with the workhouse, which their refinement and education would make a veritable purgatory of. By their charity the brethren delivered them from what in many cases would be worse than death itself, and in delivering them the brethren maintained the character of the Craft. Some might think that the claims of helpless children appealed more strongly to their sympathies than those of the Old People. He wished that any one who did think so would do as he had done last Saturday—pay a visit to the Institution at Croydon—he would then see the quiet, peaceable way in which the liberality of the Craft enabled these old people to live, and would be touched by the gratitude which these old people testify to the bounty of the Craft, and by the anxiety which they show that this Festival should be a success, not so much for their own sakes, but that others might share similar benefits to those they enjoy. He earnestly believed that the toast he recommended was success to that which was a true Charity. All the contributions of the brethren went directly to its benefit. In conclusion, he felt he had only to refer the brethren to the day when they were each admitted as candidates to Freemasonry, poor and penniless, and to the admiration which they then expressed for the Virtne Charity, which is not only one of the principal articles of the Masonic creed, but also the distinguishing virtue in the heart of every true Mason. He hoped that day would be a memorable one, not only to those who had subscribed, but to the old folks on whose behalf he, however feebly, had tried to plead.

Bro. Frank Richardson, as Vice President of the Institution, responded. He thanked the Chairman for the way in which he had proposed Success to the Institution, and on behalf of the Institution for the able manner in which he had presided that day. He also thanked the Stewards for the way in which they had seconded their Chairman's efforts. Bro. Terry then announced the totals of the several lists, of which we append details, giving as the sum of the contributions the grand total of £17,636 6s 8d; the Provinces, represented by 186 Stewards, sending up £7,825 10s 8d; and London, represented by 164 Stewards, £9,810 16s. This was the highest sum ever announced in the history of the Institution, being £3,200 in advance of last year's total, which was at the time the largest.

Bro. Col. Lyne proposed the health of Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, paying a high compliment to that brother for the part he had taken in securing the success which had been achieved. Bro. Beach tendered his hearty thanks for the kindness with which he had been received and also for the kind way in which the toast had been welcomed. It had been to him a matter of the deepest satisfaction and thankfulness that the Festival should have had so triumphant a result as had been announced that night. If he had had the smallest share in bringing about that result, he was more than rewarded for anything he had done. He should say no more about himself but might be pardoned for a little egotism, and he wanted to say something of the Province over which he ruled and of which he was very proud. There were but some 600 Masons in Gloncestershire and they were not too well off. Every one of its Lodges and Chapters had sent a Steward to the Festival, some of them several Out of every ten members in his district one was a Steward, and between them they had raised a sum of £1200. This result was principally due to the exertions of Bro. Vassar-Smith, but was also the outcome of the true Masonic spirit of the brethren of his Province. He did not mention these facts for the sake of making

shortly as he could, what the Institution did, how it did it, and why it was worthy of their support. Since the Institution was started it had aided with its annuities more than one thousand brethren and widows of brethren. At the present time 170 old Masons and 203 widows were in receipt of sums of £10 and £32 a veer respectively and this was done at a cost of something like triumphant result, or the share which his own people had had in it.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed success to the other Institutions, and Bro. Hedges responded. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke gave the Stewards, and the teast having been replied to, that of the Ladies was given, and the brethren separated. A concert followed in the Grand Lodge Temple, which was crowded by ladies and brethren.

THE THEATRES.

LYCEUM.

A FRIVOLOUS modern andience might well desire that the "Hunchback" and his family could retire, with the "Stranger" and the "Gentle Faulkland," to some home for aged Christians, where they could blank verse each other and relieve the unconverted of their "Morality."

But Master Walter has an exasperatingly strong constitution, and Miss Mary Anderson summoned the shade of Sheridan Knowles, with his cabinet of curiosities, "some of them living and some of them stuffed," to occupy the stage of the Lyceum. A full house gathered to do honour to the event. The first scene passed quietly, though both Mr. Arthur Stirling and Mr. Terriss had a hearty welcome. In the second scene the curtain rises on a lovely garden, rich with flowers, a closely-cropped lawn and wonderful mossy gnarled old trees. In the scene with Helen (Miss Bella Pateman) Miss Mary Auderson was at her best; the girlish innocence, tenderness and joyousness of Julia could rarely have been more gracefully rendered. That Miss Anderson looked lovely in her Henrietta Maria gowns we need not say. Her smiles and laughter, touched with soft refinement, gave a charm and interest to the opening of the play which even the gifted Adelaide Neilson failed to attain. The little bit of love making with Clifford was pretty enough, though Mr. Terriss seemed ill at ease, and rather suggested an understudy of Modus cropping through the jeune premier. As the action proceeds, and the heroine mounts the crescendo of grief and despair, Miss Anderson failed to give vitality to the part; she now and again seemed to feel a momentary inspiration of real emotion, but before she could arouse the sympathies of the audience it was gone. A beautiful girl in a striking attitude stood on the stage, but why she so appeared stirred the heart of no one present. The most unreal and stilted sentiment if vivified by the passionate soul of a great actress will thrill the pulses and command the tears of an audience; but the audience on Tuesday night sat watching for the next pose, and gave up hoping for anything more. That Miss Anderson is illadvised to attempt to galvanize this fossilized play life, she herself will doubtless feel. Let her abandon pressure sentimental heroines, and let us applaud her in some bright and wholesome comedy, her winsomenes and grace will assuredly command delighted appreciation where now a melancholy crowd is tempted to yawn, and sometimes irreverently to titter. We are sorry for Mr. Terriss, that fate condemns him for a "certain term to walk the night" with scarcely less depressing results than those attending Hamlet Père's proceedings. Sir Thomas is an insufferable prig, but could not Mr. Terriss infuse a little "Sherry" into him to correct the too much "Knowles?" Mr. Arthur Stirling played studiously as Master Walter, but why does he adopt those peculiar twists of the head, turns of the eye, and twitches of the eye-brow we associate with the "Master" of the Lyceum? Miss Pateman struggled hard to lift the weight that seemed to settle on the spirits of the audience, and in the favourite scenes with Modus gained the first really hearty applause of the night. She played as so careful and excellent an artist must play, with delicacy and finish; but her gaiety wanted the ring of spontaneousness, and her efforts were too evidently prepared. Helen is a part little suited to Miss Bella Pateman's gifts, though these are unquestionable. We cannot but think the play would greatly gain if the two ladies exchanged parts, Miss Anderson would thus have better opportunity of showing her comedy powers. Mr. Standing is dull and clumsy as Modus—who was at least a scholar and a gentleman; he need not model his interpretation on the Pickwick fat boy. Mr. Irish as Fathom was a welcome relief among these doleful creatures. The curtain fell amid but tepid expressions of approval. One of Maddison Morton's old farces. "Your life's in danger," was the opening piece of the evening. was listened to with tolerable patience, but at the tag, "Now if our friends in front approve," there came a vigorous shower of hoots and hisses.

MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE grandmotherly care of the Middlesex magistrates in decreeing the clôture on worldly play-acting and such carnal follies fell lightly on the good people of Islington last Ash Wednesday. Mr. Francis, of the Mohawk Minstrels, organized afternoon and evening concerts, with selections from Verdi, Costa, Rossini, Mendelssohn, and other classics. His admirably-drilled band rendered the music with great delicacy and finish. M. Guilmartin, in a euphonium solo, and M. Kottaun, with a cornet, were especially distinguished. Mr. Miles proved himself both a powerful and refined harpist. Among many good vocalists we would especially mention the baratone, Mr. Gordon, who not only possesses an exceptionally fine organ, but sings with the finish and mastery of a true artist.

invidious comparisons, but would say to the brethren of other Provinces 'Go and do likewise." What Gloncestershire had done could be Merchants, 109 Euston Road, London. Wholesale only. Telephone No. 7541.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE installation meeting was held on the 19th inst., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. Present:—Bros. Walker W.M., M. C. Joy S.W., Wickens J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treas., T. W. Allen P.M. Sec., Biorn S.D.; P.M.'s Kershaw, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Hitchcock, Ascott, Goodwin, Hallett, Collins, and a numerous assemblage of other members and Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Dr. Casson P.M. 1706 P.P.G.O., Studd, Bailey 1425, Thomas 753, Heal 1642, Ralph 1614, Newett 1614, Dorsett 172, Groves 172, Conway 1892, Dillon 1667, Hunt W.M. 1425, Stephens 1425, Coleman 1425, Mills 1716, Cuthbertson 1507, Side P.M. 1507, Massey P.M. 1297, Phillips P.M. 205, Hodges P.M. 1706, Lichtenfeld 205, Ansell 1502, Groves 172, Barwell 1425, A. G. Stead 1627, Shaw 1406, Blank 704, Taylor 1642, Hoddenott 901, Dobin 1732, Snare P.M. 225, Leah 25, Flood 1642, Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries the minutes of the former regular and emergency meetings were read. The Auditors' report was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and that a good balance remained in the hands of the Treasurer. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Joy S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed in the chair in the presence of 18 W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Bro. Walker performing the ceremony in a very perfect manner; he was deservedly complimented by the brothren and visitors. On the readmission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the following were appointed and invested as Officers:-Walker I.P.M., Wickens S.W., Humfress J.W., Welford P.M. Treas., Allen P.M. Secretary, Bidon S.D., Drew J.D., Burton I.G., Curtis and Cottebrune P.G.P. D.C.'s, Bell Assistant D.C., Eaton Organist, Curtis W.S., Belsham Assistant W.S., Thomas Tyler. The selection made by the Master seemed to be generally acceptable to the Lodge.

Hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, to the number of ninety, sat down in the large and commodious room to a very sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Rieder. Grace having been sung, the W.M., in excellent terms, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master being received with loud and enthusiastic cheering. In speaking to the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said they had a Grand Officer present, one whom they were proud to have with them, that was their respected Bro. Cottebrane P.G.P. In reply, Bro. Cottebrune said it was not his intention to make a long speech; for twenty-seven years he had had to return thanks for the P.M.'s, and for many years for the Grand Officers. He was proud to be associated with so distinguished a body. He was one of the founders of this Lodge. Bro. Walker I.P.M. had now to propose the toast of the W.M. It was some years since the W.M. had been initiated; he had passed through every effice, and had done this with great efficiency; he wished Bro. Joy a most enjoyable and successful year of office. Brother Joy, in reply, thanked Brother Walker for the kind manner he had spoken of him, and the brothren for their response to the toast. He was proud to be installed as Master of this Lodge: he trusted during his year of office that he should give them satisfaction. He felt especial pleasure in following so excellent a Master as the one who had preceded him. He would strive to follow in his footsteps and, with the assistance of the brothren, hoped to conduct the business to their satisfaction. In speaking of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Walker, the W.M. said the members had good reason to appreciate his working; he is held in estimation by all in the Lodge. It was with great pleasure he had now to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and a collar; he hoped they might be present together on many future occasions, and that Bro. Walker would always feel a pride in wearing it. In response, Bro. Walker said in his new position he would do all in his power to render service to the Lodge. He had tried to do his best to perform the ceremony of installation, and had had some hard work to do in the various

degrees. He had also presided at the emergency meeting, but whatever he had done had been a labour of love. He had installed his successor, and he hoped he had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren. With respect to the jewel presented him, he would look on it with pride; it would ever remind him of his connection with the Lodge. Bros. Casson, Relph, Snare, Ansell, Flood and Phillips responded for the Visitors, and paid just compliments to the Immediate Past Master for his working. The hospitality of the Lodge was proverbial, and on this occasion it had been well carried out, while to the W.M. infinite credit was due for the kind and genial manner he had presided. Bros. Snare and Ansell, who were members of West Lancashire Lodges, fully endorsed the remarks of those who had preceded them. Later on a just compliment was paid to the Past Masters for the manner they had looked after the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Walker, in response, said what he had done in the past he would strive to do in the future. Bro. Cottebrune followed; he was the father of the Lodge, and was proud of his children. Other of the Past Masters followed, and all expressed their desire to render service for the good of the Lodge. The toast of the Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Officers was then given, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. A very excellent selection of music was provided by the W.M., under the direction of Bro. Hodges P.M. 1706. When we say the artists included Bros. Lawler, Hanson and Linley, we need scarcely add the brethren were delighted. A special feature was the charming vocalisation of Miss Meredith Elliott, who rendered in exquisite style the "Lost Chord," for which she received an enthusiastic encore, and gave the "Better Land." Bros. Belsham and Curtis looked after the comforts of the brethren and visitors. During the evening Bro. Bell sung a very excellent impromptu song.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1208.

LARGE number of the members of this Lodge assembled at the Royal Hotel, Dover, on Monday, the 16th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Perkins as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was very impressively performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Pearson O. Potter, who was warmly congratulated upon the ability with which he carried out the duty. The following brethren were appointed to the several offices: -Bros. Pearson O. Potter I.P.M., W. O. Kennett S.W., J. Marsh J.W., C. Walker Treasurer, E. W. A. Smeeth Secretary, J. J. Wright Senior Deacon, H. C. Wellard Junior Deacon, C. L. Adams Organist, W. W. Burkett I.G., Wilson Tyler. The first duty of the new Master was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor, in recognition of the zeal, ability, and industry with which Bro. Potter had discharged the duties of the chair during his tenure of that office. The general business being concluded, Lodge was closed, and between thirty and forty of the brethren sat down to the banquet which followed. In this department the well-earned reputation gained by Bro. and Mrs. Oldfield was fully sustained. The various Loyal toasts, and those particularly pertaining to the Craft, were interspersed with a selection of glees, duets, songs, &c., unqualified approval being expressed at the admirable manner in which the musical arrangements were conducted by Bros. Igglesden and Kennett, with the valued assistance of Bro. Winterbon. The National Anthem brought to a conclusion another of those red letter days in the annals of this flourishing Lodge. Among the guests were the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. V. S. Vicars, the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bros. Thorpe, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the W.M.'s of Lodges 184 and 1206, Bros. Hearn S.W. 199, Torrington 199, &c.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30. On Wednesday evening, notwithstanding a number of the regular attendants at this Lodge of Instruction were engaged at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, there was a numerous muster at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, when Bro. Webster ably filled the chair, and was supported by Bros. Eedle S.W., Harvey J.W., Giddens S.D. Wimble J.D., Eaton I.G., Walter Martin Preceptor, S. Lampen Treas., C. L. Tokely Sec., R. Pierpoint W.M. 177, Ledger P.M. 364, Dutton, Belchamber, Wilkinson, and many others. Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Belchamber personating the candidate. The lecture on the Tracing Board was then ably rendered by Bro. Belchamber, after which the brethren answered questions leading to the second degree, and the second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Wimble. Bros. Ashford and Cray, of Ivy Lodge 1441, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and thanks were accorded to Bro. Webster for his able conduct in the chair. It was unanimously resolved that this Lodge of Instruction should subscribe for the current year's issue of the Freemason's Chronicle, and a warm compliment was paid to that journal for the faithful reports of the proceedings of the United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction which had appeared in its pages Bro. Pierpoint, in remarking that there were many worthy brethren fighting the battles of their Queen and country in the Soudan, expressed the hope that they might have a speedy return to their native The patriotic sentiments of Bro. Pierpoint were most enthusiastically responded to, and Lodge closed. On the preceding Wednesday evening Bro. W. Dutton acted efficiently as W.M., with Bros. Webster as S.W., Wimble J.W., Belchamber S.D., R. Pierpoint J.D., S. Lampen Treas., C. L. Tokely Sec., Wilkinson I.G., and many other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes, was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Garland personating the candidate. The working was such as reflected the utmost credit on Bro. Dutton, who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pierpoint, and Lodge having been advanced to the third degree the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. S. Lampen as candidate. Bro. Dutton then resumed the chair as W.M. and Lodge was closed in the second and first

chair, being his first time in this Lodge of Instruction. A most instructive and agreeable evening was enjoyed.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275. — Of all the Masonic "nurseries" in the South of London, probably the Star holds the most prominent position, not only in point of attendance and the valuable instruction imparted at its weekly meetings, but also for the substantial support it gives to the Masonio Instintions. are credibly informed that during the past two years no less a sum than £100 per annum has been sent up from the Association in connection with this Lodge in aid of the Charities; and, judging from the vigorous growth of the Lodge, which is constantly adding to its muster-roll, greater things may be expected from it in the future than in the past. For some weeks, during the regretted indisposition of its worthy Preceptor, Bro. G. Andrews, whose health we rejoice to hear is being gradually restored, the duties have been kindly and efficiently undertaken by the Secretary, Brother Walter Martin S.W. 879; and the manner in which he has discharged his important and voluntary functions has won for him the deserved and hearty approbation of the brethren. There was an extraordinarily strong muster at the weekly meeting last Saturday evening, at the Five Bells, New-cross, when upwards of fifty assembled, under the presidency of Bro. Finch as W.M. He was supported by Bros. Walter Martin Preceptor pro tem, Belchamber S.W., Gross J.W., Eaton S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Needham I.G., Tokely acting Secretary, G. Powell W.M. 1135 Organist, and others. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the ceremony of raising was impressively rehearsed by Bro. Finch, assisted by his Officers, the working being much admired by the numerous assemblage present. Bro. Beavis W.M. 879 was candidate. On closing, several brethree. were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and returned thanks in suitable torms, reference being specially made to the Star as an exceptionally strong and useful Lodge, more particularly in reference to the Benevolent Institutions of the Craft. Bro. Belchamber was unanimously elected as W.M. for the first Saturday in March, and allusion was made to him as a well-known and excellent Mason, whose experience and ability were acknowledged by this and other Lodges of Instruction he attended. Bro. Belchamber acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him, and expressed the hope that, with the assistance of their able Preceptor, he might be able to perform the ceremonies to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Walter, of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, reminded those present that the weekly meetings of that Lodge were held on Monday evenings, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, and cordially invited all who could make it convenient to attend. Bro. Powell was sure the brethren would be sorry to hear that Bro. Chatterton, who took so great an interest in the Star Lodge of Instruction, was very ill, suffering from rheumatic fever. He was convinced that any expression of sympathy from the brethren in his affliction would be a source of solace and comfort to him. The Preceptor thought the case would not necessarily involve a resolution, and he asked their acting Secretary to forward a letter to Bro. Chatterton, expressing the deep regret of the brethren under the circumstances, and a hope that he might be speedily restored to health. Bro. Tokely sincerely acquiesced in the request suggested to him. Bro. Martin then said he was sure the brethren would rejoice to hear that Bro. Andrews, the esteemed Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, whose valuable services had been temporarily lost to them in consequence of indisposition, was rapidly improving n health, and they sincerely hoped he might soon be with them lagain in his accustomed place. He then proposed that Bro. Tokely, who had been acting as Secretary during the time that he (Bro. Martin) had temporarily filled the position of Preceptor, in the stead of Bro. Andrews, should be elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Tokely had always been ready to assist in any capacity in which his services were requested, and he had certainly rendered valuable aid to the Star by filling his (the speaker's) place during the illness of their Preceptor. The resolution having been carried unanimously, Bro. Tokely, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he esteemed it a very great honour, knowing what a splendid Lodge of Instruction this was. He always tried to do his best, and as long as he was Acting Secretary, which he hoped would not be long, in the improved condition of Bro. Andrews's health, he should do all he possibly could to promote the prosperity and influence of the Lodge. Bro. Martin then intimated that the following Saturday (this evening) would be an "off night," when Bro. Beavis W.M. of the Southwark Lodge 879 would rehearse the installation ceremony. He felt save the brothren would come and support Bro. Beavis in large numbers. By so doing they would give him, perhaps, better heart in his work, and derive a considerable amount of mutual pleasure and edification. Bro. Beaves thought when he told the brethren that on the occasion referred to he should have the honour of installing their excellent Preceptor B.o. Walter Martin into the chair it would be an additional incentive to them to attend in full force. Hearty good wishes having been expressed. Lodge was closed in due form, Bro. Martin delivering the closing address in an eloquent and impressive manner. The musical portions of the ceremony were rendered with great heartiness, the singing of the anthems and responses being ably led by Bro. Ge . Powell, who presided at the organ. Excellent arrangements were made by Bro. Bear, the proprietor of the Five Bells, for the comfort and convenience of the brethren, and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Garland personating the candidate. The working was such as reflected the utmost credit on Bro. Dutton, who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pierpoint, and Lodge having been advanced to the third degree the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. S. Lampen as candidate. Bro. Dutton then resumed the chair as W.M. and Lodge was closed in the second and first degrees. A most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dutton for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the

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NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjaub, 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, Nagpar, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, 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.

* W. Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. P.D.G.M. Bombay.

* Nathaniel G. Philips P.G.D. P.G.S.N. England, 23 Belgrave Road, S.W.

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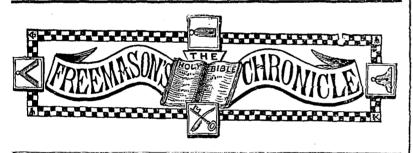
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th March 1885, at 6 for 7 p.m.

- 1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd December 1884 will be read and put for confirmation.
 - 2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
 - 3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
- 8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:-

The Widow of a Brother of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471,

- - -The Widow of a Brother of the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18,

The Widow of a Brother of the St. Mary Lodge, No. 63,

A Brother of the Zion Lodge, No. 1798, Manchester 50 0 0

A Brother of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, London 80 0 0 A Brother of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, London 0 50

A Brother of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 489, Bideford 100 5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board beg to report that their attention having been called to a printed circular issued by a Lodge, inviting the Members to disclose their votes on a ballot which had been taken for a candidate for initiation, and which had resulted in five black balls appearing against him, the Master, Wardens, and Sccretary were summoned to attend and produce their Warrant and books, and it having been proved that the circular was drawn up by the Secretary, and issued by a resolution of the Lodge at the recommendation of the Master and Secretary, thus wholly nullifying the principle of the ballot, the Board resolved that the said Lodge be suspended for a period of three months, and the Lodge was and remains suspended accordingly.

The Board further resolved-That the Master and Secretary, being both experienced Past Masters, be consured for instigating and recommending the Lodge to issue such circular, and they were

censured accordingly.

A question having arisen as to the effect of this sentence of suspension, it was resolved-That the suspension for any period of a Lodge means the suspension of its warrant, during which time the Lodge cannot meet or perform any of its Masonic functions. The suspension of any particular brother involves an entire incapacity on his part to exercise any rights or duties as a Mason, or to participate in any Masonic privileges during the period such suspension remains in force.

It will be recollected that in March 1880 a sum of £3,000 was voted by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of painting and decorating the interior of the building. Of this sum about £1,300 was expended in the autumn of that year, when the work was unavoidably suspended. The Board have to report that the painting and decorating of the whole of the rooms, together with the grand staircase and corridors, have now been completed by their order, under the personal superintendence of the Grand Superintendent of Works, at a cost within the sum voted for that purpose.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN,

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. 17th February 1885.

To the repert is subjoined a statement of the Grand Ledge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of February instant, shewing a Balanco in the Bank of England, Western Branch, of £2,697 14s 11d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balanco of Annual Allowance for Library £13 17s 6d.

6. REPORT OF SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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

The Building Committee, in continuation of their report to Grand Lodge of the 4th of December last, now beg to submit as follows:-

In that report reference was made to certain works, not of mere restoration, but of necessary and substantial improvements, including the re-opening of the Old Gallery, the various new exits in case of fire, the ventilation, the removal of the dangerous flaes, the extra expense on pictures, &c., &c., none of which were of course covered by the monies received from the insurances, and the Committee promised to report to Grand Lodge on the 4th of March the amount required to meet the extra expenditure thus incurred.

The works being now almost completed, the Committee have been able to balance the various accounts, and they have thus ascertained that a sum of £800 beyond the monies received from the Insurance Offices will be sufficient to defray the entire cost of the restoration, whereby the Order will be once more placed in possession of their Ancient Hall, with increased accommodation, with its portraits restored, with its decorations renewed, and with many modern improvements.

The Committee therefore recommend to Grand Lodge that a vote of £800 be made for the above purpose.

(Signed)

JOHN B. MONCKTON,

Chairman.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. 16th February 1885.

7. Report of Brother Stanley G. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1884.

8. APPEALS :-

- (1) By Brother Henry Godbier, P.M. of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the District Grand Master of British Barmah ruling that a complaint made by Brother Godbier against the W. Master relative to confirmation of minutes was frivolous and vexatious.
- (2) By the same Brother Henry Godbier, P.M. of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the Deputy District Grand Master in charge of the District of British Barmah declining to give a separate ruling on a second complaint made by Brother Godbier against the W. Master and the Lodge, on the ground that the ruling of the District Grand Master had covered both cases.
- (3) By Brother Rustomji Cowasji Jaboolee, P.M. of the Cyrus Lodge, No. 1359, Bombay, against a censure passed on him by the District Master of Bombay for printing and circulating documents connected with a complaint which he was submitting to his Lodge.
- 4) By Brother Samuel George Davison, S.W. of the Lodge "Emulation," No. 2071, Sydney, against the ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales, forbidding the election of a second W. Master, in consequence of the Warrant not having arrived from England, and the Lodge working under Dispensation.
 - N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

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

No. 2075-The Lodge Moorabie, Wilcannia, N.S.W.

2076-The Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London.

2077—The Epping Lodge, Epping, Essex. 2073—The St. Lawrence Lodge, Scuatherpe, Lincolnshire.

2079-The Romsey Lodge, Romsey, Victoria.

2080 - The Clarke bodge, Melbourne, Victoria.

2081-The Lodge of the Golden Fleece, Leicester.

2082—The Phœnix Lodge of Namaqualand, O'okiep, South Africa, (W.D.)

2083—The Ballina Lodge, Ballina, New South Wales. 2084—The Biggarsberg Unity Lodge, Dundee Proper, Natal.

2085—The Tweed Lodge, Tumbulgum, New South Wales. 2086—The Dacre Lodge, Stevenage, Herts.

2087—The Electric Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.

2088—The Cango Lodge, Oudtshoorn, South Africa (W.D.) 2089—The Frere Lodge, Aliwal North, South Africa (E.D.)

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1885 is now ready; it can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE, No. 2081.

SPECIAL meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at A Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, 16th February, for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, when there was a numerous attendance of local and visiting brethren. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the Earl Ferrers, the chair was taken by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel S. Partridge, who proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge, assisted by Bros. Wm. Kelly P.P.G.M., George Toller jun. P.G.S.B. England acting as D.P.G.M., Dr. G. T. Willan Prov. G.S.W., Joseph Barber Prov. G.J.W., Rev. W. Langley, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, R. Waite Prov. Grand Treas., R. S. Toller Prov. G. Reg., Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Prov. Grand Secretary, W. A. Musson and R. Michie Prov. Grand Deacons, J. Metcalfe Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, J. Young Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. Mc Ivor Tindall, Prov. G.S.B., B. A. Smith Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, T. B. Laxton Prov. Grand Organist, George Matt Prov. G.P., Lionel P. Chamberlain Prov. G.A.P., H. Pickard Brown and F. B. Wilmer Prov. G. Stewards. The following Past Provincial Grand Officers were likewise present, viz.:—Bros. C. E. Stretton, Miles J. Walker, Rev. J. Bird M.A., S. Clever, J. O. Law, E. Taylor, E. H. Butler, and J. Hassall, together with a large number of Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the several Lodges in the Province. Amongst the Visitors may specially be mentioned the R.W. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie P.G.W. England Provincial Grand Master West Lancashire. Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from Bros. Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary Middlesex, S. J. W. Sanders P.P.G.C. Norths and Hunts, Captain J. G. F. Richardson P.P.G.S.B. James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F. Hedges Secretary R.M.I.G., and several others. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the petition for and Warrant of the new Lodge, and at the request of the Prov. Grand Master the ceremony of solemply constituting and dedicating the Lodge of the Golden Fleece was admirably and impressively performed by the newly appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge. A most excellent oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Walter R. Hurd (Chaplain 1391), Vicar of Oadby, near Leicester. The musical portion of the ceremony was very ably rendered by a Masonic choir, under the leadership of the Prov. Grand Organist; Bro. W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., Organist 523 presiding at the instrument. On the consecration being concluded, Bro. Edward Watson P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M. 1391, was installed by Bro. Partridge as first Worshipful Master, and he was duly preclaimed and saluted. Bro. Alfred Chamberlain P.P.G.O. P.M. 1391 was elected as Treasurer, and, together with the following brethren, invested as Officers of the new Lodge for the ensuing year, viz.:-Bros. E. P. Steeds S.W., W. H. Lead J.W., John B. Waring Secretary, Rev. W. R. Hurd Chaplain, John L. West S.D., George Jessop J.D., Christopher C. Woodcock P.P.G.R. Director of Cers., and J. G. Parr and W. H. Swingler Stewards. Bye laws were temporarily adopted for governing the Lodge, three candidates were proposed for initiation, and several joining members. The W.M. in submitting votes of thanks to the Consecrating and Installing Officers, the acting Chaplain, and other brethren who had kindly attended to inaugurate the Lodge of the Golden Fleece proposed the following as honorary members:—Bros. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., F.R.H.S., the "Father of Freemasonry" in this Province, and S. S. Partridge Prov. D.G.M. Thanks were also accorded to the Junior Warden for his generous gift of a handsomely bound and complete set of Lodge books. On the Lodge being closed and the Provincial Grand Lodge resumed, Bro. Partridge called attention to the forthcoming election of Grand Treasurer, and moved that the Provincial Grand Lodge heartily approves the candidature of a Provincial brother for the office, and recommends Bro. John Woodall Woodall P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, to the support of the brethren of the Province. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Toller, and carried unanimously. After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed, a banquet was served under the presidency of the Prov. Deputy Grand Master when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable day brought successfully to a close.

The Kensington Museum Authorities have added to the Bethnal Green Museum some charming pictures from the collection of Bro. J. Storey P.M. 1107, l'ast Superintendent of Works Kent, &c. Fourteen of the works are from the brush of Mr. M. E. Dockree; some of them may be well known to frequenters at the Royal Academy and other West End Exhibitions. No doubt these works will be more enjoyable to visiters at the Museum as they are so well placed that every part of the manipulation and rich mellow colour of this earnest landscape painter can be seen to advantage.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, - Walk up! walk up! Just going to begin! First you will see -yet, stay; this irreverence will never It's all through reading that remarkable circular from York. shire. Like every other W.M., I have been treated to a quantity of it. So has my poor Secretary, oh! such a lot. We have sympathized with one another over it—over this "Masonic life-history" as it is called. May I briefly review it? First it appears that a notice on the subject of the Grand Treasurership appeared in the Freemason, and such notice heads the circular. There is nothing in the notice to complain of; no candidate's name appears. But see what comes next. A letter from several Yorkshire brethren forming the local committee for assisting Bro. Woodall in his candidature. committeemen have remarked (so they say) that although the notices in the Freemason are in the main correct, &c., they append a brief history of Bro. Woodall's Masonic (and civic) life. From it we learn that Bro. Woodall is a soldier and a sailor, that he was initiated into Masonry, that he served the office of Warden before he became (for once) W.M. Then he was exalted to Royal Arch, and was M.E.Z. of two Chapters, was awarded Provincial honours, was a founder of two Lodges, and is now acting W.M. of one of them: then (and why this advertisement?) he was elected an honorary member "in conjunction with" H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany. He was a subscribing member of two other Lodges, &c. Here follows a string of distinctions in degrees not recognized by the Craft. Then we hear about Bro. Woodall's schoolboy days, that he attained manhood and the highest distinctions in the gift of his fellow townsmen, and became an alderman, a mayor, and a J.P., and had his portrait painted, and is a yachtsman; and being all these strangely mixed up things he ought to be elected Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England. At least, that is my interpretation of the whole circular. I hear that lately post cards have been liberally distributed, asking how we intend to vote.

One cannot but admire the great desire of Bro. Woodall to attain the proud position, but are the means so resorted to justified from a Masonic point of view? I think not. Bro. Woodall is unknown to me, and is doubtless a worthy brother, but if he was a party to the issue of such a circular he is evidently not of a modest

turn of mind.

Never heed the civic honours, the soldiering and sailoring, nor the several "fancy" degrees. Look only at those in Craft Masonry. They are honourable ones, suitable to be quoted, but not of an extraordinary character; yet enough to entitle a brother to hope for the coveted collar. Still, in fairness, they should not be quoted to the detriment of any other brother nominated to the office. Each have an equal right, from their Masonic rank and services, to expect success, but I hold that Bro. Willing is, in one respect, the most deserving of support because, quite as anxious, he has not distributed broadcast such printed matter, and, if I am rightly informed, post cards, by way of advertisement. He does now, as he has always done, liberally support our Charities, and devotes a vast amount of his time to the interests of our Institutions, and therefore I trust when the votes are taken that Bro. Willing will find that his unobtrusive conduct has not been the means of causing his friends to forget his virtues. That, in spite of the threatened invasion of Grand Lodge on the night of the election next Wednesday by hundreds and hundreds of Yorkshire brethren, Bro. Willing may be successful; or, if beaten, that the majority may not be the large one the supporters of Bro. Woodall boast of being able to obtain. A point has been made by the latter of the unfairness of again electing a London brother to the Grand Treasurership, and they urge that it is only right that a Provincial brother should, each alternate year, have the honour, but here they argue in Bro. Willing's favour, for the present Grand Treasurer is a Provincial brother.

All I need say in conclusion is, that I hope the best man will win, and that the unostentatious conduct of Bro. Willing will not affect his chances of success amidst the very unusual clamour, tom toms, and advertisements of the advancing forces from the

Yours fraternally,

23rd February 1885.

W.M.

ELECTIONEERING TACTICS.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The art of puffing has almost grown into a science, and when the work is seriously undertaken by a paper of respectable character, we naturally look for those little subtleties which cover an ulterior purpose, and which disguise the bait intended to be swallowed. Your evening contemporary, now and then given to Masonic meanderings, on Wednesday last scorned all the little arts of deception, and with a courage bordering on recklessness entered the lists as champion of Bro. Willing for the office of Grand Treasurer. I do not know Bro. Willing. I never saw him in my life to my knowledge. I am just as ignorant of the features and character of Bros. Woodall and Cama, yet I cannot believe that the description given by your evening contemporary of the two latter brethren is altogether fair. The sarcasm about the York gathering is no doubt intended to tell in favour of Bros.

Willing, but the spite against Bro. Woodall is painfully manifest. Would it not have been as well to have said that Bro. Woodall is Provincial Grand Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire, and that even so recently as last July he presided at the Festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Mark Grand Lodge, at which was subscribed the largest amount that has ever been contributed? If Bro. Woodall is not quite as generous as the writer referred to would have us believe, he has at least the merit of drawing out the generosity of others.

I do not agree that this fight for the Grand Treasurership is a battle London versus the Provinces, and I do not think much of a brother who would provoke strife by the bare mention of such a possibility, and I certainly cannot refrain from rebuking him for his want of patriotism in doing his worst to bring about a war of classes. Whether Bro. Woodall's friends have gone too far or not in their mode of canvass, I do not know, but it appears to me something like kettle versus pot, for the writer in your contemporary to condemn in others what he himself practises. In his desire to promote the success of Bro. Willing he forgets the respect that is due to others, and uses means that, to say the least, smack of the gutter. If the course pursued by the friends of Bro. Woodall is wrong, then the action of Bro. Willing's friends is alike condemned, and as Bro. Cama seems to have imitated neither, he stands out as the champion of purity of election and of good taste. I think the best thing the brethren can do on Wednesday next is to elect Bro. Cama, and thus scotch the too obtrusive action of some of our Provincial brethren, and snub the pretensions of a select few in the metropolis whose aim it is to rule the roost. "A plague o' both your houses," say I. There is one sentence in the article to which I am alluding that puzzles me. It is as follows: "Few Masons have done more to carry out the high social teachings of the Order than Bro. Willing.' "High social teachings!" What are they? Do they belong to the Lodge room or to the banquetting hall? If to the former, all we if to the latter, then we have too much of that kind of teaching already.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally.

"THE GREAT LIGHT."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -In your issue of Saturday last appears a very beautiful extract from the "Masonic Home Journal." setting forth what the Light of lights defines. To give the exact words will be advisable. They are recorded thus: "The Bible, that great Light and Guide defines" (True religion and undefiled.) visit the widow and fatherless in their affliction, and keep yourselves "unspotted from the world. ." I will now deviate a little, and return to the subject after a few words. Some little time since I was in the West of England, and sought admission to a Masonic Lodge. Business had caused me to be late, and the Lodge was at work, After due examination I was admitted; prior to entering, not discovering the degree in which the work was progressing in a way in which you generally ascertain the same, I inquired, and was told that upon entering I should find what I required in the West. there saw "The Great Light," supporting those implements which are to regulate our actions and keep us in due bounds with all mankind, &c. These three lights, directed me to the class of work going, and I acted in accordance. A pedestal set apart for the support of so great a light did indeed appear to me the correct thing; so hallowed a book as the V. of S.L. should have nothing near it of a mean order. I have seen it before occupying such an exalted position, bat in how many Lodges do we see it covered up with missives, correspondence, and accounts, which have to be passed from the Secretary to the Worshipful Master to be signed in open Lodge? To "owe no man anything" is a Divine command, but I do not think it was ever intended that "the Great Light" should be used as a support or platform for the Master of the Lodge to attest the correctness of an account by appending his signature. No. That sacred volume was intended as a support for higher aspirations. To cover it up reminds me of the candle hid under a bushel. My time is fully occupied. Perhaps some learned Masonic orators or students will give their opinions.

Yours fraternally,

A BUCKINGHAMSHIRE APPRENTICE.

Miss Marie Davis, a debutante, made her appearance at Her Majesty's Theatre, on Monday night. The song "Ruth" was artistically rendered by her; it was loudly applauded and deservedly encored.

COAST DEFENCES OF NEW SOUTH WALES .- Port Jackson, Newcastle and Botany Bay, the three most important points, from a military point of view, on the New South Wales coast, have been formidably strengthened, according to the most approved appliances of modern warfare, and there are now about 60 pieces of heavy ordnance mounted, besides others on their way to the Colony, and exclusive also of batteries of position, consisting of 40 pr. B. L. Armstrong guns and field batteries of 16 pr. M.L.R. guns. The torpedo defences are also upon a formidable scale, and every arrangement has been made for the prompt and effective disposition of these terrible weapons, so as, in case of active hostilities, to form a complete larricade across the harbours of Port Jackson and Newcastle. Other fortifications are in course of preparation.

ELECTION OF THE GRAND TREASURER OF FREEMASONS.

From the Evening News.

REAT excitement prevails amongst the members of the Masonic Brotherhood, and, if we are to believe well-authenticated rnmours, next Wednesday will see the largest gathering ever assembled within the mystic portals of the Hall in Great Queenstreet. To the uninitiated this untoward commotion may savour somewhat of a storm in a teacnp, but we are assured by those who should know, that the matter is one of extraordinary importance. The Grand Treasurer, it seems, has little or nothing to do, and incurs a responsibility which is merely nominal, but, on the other hand, the honour belonging to the office is almost the only distinction which the Craft at large has the power to bestow by its suffrages. The battle in the present instance, if we are informed aright, is to be London versus the Provinces, and it will be fought out to the bitter We hear of special trains from York and Liverpool, and it is expected that the Hall will be besieged at an early hour by a compact mass of north-country Masters and Past Masters in eager if som what undignified haste to support by vote and voice the candidate of their choice. All this is fair enough, for the overflow meetings will accommodate the London brethren, and we presume due care will be taken that every Mason within the four corners of the building shall have an opportunity of exercising his privileges. A circular issued by the Committee of the Prov. candidate is, we believe, a very different matter. Although the vote is to be recorded by secret ballot, each brother is asked to give his assurances and state his choice by prepaid post card, and an attempt is thus made to unduly influence the opinion of each individual elector. This proceeding | will, if we are rightly informed, give rise to some serious protests, and may possibly involve the nullity of the election. We shall hear can say is, that Bro. Willing's fame as a teacher has not reached far; a good deal more about Masonic electioneering next Wednesday, and wo fear a Masonic Corrupt Practices Act must shortly find a place in Masonic jurisprudence. The candidates are three in number, but only two can be regarded as serious competitors, viz., Bro. Woodall, of Scarborough, and Bro. James Willing jun., of London. Bro. Cama, of Bombay, is practically unknown to Masonic fame, but we are told that his father has built a hospital, and that he has himself given £300 in his wife's name to the Masonic Charities. Major Woodall is a wealthy Yorkshire banker, and knows how to exercise in a very high degree the traditional hospitality of that ancient shire. The brethren of the Mark Degree who visited York last summer will not easily forget the reception which awaited them, and it was evidently an oversight when the visitors were first asked to pay a penny for admission to the banquet-room, and then, in many instances, to purchase the tickets which entitled them to share in the entertainment itself. When some Whytehead of the future comes to tell the story of modern Yorkshire Masoury, not the least remarkable or the least interesting page will be that which hands down to posterity the details of Bro. Woodall's unostentations munificence in the matter of providing the regalia for his Grand Mark Lodge, an instance of rare Masonic disinterestedness which his detractors fail to rightly appre-If the Grand Treasurer had any longer to keep a tight bold on the purse-strings of Grand Lodge, there could be little doubt of the singular fitness of Major Woodall for the office. Unfortunately for the Craft, however, the fiduciary functions once attached to the post have ceased to exist. Except as far as these memorable visits to York are concerned, nobody in London knows anything of Bro. Woodall, but there is probably no Metropolitan Mason who is not more or less acquainted with James Willing. Few Masons are more popular, and few have done more to carry out the high social teachings of the Order than Bro. Willing. He has already made his mark in the Board of General Purposes, and has undoubtedly a prosperous Masonic career before him. He has not asked the London brethren to guarantee him their suffrages by return of post, nor have his friends set forth his many qualifications in a pompous prospectus. He never has, nor ever will, attempt to vie with Major Woodall in the exercise of the virtue of hospitality. We hope the brethren of London will resist as one man the threatened combination of special trains, return post-cards, specious circulars, and hall-packing, and give their utmost support to the genial brother they have known so long and so favourably, and who is fighting their battle at the present moment against such formidable odds. The London brethren should resist all attempts to introduce class considerations into Masonic elections, and they can only effectually do so by assembling next Wednesday in such force as will ensure, beyond a doubt, the election of James Willing as Grand Treasurer of England.

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, next 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 Locture—Bros. Hanchet, Wyatt, and Etherington. Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. The proceedings will commence at five o'clock. A banquet will take place at eight p.m. Tickets 3s. Bro. A. H. Hanchet Secretary.

The ceremony of Installation of Principals will be rehearsed in the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, at the White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., on the 10th March next. at 5.30 p.m. Comp. Brown, the Preceptor of the Chapter, will occupy the chair.

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.

SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Percy. Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-coad, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S. E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1364—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Honnslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Rottoms, Eastwood 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford 162—Wharneliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 2nd MARCH.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough
Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 3 (In).
1445—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 3 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd.. Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, Corner of Burlett Road. (Inst.)
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1609—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' avenue R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square M.M. 139—Panmure, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.

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37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zerland-street, Wakefield 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover 236—York, Masonic Hall, York 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castie-street, Barnstaple 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge 838—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Wimborne 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire 1928—Frier dship, Masonic Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire 1928—Frier dship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield 1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altringham, Chocking

1928—Friet dship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Atheneum, Lancaster
1077—Wi'ton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1330—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

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1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moers, near Accrington 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales 1676—St. Nicholas, Frzemasona' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle 1798—Zion, Hulms Town Hull, Manchester 1798—Zion, Blue Republish Manchester

1977-Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden. R.A. 106- Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth

R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Tomple, Morley R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells M.M. 2—Phanix, 110 High Street, Pertamouth

M.M. 9-Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 3rd MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 1
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminas Holel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Hollorn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Herendes Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurani, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park,
Station, at S. (Instruction)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Unmberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction) 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8

(Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
\$20—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Pulhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pewnall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

840—Palhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pewnall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1250—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arma, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1466—Mount Edgeumbe, Three Stags, Lamboth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1500—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Steet, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lowisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—Now Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
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70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beanfort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
121—Marquis of Granby, Freemasous' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
361—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parado, Berwick
403—Uertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Strond, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Havant,
547—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant,
547—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth,
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1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redear.
1280—Waldon, Rose and Grown Hotel, Salfron Waldon
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1489—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlweh, Anglesca
1513—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussax Street, Rh. 1
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Reyal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, Mauchester

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Sulem-street, Bradford
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhaul
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Reoms, Brompton, Chathem.

WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3-Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30-United Mariners', The Lugard, Peskinan, at 7.3). (Instruction)
73-Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193-Confidence, Hereales Tayera, Loadealed-streat, at 7.3). (Instruction)
223-United Strength, The Hope, Stradopp Street, Regents Park, 8 (1 st.)
511-Zelland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
533-La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720-Pannure, Balham Hotel, Edham, at 7. (Instruction)
781-Merchant Navy, Silver Tayera, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
861-Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862-Whittington, Red Lion, Farningdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
902-Burgoyne, Victoria Hetel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction) 902-Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction) 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tayern, Highbury, at 3. (Instruction)
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1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 513 Obl Kout-rowl, at 3. (Instruction)
1491—Athengum, Athengam, Camden Road, N.
1524—Dake of Communich, Royal Edward, Mirro-struct, Hackboy, at 3. (Instruct)
1585—Royal Communication, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1691—Wanderers, Advanced Bye Tayon, Phinner St., Wistarinster, at 7.30 (Instruct)
1692—Hackbord, Chapters, Navia Beret, Walthrustow, at 7.30 (Instruct)
1684—Londeshrough, Barkeley Army, John Street, May Fair, at 3. (Instruct)
1687—The Rothesny, Inns of Court Hetel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1706—Creaton, Wheet-diena Tayern, Coldinary Road, Shopherds Bush. (Inst)

1731—Creation, Whest-sheat Tavern, Goldbruck Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst) 1827—Allinge, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street 1922—Earl of Lathorn, Station Hotel, Camborwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In).

R.A. 177 - Denatic, Gaine Warner, Westreet, Reseased Will (Instruction.)
R.A. 672-Dorie, 202 Whiteelapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.- Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.--Thistle, Freemanns' Tayora, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74-Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

74—Athof, Unsonis Hall, Saverusernet, Birmingham
125—Frince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Frince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolt an-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duko of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Deaton
271—Tranquillier, Boor's Heal Inn, Newsburgh, near Manchester
290—Hadder-field, Masonie Hall, South Parade, Hirthersfield
298—Harmong, Masonic Rooms, Ann-screet, Rochdolo
320—Hoira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inc, Whitworth.

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387—Airedale, Masonie Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-strut, Newcastle-on-Ty 19
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonie Hall, Dorchaster
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonie Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carmarvon
611—Marches, Masonie Hall, Ludlow
625—Dovonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester,
673—St. John, Masonie Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton,
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
833—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonie Hall, Canterbury, (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonie Hall, Worship-street, Hall
              992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Dorby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Lybridge, Devon
1167—Almwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1325—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Solbury, Choicester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1445—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londe borough Rooms, Scarborough
            R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londe berough Rooms, Scarborough R.A. 221—St. John, Commer in Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Iun, Mottram R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Birrow-in-Furness M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester
                                                                                                                                                                                                        THURSDAY, 5th MARCH.
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10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)

45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)

147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)

192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street

227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)

538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney

704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)

749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (instruction)

754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)

822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Phensant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
922—Victoria Kines, Freemasons Hall, W.O.

901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Wostminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)

1188—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethurd Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury

1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)

1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)

1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand

1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon

1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)

1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.

1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)

1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maidon Lane, W.C., at 9. (Inst.)

1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)

1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street

1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)

1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate. Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).

1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 3 (Instruction)

1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street

1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
    R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury,
at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
            M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at S. (Inv.)
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R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at S. (124—Newcastle-ou-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle. 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn 289—Fidelity, Wasonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton. 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nunenton 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire. 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham. 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsait. 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-npon-Trent. 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimshy 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plunstead 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

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1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Laneashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1058—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalvbridge
1132—Dake of Edinbargh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7,30, (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1232—Ancholome, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolashire
1234—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devenshirre
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horneastle, Lincolashire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hetel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1334—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Tewn Hall, Bootle, Laneashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Laneaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Burnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Dealey at text. Pand Street
              R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 325—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 381—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Shelfield
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FRIDAY, 6th MARCH.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)

111—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)

507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)

706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich

706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)

730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge. (Instruction)

831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)

890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

933—Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction) 1053—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-stroet, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1153—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-stroet, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1153—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Caranyon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.39. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction) R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtic, Leadenhull Street
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction) M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Sulfolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Feterborough
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
703—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1397—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bralford.
1661—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 7th MARCH. General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., S. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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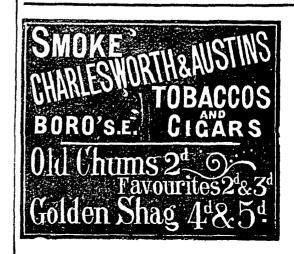
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