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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

BY far the most numerous meeting of Grand Lodge since the memorable gathering at the Albert Hall, on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, took place on Wednesday, the cause of the special attendance being the interest taken in the election of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Considerably over twelve hundred brethren were present,—if we may judge from the number of votes recorded when the ballot for Treasurer was taken, the actual total was 1252, but we are aware that some of those who attended did not record their opinion, while generally we feel that the arrangements for the ballot will prevent anything like a definite idea being formed upon such a basis as the figures referred to. Of course we need hardly say that the attendance was far in advance of what could be accommodated in the Masonic Temple. Indeed, the whole of the available space in Freemasons' Hall was called into requisition, and even then the several rooms were inconveniently crowded. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M. P., Provincial Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight, presided in Grand Lodge, and was supported by a large number of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, among them being Lord Cremorne S.G.W., Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P., J.G.W., H. B. Marshall Grand Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Thomas Fenn President of Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, E. E. Wendt Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, Baron De Ferrieres, M.P., and F. Davison Senior Grand Deacons, J. S. Eastes and E. Letchworth Junior Grand Deacons, Horace Jones Grand Superintendent of Works, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) P.G.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. Richards Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Griffith Smith Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Major E. Locock Grand Sword Bearer, James H. Matthews and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel E. Taylor Grand Standard Bearers, E. M. Lott Grand Organist, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, and Henry Garrod Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

The minutes of the last Communication having been confirmed, the election of Grand Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Bro. F. H. Goldney P.P.S.G.W. Wilts proposed the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He had been entrusted with the privilege of proposing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master, and did so with the fullest confidence that the proposal would meet with the hearty and unanimous approbation of the Craft. It was of great advantage to a society like Freemasonry—so large and influential, and composed of men of every class and of all countries—that it should be ruled over by one who in his own person united exalted rank, sound judgment, and ability, which commanded respect and admiration; one who, unswayed by political motives, and uninfluenced by religious faction, might be above the thoughts of envy, and beyond the reach of rivalry. Such a one had been the Prince of Wales. Born to reign over a great empire and a loyal people, he had yet more intimately attached himself to his future subjects by the bonds of Freemasonry. The eleven years of His Royal Highness's Grand Mastership will be for all time distinguished by the unprecedented increase in the Craft, both as regards numbers and social

status, and also by the extraordinary benevolence of the brethren, who, during that period, contributed to the three principal Masonic Charities upwards of £350,000, ample proof, if any were needed, of the beneficial effects of the most excellent rule of the Prince of Wales. Bro. Dr. Paul P.M. 46 seconded the proposition. He would merely say that His Royal Highness had done great service to the Craft. Masonry had flourished under the auspices of the Prince of Wales, who had done his best to promote its interests. The acting Grand Master then put the proposition to Grand Lodge, and His Royal Highness was unanimously elected. In due course he was proclaimed Grand Master by Bro. Sir Albert Woods. The next item of business—the election of Grand Treasurer—was now proceeded with. The names of three candidates nominated at the last Communication—Bro. D. P. Cama, Bro. J. Willing, and Bro. J. Woodall—being formally submitted to the brethren, scrutineers were appointed, the balloting papers collected, and the work of counting the votes commenced. Meanwhile the report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which were recommendations for grants of £50, £100, £50, £50, £80, £50, and £100 respectively was adopted, as was also that of the Board of General Purposes (both reports were given in our last issue). In reference to this letter, Brother Thomas Fenn, the President of the Board, in moving its adoption, said that the only matter in the report which required a resolution of Grand Lodge was that which referred to the suspension of Lodges and the effect of that suspension on the rights and privileges of the individual members of the Lodges suspended. Hitherto it was held that the suspension of a Lodge included all the members of the Lodge. This was abundantly proved by the reports of Grand Lodge and the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, but as this interpretation was not always followed, it was attended with great difficulties, and in some cases with great injustice. It had become the practice for brethren to belong to more Lodges than one, and it might happen that a brother fully and actively engaged in a Lodge or on a Committee of one of the Masonic Charities might find himself suspended from all his Masonic functions because he happened to belong to a distant Lodge; one which he rarely attended or in which he took any active part. It had been suggested that while suspension should attach to all the other members of the Lodge those who belonged to other Lodges should be excepted. This was unjust, because in many cases the penalty would fall on those who were comparatively innocent, while those who had been doing wrong might escape. The Board had therefore considered it would be far better to interpret the suspension of a Lodge as the suspension of its warrant, thus preventing the Lodge from meeting or performing any Masonic functions while those brethren for whose wrongdoing the Lodge had been suspended should be dealt with individually. Grand Lodge was not called upon to make a new law, but to adopt an interpretation of an existing one which was suggested by the Board of General Purposes. As we have already said, the report was adopted. The report of the Special Building Committee (also published in our last issue) was then submitted. Sir John B. Monckton, Chairman of the Building Committee, moved its adoption; Brother Raynham W. Stewart seconded, and the report—involving a grant of £800—was adopted. The Auditors' report was passed, and then the appeals

—as given last week—were considered. The first and second were dismissed as frivolous and vexatious; the third was allowed, with a direction that there should be communicated to the D.G.M. the reason—that the brother censured was not called upon to explain. The fourth appeal was also allowed, with an addendum that the District Grand Master thought he was doing his duty, and wished to regard the supreme authority of Grand Lodge.

The announcement of the result of the poll for Grand Treasurership was then made, the following being the return of the Scrutineers:—

For Bro. John Woodall	749 votes
„ „ James Willing jun.	424 „
„ „ D. P. Cama	89 „

The acting Grand Master having declared Brother Woodall duly elected, a protest was handed in on behalf of Bro. Willing, but this was not entertained, the acting Grand Master stating that he had declared Bro. Woodall elected. Grand Lodge was then formally closed.

BACKSLIDING AND BIGOTRY.

FREEMASONRY, according to its enemies, is in the unenviable position of being “between the Devil and the deep sea.” The expurgation of the cardinal landmark of the Order—the name of God—on the one hand, and the curses of the Pope of Rome and his satellites on the other, seem to give colour to the supposition that before very long either his Satanic majesty will claim his own, or that the Craft will be hurled into oblivion, never again to emerge to corrupt mankind, and to trouble Holy Mother Church. If curses and misrepresentation could effect either or both these ends Freemasons would long ago have paid the penalty of imputed wickedness. Somehow or other the Fraternity has escaped even the temporary punishment inflicted upon that famous Jackdaw which the humorous Barham has immortalised, notwithstanding that candle, bell and book have been freely used in bitter denunciation. They refuse to yield to curses, to even moult a feather; they object to enforced obscurity, and defy the ignorance and malignity of their assailants, as strongly as they regret the backsliding of their French brethren. Unlike the poor bird of the legend, they have escaped visible chastisement, but instead of being accounted “pious” as the reward of restitution, they are damned for their perversity. Still they flourish, in happy ignorance of an impending doom, and are greater stumbling-blocks than ever to tyranny of every kind.

At the present time cowans are taking a peculiar interest in Freemasonry, and it must be confessed that much that is now taking place, both at home and on the Continent, is calculated to attract the gaping multitude. There is the eccentric conduct of M. Andrieux, a French Radical Deputy, formerly Prefect of Police at Paris; a quondam brother, now renegade and slanderer. Then there is the Grand Orient of France, the highest Masonic authority in that country, who declared, in 1877, and has since maintained, that it is not necessary for initiates to affirm their belief in the existence of the Deity. The Grand Lodge of England take a different view, and has broken off intercourse with our French brethren. The Grand Orient do not take their ostracism kindly, and would fain pose as martyrs to English Puritanism. All these matters afford food for scandal, an article that never lacks admirers, and which is as dearly cherished now by the idle and the vicious as ever it was. Sheridan but emphasized the love of slander when he wrote that incomparable play the “School for Scandal.” As if to complicate matters, the Roman Catholic Church comes down with its anathemas against all secret societies, and especially signals out Freemasonry as the object of its bitter and vindictive assaults. The situation, therefore, is not only interesting, but is pregnant with grave issues. The mere looker-on, the man who seeks amusement in the entanglement of interests and purposes, will find pleasure in the *imbroglio*. The judicious, who love truth and progress, and not empty demagogisms; those who value simple faith in God and immortality higher than they do the gaudy trappings of an imperious, haughty and persecuting Church, will feel pained at the unholy warfare that is being waged, and will shrink with disgust from the weapons that the enemies of Freemasonry so freely use,

M. Andrieux may be dismissed very briefly. His record is not good. As Prefect of Police he necessarily became possessed of secrets, which he is now disclosing in a newspaper started by himself a short time ago. A man who forgets the obligations of office directly he ceases to hold it can hardly be accounted honourable; but when he uses those secrets to further his own personal ends no language within the bounds of newspaper courtesy is strong enough to denounce such conduct. No wonder need be felt that this same Andrieux is trying to carry on a similar traffic in what are termed the secrets of Freemasonry. He it was who broke up the monasteries in Paris, an act he now condemns. By this means, and by his attacks upon Freemasonry, he has gained some favour with French ecclesiastics. They condone past misconduct with present repentance, and particularly gloat over what they fondly believe to be revelations of the crimes of the Craft. We do not care to disabuse their minds. Any stick is good enough to beat a dog with, and any tool, however foul, seems to be welcome when used by the Roman Catholic Church against Freemasonry. Ignorance is the parent of folly and misunderstanding, and so far as those are concerned whose good opinion we value, we feel we have done enough in laying bare the character of M. Andrieux to secure the Craft from a hasty condemnation. As for secrets, the French renegade can do no harm. He can disclose nothing that cannot be already known without his aid. The knowledge is not worth the seeking, for were the cowan to possess it he could not use it. He would lack the key, which the expert alone holds. These disclosures of M. Andrieux, such as they are, coupled with the omission of the recognition of God by the Grand Orient, has given a handle to the French clerical newspapers. They have some right of complaint against the Craft in France, but none against the Craft in England, at least so far as their attitude to religion is concerned. We are not interested in the subtle distinctions set up by M. Cousin, Grand Master of the Supreme Council of the Grand Orient; we are quite certain that no possible explanation can rid us of the objection we have to the expunging of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from our ceremonies. The position taken up by the Grand Lodge of England is not open even to discussion, and as our Grand Master has firmly, but courteously declined to re-open the question of the relative positions of the two great bodies, we accept his decision as wise and just.

One of the most extraordinary diatribes ever launched against Freemasonry is the Lenten pastoral lately issued by Dr. Bagshawe, Roman Catholic Bishop of Nottingham. We might here point out that the title the rev. gentleman has assumed is an usurped one. What was once only tolerated has now become a right, only to vanish again some day when the Romish Church shall be seen—as it always has been—the enemy to progress and the tyrant of princes and people. Dr. Bagshawe begins his pastoral by lamenting the alienation of certain funds by the Government of Italy from the Pope, while “so-called Christian Governments” did not think it “worth while to lift a finger in defence of the Supreme Pastor of the Christian flock.” When sheep stray, neglect is imputed to the shepherd; and when children forsake their parents, they can generally produce some justification for their conduct. Then we are told that “multitudes deny the very existence of God; many more deny all knowledge of Him. . . . Many deny the immortality of the soul, and a future state of reward and punishments.” The consequences of this unbelief are set forth, and among them are—“that marriage has no longer any sanctity; divorces and adulteries are condoned and approved; nay, murder is glorified and becomes heroic.” The principal objects of life are “to get rich and to wallow in sensual pleasures;” to destroy and root out “all Christian education of children,” with the view of making the rising generation “more immoral and less religious than the ancient pagans themselves.” The catalogue of crime is both long and terrible, and it is all owing to those wicked Freemasons. Has not the Pope proclaimed it, and do not his followers take up the parrot cry? The reason for all this wrath and lamentation is not to be found in real sorrow for sin, but in the fact that Freemasonry is hostile to the Romish Church. “Do we not,” asks Dr. Bagshawe, “in effect see the hostile movement against the Church and Holy See has grown in extent and importance in proportion as the Freemasons have grown; that the chief and most influential enemies of the Church have been invariably Freemasons,

and that the Governments which betrayed and persecuted her have been Freemason Governments?" This admission covers the whole ground, and what the Pope is fighting for is his own hand, which is not quite the same thing as absolute truth and right. All the fine phrases about infidelity, immorality, and plunder are used as they affect the Romish Church, and apparently have no wider application. We can forgive much when a foe is driven to desperation; nevertheless it is only prudent to let the world know now and then that the Romish scolds are not altogether the disinterested beings they themselves would make out. Dr. Bagshawe says "the principles of the movements have been consistently avowed and defended in Masonic journals and speeches . . . and the open acts of the society declared its complicity with the evil." We take it that the writer intends these sentences to apply to what follows in reference to the acts alleged to have been committed by French Freemasons from the great Revolution to the present time. We leave our French brethren to defend themselves, as doubtless they are well able to do. For ourselves, we have only pity and contempt for men who forget all the amenities of truth.

We are not left long in doubt as to what Dr. Bagshawe thinks of English Freemasonry. Our French brethren are paid the left-handed compliment of being more open in their evil work than ourselves. Apparently, we are harmless, but really we are the wolf in sheep's clothing, and this is how we have gained this unenviable character. Says our judge: "We do not doubt that a great multitude of English Freemasons would hold such deeds [of the French Revolution] in horror, for it is the avowed principle of Freemasonry to keep always a secret in reserve from its disciples, until its highest grades be reached, so that the three symbolic grades, and even the dignitaries, may easily know little or nothing of what is done and purposed by their superiors in the Order in the higher secret grades." How dreadful! Companions and Knights Templars, what horrors are committed in your names. How do you manage to concoct so much evil, and why, oh why, do you yield your secrets to the Romish Church alone? A little further on Dr. Bagshawe twits the English Freemasons with their inconsistency in contending for the acknowledgment of the name of God while they permit the omission of the name of Christ. The answer is obvious. Craft Freemasonry unites the whole religious world in one bond of Brotherhood, brings them together on one common ground where the bitterness of controversy cannot enter, and where the persecuting priest and the tyrant can find no foothold. The other degrees enlarge the scope of inquiry, while Knights Templary embraces the soldiers of Christ. But this fact will not satisfy Dr. Bagshawe, for according to his theory it is amongst the disciples of the higher degrees of Freemasonry that all the evils he deplors are conceived and matured, from which even the profession of faith in Christ does not save them. In fact no profession except that of belief in the Pope will satisfy this angry Bishop. He gets bolder as he proceeds with his pastoral, and says, "there are abundant proofs that the English and Scotch Masons are one with those on the Continent." He does not furnish any proof, however, but simply refers to the records of Mackey to show that "nearly all the Continental Grand Lodges were established by members of either English or Scotch Lodges." This proves nothing, unless it be the fact that the sire may be good and the progeny sometimes degenerate. Perhaps Dr. Bagshawe could find some apt illustrations of this theory even in Holy Mother Church. Not only is Freemasonry bad in itself, but, urges our authority, "all other secret societies, spreading their deadly poison and ruin to Christian States, are dependents and accomplices, and willing servants and instruments." Then follow warnings and maledictions, and so ends this pastoral of a Christian Bishop to a Christian people.

What a mockery of that Charity which covereth a multitude of sins, which hopeth all things; what a perversion of that spirit of humility which Christ exhibited. What a violation of truth. What can be the object of these Roman Catholic bigots? Surely it may be said of them, those whom the gods wished to destroy they first drove made. Silence would best become them if they do not wish the shame and sin of ages to be laid bare. With such a record,—written in blood, lighted with consuming flame, conceived in tyranny and carried into execution with barbarity—we marvel at the temerity of Romish advocates. Let the past go; a modern instance or two will

show that the old Adam is still alive. We are accused of being the accomplices of murder. We deny the charge, and hurl it back in the teeth of the Romish Church. We point to Ireland, where the priests have held unquestionable sway and power for generations, and we ask—What is the record there? We are told that the Government of Italy robbed the Church, but we are not informed that the head of the Government counted his kingly dignity of small moment compared with his high sense of justice, that he voluntarily offered himself as a witness in a common court of law that right might be done. And is it not on record that this same king risked his life among the poor cholera patients that he might lend succour and strength to the sufferers? We might multiply these suggestive comparisons, we might take the war into the enemy's country with powerful effect, but we have said enough to expose slanderers and correct misrepresentations. As Masons we are indifferent to the fulminations of Papal priests, but as citizens we repudiate them.

THE THEATRES.

THE PRINCESS'S.

THE play of "Junius, or the Household Gods," by the late Lord Lytton, presented by Mr. Barrett on Thursday week, for the first time on any stage, is a tragedy in the highest sense of the word. It relies in no way for its interest on well-drilled crowds, startling effects or clever theatrical situations. It is simple, intense, and powerful,—as the old classic tragedies. We feel that fate is dogging the steps of the wrongdoer. The prophecy of the Sibyl, who announces that only with the destruction of the household gods shall vengeance awake and false Sextus' doom be sealed. Our interest is in the development of the human emotions made living by the poet's words, as uttered in thrilling accents that hold us spell-bound. There have been many tragedies on the theme of the Tarquins' fall—some making the assumed madness of Junius the centre of interest. Howard Payne's culminated in the intensely dramatic crisis where Junius condemns his own sons to death as adherents of the Tarquins. Lord Lytton avoids temptation to melodramatic points. It may, perhaps, be regretted he has so slightly indicated the disloyalty of the sons of Brutus, thus foregoing the opportunity for the display of most poignant passion on the part of their patriotic father. Seeing it, however, as it is, we hesitate to wish it otherwise. The mounting is magnificent, not that we are impressed at once by its costliness, but the Rome through which Horatius went forth to meet Lars Porsena seems actually summoned from the past, with its temples, palaces, and towers; its humbler streets, and the life that filled the city in the brave days of old. The curtain rises on a street scene, with a distant view of the city. Here a group of conspirators are assembled; they are presently joined by Junius, whose simulated idiocy is not made too prominent a feature by Mr. Barrett. No grander figure than this Junius—with his pale, classic face, white hair and white robe—has trod the stage in our generation. The Tarquin gens was of Greek origin, and Mr. Willard, as Sextus, has marked the difference of race in his manner and bearing. It is a fine scene where Sextus enters, with his rose-crowned companions; breaks up the meeting of the conspirators, and mocks the patriot Junius, who is biding his time to avenge his own and his country's wrongs. A most pleasant surprise was afforded the audience by the entrance of Miss Eastlake, who has endowed Lucretia with all the calm dignity befitting the typical martyr of matron purity. The second scene brings us to Tarquin's palace, where Sextus makes the bet with Collatinus, despite Junius' effort to prevent it. Mr. Willard gave a fine picture here of the reckless tyrant, as he lolls on the triclinium whilst his slaves sing, to the accompaniment of the citabo. Here Mr. Neville Doone's "Nonsense! Yes, by Jove!" is certainly out of place, and should be reformed. The scene that follows it is one of the most impressive in the play. It is night, and among lofty pine trees lie the ruined pillars of the temple of Romulus, the moss-grown altar still standing. Here Junius is met by Vindex, the trusted slave and spy of Sextus, who has been ordered to kill the dangerous madman. Vindex is disarmed, and his life spared; whereupon he swears devotion to Junius. Here also a group of conspirators meet to discuss their plans, but they scornfully refuse the proffered adherence of Junius, who is left alone, to muse on the misery of his country. It is then the weird sybil emerges from the rocks, and foretells the downfall of Tarquin, when the measure of his iniquities is full, and the household gods are shattered. The third act passes in Lucretia's home. The curtain rises on a lofty hall; it is late evening, the lamps burn dimly; the fire flickers on the hearth, round which stand the tutelary lares. Lucretia sits with her maidens beguiling her husband's absence—

"As she plied the distaff,
In a sweet voice and loud she sang."

Sextus enters and claims a night's shelter. Lovely Lucretia looks, in her long soft drapery and Roman coiffure of tendril curls. He offers her love. "Her husband may be divorced, and she, as Tarquin's wife, shall be Queen of Rome." His offer scorned, he professes it was but made to prove her supreme virtue. Then, with troubled mind, she commends him to the care of her slaves, and retires. Here the most difficult part of the play has to be encountered. The desired end is, however, achieved by a fine inspiration of the author. The horror is acutely realised, but with no word or cry. Tarquin glides from his chamber to seek Lucretia's, and as he approaches the

threshold of her chamber the moonlight sky, seen through the open door, grows black, and from the clouds a lightning flash strikes the hearthstone, and the household gods lay shattered amid its ruins. Sextus's own doom is sealed. The scene in the fourth act, where Lucretia summonses her kinsmen to hear the recital of her wrongs, and avenge her, gives a fine opportunity to the actress, and Miss Eastlake held her audience spell-bound by her icy agony. This lady has a most trying and difficult task in the long address to her kinsmen, but she spoke it with the tragic intensity befitting the occasion of the moment, yet with a self-repression and restrained passion worthy of all praise. Here Junius throws off all disguise, and, in a magnificent address, calls on his kinsmen and Lucretia's to do justice on Tarquin. We could have wished Collatinus had displayed more emotion, or that the kinsmen, as they listen to Lucretia, would exhibit more natural pity and horror. Act 5 takes us again to the palace of Tarquin. In the audience hall stands the gold throne, high on its marble dais. The roof is hidden by splendid velaria, draped from the Corinthian capitals. Sextus, pale and conscience-stricken, sits on the throne. He appeals for advice to his soothsayer, Sophronion (Mr. Dewhurst), but is met with scorn; for help to his guards, who mock him. News comes of revolt in the city, when a cry of "Room for the household gods!" is heard. The bronze gates are thrown open, and Lucretia's lifeless form is brought in. Sextus would escape, but is dragged up the marble steps by Junius, and stabbed at the foot of the throne. The curtain fell amid universal and most enthusiastic applause. Each principal actor was summoned by name, and Mr. Wilson Barrett had to return again and again, and still the house seemed unwilling to part with one to whom they owe so much. We cannot close our notice without a cordial recognition of the singularly fine presentment of Vindex, the Eastern slave, played with an Eastern fervour and barbaric force by Mr. Hudson. It is a remarkable creation. Miss Leighton as the Sybil, a small part, has yet fine opportunity to display her impressive elocutionary powers. Her stately presence is of great value. Mr. Speakman as the captain of the guard played with that sincerity and force which always distinguishes him. We regret we cannot praise Mr. Clifford Cooper, who, as the Roman patrician Lucretius, was certainly neither Roman nor patrician in voice or bearing. Lucretius should for no moment forget his dignity of caste and race. He should be, above all things, a Roman noble. In Lucretia's dishonour, not his heart alone but the altars of his ancestors have been outraged. The music, composed and arranged by Mr. Jones, is in excellent taste, a mere undercurrent of melody, never obtrusive, it often intensifies the feeling of the spoken words.

HAYMARKET.

THE revival of "Masks and Faces," at the Haymarket, last Saturday, was welcomed with an enthusiasm that few successful "first nights" could excel. "The calm that marks the caste" of orchestra stalls and balcony vanished at the touch of that sweet womanly pathos, with fleeting lights of smiles and tears, when Peg Woffington is the arch enchantress. Pocket-handkerchiefs were in requisition all over the house, however skilfully dissembled. Mrs. Bancroft played her part with the old charm and freshness; surely we can give no higher praise. Mr. Bancroft gave his carefully-finished study of the gentle-hearted starveling poet. His interview with Lady Vane, when he struggles with his famished longing for the tempting bisonits, was indicated with artistic delicacy. Mr. Bancroft has so rarely trusted himself to a portrayal of the stronger emotions that his rendering of Triplet has the greater claim on our hearty recognition. Miss Calhoun was at her best as Lady Vane; she looked the girl-wife to perfection, and acted with a most pleasant sincerity. Messrs. Kemble and Brookfield are excellent actors, but are too much given to accentuate all they touch. It is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Wyatt into the world of high comedy. His Soaper proves he may soon win an assured position.

ROYALTY.

CROWDED houses and the box-office returns might prove M. Mayer has been well advised to revive "Niniche" for Mme. Jane May's second visit to us, that charming young lady taking the title part. The scene opens, as our readers doubtless know, at Tronville, and no further than Dean-street we may enjoy the fun and the absurdities of life on the sands. In these dull foggy days the sight of the beau baigneur Gregoire (M. Colombey) inspires one with breezy cheerfulness. Colombey is at his best in the part, his professional pride, his ambition to possess the red ribbon. He finds no consolation in his own medals—"any fool would pull a drowning man out of the water, but you can't get the Legion of Honour by doing anything." He is terribly troubled by the adoration of his fair clients, but ambition fills his soul. There is a Count Corniski and his lovely wife staying at the hotel, and through the Countess Gregoire hopes to secure his decoration. She appears very lovely, girlish and innocent, as presented to us by Mme. May. This is surely not "Niniche" the impertinent minx to whom Mdlle. Judic introduced us. This is a refined and pure-hearted young lady, who for mere gaiety of heart is playing at being a something she knows nothing about. We have not Niniche, but we have that which is so much better and brighter and pleasanter; we scarcely think one in the audience could have wished a more realistic interpretation. She gives us something quite other than Messieurs Hennequin and Millaud intended in their heroine. A Rosalind—not with a spear, in the forest of Arden—but still under the necessity of dissembling in this preposterous world of pantomime in which she has lost her way. As Mr. Pigott does not object, why should we cry fie? And then the play undoubtedly is immensely funny; the acting so bright, brisk, and spontaneous, one has no time to stop to criticise. Didier, as the solemn, severely proper, bald-headed Polish Count, makes a splendid portrait of a diplomatist; Madame Ricquier as the lively friend of Niniche is excellent. Our ever-welcome Schey is delightful as the

benevolent confidant, who is brought to dire straits by his cheerful trustfulness. Mme. Lion as the femme de chambre is the perfection of pertness and piquancy. Mme. Santa in a very small part, Courdier, Debray, and Ricquier all giving efficient aid in the neat finish of the picture. The colouring is surely excellent—would only the draughtsmanship of the authors were a little less *écœuré* Régence.

GAIETY.

THROUGH the noxious sentimentalism and dull factiousness of a multitudinous Matinée, the genuine fun of the London Assurance gave us last Thursday most welcome relief. The play was a little old fashioned perhaps, as some old college chum returning from long absence in regions where ozone is plentiful; but with lively Helen Barry as Lady Gay, and William Farren as Courtley, the old fashioned flavour makes it no less pleasant. Mr. Herbert was agreeable, and the rest of the cast were efficient.

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Miss Minnie Bell, a clever emotional actress from the provincial stage, has introduced "A Fair Sinner" to the London public. This is described as an original drama, by W. Appleton, but it strangely suggests a consommé of some very weak French romance:—A scowling husband, an idiotic father, an undecided lover and a lady with the usual "aching heart" are the chief characters, but they were so cleverly played they almost seemed possible. There is one very dramatic situation, where the husband (Mr. Macdona) forces the lover (Mr. Rosier) to play *écarté*, with their lives as the stake. This roused even a matinee audience to enthusiasm. Mr. Giddens as a cockney millionaire was delightful, in vivacious Foker style. The Hon. Member for Easthampton was in a private box, and seemed much entertained by Secretary Baffin's tribulations.

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Though the favourite Blue-beard still proves attractive Mr. Burnand's "Mazeppa" is, we learn, in active rehearsal. It is to be produced at an early date.

STRAND.

THE members of the St. Swithin's Amateur Dramatic Club gave an excellent performance of "Caste," on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, at the Royal Strand Theatre. The band, conducted by Mr. Max Schröter, played a good selection of music. The parts of the Hon. George D'Alroy and Capt. Hawtree were taken by Messrs. W. F. Lee and R. C. Lochlein. Mr. E. C. Silverthorne, the stage manager, took that of Eccles, and he portrayed the drunken father carefully. Mr. J. W. Williams also did well as Sam Gerridge. The Misses Effie Liston and Cora Stuart took the parts respectively of Esther and Polly Eccles, and the latter kept the audience amused with her jokes and trickery in making the haughty Captain her slave. Mr. Gaston Murray (by permission of Messrs. Hare and Kendal) appeared as the Marquise de St. Maur, and Mr. G. G. McCulloch as Dixon. The acting was admirable throughout, while the dresses and scenery were everything that could be desired.

THE GRAND.

THREE years ago Miss Litton, whose early death has been so great a loss, first introduced "Mankind" to a West End audience, and the West End playgoer learnt that in London, unknown to its Middlesex population, an actor could be found with power sufficient to almost congeal the blood in the veins of his audience, and capable of displaying intensity of passion such as Robson of the old days or Irving at the present time alone could command. Mr. George Conquest's Daniel Groodje, the centenarian miser and murderer, is a Rembrandt portrait that might hang by the side of Daddy Hardacre or Matthias and lose no tone of its grand colouring. Unhappily Mr. Conquest returned to the unknown land on the other side of the artistic Rubicon, though many whom he had fascinated by his weird power have since made pilgrimages across the Thames. We rejoice, however, to be able to say he has brought the same drama to the Grand, where he is delighting large audiences. Mr. Conquest is supported by a capable company; especially we must commend his "masher" miscreant, Mr. Nye, while we cannot too highly praise the delightful delicacy, tenderness, and unaffected pathos of Miss Amy MacNeil, who, in the part of the heroine, may bear comparison with our recollections of Miss Litton. We hear Miss MacNeil has accepted an engagement at Drury Lane, and we heartily congratulate Mr. Harris on his good fortune. Next Monday Mr. George Conquest will make his appearance as Zacky Pastrana in "For Ever."

Bro. Dr. Whalley, M.A., and Bro. Jules Richet, D.C.L., had the honour to give recitals from Shakespeare on Friday, 20th ult., before a distinguished assembly, at a drawing-room conversation given at Windsor. Holding high honours and orders, both English and Continental, these gentlemen take high rank as Shakesperian exponents, both in England and France. The beautiful passages from "As you like it," "Romeo and Juliet," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Much ado about nothing," given by Mons. Jules Richet, formed a pleasant contrast to the selections from "Macbeth," "Hamlet," "Othello," "Richard III.," &c., given by Dr. Whalley. The beauty and pathos of one, along with the force and polish of the other, produced a good effect, and ringing cheers greeted each. On Saturday both gentlemen were engaged in a work of charity, for the benefit of institutions connected with destitute women and girls of London, in which an especial interest is taken and high patronage given by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Martin W.M., Dewsnap P.M. S.W., Wall J.W., Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Lyon Treasurer, Lion S.D., Davis I.G., Van Noorden Organist, Dodson P.M. D.C., P.M.'s Alexander, Myers, Levy, Baker. Visitors—Inwards 1320, Hooper 1320, Jacobs P.P.G.P. Essex, Lichtenfeld 205, Lyon 185. After preliminaries, Bro. Bendit was raised. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Thomas and Marks, who were duly initiated into the Order. The ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M. A notice of motion, given by Bro. Levy P.M., that in future the Lodge, in electing an honorary member shall qualify him as a fully subscribing member, was carried. Lodge was then closed, the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, provided by Bro. Dawkins, and superintended by Bro. Silver. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Alexander P.M. responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and then proposed the health of the W.M., paying him a just compliment for his excellent working. The absence of the I.P.M. was deplored, as it was caused by indisposition. The W.M. made an appropriate response. Bro. Dodson acknowledged the toast of the P.M.'s, and Bros. Marks and Thomas the toast of the Initiates. The latter brother made an excellent speech. The Visitors, the Wardens, the Treasurer, Secretary and Junior Officers were also honoured. Bros. Baker P.M. and Laundry contributed to the harmony.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE, No. 507.

WITH the annual election meeting, which was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on the evening of Thursday, the 22nd ult., Bro. H. E. Joyce, editor of the *Shipping Gazette*, brought to an eminently successful termination his two consecutive years of office as Worshipful Master of this old and vigorous Lodge. Bro. Joyce's interest in the Lodge of his adoption has all along been exemplified in the most practical form, for besides infusing into its membership many of his personal friends, in the City and in the Lewisham district, where he resides and is well-known, both in public and private life; he has stimulated the brethren to a keen sense of their duties and obligations respecting the Masonic Charities. These qualities were so appreciated during his first year of office that on the expiration of his term, the brethren unanimously decided upon paying him a compliment which falls to the lot of very few Masons, namely, to re-elect him to the chair. The expectations that were then formed respecting his retention of the office have been fully realised during the year, and the admirable services rendered by Bro. Joyce to the Lodge by whom he has been so honoured, and deservedly so, were amply recognised on the occasion to which we refer. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. E. Blake S.W., Terry P.M. acting as J.W., Peters P.M. Secretary, Wiltshire S.D., Noakes J.D., Worsfold W.S., Sharman C.S., Jordan Organist, Harrison Tyler. The other Past Masters present were Bros. Watts, Cooper and Beckley; and amongst the Visitors were Bros. Bing P.M. 1597, Sindall P.M. 1293, Skelton P.M. 1056, Breton P.M. 788, Williams S.D. 788, Abbott P.M. 192, Winnett 1397, Bennett 1415, Watson 73, Dodson 1397, Pickering 11, and others. Ancient formalities having been observed, and the minutes of previous Lodge confirmed, a ballot was opened for Mr. Marshall, who had been nominated by Bro. Peters P.M. and Secretary, and seconded by Bro. Blake S.W. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Marshall was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremony being performed in perfect manner by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Cockell, having answered the questions satisfactorily, was entrusted, and on his return to the Lodge he was passed to the second degree; after which Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bro. Edgar was raised to the sublime degree, all the work being done by the Worshipful Master in impressive manner and with Preceptor-like ability. Notwithstanding the formidable character of the agenda, Bro. Joyce elected to carry through the whole of the rites unaided, and it is no empty compliment to him to say his working afforded considerable edification, as well as pleasure, to all present. The brethren then proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the choice fell unanimously on Bro. Blake, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past twelve months. Bro. Blake suitably returned thanks for the unanimous vote of the brethren, and said as it had afforded him great pleasure to do his duty in the office he now filled, so would it be his pride and pleasure, while in the chair, to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Grellett P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison Tyler. An Audit Committee was appointed, of the whole Lodge, and the meeting was fixed for Thursday, 12th inst., at 5.30 p.m., when the revised Bye-laws of the Lodge will be considered. A petition had been received from a distressed brother, and it was resolved to recommend the case to the Board of Benevolence. At the conclusion of business, the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Joyce W.M., who, in genial spirit, conducted the festivities of the evening. The Worshipful Master proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Deputy and Pro Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. Referring to His Royal Highness's intended visit to Ireland, he considered it was a bold step to take, though he questioned if it was well-advised in the present disquiet condition of the sister isle. However, his resolve to go there as a messenger of peace proved that he was possessed of the manliness of heart of a true Englishman and a true Mason. At this stage of the proceedings

Bro. Joyce presented to the Lodge a handsomely-bound volume of music, which was accepted with thanks and amidst loud cheers. The Immediate Past Master (Bro. Peters), in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said he could not help being reminded of the autumn evenings, when they watched the setting sun and saw the pristine colours as old Sol disappeared behind the horizon. So it was now with their esteemed Worshipful Master, who was about to vacate the chair of this Lodge as the sun setting in glorious splendour, carrying with him the affection and good feeling of every member of the Lodge. They all felt delighted with what Bro. Joyce had done during the time he had been in office. He had improved the Lodge in many ways, and there could not be a better proof of his affection for it than by his having introduced into the Lodge many of his best personal friends. This was not his mother Lodge, but he certainly regarded it with the affection he might feel towards a step-mother; and although, as they knew, he was about to take an active part in another Lodge, in his own district, they would all rejoice that he would still come amongst them and continue, by his valuable counsel and experience, to uphold the Lodge of his adoption. The Worshipful Master, who was cordially received on rising to reply, thanked the brethren very much for the kind way in which they had received the toast, couched in such friendly terms by his Immediate Past Master. He could only say the two years during which he had filled the chair of this Lodge had been eventful ones to him. He had been exceedingly proud of that position—so proud indeed that there need not be the slightest fear of what Bro. Peters seemed to indicate, namely, that of lessening his interest in this Lodge in behalf of any new one in which he might be interested. They had been reminded that this was the Lodge of his adoption. His mother Lodge, as many present knew, was far too official for him. He was not official at all, and so he joined this Lodge, and no man was ever more devoted to his mother Lodge than he had been to this Lodge of his adoption. That they had felt this was evidenced by their kindness to him during the two years he had occupied the chair, and that kindness had culminated to-night in the very cordial manner in which they had received the mention of his name. He trusted the day might be far distant, not only when he should cease to be a member of this Lodge, but when he should cease to be an active member of it. He knew of certain Past Masters who were so in name only; and though he did not like to speak reproachfully, he regretted there were such Masons. But, turning to a more agreeable subject, he was enabled to speak of Past Masters who did attend, and who were of great and valuable assistance to the Master. He had to thank the Past Masters who were present that evening, and who were ever ready to tender their aid in carrying out any work that he might undertake. His thanks were especially due to the Past Masters for the great help they had been to him during his term of office, without which he could not have carried on the duties to their satisfaction. He also thanked his Officers and the brethren generally for their kind support during his term. He did not suppose that any Master who had preceded him had had such opportunities as had fallen to his lot of initiating members, who had spread so widely the name of the United Pilgrims' Lodge. He had initiated members who were now scattered over the four quarters of the globe, and the United Pilgrims' Lodge had now representatives in China, British Columbia, Canada, the Cape, and Australia. These brethren all retained their names on the roll; and they had recently an exhibition of the love they bore to the Lodge when one who had been initiated in it before going abroad waited until his return to England for the completion of the ceremonies. Two others were looking forward to resuming active membership on their return home from abroad. He hoped the success which had attended him in office would be continued next year, and he had little fear on that head, seeing that one of his chicks was to follow him. He had only one thing to say, and it was this—when Bro. Blake got into the chair he would not have such a capital I.P.M. to prompt him as he (the speaker) had. He should strive to emulate Bro. Peters when he subsided into that chair, and should do his utmost to support the Lodge, for which he wished many years of prosperity, with the same harmony and goodwill that now characterised it. So long as he had health and strength he should not cease to be an active member of the Lodge. That was his intention, and it was the only way in which he could show his appreciation of the great kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Initiate, the toast being warmly received, and Bro. Marshall briefly replied, to the effect that he should endeavour to carry himself as a Mason, an officer, and a gentleman. The next toast was that of the Visitors, to whom the W.M. extended a hearty welcome. Bro. Williams, who was most cordially received, said it was always a great pleasure to Visitors to any Lodge to have the privilege of returning thanks for this toast, and he thought he might say that the visitors to-night shared that pleasure and that privilege. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master elect, said anything that he had himself done to sustain the position of the Lodge would, he felt sure, be continued when Bro. Blake occupied the chair, and that at the expiration of his term of office he would leave the Lodge in as good a position as he found it. Bro. Blake W.M. elect responded in suitable terms. Several other complimentary toasts followed, including the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and the proceedings were fittingly concluded with the Tyler's toast. An abundance of good vocal and instrumental music, interspersing the toasts, tended materially to enhance the pleasures of the evening.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

THE usual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th February, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Bros. Harwood W.M., John Barrett S.W., Cosgrave J.W., George Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, Nicholson P.M. Secretary, Taylor P.M. D.C., Derham I.G., Roiley Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Thos. Morris, G. R.

Brockbank, W. Blain, Thos. Higson, W. Court, Robt. Latham; Bros. Whewell, Smith, Pendlebury, Naylor, Jas. Lever, Brierley, Arden, Parkinson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lever having passed a satisfactory examination was entrusted. After he had retired the Lodge was opened in the second; the candidate was readmitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, by Bro. Robt. Latham, and the working tools were explained to him by the S.W. Lodge was then closed to the first degree. The Secretary read a letter from the Treasurer of the Ball Committee (Bro. G. P. Brockbank), stating that from the surplus funds the sum of twenty pounds had been paid to the credit of this Lodge with the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, constituting the W.M. for the time being a Vice-President of that Institution. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank, it was resolved that the Lodge become a subscriber annually of £1 1s in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in response to circular issued by Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the School. The circular for the evening exhibited a large amount of work to be done, but owing to the illness and absence of some of the Officers the programme was considerably curtailed. Bro. W. Blain Past Master of the Lodge delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the degree, and greatly enchanted the brethren by his quiet, dignified and correct rendering of this important part of Masonic working. Closed in peace and harmony at 7.30.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, on Monday, the 2nd instant, at 6 o'clock. Bros. Pacey W.M., Poyntz S.W., Hardcastle J.W., Brockbank Secretary, Lomax S.D., Naylor J.D., Nightingale I.G., Roiley Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Johnson Mills, John Morris Prov. G.S.W., Freeman and Garstang; also Bros. Forrest, Thompson, Murphy, Robinson, Golding, Gillibrand, Clarke and Mather; Visitor Bro. Jno. Skelton W.M. 146. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. Murphy and Thompson passed a satisfactory examination as to their proficiency, and being entrusted with a test of merit retired. Lodge was opened in the third, when Bros. Murphy and Thompson were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the W.M.; the working tools of the degree were explained by Bro. Mills. Later on Mr. Thos. Baines, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation, was balloted for, elected and duly initiated an Entered Apprentice Freemason by the W.M. The working tools of the degree were explained to him by Bro. Brockbank. A portion of the ancient rules and charges having been read by the Senior Warden, the Lodge was closed in form and with prayer at nine o'clock.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 550.

ON Tuesday afternoon this Lodge assembled at the Town Hall, Folkestone, for the purpose of installing Brother S. Joseph as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. L. Hart, and at its close the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. A. Petts S.W., A. Crane J.W., G. Flint S.D., H. Waite J.D., H. S. Roberts Organist, W. Goddard I.G., F. Francis and W. Dunk Stewards, and Job Baker Tyler. Among those present at the installation were the following:—P.M.'s G. L. Hart, J. Sherwood, H. Stock, W. L. Earnshaw, S. Penfold, F. Klatt, Jas. Kennett, A. H. Holbein, W. Francis, R. White, H. Samson, and C. Gosby 1436, T. G. Pulley 340, and F. Binckes P.G.S. and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Lodge was also honoured by the presence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Kent (Bro. J. S. Eastes G.J.D.) An interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation of a jewel to the I.P.M. (Bro. Hart), who has presided as W.M. for the past two years, and rendered most distinguished service to the Lodge, he having initiated no less than 18 brethren. Bro. Stock, who was entrusted with the duty of making the presentation, referred in eulogistic terms to the able manner in which the I.P.M. had filled the post, and to his untiring efforts to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bros. Spargen and Waite. About sixty were present. The W.M. (Bro. Joseph) presided. The Worshipful Master proposed in able terms the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent (Bro. J. S. Eastes), who responded. Bro. S. Renford proposed the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent Present and Past, to which Bro. F. Klatt replied. The toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, was entrusted to Bro. Sherwood, who proposed it in an admirable speech. The Masonic Charities was given by Bro. Pulley, and acknowledged by Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' Institution. Following this toast, the Charity-bag was passed round, and a handsome sum was collected, which a brother generously made up to ten guineas, which will be handed to Bro. J. N. Rogers, who will represent the Temple Lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Boys' Masonic Institution in June next. The Visitors, proposed by Bro. Stock, and responded to by Bro. Poole; the Installing Master, proposed by Bro. Binckes, and acknowledged by Bro. Hart; the Past Masters of the Temple Lodge, to which Bro. H. Stock replied; the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bro. A. Petts replied; and the Tyler's toast concluded the list. The musical arrangements were under the able conductorship of Bro. H. S. Roberts Organist, and the following contributed songs:—Bros. H. Clements, W. Dunk, C. Sheath, W. Francis, and W. H. Major.

KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

A REGULAR meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 23rd ultimo, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn. Bros.

Barclay W.M., Kiallmark S.W., Fletcher P.M. 185 J.W., Brooks P.M. Secretary, Bennett P.M. S.D., Johnson I.G., Whitlock D.C., Haswell I.P.M., and F. Brewer P.M. Visitors—Kirk 1681, Potter 742, Smith 1321, Maidwell P.M. 27, Hambling and Kent 2030, Prenton 1819, Packer 1571, Thomas P.M. 1319, Tweedale 286, Wray 25, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was formally opened and the minutes were confirmed; a ballot was taken for the admission as a joining member of Bro. Harris 177; this was unanimous in favour. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a capital banquet and dessert, provided in excellent style by Bro. Hartley. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Speaking to the toast of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. said the interests of the Order were well looked after by the Prince of Wales. The cheering words spoken to our soldiers on leaving their native land would be echoed in the heart of every brother. The toast was enthusiastically received. The W.M. then proposed the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. H. Turner I.P.M. then rose. It was with great pleasure he claimed the privilege to propose the health of the W.M., who had advanced step by step. Bro. Barclay is capable in every way to perform any duty required of him. It was a custom in this Lodge to see that the S.W. could do his work, so that he might be able to act as W.M. The present W.M. had endeared himself to every brother in the Lodge, and he (Bro. Turner) was sure at the expiration of his term of office it would be declared he had given every satisfaction. The W.M. thanked Bro. Turner for his kind expressions. If he had the opportunity which he anticipated on the next occasion, he would strive to show the brethren who had elected him he was capable of doing the work. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said it was a toast they were proud of; he would call on Bros. Maidwell and Abrahams. The latter brother said he was pleased to see that so young a Lodge in seven years had contributed the sum of £1,125; the W.M. had undertaken a Stewardship for the Boys' School. He with the other Visiting Brethren thanked the W.M. for his hospitality. Among other toasts were those of the Past Masters, responded to by Bros. Turner and Brewer; the Treasurer and Secretary, for which Bro. Brooks replied; the Wardens and other Officers, &c. The Tyler gave the parting toast. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. F. Packer 1571; Bros. Arthur Thomas, Henry Prenton, and F. Brewer P.M. sang some excellent songs and duets.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 24th February, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Fox P.M. W.M., Tacon S.W., Main J.W., Simpson Sec., Cornu S.D., Bond J.D.; Green I.G., Dodson P.M. Preceptor. P.M.'s Tate, Larchin, Gush, Gardner, &c. After preliminaries the first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Tate and the second by Bro. Dodson. Lodge resumed. Bro. Marsden, a candidate for passing, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The third section was worked by Bro. Larchin, and the fourth by Bro. Drury. It was arranged that the Fifteen Sections be worked on the 14th and 21st April. Bro. Larchin P.M. kindly consented to preside. Brethren are cordially invited to attend this new Lodge room, it being one of the most commodious and best ventilated in London.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 20th ultimo, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. Wing W.M., Norton S.W., Camwell J.W., Andrews (Preceptor) Treasurer, C. E. Botley Sec., Thomas S.D., Turner J.D., Sherring I.G. P.M.'s Bros. W. Goss, F. Botley, Bailey, Sperring; also Bros. C. Pearce 1996, and F. Toynbee 1996. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey candidate. Questions leading to the second degree were answered by the same candidate, who was entrusted and in due course the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. C. E. Botley gave the lecture on the tracing board of the degree. Bro. Norton answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bros. C. Pearce and F. Toynbee, of the Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996, were elected members. Bro. Sperring was elected W.M. for 27th February, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Friday, 27th February.—Bros. Norton W.M., Camwell S.W., Thomas J.W., F. Botley Secretary, Turner S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., Bailey I.G., Andrews Preceptor, Wing, &c. Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and signed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. E. Botley. Bro. Wing answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge closed in the third degree. Bro. Norton resumed the chair. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. C. E. Botley worked the first section, and Bro. F. Botley the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Camwell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Norton on his taking the chair for the first time. Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren meet at eight p.m.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—Although an "off night" last Saturday, it was an extraordinarily enjoyable one, at the Five Bells, New Cross, under the auspices of this Lodge of Instruction, which is one of the first rank in the South of London. Bro. Beavis, W.M. of the Southwark Lodge 879, presided, with Bro. Stamp S.W., Nightingale J.W., Giddins S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Eaton I.G., Walter Martin Preceptor, C. L. Tokely Sec., G. Powell Org., and about forty other brethren. Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Holding offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered satisfactorily the interrogatories, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Holding was

passed to F.C., the ceremony being perfectly rehearsed by the W.M. The brethren having been called from labour to refreshment and *vice versa*, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Beavis, Bro. Martin personating the candidate. The eloquent manner in which the charges were delivered by Bro. Beavis elicited the unbounded and genuine appreciation of the brethren, whose unanimous verdict was that they had assisted at a rare intellectual treat. The musical portion of the ceremonies, which lend such charm to meetings at this Lodge of Instruction, were conducted by Bro. G. Powell, and tended much to enhance the pleasure of, as well as the interest in, the proceedings of the evening. The newly-installed Master invested his officers, with a few appropriate remarks to each as to his respective duties. Resuming in the third degree and closing to the first, the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Giddins, who acquitted himself creditably. Several members were elected, and heartiest good wishes expressed. On the motion of Bro. Youngman P.M., who had acted as Director of Ceremonies, seconded by Bro. Grummant P.M., and cordially supported by Bro. Good P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Beavis for the admirable and impressive manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremonies, and in response Bro. Beavis tendered his heartfelt thanks. He had endeavoured to qualify himself for the Master's chair, and he thought no Mason's duties were complete unless he was prepared to instal his successor. He would soon have the pleasure of installing their worthy Preceptor *pro tem*, into the chair of his own Lodge, and he had not the slightest fear but that Bro. Martin would signalise his year by giving every satisfaction to the brethren. The Secretary reported that, in accordance with request at the last meeting, he had sent a letter of sympathy to Bro. Chatterton, in his illness, and had received a grateful and appreciative reply. There was reason to hope that Bro. Chatterton would rally, and the brethren expressed their fervent wishes for his speedy restoration to health. Bro. Powell thanked the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction for so liberally contributing to his list as a Steward at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, when he was enabled to take up £150 3s. Out of that sum £15 13s came from his own Lodge, No. 1185, and the remainder from this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Martin kindly withdrew in order to allow him (the speaker) to attend as Steward. There were 164 Stewards representing London, and he stood eleventh on the list; of the total number of 354 Stewards from all parts of the kingdom he was eighteenth in order. He expressed his thanks to the brethren of this Lodge for the support they had given him. Bro. Martin said he should go up next year, and hoped, instead of taking up £150, he might be enabled to take up £300. At headquarters this Lodge of Instruction was well known, and the efforts of the brethren were much appreciated by the executive of the Charities. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on 2nd March, at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, W. Bros. Wood W.M., Mason S.W., Laurence J.W., Read P.M. 511 Treasurer, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Secretary, Humfress S.D., Mote J.D., Cruttenden Steward, Friend I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. G. P. Festa, W. H. Chalfont, Jubal Webb; Cliburn, Dobbin, Middleweek, Francis, Coleman, Robinson, Death. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The call off and on was practised. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were then rehearsed. Bro. Mason was elected Worshipful Master for 9th March. A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Dobbin for his courtesy and kindness to the brethren who attend this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. There was an unusual number of brethren present, in consequence of its being announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked. Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. Rose P.M. 73, Preceptor, and the minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the working was proceeded with, as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Martin, Kettle-White, Wilson, Stone, Channon, Murohe, Hilton. Second Lecture—Bros. Briant, Grummant, Voisey, Hilton, Voisey. Third Lecture—Bros. Stone, Vincent, Grummant. Several brethren were proposed and duly elected as members. Bro. Britton W.M. 1329 proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Rose for the manner he had conducted the work of the evening. They were indebted to Bro. Rose for the assiduity with which he attended to the duties of Preceptor, both in that Lodge and at the Peckham Lodge, held at the Lord Wellington. There was not a brother present who had not cause to be thankful for the edification received at his hands. Bro. Wilson seconded the proposition. Bro. Rose thanked the brethren. For the last seventeen years he had been a Preceptor, during which time he had assisted in working the Fifteen Sections again and again, but on no previous occasion had he been so much pleased with the accuracy of the work done as on that evening. All the brethren had answered to their names, and all had been perfect. Rev. Bro. Sturdee W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who had worked the sections. The annual meeting and dinner of this Lodge will be held on Tuesday evening next, when a large assemblage of the brethren is anticipated.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Dixie W.M., Western S.W., McMillan J.W., Colliugridge Secretary, Snook S.D., Gifford J.D., Goddard I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Cusworth, Hall, Tillet, Weeden S.W. 861, Fenner, Woodman S.W. 1950, and several other brethren. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Marks acting as candidate. Bros. Marks and Whiddle answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced and Bro. Turner, as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and in due course that

ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Western W.M. 1693 was elected W.M. for Monday, 9th instant. The annual supper will be held on Monday, 23rd March, tickets 3s 6d each. Bro. Western in the chair, Bro. Forge P.M. 1950 S.W. 1693 in vice-chair.

We are compelled to hold over several interesting reports.

The installation meeting of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, took place on Thursday, 5th instant. Bro. Edwin Woodman was installed W.M. A full report will appear in our next.

We have been requested to state that owing to unavoidable circumstances the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, Herts, has been adjourned, and the Fifteen Sections will not be worked until further notice.

Bro. Jas. Stevens announces he will publish, on the 15th instant, a new work, entitled "Chips from a Rough Ashlar, 'knocked off' by the Gavel of Common Sense." Subscribers' names may be forwarded to Brother James Stevens, Clapham, S.W. The price of the work will be 3s 6d, or it will be sent by post to any address for 3s 9d.

Bro. James Stevens has accepted invitations to deliver his interesting lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, under the auspices of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, at Whitstable, on Thursday the 12th inst.; and of the Union Lodge, No. 127, at Margate, on Friday the 13th. The lecture will also be discussed and continued at the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586, at the White Hart Hotel, Church Road, Upper Norwood, on Monday evening next, the 9th inst.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 7th March:—

Monday—Joppa Lodge, Lodge of Unions, Regularity Chapter, Caxton Lodge, Premier Conclave. Tuesday—Albion Lodge, Royal York Lodge, Old Concord Lodge. Wednesday—London Morayshire Club, Grand Officers Mess. Thursday—La Tolerance Lodge, Smeatonian Society, St. James Chapter, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Caledonian Society. Friday—Fidelity Chapter, Royal Kensington Lodge, Odd Volumes. Saturday—Phoenix Chapter.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

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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, Punjab, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July
 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children
 without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge
 Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two
 years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 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
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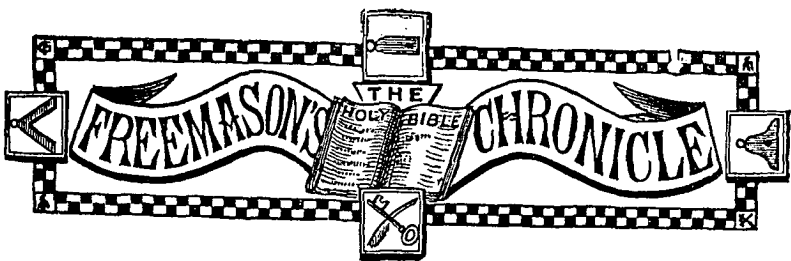
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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In a recent issue of the FREEMASON'S
CHRONICLE, "MARINER" pointed out that many Lodges of Instruc-
tion were far removed from their parent Lodges. There are various
causes for this state of things, which at first sight appear to be very
undesirable. A consideration of the whole question may not be just
now out of place, if only to look at it in its many-sided forms.

Aspirants for office naturally seek for instruction in the ritual in
use in their own Lodges, and they reasonably expect to find it in
those seminaries of the Craft which derive their authority from the
parent Lodge. The results hardly ever realise expectations, for
reasons which are not far to seek. Much depends upon the Pre-
ceptor, who not infrequently belongs to some other Lodge than the one
where he instructs; the consequence is some curious discrepancies in
working. They are not so serious as to affect the character of the
ceremony, or to alter the meaning of the ritual, but they are puzzling
to the neophyte, and often confusing to the expert. The remedy for
this is an act of uniformity, which I do not recommend, or for the
learner to seek out for himself that kind of instruction which will best
meet his needs. The parent Lodge of Instruction undoubtedly has
the first claim upon the members of the enfranchising Lodge, but

loyalty in some cases must yield to necessity. Masonic schools are
to be found in every part of London, and he would be a very poor-
spirited brother indeed who would count a short journey too much
trouble to obtain the teaching he deems so necessary for his success.
There is no royal road to Masonic knowledge. It must be toiled for,
and he who gains it through difficulties will appreciate it the more.
Besides, there is the advantage of extended intercourse, which to the
intelligent brother means a fuller and loftier conception of the Craft.
Just as travel enlarges the mind, so does the continued and varied
interchange of thought as to the rendering of the ceremonies of the
Order tend to enlightenment and confidence. He who is working for
an appointment should stick to the Lodge of Instruction best suited
to his requirements. He who has passed through the ordeal of office
should seek every opportunity to enlarge his experience in order to
qualify him in reality as well as in name for the distinguished posi-
tion of a P.M., a post of honour and responsibility. I by no means
wish to depreciate Lodge teaching and experience, and exalt the in-
struction imparted in Lodge schools. There is all the difference in
the world between the solemnity and grandeur of a cathedral and the
simplicity—almost barrenness—of a secluded room of even a first
class hotel. In both cases the ritual may be the same, but how dif-
ferent the surroundings! The Lodge Temple is for service, in which
experts lead and the rest follow. Schools of Instruction are for all,
where the humblest member may figure as Master one week and lapse
into the humblest position the next. To my mind, the brother who de-
sires experience in its most diverse and practical form should frequent
Lodges of Instruction rather than regular Lodges. Intercourse would
be freer, and certainly the practice in signs, gestures, and formularies
would be greater. There would be no fear of the migratory brother
becoming slovenly if he attended Lodges of Instruction. A good Pre-
ceptor, one worthy of the name, would always insist upon accuracy in
the performance of Lodge duties. He is the teacher, the ruler for
the time being, and all who sit under him must obey his authority.
If challenged, he should be ready with a reason for his own method
of working. Endowed with autocratic powers, he should not be an
autocrat. He should be "guide, philosopher, and friend." In the
presence of such a man intercourse becomes enjoyable and instruc-
tive, and affords training, not only in the forms and ceremonies, but
in the courtesies of life, and the moral and intellectual character of
the Craft.

Some Lodges of Instruction are content to work the ceremonies
only; others combine the lectures with them. It is a moot question
as to which is best. It appears to me that a knowledge of the former
is all that is required for the Master Mason, and that directly he seeks
office he should begin the study of the latter. The ceremonies are
for the learner, the lectures are for the student. The ceremonies are
beautiful in themselves, but when supported by the lectures sublime.
In their complete form they open up the portals of mystery and invite
reverence and contemplation. Of course, I have set up an ideal
Lodge of Instruction and Preceptor. I cannot say that my experience
would warrant me in saying that the ideal had been reached. On
the contrary, in most cases Preceptors have been neither better nor
worse than the brethren generally, and only differ in this, that they
are more or less masters of the ceremonies and lectures, and are able
to work them mechanically. I never yet heard a Preceptor enter
into the hidden meaning of any portion of text or subject, never go
beyond mere verbal declamation and accuracy. In this respect even
there is great room for improvement. Every brother knows that the
language of the ceremonies is beautiful, and many of them know how
adapted it is to elocutionary display; and yet how few understand,
or if they do understand, care to take the trouble to make necessary
emphasis and pauses. I do not expect a W.M. to be a finished
elocutionist, but I do look for something like force of expression and
clearness of intonation. As a rule, both conditions are violated, and
I hold that the blame is due in a measure to the Preceptor, who
should instruct as to manner as well as to the *ipsissima verba*.
It is, perhaps, too much to expect that Preceptors will become philo-
sophers as well as instructors; but I believe it would be a grand
thing for the Craft if efforts were made to blend spiritual, intellectual,
and moral lessons with the illustrations of the forms in which they
are enclosed.

There are some points in your leader last week on this subject I
should be glad to dwell upon, but I must defer the matter until a
future opportunity. I should be glad to see this question taken up
with earnestness, in order that the most glorious mundane institution
ever known should be worthy of its fame.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

FREEMASONRY AND THE PRESS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No doubt I shall be put down as very
heterodox by all those—and their number is legion—whose god is their
stomach, whose love of luxury and ease is a passion, but I hold a
higher view of Masonic duty and pleasure, and fearlessly assert that
so long as proper discipline in Lodges is permitted to languish as it
does now, and so long as the present slavish devotion to the table
lasts, there is no possible hope for that new birth of intelligence the
necessity for which you contended last week.

At first sight it may appear that the connection between Masonic
discipline and the desire for literature is about as remote as is our
Royal Grand Master from the man in the moon. There is, however,
a relevancy which I hope to make apparent to the thoughtful, though
I despair of reaching the consciences of those who forget everything
else when indulging in the luxuries of the table. I assume as a fact,
and few will dispute the accuracy of my conclusion, that by far the
majority of members of the Craft do not know or have forgotten
how to enter a Lodge properly. When they know they are generally

careless in performance, as if the forms of salutation and recognition were mere idle mummeries. If any one doubts this statement, let him observe for himself, and if he be of a humorous turn of mind, he will not fail to find food for amusement; if, on the other hand, he believes, as I do, that the forms are but the caskets of the jewels within, the rough stone covering the sparkling gem, he will feel pained and discouraged at the indifference and slovenliness so habitually displayed. There is no brother so obtuse and illiterate as to be unable to distinguish the difference between the present slipshod methods of salutation and rehearsal and the skilful performance of Lodge duties. Every brother can understand, if he cannot always fully appreciate, clear articulation, grammatical expression, and elocutionary force. To the cultured ear and mind the correct and fervid delivery of the prayers and other ceremonial language is an exquisite charm. It is of itself an elevating kind of education, and were the qualifications for office more studied than they are, were the test of fitness made more real, and the conditions more stringent, much that is now gross, selfish and degrading would vanish. What is true of the working of the ceremonies is also true, but in a lesser degree, of the methods of entering the Lodge. With the enforced careful performance of the several offices of the Craft would come a salutary lesson in discipline. Improved practice would necessarily tend to enlarge thought, and as nature is said to lead up to nature's God, so would the symbols of the Fraternity lead to the study of their hidden meaning. As children begin with learning the alphabet, so Freemasons begin with learning the signs. If the learner stops at either stage, letters and signs become skeletons—mere drybones. Letters skilfully formed into words open out a new hope to the child, signs faithfully and intelligently translated into action are the life of Freemasonry. In both cases the preliminary knowledge must be complete in order that the superstructure may grow in strength and beauty.

It is an admitted axiom that upon the early training of the young depends the career of the adult. Healthy moral and intellectual instincts when properly cultivated in the child, as a rule develop into a strong well-balanced mind. Good training does not necessarily mean ostracism from fleshly indulgences, on the contrary, it enables the man who possesses it to partake of the good things of this world so as to minister to his necessary and natural wants. The educated man makes the pleasures of the table serve their proper purpose, but he refuses to become the slave of desires. The initiate in Freemasonry just needs to be trained in the same way, then like results might fairly be expected to follow. Instead of lamenting the apathy and ignorance that now prevails, a healthy growth of intelligence would spring up, and with it would come an increased desire to know more of the inward spiritual workings of the Order. The learned labours of our forefathers would find new students, mysteries that now lie concealed would probably yield to that keener vision of young enthusiasts, and the moral and intellectual status of the whole body would be placed on a footing as firm as the rock of ages. If Freemasonry is not divine it is nothing, and if hitherto it has been made of little effect, it is because the soul has not burst through the carcase which holds it, or its brightness has been dimmed by dark shadows. Clear these away, let the light shine as full as the grand orb of day, then Freemasonry will appear in its true glory. The pleasures of the table would not be less, their enjoyment would be more pure and chaste. The social intercourse of the brethren would then indeed be "a feast of reason and a flow of soul." How little there is now of either, I leave to the brethren to consider; for myself, I may say that I have often left the banquet table with sad misgivings as to the moral teachings of the Craft, and as to its possible future. I expect to be met with sneers and cries of "goody goody." Even giants in culture and morality have met with the scoffs of the unthinking, and it is not likely that a puny disciple like myself will escape; hard words, however, break no bones, and I am contented to follow those whose motto in all things just and true is "Excelsior."

I shall be met too, most likely, with something like the following: "Look at our Charitable Institutions, at the increase in the number of members, and the power of the Order." My reply would be—that numbers is no test of real progress, that the Charities, glorious as they are, might still be better, and that power is more seeming than real. Most brethren who have given the matter a thought do not regard numbers as equivalent to strength, and it is an open secret that the demands for succour have outgrown the power to relieve. Every year makes the difficulty greater on the part of the Secretaries in getting together the necessary sums to meet the needs of the several Institutions, and no one will say that the means adopted are always dignified and such as bespeak the possession of the power so often claimed. No doubt there is power in the Order, but it wants guiding and utilising. There is the power of the mind as well as the depth of the pocket, the strength and ever-increasing vigour of intelligence which centres its hopes on the science and moral and spiritual beauties of the Craft. Depend upon it, Sir, Freemasonry in England will never be worthy of their inheritance until they learn the value of its literature, until they put the desires of the mind above the lusts of the flesh. One of the simplest and readiest means to this end is to improve the discipline of the Lodge, and to encourage the practice of an easy and correct, at the same time solemn rehearsal of the ceremonies.

Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

PROGRESS.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Nottingham Daily Guardian.

SIR,—Bishop Bagshawe's silly attack on the Masonic Brotherhood has now become an annual affair. The general *mot d'ordre* comes, of

course, from Rome, but in a local pastoral the matter becomes a gratuitous insult to a large body of leading and honourable men in our community.

So long as Dr. Bagshawe confines his Lenten remarks to those innocent injunctions of culinary discipline, which he deems good for his flock—as, for instance, whether their omelette may be cooked in butter or suet—we have no quarrel with him. We can only hope that his followers are loyal to him in his capacity of *maitre du cuisine*. The Salvation Army has its bill of fare—Hallelujah jam and other delicacies—why should not the bishop and the Romanists enjoy theirs?

When, however, the bishop takes the liberty of classing us, as Masons, with assassins and dynamitards, it is a more serious matter. The attack is neither truthful nor charitable, and by way of turning the bishop's guns on himself I should like to ask him a question or two.

Who are the assassins and dynamiters plotting against the Government? If those we have caught and hanged are specimens of the whole, without exception, whether Irish, French, or American, they all belong to the Romish Church. The Phoenix Park gang present no exception. A priest of Bishop Bagshawe's persuasion invariably gave the last ministrations on the scaffold. I challenge the bishop to produce any one outside his own communion who has put hand to dagger or dynamite against the English Government. Masonry can take care of itself, but how will the Lenten pastoral get out of this?

Dr. Bagshawe would have us believe that the millennium of morals would at once set in if we all joined the Romish Church. I prefer the verdict of history on the subject. Let us take Italy as an example, when the whole nation was on its knees to Rome. The morals of Italy at this stage of her history would have made a Zulu blush. Assassination, of which the bishops speak, was so rife in Rome itself that it was reduced to a fine art, and could be purchased like any common commodity, and what is worse pardoned by the Church for a consideration.

A bishop of the Romish sect must smile as he pens his little anathema against the Masons as a secret society, for does not his own religious communion embrace the Jesuits, the most gigantic and corrupt secret society the world has ever seen—"a society," says Boileau, "whose work has ever been to lengthen the creed and shorten the decalogue?" The principles of Jesuit morals are so corrupt that no true Mason could for a moment associate himself with such. Let me add for the information of Dr. Bagshawe, and also of his champion, "Pro ecclesia Dei," that they both err in treating Masonry as a religion. It does not profess to be or call itself a religion, but a system of morality; and as a Mason of some experience I may add that the system is so lofty and pure that all the little thunder of all the Lent pastorals of all the Romish bishops in the world will never shake its stability.

I am, Sir, &c.

SQUARE.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me, through your columns, to thank the 424 Brethren who attended Grand Lodge to support me by their vote on Wednesday; more especially those who came from afar.

Yours in fraternity,

JAS. WILLING JUN.

Rock Hall, Cricklewood, N.W., 5th March.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly favour me with space in your columns to thank those brethren who attended Grand Lodge, on Wednesday last, to support me in my candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Yours fraternally,

D. P. CAMA.

3 Gt. Winchester Street Buildings, E.C.

Bros. Brown, Butterworth, and Foulson, Quartermasters of the Brigade of Guards now on its way to Egypt, are all members of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604. We wish them success, and a safe and speedy return to their native land.

We note that within the last few weeks Bro. Frank Snook, late of the King's Arms, Kentish Town, has taken over the business of Mr. Harris, at the Golden Anchor Tavern, Evelina-road, Peckham, and that by improvements which have been effected in the management the old "Anchor" is becoming an increasingly favourite haunt of the brethren of "ye mystic tie" residing in this part of the Peckham district. We wish Bro. Snook every success in his new venture.

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REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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- "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for the Year 1885." London: Spencer's Masonic Depot, 23A Great Queen-street, W.C.
- "Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Year 1885." Dublin: S. Underwood. To be had at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street.
- "The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for Gloucester, 1885." Gloucester: John Bellows.
- "The Masonic Year Book for the Province of Cambridgeshire, 1885." Cambridge: W. P. Spalding, 43 Sidney-street.
- "The Freemason's Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1885." Leicester: J. and T. Spencer, Cane-street.
- "Masonic Calendar and Official Directory for the Province of Wiltshire, 1885." Devizes: W. H. Bash, Wine-street.

HERE are six eminently useful Masonic publications, varying in character and importance, yet all fulfilling a good purpose. It is scarcely necessary to dwell upon the merits of the first-mentioned work, they are so well known and widely appreciated. The Calendar is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund, under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. *Cum privilegio* is as clearly indicated as if the words were printed on the title page, according to the practice pursued in the authorised issues of Bibles and Prayer-Books. No Mason can be said to be informed upon matters relating to the Craft in general unless he possesses and studies this Calendar, and although improvements might be suggested, we see nothing in the work as it stands to impair its usefulness, or to derogate from the position it has attained.

Like the above, the Irish Calendar is published under authority, and is dedicated to the Most Worshipful his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Grand Master. It is a very complete compilation. The scope of the work embraces all that is generally found in a pocket-book, so that the Calendar should be almost as welcome to the citizen as to the Freemason. Evidently much labour has been bestowed upon the present work, and if the details are as accurate as the arrangement is comprehensive, it is worthy of all praise. No feature seems to have been omitted that could make this brochure serviceable, and while conning its contents we could not resist the feeling that we should like to know more of our Irish brethren than we do. That they are equal to the business demands of the Craft the book before us proves, and we are sure that moral and intellectual culture has not been neglected. At any rate, it is only necessary to read the names and descriptions of the brethren given in this useful Calendar to arrive at the conclusion that the Fraternity in Ireland comprises the flower of the country, and that so long as they are true to the teaching of Freemasonry, the Queen will never lack loyal subjects, nor England warm allies. Treason mongers may rave, and communists may plot, but our Royal Grand Master will neither lack friends nor a welcome befitting his position and merits when he visits the Emerald Isle.

We hardly know which to admire most in the Gloucester Calendar—the handsome style in which it is printed, or the excellence and completeness of the information which Bro. R. Vassar-Smith, Provincial Charity Secretary, has brought together. All that is needed for a Mason of the Province to know is recorded, and much useful matter is added relative to the adjoining provinces of Bristol, Berkshire, Herefordshire, Monmouth, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, and Worcestershire. It is an able and compact contribution to Masonic reference books, and well accords with the spirit of the Gloucester brethren, as evidenced by their recent liberality and that of their Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.S.G.W., under whose presidency at the Festival last week the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution secured such large augmentation.

The Cambridgeshire Calendar seems to be the production of Bro. W. Spalding, and without bearing the stamp of official recognition, there is internal evidence that great care and labour has been bestowed upon this useful and unpretentious manual. It is a brief but apparently complete compendium of the Lodges and Temples held under the Craft, Arch, Mark, Knights Templar, and Rose Croix degrees. The Province is so small that we wonder at it possessing a Calendar to itself, but Bro. Spalding has faith in the enterprise and in the public spirit of the brethren with whom he is associated.

Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. P.Z., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, is the compiler of the Leicestershire and Rutland Calendar, and right well has he executed his task. The book is compact in size, and the arrangement of dates and diary clear and useful. The information respecting the Province is full, and no doubt accurate. In addition there is a list of Lodges, &c., in the adjoining provinces of Warwickshire, Norths and Hunts, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire.

The Masonic Calendar for Wiltshire is issued with the sanction of the Right Worshipful Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master, and is edited by Bro. William Nott P.M. P.Z., Provincial Charity Secretary. The style of printing falls somewhat short of other models we have named, but the contents of the work have been well and carefully

done. There is no diary, but the Calendar portion furnishes a complete guide to meetings. Those interested in Provincial Benevolent Fund work would do well to get this little guide. It contains a copy of the rules in operation in the Province of Wiltshire, and a record of work done. What is briefly recorded about Wiltshire Freemasonry in the Gloucestershire diary is here set forth fully and clearly, and as a reference book it is all that can be desired.

A Diary and Almanack for 1885 has been issued by the Accident Insurance Company Limited, St. Swithin's-lane, London, E.C. The spaces for diary and dates are sufficient for a book for the pocket, and the incidents recorded at the foot of the pages will help the memory in recalling facts that so soon become history now-a-days. Of course the Company has taken care to give full information of what they are prepared to do for the public, which to those who travel will be very useful. The work is issued for gratuitous circulation, and can be had at the Office as above.

Cassell and Co. are issuing, in monthly parts, a new and revised edition of their "Popular Educator," one of the best and most complete works of the kind ever issued. When first brought out, the style and arrangement were unique; rivals have since sprung up, but none equals the original in comprehensiveness and interest.

"The Life and Words of Christ," by Cunningham Geikie, D.D., is another serial work issued by the same firm. The author is known and admired by all sections of the Christian Church; and it speaks well for him when such representatives of opposite religious views as the Archbishop of York and the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon stand sponsors for the excellence of his work. Dr. Geikie is a somewhat prolific writer; all his works are highly prized, but none exceeds, or indeed equals in interest, the story so graphically and reverently told in the pages before us. It is the sweet story of old, related by a master mind, to which justice has been done by the publishers, so far as outward clothing is concerned. The book will be a handsome addition to Christian literature.

Obituary.

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Bro. WILLIAM STEPHENS P.M., 1489, 1642,
Grand Pursuivant, &c.

It is with extreme regret we have to record the death of Bro. William Stephens, the Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of England for the current year, which sad event recently occurred at Auckland, New Zealand. Brother Stephens had been in failing health for some time past, and his journey to the Antipodes was undertaken in the hope of benefitting him. It has not, however, had the desired result, and we now have to mourn the loss of a most worthy Mason and one of our most intimate acquaintance in the mystic circle. Brother Stephens was well known in London, and took an active interest in more than one Metropolitan Lodge. We may fairly say that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, owed much of its success to him, and its members will no doubt acutely feel his loss, following as it does on that of more than one of its oldest and most distinguished members. We beg to tender our sincerest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

UNITED SERVICE CHAPTER, No. 1428.

THE annual meeting for the installation of the Principals of the above Chapter for the ensuing year was held at the Masonic Hall, Landport, on Friday, 20th ult. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Arnold Z. in a very able manner, and he installed the following as Principals:—Comps. C. Travess Z., G. R. Strick H., and John Laverty J. (in the place of Comp. Mason J., who had resigned). The other Officers invested were Comps. W. A. Marshallsay S.E., W. Miller S.N., Lind P.Z. Treasurer, Mitchell P.S., Stockall First A.S., Kenshott Second A.S., Archer D.C., Sylvester Organist, Coleman and Coldrey Stewards, and G. Carter Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed at the close of the ceremony to Comp. Arnold for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duty of Installing Principal. At the conclusion of the business an excellent banquet was served by the steward of the club (Mr. Kingswell). The proceedings were of a most enjoyable character.

Panmure Mark Mariners' Lodge, No. 139.—An emergency meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. Bros. Poore as C.N.; Vincent and Pulman P.C.N.'s, and the full complement of Officers. Bro. Selfe P.G.D., 25, Sydney, was advanced to the degree of Ark Mariner. Lodge was then closed.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 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., 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)
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. (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—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

MONDAY, 9th MARCH.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (Inst)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 63—Hoij Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
161—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
539—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 123 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 10th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's

548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1448—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1663—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 33 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
408—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1308—Lodge of St. Joan, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (Inst)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
283—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire

- 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shawbury. (Instruction)
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1018—Shakespeare, Union Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1060—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1399—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
 R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 12th MARCH.

- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 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)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1168—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

- R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 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)

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

- 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1732—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colerhill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

- R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
 R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 M.M. —St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 13th MARCH.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 M.M. —Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
 K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goolse.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
 1087—Beaumont, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
 K.T. —Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
 K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 14th MARCH.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
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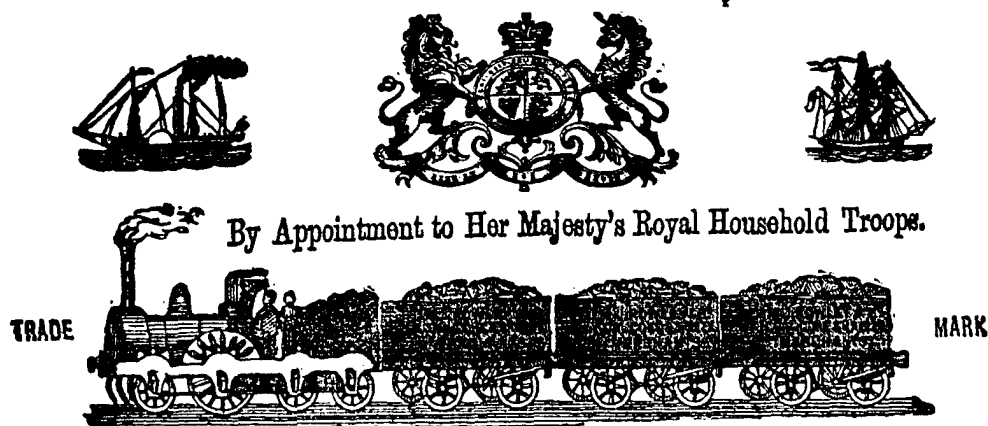
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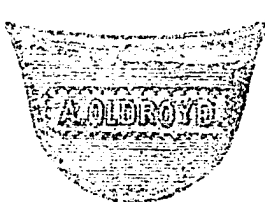
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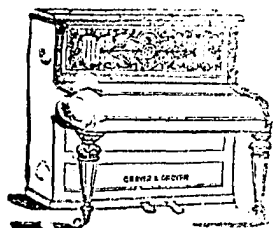
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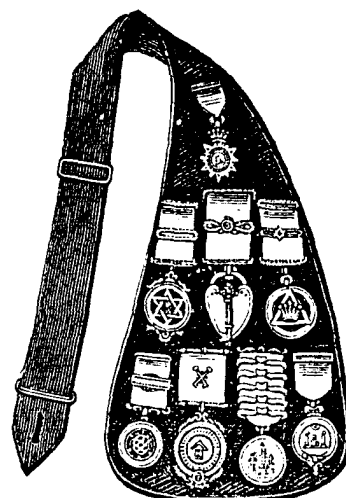
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