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## QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE usual October meeting of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer. The minutes of previous meetings, including those of the Special Court on the 6th inst., were first confirmed. In putting the latter, the Chairman said, before he asked the brethren to confirm these minutes, he thought he ought to state that at a very crowded meeting of the Governors of the Institution, on the 6th inst., the recommendation was ably set forth by Bro. Robert Grey, and it was unanimously carried. This recommendation was not adopted by the House Committee without much negotiation with the vendor, and exhaustive discussions. It was quite true they were going to pay a large price for this piece of land, and it was equally true that the value of the property of the vendor would be enhanced by the acquisition of the property by the Institution; but it was also true that it was of great importance to the Institution that this belt of land should be secured, and, while congratulating the Court of Governors on the unanimity with which they accepted the recommendation so ably set forth by Bro. Grey, he asked the present Quarterly Court to confirm as cordially the resolution of the Special Court. The confirmation was unanimously agreed to, Bro. R. Grey P.G.D. said the Chairman had told the brethren very truly that the House Committee had had very anxious meetings with regard to the purchase of this land; but he did not think he should be doing justice to two brethren—Bros. Arthur Garrard and J. T. Pilditch—if he allowed the occasion to pass without offering them the thanks of the Court for the kindness and assistance they had given the House Committee in carrying the negotiations to a successful issue. These brethren had stepped in, when the negotiations required the best skill and diplomacy, and he therefore moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given by the Court to Bros. Garrard and Pilditch. Bro. Frank Richardson seconded the motion, feeling sure it would meet with hearty support. These two brethren had given great assistance to the Committee. The motion was carried, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the resolution to Bros. Garrard and Pilditch. The Court then proceeded to declare an extra vacancy for the Election that day, in consequence of the withdrawal from the Institution of Beatrice Elizabeth Wright, and it was resolved to elect seventeen girls into the School out of a list of thirty-three candidates. Brother Johnson, on behalf of Bro. A. H. Tattershall, moved, "That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the laws be altered accordingly." The motion having been seconded, was supported by Bro. J. J. Berry, opposed by Bros. Frank Richardson, H. Maudslay, and J. E. Le Feuvre, and lost by a large majority. The election was then proceeded with. The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns, while the following is a list of the unsuccessful:—

No. on List.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
12 Holman, Kathleen Mary		1512	1512
19 Dickinson, Mary Ann		1255	1255
4 Wells, Lilian Frances	574	613	1187

No. on List.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
34 Chapman, Ettie Louise		1072	1072
21 Walmsley, Edith May		783	783
17 Barnard, Grace Ellen M.		712	712
33 Richardson, Flora		413	413
16 Kirkman, Ethel		263	263
8 Pratt, Mathilde		211	211
14 Knight, Isabel Davies		177	177
30 Lillywhite, Eva Marian		107	107
20 Wardroper, Gertrude Emma		103	103
32 Falford, Emily Mary		75	75
31 Woods, Lilian		36	36
26 Pinder, Isabelle May		3	3
10 Phillips, Eleanor			

## QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE October Election of this Institution took place on Monday, in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. occupied the chair, and in due course put the minutes for confirmation. These were confirmed, and then the election was proceeded with. Particulars of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns, and we here append the list of unsuccessful.

30 Webb, Frederick Tom		1009	1009
43 Fox, Otto René John		912	912
50 Freeman, Walter Berry		806	806
42 Plows, Herbert Benjamin		517	517
55 Stocken, William Archer		349	349
5 Knight, Samuel William	311	7	318
48 Limpricht, Charles Wren		156	156
27 Andrews, Joseph Thomas		122	122
38 Wood, Joseph		107	107
1 Davis, Frederick Teilo	7	90	97
11 Taylor, Albert	17	19	36
8 Cannon, George	16	3	19
17 Gibbs, Percy	1	10	11
46 Matthews, Percy Haslem		10	10
25 Murfin, Josiah		2	2

## MORE LIGHT ON FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA IN A.D. 1732.

WE have the pleasure of spreading before our readers, in this issue of *The Keystone*, an exact copy of an original, important, and deeply interesting Masonic document, connected with the early history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. It is entirely authentic, being now in the possession of George T. Ingham, Esq., a member of the New Jersey Bar, who, our readers may remember, was the fortunate possessor of the Ledger (Liber B.) of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, of date 1731-1738, which he presented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and to which we first called attention a year and a half ago. Mr. Ingham inherited a number of the old papers and documents of David Hall, for many years Benjamin Franklin's partner in the printing business, among which was the Lodge Ledger referred to, together with the document we are about to describe. The latter he has had framed between glass, so as to show both sides of the paper and writing, and has carefully preserved it at Atlantic City, N.J., where, by his kindness, on 26th August 1885, we were

permitted to critically inspect and transcribe it. Mr. Ingham has, besides, a number of letters to and from Franklin, while he was both at home and abroad, written by Alex. Strahan and others.

This, *the oldest original Masonic Lodge report in America*, is dated "June 5, 1732," and written on three pages of letter paper. It is the report of a Committee of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, upon the "state of the Lodge" at that date, and unanimously recommending the adoption of certain resolutions, or as we should now term them, By-Laws, for the government of the Lodge. All of these regulations are distinguished by peculiar Masonic wisdom, exhibiting Freemasonry in Philadelphia in the year 1732 in the best possible light, and its members as actuated by a spirit and understanding which would be creditable to the Brethren of any Masonic Lodge at the present day. The report is signed by *eleven* members, being a majority of the Committee, including the names of William Pringle, Thomas Boude, and Benjamin Franklin; and, judging from the chirography, the entire body of the report is in the handwriting of Bro. Benjamin Franklin. We give below an exact copy, which we made, *verbatim et literatim*, of this deeply interesting document—remarking upon some of its features thereafter:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE LODGE:

The Committee you have been pleased to appoint to consider of the present State of the Lodge, and of the properest Methods to improve it, in obedience to your commands have met, and, after much and mature Deliberation, have come to the following Resolutions.

1. That since the excellent Science of Geometry and Architecture is so much recommended in our ancient Constitutions, Masonry being first instituted with this Design, among others, to distinguish the true and skilful Architect from unskilful Pretenders; total ignorance of this art is very unbecoming a Man who bears the worthy Name and Character of Mason:

We therefore conclude, that it is the Duty of every Member to make himself, in some Measure, acquainted therewith, as he would honour the Society he belongs to, and conform to the Constitutions.

2. That every Member may have an Opportunity of so doing, the present Cash be laid out in the best Books of Architecture, suitable Mathematical Instruments, &c.

3. That since the present whole Stock is not too large for that purpose, every member indebted to the Lodge pay what is from him respectively due on Monday Night, the nineteenth Instant, that so the whole being ready by the 24th of June, may be sent away by the first Opportunity. And that every one not paying that Night, be suspended till he do pay: For without Care be taken that Rules are punctually observed, no Society can be long upheld in good Order and Regularity.

4. That since Love and Good Will are the best Cement of any Society, we endeavour to increase it among ourselves by a kind and friendly conversation, so as to make us of ourselves desire to meet, but that all Compulsion, by fining any Person for not Meeting, be utterly taken away and abolished, except only Persons in Office, and others when a Meeting is call'd upon extraordinary Occasions.

5. That the use of the balls be established in its full Force and Vigour; and that no new member be admitted against the will of any present Member; because certainly more Regard ought to be had in this way to a Brother who is already a Mason, than to any Person who is not one, and we should never in such cases disoblige a Brother, to oblige a Stranger.

6. That any Member of this Lodge having a complaint against any other member, shall first apply himself to the Wardens, who shall bring the Cause before the Lodge, where it shall be consider'd and made up, if possible, before the Complainant be allow'd to make that Complaint publick to the World; the Offender against this Rule to be expell'd.

June 5, 1732.

The members whose Names are underwritten, being a Majority, agree unanimously to the within Proposals of the Committee (except the fourth, which is cross'd out) and accordingly have hereunto set their hands

WILL: PRINGLE.	JOHN EMERSON.
THOMAS BOUDE.	LAW'CE. REYNOLDS.
B. FRANKLIN.	JNO. HOBART.
XTOPHER THOMPSON.	HENRY PRATT.
THOS. HARTT.	SAML. NICHOLAS."
DAVID PARRY.	

First, as to the Masonic record of the members of the committee who signed this document, so far as we can gather it from Liber B. of St. John's Lodge, and the pages of Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*:

Bro. William Pringle, on 24th June 1732, just after this Report was made, was elected Deputy Grand Master of the provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. Thomas Boude on the same date was elected Senior Grand

Warden, and on 24th June 1741, Deputy Grand Master. He was one of the most regular attendants of St. John's Lodge, but one absence being recorded against him. Bro. Benjamin Franklin was elected Junior Grand Warden on 24th June 1732; Grand Master on 24th June 1734; was again Grand Master in 1749; and Deputy Grand Master in 1750, and a number of years thereafter. Bro. Henry Pratt was Junior Grand Warden in 1737. Bros. Christopher Thompson, Thos. Hartt, David Parry, Lawrence Reynolds, John Hobart and Henry Pratt, remained active members of St. John's Lodge until 1738, at least, and Bros. John Emerson and Samuel Nicholas until 1734. Bro. John Hobart appears *never* to have been absent from the Lodge meetings. All of the names of the members of this committee are in Liber B. of St. John's Lodge, where their Masonic records appear in full, and at the time when they submitted their report—5th June 1732—the same official record shows that St. John's Lodge had *nineteen* members. Of these, eleven signed this report.

Next, as to some interesting details. The report is marked throughout by the wisdom always characteristic of Benjamin Franklin, in whose handwriting it appears to be, and whose composition in every probability it was. He was apt to be the working member of every committee on which he served. It recommends (1) that "every member" of St. John's Lodge make a special study of the science of Geometry and Architecture, "so much recommended in our ancient Constitutions," and in order to further this purpose it resolves that all the cash then in the funds of the Lodge be expended in purchasing the "best books of architecture, suitable mathematical instruments, &c." It recommends (2) that "every one not paying" his dues "be suspended till he do pay." (3) That there shall be unanimity before initiation—"that no new member be admitted against the will of any present member." (4) That all differences between members be amicably adjusted by the Lodge, and that if any Brother neglect, in such case, to "first apply himself to the Wardens," "the offender against this rule to be expelled." The drafter of the Report also suggested, further, that no member be fined for absence from the Lodge—"that all compulsion by fining be utterly taken away and abolished, except only persons in office, and others when a meeting is called upon extraordinary occasions." It will be noted that this provides that fining be "utterly taken away and abolished"—which implies that prior to 5th June 1732, the date of this document, it had been customary in St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, to fine every absent member. The Ledger of the Lodge, Liber B., above referred to, proves that this had been the custom from 24th June 1731. This proposed resolution was *not* approved by the majority of the committee, and hence was crossed out of the Report, by having lines drawn through it, and being noted at the end. These two old records—Liber B. and the Report—thus entirely corroborate each other. It appears, however, from Liber B. that *after* June 1733 no fines were charged members for absence from Lodge meetings—prior to that time sixpence being regularly paid by each member for "monthly quota," and one shilling regularly charged to, and paid by, each absentee, so that this feature of the report, at first disapproved by the majority of the committee, was afterwards enacted by the Lodge as one of its regulations. The further light shed by this document, upon the early history of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, is considerable, and of much interest. In conclusion, we would say, that while Liber B. is of inestimable value, giving the Masonic records of St. John's Lodge from February 1731, to 24th 1738, including the names of fifty members, thus ante-dating every other Masonic record on this continent, this document, of date 5th June 1732, ante-dates more than one year the petition of the eighteen Brethren (of date 30th July 1733) to Henry Price, asking for the constitution of a Lodge at Boston, at which latter date St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, had *thirty-one* members, as appears from Liber B. Thus a year before application even was made for the Boston Lodge, the Philadelphia Lodge was actively, wisely, and prosperously at work, and we have extant the original Report, signed by a committee of eleven members, proposing for adoption certain bye-laws. Thus, year by year we are discovering new and authentic evidence of the early activity of bodies of our Craft in Philadelphia, corroborating and substantiating previously ascertained facts, and extending our knowledge of important details of Lodge life one hundred and fifty-three years ago in the City of Brotherly Love.—*Keystone*.

## PROTECTION AGAINST IMPOSTORS.

**T**HEIS is a matter of great importance to the Masonic Fraternity. It is a fact that there are a large number of persons subsisting on Masonic charity. They are travelling over the country, generally in the guise of Masons who have met with some misfortune in journeying to some distant point, and need a small amount of money to enable them to complete their journey. They tell a plausible story in explanation of their misfortune, and of the importance of their reaching their destination without delay. A Mason's heart always responds in sympathy to a tale of distress, and the impulse is strong to help a needy brother and send him on his way rejoicing. This is as it should be. It is the true spirit of Masonry. To know that he has relieved a worthy brother in distress is a great pleasure to a true Mason. But, as Hamlet says:—"Ay, there's the rub." In our younger days as a Mason we enjoyed this happiness at the expense of several 5 dollar bills in as many instances. Finding the tax on our resources a little onerous, we began to investigate the value of our stock in Masonic charity. Having taken a memorandum of the name of each applicant and the Lodge of which he was a member, letters were written to each of these Lodges, and we soon learned that we had been imposed upon in every instance. Every one we had assisted was proved to be an impostor or unworthy. Since that time we have been a little more wary, but must acknowledge that we have been caught in the same way upon several occasions. The experience of others is probably the same. Nine-tenths of those who have received assistance as Masons were impostors and swindlers of the vilest kind. It was a casting of bread upon the waters that returned not after many days.

We have learned some wisdom by experience while others have been attending the same school. Hundreds and thousands of the worthless vagabonds have been plying their vocation in the name of Masonry, obtaining money under false pretences from brethren, who had rather give than assume the responsibility of possibly refusing a worthy needy brother. The ease with which they could thus obtain money, and the little danger of punishment under the law has enabled these impostors to follow their nefarious business without fear, and presumably with a large income.

To protect the Craft against this class of impostors is no easy matter. It has been done to a great extent in large cities by the organisation of Masonic Relief Boards, to whom all applicants for aid are referred. By adopting a thorough system of investigation, and a free use of the telegraph, the chances of imposition have been greatly lessened. Impostors are often detected but seldom punished. Well knowing that investigation will result in exposure they are sharp enough to get away before their true character has been established. But while the Relief Board thus saved its own funds, it put no check on the depredations of the marauder in other localities. He takes the first train to some other point where less vigilance is used and soon finds a victim.

There ought to be some way to break up this business, or to put a check upon it at least. Relief Boards have been considering the subject, and under the lead of Bro. D. F. Pennington, President of the Lodge of Relief, of Baltimore, Md., a call for a convention of delegates from all the Boards of Relief in this country has been issued, the same to be held in the city of Baltimore on the 31st day of August. This call is signed by officers of the Boards of Relief at Baltimore, New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Buffalo and Wilmington, and the object is stated to be for the purpose of devising a suitable plan and providing ways and means for maintaining an organisation, so that, by concentrated action, these travelling frauds may be arrested and punished. We trust that this convention may be well attended, and that it may be productive of good results. What can be done in the direction indicated remains to be seen.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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## MASONIC RELIEF AND IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A variety of reflections are awakened by your article on this subject which appeared in a recent issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. In the first place, I am inclined to believe that the "impositions" practised by unworthy members of the Craft exist more in the imagination of querulous and stingy brethren than in real fact. Those who bray the loudest about the unbounded charity of Freemasonry are seldom to be found amongst those who practise the "distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart," unless they can secure some mention, either in Lodge or in the public prints, which shall redound to their own personal advantage. Such charity is not worthy of the name—more particularly in connection with the Craft. As you observe, the true spirit of Freemasonry is not to parade its benevolent actions, but to exercise them in secret; and the ostentatious dispenser of alms anywhere, or in any class of society, is to be avoided. We are all perfectly well aware there are some people who do not hesitate to give large sums of money towards certain "fancy" charities, so long as their names appear in the list of donors published in the public newspapers, but who have been known to ignore the plaint of a needy and deserving family who have been impelled by dire and urgent poverty to appeal even for a little temporary assistance. Let it never be said that such a blot should ever rest upon the body to which we are proud and happy to belong. If a case of imposture is discovered it is easy to prevent its repetition; but I am sceptical altogether upon the point so often urged by the "clamorous" ones that a system of wholesale black-mail is constantly being carried on by unworthy members of the Craft. Under the circumstances I am decidedly of your opinion that "things are not quite so bad as they are painted, and certainly not so bad as to warrant wholesale denunciation of Masonic appeals." The best amongst us is liable to come to grief, and to shut the door of Masonic benevolence by transforming it into an inquisitorial organisation would be to deprive Masonry of one of its chief and most attractive attributes. There are many, I know, who object to relieve the poor at the gate for fear of being imposed upon, but that is a begrudging spirit, and a ready excuse for tightly buttoning up the pocket. Better to be "imposed" upon a dozen times than allow one poor struggling one to turn away sick at heart after buffeting with troubles that have stranded him at last on the threshold of Masonic sympathy and aid. There are other matters suggested by your article upon which I might touch but for fear of trespassing too much upon your valuable space, but probably the subject will be discussed by other of your correspondents.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WARDER.

## TRADING ON MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just had placed in my hands a copy of the *Keystone*, an excellent Masonic journal published in Philadelphia, which a friend of mine has posted to me for perusal as to matters of mutual interest on the other side of the Atlantic. Amongst other items contained in its pages I notice that the editor has reprinted *in extenso* the sketch furnished by a correspondent to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE some weeks ago, and which was, no doubt, received by your readers with no small amount of amusement. If the article is the real portrayal of a character "whom you have met," I may congratulate your correspondent upon having woven such a "gay and grave" and touching and humorous story out of the lives of the successful undertaker and his "missus," and trust the former, who survives to deliver the "round unvarnished tale," may be equally pleased at having been so kindly immortalised.\* I am well aware that you occasionally quote select "tit-bits" from your American contemporary, and the interchange of readable matter is a feature of Masonic journalism which might be productive of much good on both sides of the Atlantic, and indeed everywhere, where the English language is spoken. I frequently come across "tit-bits" copied from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE into colonial papers, which is a proof that your excellent journal is read not only within the confines of the "tight little island" in which it is published, but in distant lands as well, where English Masonry flourishes. If it is pleasant to exchange visits amongst our Masonic Lodges at home, so is it gratifying to find a responsive *esprit de corps* existing between the recognised organs of Freemasonry in various quarters of the globe.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

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\* The article in question was submitted to the individual whom it was intended to delineate, and with characteristic dryness, when asked if he could recognise the character, he replied, "Why, Mister, some of it fits."—ED. F.C.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## CONFIDENCE LODGE No. 193.

FROM the interest manifested at the first meeting for the winter session in connection with this old and prosperous Lodge, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, there need be little apprehension that the prestige the Lodge has for so many years enjoyed will in any way abate under the presidency of its present popular Worshipful Master, Bro. W. A. Cubitt. Indeed it has been our pleasure to witness its rapid growth and increasing stability, especially of recent years, which speaks volumes for the zeal and judicious rule of its Masters, and a united effort on the part of the Officers and Brethren generally. On resuming work on Monday evening the Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. W. Saint S.W., M. Silvester J.W., G. P. Nightingale S.D., S. Smither I.G., J. E. Fells P.M., B. W. Basham P.M., F. Bonny B.M., J. Smith P.M., J. Shackell P.M. Secretary, H. T. Reed P.M., D. B. Kershaw P.M., Bedford Lemere P.M., J. Egan, H. Meyer, W. Hall, T. Bordman, J. Passingham, G. D. Stevenson, J. Foster, A. Basham, W. Fernley, H. King, J. Lashbrook, T. J. White, J. H. Clare, A. Jay, G. Talbot, W. Beckett, F. H. Clemow, G. S. Pitt, J. Parker, E. Fithian, J. Gildersleeve, G. Masters, E. J. Davey, H. S. Sackwall, C. Webber, E. Kiddell, J. Grundy, F. J. Heale, H. D. Alston, J. H. Bayley, G. Butcher, W. Seaman, J. Garwood, J. Roberts, E. H. Walden, and others. The Visitors included Bros. W. C. Hollands P.M. 1321, A. H. Strong 1585, H. Forss 917, E. Perry 1744, H. Barwell 901, C. Campbell 1364, G. Rolls 1269, W. Dickins 860 S. Jacobs 205, M. Bromet 205, &c. Bro. L. G. Reinhardt officiated as Tyler. In consequence of the lamented decease of Bro. H. Webb P.M. and W.S., the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in token of respect. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The agenda was a formidable one, and Lodge was opened in the three degrees; but in consequence of the amount of work to be done, the raising of Bros. J. Lashbrook and W. J. Parker was deferred. Resuming in the second, Bro. H. King was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which the ballot was opened for Mr. A. W. South, of 119 Newgate-street, proposed by the Senior Warden, and seconded by the Worshipful Master; Mr. J. Dongray, 40 Felix-street, Hackney-road, whose sponsors were the same; Mr. F. Westoby, Wimbledon, nominated by Bro. Collins and seconded by Bro. Lemere P.M., and Mr. J. Hart, East Dulwich, with the same proposer and seconder. In each case voting was unanimously in favour, and the four candidates named were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The whole of the working was such as to reflect the highest credit upon the Worshipful Master and his Officers, all of whom acquitted themselves most meritoriously. Feeling allusion was made by the W.M. and other brethren to the recent death of Bro. Webb, who had rendered such service to the Lodge, and on the motion of the Senior Past Master, duly seconded, it was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the widow on her sad bereavement. Some routine business having been transacted, the brethren and Visitors adjourned for the banquet, which was served in a style for which the Bros. Clemow have long been proverbial. The arrangements were such as we are led from experience to anticipate at this first-class hotel, and nothing was left unstudied that could in any way conduce to the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. The Worshipful Master briefly proposed the Queen and the Craft, observing that all the brethren knew what an efficient Mason the Prince of Wales was, and how ready he was at all times to come forward and assist in the working of Freemasonry when called upon. They had a most excellent example of that when His Royal Highness made his son a Freemason. He then proposed the Grand Officers Present and Past, in doing this he said they all knew their good qualities and excellent working. He hoped the time might come when they should see the Earl of Carnarvon in his old place in the chair at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Kershaw P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said Bro. Cubitt had had arduous labours to go through that evening, and would have had more but for the relentless clock. As it was, for the comfort of the brethren at that late hour he had been obliged to eliminate the third degree. He had certainly not got rusty during the recess, but was well up in his work, though he had got through it early on this occasion in order that the brethren might enjoy the amenities that were to follow. The toast was enthusiastically received, and in response the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had greeted the mention of his name. It was a matter of great gratification to him that his poor services had met with so much appreciation at their hands. He was sorry that certain circumstances during the evening had delayed the working of the Lodge. He hoped to have been able to carry out the full duties, but time and circumstances did not permit, and two brethren were kind enough to postpone their raising until a future occasion, for which he thanked them. It had been his aim since he had been in the chair to perform the duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. They had many able Past Masters who during their years of office had acquitted themselves in a most satisfactory manner, and in such a way as many other Lodges might envy. Such being the case, he made it his pleasure to try and emulate them as far as possible. He could not say he had fully succeeded, but he had endeavoured to do his utmost in that direction. He trusted they would overlook his little shortcomings to-night, but he had been somewhat worried, as things had not gone quite so smoothly as he could have wished. In proposing the Initiates, the W.M. observed that they had an unusual number, for it was not a frequent occurrence in any Lodge to have four on one evening. They had some worthy initiates on that occasion, of whose character they had heard in Lodge, and from what they had since seen they were all stamped as likely to become excel-

lent members of the Confidence Lodge. The initiates, who were met with a warm reception, and the rendering of the Entered Apprentice's Song, severally replied. Bro. South thanked the brethren most cordially and heartily for the kind and generous manner in which they had received him and his brother initiates. He had not the least doubt that kindness would be continued, and he trusted that he might prove deserving of it. Bro. Dongray also returned his sincere thanks for the kindly manner in which he had been received. When he had had some experience of the working of the Lodge he hoped he might not be so timid in the expression of his appreciation. Bro. Westoby thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the way in which they had treated him that evening. He hoped that feeling would continue, and that he might grow in favour with the members of the Lodge. He saw many around him who had gathered honours, and he hoped that some day he might likewise come to the front. Bro. Hart, in the course of his reply, said he, like the other initiates, felt somewhat timid and bashful at saying anything that evening. He begged to offer his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the generous way in which they had received him. He always had a great idea that the brotherhood and Craft of Freemasonry would and should be one of the great ambitions of a man to lead up to. What he had seen, and the generous feeling displayed had confirmed him in that opinion, he hoped he should prove a worthy member of this most ancient and honourable Craft. With all the power that in him lay he should endeavour to maintain its integrity and name with what little ability he possessed. What he had seen to-night would leave an impression on his mind of their generous kindness towards him. The W.M. then extended a hearty welcome to the Visitors, with which toast he coupled the names of Bros. S. Jacobs and W. Dickins, who replied; and in answer to calls Bros. Hollands P.M. 1321, and H. Forss 917, also responded, the former alluding to the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at which he should like to see more of the brethren of the mother Lodge attending. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters, and in doing so said they were so situated in this Lodge that they had a number of veterans who constantly attended the working. He was glad to see so large a muster present that evening, as it gave him great encouragement in going through his duties. He need not comment upon the excellencies of the Past Masters, which were known to all the brethren, but would couple with the toast the name of Bro. S. Webb. In reply Bro. Webb P.M. said there was generally a good muster of Past Masters at the meetings of this Lodge, which showed they did not run away after they had passed through the dignity of the chair. They had one present who had been a P.M. for 21 years. He had been 17 or 18 years, and there was another that had been nearly a quarter of a century, who, although he could not be present, had written a letter to the W.M., which was very gratifying to his (the speaker's) feelings. His brother (the late Bro. H. Webb) had been amongst them a great many years, being initiated at the same time that he was, although he had not been a P.M. quite so long. Still, he held a position in the Lodge which had been not at all discreditable to him, and on the whole he was a most useful and charitable member of the Craft. His name had been mentioned in kindly and sympathetic manner in the Lodge room, and for that he was exceedingly grateful. He hoped they might meet this time next year, and that there might be no gap in the ranks. He felt certain there was no member of this Lodge who had any feeling save of respect for his late brother. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the toast being replied to in suitable terms by Bro. J. Shackell P.M. and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge having replied to compliments paid them, the Tyler closed the programme. During the evening there was some excellent music and singing, Bro. Silvester lending efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte.

## LODGE OF ST. JAMES, No. 765.

A NUMEROUS gathering of members of, and visitors to, this excellent Lodge, assembled at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., for the installation of Bro. W. H. Tilling, one of its most popular members, into the chair of K.S. Bro. H. W. Mitten W.M. opened his Lodge punctually at the hour appointed, and there were present during the proceedings of the evening the following brethren, viz., Bros. W. H. Tilling P.M., George Tilling J.W., F. Child P.M. Treasurer, R. Tilling P.M. Secretary (father of the W.M. elect), E. J. Rawle S.D., R. W. Foster J.D., E. J. Jones W.S., J. E. Costello I.G., Geo. Rowe Tyler; P.M.'s James Abbott, James Cox, Thomas Nevill; also Bros. C. Slow, J. Spencer, T. Price, A. Careys, W. Roberts, G. Perkins, H. Barnett, Alf. Tilling, W. Brindler, R. A. Thompson, C. A. Colville, L. C. Morlet, W. J. Stahlshmidt, D. Blandford, T. Kent, D. Samuels, C. E. R. Ruld, R. Bowes, T. H. Sparling, T. Williams, and other members. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, E. Bridges P.M. 311, T. Nunn P.M. 1531, G. Sewell P.M. 1457, G. Treves W.M. 720, J. Loader W.M. 1622, E. Johnson W.M. 134, Henry Taylor P.M. 586, D. Jones 1586, H. J. Almond 1427, J. Reed 1391, A. C. Wood 720, J. C. Larner S.W. 1586, J. Mills 1714, H. Strickland 169, W. Montgomery S.W. 1475, T. R. Williams S.D. 147, C. H. Cooke 34, W. Fountain 879, G. Saling 205, W. J. Brooker 1329, 1426, J. E. Jones 2011, J. Smith 1586, F. W. Farmer 25, Chaplin Henry, Walter Bolton 179, and H. M. Smith 1586. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and there being no business beyond that of the installation set down for the proceedings of the evening, Bro. W. H. Tilling was presented as W.M. elect, and the W.M., Bro. Mitten, in most admirable style, and in strict accordance with every detail of the ceremonial, installed his successor, who received from all the brethren most hearty congratulations on attaining the honourable position of W.M. At the request of the Installing Master, Brother James Stevens P.M. undertook the duties of D.C. as well in the Board of Installed Masters as in the subsequent business of the lower degree, and the investment of Officers—duties which that

brother is so frequently charged with when opportunities offer. The Officers appointed by the W.M., and those elected by the Lodge, were invested and most ably addressed in the following order, viz., Bros. George Tilling S.W., C. J. Rawle J.W., H. W. Mitten I.P.M., F. Child P.M. Treasurer, R. Tilling P.M. Secretary, R. W. Foster S.D., J. E. Costello J.D., E. J. Jones I.G., Geo. Hyde P.M. D.C., C. H. Dent W.S., George Rowe Tyler. Propositions for initiation and joining having been received, communications read, hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors respectively, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the large *Crown Room* of the Hotel and gave general satisfaction, both in regard to provision and sufficiency of attendance. The musical portion of the entertainment was under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, with Bro. F. R. Kinkel at the pianoforte, and Mdles. Maloline Hardy and Helen Heath, and Bros. Henry Taylor and Walter Bolton as vocalists. It is almost needless to say that under such direction, and with such excellent talent, the enjoyment of the company was considerably enhanced, and the W.M. very commendably advocating brief addresses in proposing and responding to the several toasts, left ample time for the several encores which the merits of the singers so well deserved. After grace had been sung, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, the health of the W.M. was drunk with enthusiasm. In his reply the W.M. expressed his devotion to the best interests of the Lodge and the welfare and happiness of its members, and that devotion he assured them should not be lessened during his year of office. He had to thank Bro. Mitten, the now I.P.M., for much assistance in the past, and more especially now, for the benefit of installation he had received at his hands. It gave him great pleasure to decorate him with the handsome jewel which the Lodge had voted to Bro. Mitten in recognition of his past services, and in doing so he called upon his hearers to drink his health and wish him long life and prosperity. Bro. Mitten was most cordially received on rising, and in very forcible terms expressed his thanks. Amongst the remaining toasts was that of the Visitors, who were severally introduced to the members of the Lodge, and were heartily welcomed. On their behalf, responses were made by Bros. James Stevens P.M., J. Loader W.M. 1622, E. Johnson W.M. 124, W. Montgomery S.W. 1475, A. C. Wood I.G. 720, and J. W. Farmer 25, who respectively expressed their thanks and appreciation of both the "labour and refreshment" which had been set before them. The Tyler's toast, at a somewhat late hour, concluded one of the most enjoyable Masonic réunions in which we have at any time taken part, and the Lodge of St. James, No. 765, may fairly record on their minutes of proceedings as a "red letter day" that on which took place the installation of their present Worshipful Master.

#### ABERYSTWYTH LODGE, No. 1072.

THERE was a gratifying attendance of members and Visitors at the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion Hotel, Aberystwyth. The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. J. Watkins, being detained, the chair was filled by Bro. C. Rice Williams, M.D., P. Prov. G.S.W., Prov. Grand Secretary, who was supported by Bros. H. Hughes P. Prov. G. Purs. S.W., A. Riddell J.W., Rev. J. Lewis P. Prov. G. Chaplain, W. H. Jones S.D., R. W. Genese J.D., E. P. Wynne I.G., G. Davis D. of C., J. R. Rees and J. Morgan Stewards, and many others. Among the Visitors was Bro. C. Lacey P.M. P. Prov. G.J.D. Herts. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual preliminaries had been observed, the ceremony of raising was performed in a most impressive manner, the candidates being Bros. Richard Mathias and James Jones. The acting W.M. completed the work with the traditional history and lecture on the tracing-board, delivering himself with great elocutionary effect. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Watkins, had by this time arrived, and the chair was vacated by Bro. Williams in his favour. Lodge having been resumed in the second degree, Bros. Viscount Vaughan and William Henry Jones were passed, the working being excellent, and eliciting the entire approbation of the brethren. A sumptuous banquet followed labour, and the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Lacey responded for the Visitors, and met with a very cordial reception from the Worshipful Master, Bro. Rice Williams the Secretary, Bro. Roberts the host, and the brethren generally. The toasts were interspersed with singing, &c., and a very happy and enjoyable evening was passed.

#### THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Bro. W. P. Baber the W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Robert Fendick S.W., F. W. Potter J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson Past G. Chaplain, P.M.'s N. B. Heaton Treasurer, George Blackie Secretary, F. T. C. Keeble, J. Stevens, R. Stanway J. Seex, W. F. Kibble; L. Bertram J.D., G. Jenkins Organist, J. A. W. Stephens and A. Cumner Stewards, and R. Potter P.M. Tyler. Lodge having been opened, and the usual formalities observed, it was advanced, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with, Bro. Fendick being placed in the chair of the Lodge by the outgoing Master. He was saluted in the three degrees, and then appointed the following as the Officers for the ensuing year:—F. W. Potter S.W., Bertram J.W., Heaton P.M. Treasurer, Keeble P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, Stephens S.D., Cumner J.D., J. R. Greening I.G., Jenkins Organist, W. Cook P.M. D.C., Smith and H. F. Frost Stewards, R. Potter P.M. Tyler. Bro. James Stevens P.M. acted as Director of Ceremonies during the installation, and performed the work in a creditable manner. Before closing the Lodge, the Worshipful Master desired to refer to the services rendered to the Lodge by Brother

Blackie, during the time he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary, and to propose that a cordial vote of thanks be presented to him for those services. Brother Blackie had performed his work in such a manner as to merit the warmest and sincerest thanks of the members of the Lodge. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Baber I.P.M., and carried unanimously. Thereupon, Bro. Potter S.W. suggested that a Past Secretary's jewel be presented by the Lodge to Bro. Blackie. He felt that of all the jewels which had been given by the Lodge none was more deserved than this, and none would be given with greater pleasure. He therefore gave notice of motion for the necessary expenditure to be sanctioned by the Lodge at the next meeting. Bro. Greening seconded, fully endorsing all that had been said in praise of Bro. Blackie, and feeling assured the Lodge would be united in wishing to present some memento of their appreciation of the services of their ex-Secretary. An appeal was made to the Lodge on behalf of a distressed brother, and a sum of £3 was voted on his behalf. Bro. James Stevens gave some particulars of the case, and later in the evening had the pleasure of receiving an offer of employment for the brother whose case he had espoused. The practical response of the Lodge to this appeal, and the even more gratifying promise of one of its members to give the applicant employment, was most satisfactory, and exhibited that true Masonic spirit which should do much to alleviate distress among members of the Craft if it was displayed more frequently. Another appeal was introduced and a collection made among the members on behalf of the applicant—the widow of an old member of the Lodge. The Auditors' Report was submitted and adopted, some formal business transacted, and the Lodge closed. The brethren afterwards assembled in the Pillar room of the Hotel, where the usual banquet was served. The Worshipful Master presided, and in due course proposed the toasts customary on such occasions. The health of the Queen having been drunk, the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was submitted. This, the W.M. said, was a truly Masonic toast. The position taken by the Prince of Wales, as head of the Craft, had been the means of adding greatly to its numbers, and had tended largely to the prosperity of the Order. Wherever the name of the Prince of Wales was mentioned it was always sure of that hearty enthusiasm which Freemasons, one and all, loved to accord to it. The health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was the next toast. The heads of the Order were really worthy men, doing each day all that lay in their power to advance the interest and welfare of Freemasonry. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson responded. He was not surprised that the health of the Pro G.M. and the Deputy Grand Master came next in the affections of Freemasons to that of their beloved Grand Master. Much of our peace, prosperity, and domestic happiness—to say nothing of the prosperity of the Order to which we belong—depended on the leaders of the nation and of the Craft. Much also depended on the moral courage of those leaders. In Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom we have men who would do their duty in whatever position in life God might place them. At the present time they could not prevent their minds going somewhat out of Freemasonry when they wished health and prosperity to the Pro Grand Master. Bro. Simpson had lately been in Ireland, and was present at the Grand Lodge of that island the previous week, when an address was proposed to the Pro Grand Master of England in his official capacity of Lord Lieutenant in Ireland. Bro. Simpson had taken advantage of his visit to the sister isle to visit the Masonic Schools there, and he must certainly pronounce them entirely equal to those maintained by the English Freemasons,—except so far as the number of inmates was concerned. He fully appreciated the high honour conferred on him by The Great City Lodge in appointing him as Chaplain, for the eleventh time. He was delighted to see so many of the Past Masters of the Lodge present, and would enjoin four things on all around him—Honour all men, love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the Queen. Bro. Baber now proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He had been known to most of them for eleven or twelve years, and they had seen enough of him to know he was worthy of being the Master of The Great City Lodge. He was easy in address, courteous in manner, steady and firm in principle, and at the end of his term of office he was convinced the brethren would be able to say he was well skilled in the noble science, and able and willing to conduct the affairs of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks. He considered his position a very proud one, although it was not from some points of view a very enviable one. He had worked through every office in the Lodge and at last had attained the summit of his ambition. He hoped the brethren would look with a lenient eye on his shortcomings, and would support him to the best of their ability during his term of office. He should not be worthy of his position if he did not endeavour to do his very best for the welfare of The Great City Lodge, which he hoped would progress under his Masership. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors. The Great City Lodge was and always had been honoured by the extent and quality of its Visitors. That night was no exception to the rule. To one and all of the guests he offered, on behalf of the Lodge, the right hand of fellowship, and hoped they would be present on many future occasions. Bro. Fletcher replied. He thanked the Lodge for the kind welcome given the Visitors. He felt he was but re-echoing the sentiments of all when he congratulated the outgoing Master on the spirit with which he had carried out his duties that day, and the Lodge generally on the dignity and sangfroid with which their new ruler had at once undertaken his work in the Lodge. Bro. Poore followed. It was no novelty with him to be a visitor at The Great City Lodge, his association with which was to be traced to the Lodge of Instruction working under its sanction. The ambition of every young Mason should be to follow the example set by the heads of the Order, who in their turn should be patterns worthy of imitation. Bros. Melwin and Tatlock also responded. The former congratulated the Lodge on its prospects under its new Master. The latter felt no one could have been in the Lodge without feeling that the true principles of Freemasonry were thoroughly engrafted in the heart of the retiring

Master. He could not have performed his task as he had done had he been half-hearted in the work. It was also a pleasure to witness the way in which the members tried to relieve the wants of their fellows, the mere mention of distress appeared to stir up the best feelings of their hearts. The Master next proposed the health of their I.P.M.—the Installing Master of the day—Bro. Baber. He felt justified in saying that Bro. Baber had given satisfaction to every member of the Lodge, and only hoped that when the end of his year of office came he should be able to instal his successor as well as Bro. Baber had done. He had pleasure in presenting to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel voted by the members of the Lodge, and in doing so trusted the recipient might be spared for many years to come among them—in the enjoyment of health and happiness. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

On the front

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

On the reverse :

Presented to  
Bro. WILLIAM BABER,  
with the thanks of the Brethren,  
On the termination of his year of office,  
as 12th Worshipful Master  
10th October 1885.

The I.P.M. tendered his thanks, both for the reception which had been accorded to the toast and for the very flattering references which had been made to the way in which he had performed the work of his term of office. He had done his duty to the best of his ability, and was very pleased to think he had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren. He thanked them for the very handsome jewel they had awarded him. He thought he might say that if he was spared it would seldom be absent from the meetings of The Great City Lodge. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Past Masters. He was pleased to see so many present that night. The Past Masters had done good snit and service to the Lodge, and had proved themselves of advantage to Freemasonry in general. Bro. Stevens was the first to reply. He expressed his gratitude for the way in which the brethren had listened to his appeal in the Lodge, and for the way in which they had always received their Past Masters. Bro. Headon desired to once more thank the brethren for associating his name with the toast of the Past Masters. He fully recognised the kind way in which they were always received in The Great City Lodge. Bros. Seex, Stanway, and Blackie followed. Bro. Blackie was proud of being a Past Master of The Great City Lodge, and also proud of being able to respond without having to look forward to association with a toast later on—that of the Secretary. He had fulfilled the duties of that office as long as he had been able to do so, and as well as he could. If his successor desired any help which it was in his power to afford he should be most happy to give it. The other claims on his time prevented his giving that attention to the duties of Secretary which the office demanded. Bros. Kibble and Keoble came next. The latter said he had felt very proud when he was placed at the head of the Lodge, and now felt equally proud in taking his position on the lowest round among the Past Masters. The next duty of the W.M. was a very pleasing one—the proposition of the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. In their Treasurer they had a very old and tried servant, one who was always ready to give his services for the good of the Lodge, and always ready to do his utmost to advance its welfare. In their Secretary they had a new hand—not new to the Lodge, but new to the office. The W.M. felt that their new Secretary would follow in the steps of his predecessors, but warned him he had no light task to perform when trying to emulate them. Bro. Headon tendered his thanks. There had not been a meeting of The Great City Lodge at which its Treasurer had not been present, and he hoped it might always be so, so long as he filled the office. He had always taken a great interest in the Lodge, and trusted his interest in it might never be less than it then was. He desired to refer to an important matter which would occupy the attention of the Craft ere long—the election of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. They were all aware The Great City Lodge had taken a great interest in the movement which had brought about an annual transfer of the collar of Grand Treasurer. First, the brethren of the City had secured the election of Bro. Allcroft—a City man, widely known and well entitled to the honour conferred on him. Some little distrust had been felt lest by some slip the election of a brother hardly worthy of the honour might bring discredit on the amendment which had been carried into effect. This was not likely during the current year, if they were successful in securing the election of Bro. Martin—also a well-known City man—who had consented to allow himself to be put in nomination for the office. He was a brother well fitted for the appointment, and worthy the support of the whole Craft. He trusted the London brethren would rally round and support him to the best of their ability. The position Bro. Martin held in the City of London was such as to warrant them in recommending him for the office, which, with the help of London Masons, they hoped to secure for him. Brother Keoble thanked the brethren for receiving him so heartily as their Secretary. He felt he could but feebly carry on the work so ably conducted by Bro. Blackie during the past five years, but at the same time he felt that as Bro. Blackie had proved himself efficient in the work he had an extra good example to imitate. The W.M. proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge. This was a very comprehensive toast, especially so on the present occasion when there had been so many new brethren appointed to office. The ability of the older Officers was well-known; while as regarded the new ones, the brethren knew sufficient of them to give their confidence in the selection which had been made. Bro. Potter returned thanks; he felt that all who had that day been appointed to office would endeavour to do their duty to the satisfaction of the members; the bright example set by the Officers who had preceded them would be an incentive for extra

endeavours, and he hoped in due course they would merit the reward of promotion. Each of the Officers having responded, the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Hubbard 9, T. Fletcher 33, J. Tatlock W.M. 142, James Hill I.P.M. 183, J. G. Newton 569, T. Poore P.M. 720, F. H. Cozens Organist 907, T. Harper P.M. 1216, G. Collins 1260, E. Dalzell S.W. 1519, W. Medwin P.M. 1613, J. Gibbs W.M. elect 1613, R. V. Harman W.M. 1692, and M. Brown 1997. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. H. F. Frost, who was supported by Bros. H. W. Scharban, Edward Dalzell, F. H. Cozens and F. Bevan.

#### WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, on Saturday last, the 10th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Seward, who was supported by his Past Masters, Officers, and the following brethren: Bros. J. A. Fleck 172, C. T. Fleck D.C. 172, J. Bastard 1566 P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks, E. A. Tilbry 975, L. Steil 55, U. S. Hill P.M. 223, T. Drowbear W.M. 1584, E. Horne P.M. 1887, J. M. Longhurst P.M. 133, 1273, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, W. J. London S.D. 2077, P. A. Latham W.M. 2022, Jas Chapman P.M. 194, G. F. Nixon P.M. 76, James Fisher P.M. 2022, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. R. Wise 452, J. Salmon S.W. 2077, W. Roebuck P.G.S., G. Wright W.M. 1996, W. G. Vassie 1767, W. H. Chappell 1245, W. C. K. John 33; Past Masters Henry Kasner Treasurer, Adam J. Burr Secretary, S. Dyer, A. Beasley. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, and after full consideration it was adopted. Several important communications were brought under the notice of the brethren, and these received full attention. Brother E. J. Acworth, the Master elect, was then formally presented for the benefit of installation, and was obligated by Bro. Seward. After the brethren under the degree of Installed Master had retired, the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Kasner P.M., who, before proceeding with the ceremony, read a telegram announcing the success, that day, of a daughter of their late Bro. Tacker P.M., as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Brother Acworth was then installed, and having received the congratulations of the brethren assembled, appointed the following as the Officers:—Bros. J. W. Fisher S.W., W. Nye J.W., H. Kasner P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Burr P.M. Secretary, G. S. Wright S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., J. L. Hamilton I.G., F. Delevante Organist, W. Meadows Assistant Organist, J. Wells and A. Pooley Stewards, G. Coop D.C., and G. Harrison Tyler. The routine work having already been disposed of, the W.M. made the usual inquiries, and then proceeded to close the Lodge. The brethren afterwards assembled in the beautiful hall of the establishment. The banquet was served in a most complete and ample form, with every regard to comfort, and reflected the highest credit on Brother Stephens, the proprietor. The usual toasts were honoured. Her Majesty the Queen recognised Freemasons as a truly loyal body. In proposing the health of the Grand Master the W.M. remarked upon the hold Freemasonry had taken on the Royal Family, and that, as it was descending from father to son, he thought Freemasons might congratulate themselves upon the prospect of having royalty at the head of the Craft for many years to come. With the health of the Grand Officers Present and Past the W.M. associated the name of Brother Roebuck, and on behalf of the West Middlesex Lodge tendered him the hearty thanks of the members for the valuable help he had given them in securing the election of the candidate Tacker, already referred to. Brother William Roebuck, Past Grand Steward, in the course of his reply said, that he had had the privilege of being in Grand Lodge when Lord Carnarvon was presiding, and he did not know his lordship's equal for such a duty. As regarded the Deputy G. Master, Lord Lathom was always ready to come forward when required; and as regarded the Grand Officers Present and Past, he believed they desired to render the brethren all the assistance they could. At the consecration of new Lodges some of them were invariably present. He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and on behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren for the compliment paid them. Bro. Seward proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Acworth was one not altogether unknown to them; he was initiated in the West Middlesex, but had served as the W.M. of another Lodge. He was one whom they all knew and greatly respected; he would ask them to drink to the health of the W.M. and wish him a prosperous and a happy year of office. Bro. Acworth did not feel the same difficulty in asking the brethren to drink the health of others as he did to return thanks himself. He did not know how sufficiently to thank those present for conferring upon him the Mastership. The West Middlesex Lodge had been known for years past, first for its good working, secondly for its benevolence, and thirdly for the good, kind-hearted feeling that prevailed amongst its members. He now found himself in the position of head of the Lodge, and he could only say that he hoped to be able at the end of his year of office to give a good account of his Stewardship. The Past Masters was the next toast proposed. The W.M. said that in drinking this toast the brethren must carry their minds back to the commencement of the Lodge, and consider all the difficulties a young Lodge had to contend with. They had had the good fortune to have able Masters, and as these had borne the burden and heat of the day, it was becoming that they should be looked up to on account of the services they had rendered. By the time he became one himself he hoped to merit the good opinion of the other Past Masters, and of every member of the Lodge; but he could not conceal from himself that his year of office would not be an easy one. Before he sat down he had a duty to perform; this was, on behalf of the Lodge, to present to the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel. It had been most worthily deserved, and he believed he might say that the brethren

never subscribed for a jewel more freely than they did for this. The compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bros. Seward, Beasley, and Dyer, Bro. Beasley remarking he had travelled some hundreds of miles in order to be present. The next toast proposed from the chair was that of the Visitors, and most of those present acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Salmon, who stated that he was associated with Bro. Acworth in another Lodge, announced that he had mentioned to some of his friends that Bro. Acworth had been elected Master of this Lodge; those brethren had desired him to convey to him their feelings of satisfaction in a practical form, and they therefore had prepared an illuminated address, which he would now venture to read.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It affords us great pleasure to communicate to you a resolution unanimously passed at a meeting in London of your numerous friends in Masonry, who desire to testify their appreciation of your excellent qualities as a member of the Craft, as well as your sterling worth as a citizen. Resolved—“Having heard of the further advance in Masonry of Bro. E. J. Acworth, and of his induction into the Mastership of his Parent Lodge, this meeting, composed of his personal friends, desires to congratulate him on his attainment of the honour he so justly merits, and trusts that a happy year of office awaits him.” The occasion of your installation as Master of the West Middlesex Lodge, is considered a fitting opportunity for conveying to you this token of regard.

Signed on behalf of the thirty-seven brethren present.

W. J. LONDON.  
T. J. WOODROW.  
JAMES SALMON.

That address (said Bro. Salmon) Bro. London, Bro. Woodrow, and himself had signed, on behalf of 37 brethren who were present when the matter was resolved upon, and in the names of those brethren he now had the pleasure to present it. Bro. Acworth, in acknowledgment, said that he felt himself quite undeserving of such an expression of esteem, but begged that Bro. Salmon would convey his sincere thanks for it to the brethren with whom it originated. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was acknowledged by Bros. Kasner and Burr, and the Officers having been toasted, the proceedings were brought to a close in the usual manner. An excellent musical programme was provided, under the direction of Miss Madeline Hardy, who was supported by Miss Florence Venning, Mr. Alfred Denby, and Mr. Alfred Moore. Mr. Albert H. Fox presided at the piano, and proved himself an accompanist of no mean order. The songs were admirably rendered, and the encores during the evening were numerous and persistent.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE first meeting of the winter session was held at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday last. Bros. T. H. Peirce W.M., Henry Martin S.W., E. Thring J.W., Charles Greenwood P.M., P.G. Sword Bearer Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, W. W. Morgan I.P.M., Usher Back, Dr. Waters, Alfred Green, and F. Hentsch P.M.'s, and several visitors. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which some matters of interest to the members were discussed. Brother Morgan announced that the candidate—Dyer—in whom several members of the Lodge were interested, had been successful at the election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the previous day, and congratulated the brethren on this result being attained on the first application made on behalf of the lad. He also urged the brethren to support the candidature of Bro. Harper, an old member of the St. Michael's Lodge, who was seeking the benefits of the Benevolent Institution. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of banquet, and the evening was spent in a most harmonious manner.

#### UNITY LODGE, No. 1637.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge, which is one of the most prosperous in the Province of Middlesex, took place on Saturday last, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, where there was a goodly assemblage of brethren and visitors, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The proceedings were throughout of a most harmonious and agreeable description, and it is very evident that through the judicious management of its Officers, the Lodge is in a most satisfactory condition from every point of view. At two o'clock Lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, the chair being filled by Bro. T. W. Cooper P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G.J.D., who was supported by Bros. J. Woodmason S.W. and W.M. elect, C. Webster J.W., S. A. Cooper P.M. and Sec., C. Parsons S.D., J. M. Jefferson J.D., I. N. Gordon I.G., W. Coombes P.M. P.P.S.D. (honorary), D. Stroud, Dr. N. Goodchild P.M., H. Slyman P.M., J. S. Adkins P.M., S. Sondheim, J. Crook, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. I. Cattle P.M. 1441, J. Salmon 2045, C. Rogers 1328, A. Giddings 1446, Harry Tipper S.W. 2090, H. Jackson 1937, J. W. Howson 1446, T. Edmonds 1507, W. Heath 1613, M. Higgin 1363, W. F. Parker 1517, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bros. J. Crook and G. Dickins having answered the interrogatories in a satisfactory manner, were entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third, and Bros. Crook and Dickins were raised to the sublime degree, the work being admirably carried out. Subsequently, Bro. Sondheim was also raised, the whole of the solemn rites being sustained in masterly manner. Bro. Henry Slyman P.M. having taken the chair, Bro. J. Woodmason S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted for that purpose. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was greeted with

the customary salutations, and the charges were delivered in eloquent manner by Bro. Slyman, who acquitted himself most creditably as Installing Master. Bro. Woodmason W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the year, as follow, suitably addressing each as to the nature of his duties:—Bros. H. Slyman I.P.M., C. Webster S.W., C. Parsons J.W., T. Walker Cooper P.M. P.Prov.G.J.D. Treas., S. A. Cooper P.M. Secretary, J. M. Jefferson S.D., I. N. Gordon J.D., H. N. Larkin I.G., J. Clarkson D. of C., D. Strong S., Dr. Goodchild P.M. Assist. W.S., Middleton Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was most satisfactory, and was unanimously received; and after the transaction of some routine business the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where an excellent repast was served by the worthy host of the Railway Hotel, whose arrangements were all that could be desired. After dinner, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and received with due enthusiasm, reference being made by the Worshipful Master to Her Majesty the Queen as Patroness of the Craft, and to the rapid strides made in Freemasonry since the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the office of Grand Master. He then gave the health of the Grand Officers Present and Past, alluding to the zeal and ability with which the affairs of Grand Lodge were carried on by the rulers of the Craft; this toast having met with its accustomed reception, was followed by that of the Prov. Grand Master Bro. Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Raymond Thrupp, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. In doing so he spoke in felicitous terms of the excellent manner in which each and all of the Prov. Grand Officers exerted themselves to advance the interests of the Province, and of the happy results which had attended their wise and discreet arrangements. He concluded by expressing the hope that the harmony and unanimity which pervaded the Province, might long continue. The toast was heartily received, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Coombes Prov. G.S.D. who, in the course of his observations, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be once more with the brethren of the Unity Lodge, after a lengthened absence. He paid a fitting tribute to the zeal and admirable qualities of the Prov. Grand Master, who had earned the affection and esteem of all the brethren of the Province, and of none more than the members of the excellent Lodge under whose auspices they were now assembled. The Immediate Past Master next proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, whom he sincerely congratulated upon having attained the proud position he now occupied. He had passed through the minor offices with great credit, and there was every reason to anticipate that in carrying out the more important functions of the chair he would acquit himself with equal skill and to the entire satisfaction of the members of the Lodge. He considered the brethren had made a wise and judicious selection in Bro. Woodmason, who would study the best interests of the Unity Lodge in every possible way. The toast was received enthusiastically, and the Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and expressed the deep interest he felt in the welfare and prosperity of the Unity Lodge. It should be his constant study to promote that harmony and good feeling which, he was happy to say, now animated the whole of the brethren, and to sustain the prestige which the Unity Lodge enjoyed. He subsequently gave the Visitors a cordial welcome, observing that brethren from other Lodges were always received with pleasure by members of the Unity Lodge. The toast, which was heartily drunk, was responded to by Bros. J. I. Cattle P.M., T. C. Edmonds, and C. Rogers, each of whom complimented the Lodge upon the excellence of its working, and the generous hospitality which had been evinced towards them at the banquet table. The Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer, Brother H. Slyman, alluding to the active zeal he had for years displayed in promoting the welfare of the Unity Lodge. Brother Slyman had won the esteem and regard of the brethren generally, who all appreciated the fervency and zeal with which he carried out his duties; and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge they had unanimously voted him a handsome Past Master's jewel, which he had now the pleasure of placing on Bro. Slyman's breast. He trusted that their excellent Immediate Past Master might live long to wear it, and to enjoy the affection and regard of the brethren among whom he had laboured so zealously and well. He thanked Bro. Slyman for the kind and able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day, and spoke of the growing tendency in Masonic Lodges of retiring Masters installing their successors. That was a principle they should all endeavour to emulate, and he sincerely congratulated Bro. Slyman upon having set so excellent an example on this occasion. The Immediate Past Master, who was cordially received on rising to respond, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to perform the installation ceremony, and in placing in the chair a Master so eminently worthy of the confidence and respect of the brethren as his old friend Bro. Woodmason. He thanked the brethren for their handsome recognition of his small services to the Lodge, and said he should prize the jewel which had been presented to him far more for the generous motives which had prompted the gift than for its intrinsic value. His interest in the Unity Lodge was unabated, and it would be his study to exert himself in its behalf in the future equally as he had endeavoured to do in the past. The Worshipful Master then spoke of the admirable and zealous manner in which the Treasurer and Secretary had discharged their arduous duties, for which they were entitled to the best thanks of the brethren, inasmuch as the services they rendered conduced so much to the success and well being of the Lodge. These sentiments were cordially endorsed by the brethren, and the compliment was suitably acknowledged by the Secretary, Bro. S. A. Cooper P.M., who congratulated the brethren upon the sound and satisfactory condition of the Unity Lodge in every particular. The health of the Past Masters was next given from the

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 Grand Patroness:  
 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 10th October 1885,

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election, by ballot, of 17 Girls into the Institution from a list of 34 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List	Name	Votes	No. on Poll
27	Menpes, E. J.	2220	1
5	Fitt, M. E.	2123	2
18	Grammer, M. E.	2022	3
9	Burkill, F.	2014	4
29	Conti, E. M.	1953	5
23	Holleyman, B. C.	1895	6
11	Coxwell, E.	1885	7
24	Campbell, E. H. G.	1851	8
3	Smith, M. A. G.	1814	9
14	Broughton, K.	1802	10
2	Smithers, L. A.	1732	11
23	Tucker, I. C.	1725	12
6	Read, M. F.	1689	13
1	Mansell, M. M.	1628	14
15	Strathern, I. E.	1626	15
7	Adams, K. J.	1571	16
22	Gardner, B.	1534	17

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICES—5 FREEMASONS' HALL,  
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 10th October 1885.

### Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, return their thanks for the assistance they received from the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on behalf of IDA CAMPBELL TUCKER, by which they were enabled to secure for her a place in the School.

### Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

BRO. L. SOLOMON and the brethren who assisted him in the canvass on behalf of WILLIAM GEORGE FIGGESS, a candidate at the Election on Monday last, for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, desire to return their sincere thanks for the support they received, which enabled them to secure the election of the lad, who was returned No. 26 on the list.

### Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

BRO. CHARLES LACEY P.M. and the brethren of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625, return their sincere thanks to those brethren and subscribers of the Institution who supported the candidature of GEORGE STAFFORD HUGGERT, son of one of their Past Masters, at the election on the 12th instant, which resulted in his being returned No. 8 among the successful candidates.

### Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

BRO. DR. REGINALD TAYLOR, and the brethren who worked with him on behalf of EDWARD DYER, a candidate at the last Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, beg to tender their thanks to those Governors and Subscribers of the Institution who polled their votes on behalf of the case, thereby securing the election of the lad to the benefits of the School.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:  
 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.  
 President:  
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of October 1885,

W. BRO. RAYNHAM WILLIAM STEWART, P.G.D., V.P., in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of THIRTY-SEVEN BOYS from an approved List of Fifty-three Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List	Name	Votes
1	44	Shorrocks, Levi	1781
2	12	Henshaw, H. E.	1717
3	33	Hobson, E. W.	1618
4	53	Mackey, G. L. R.	1597
5	7	McMillan, J. N.	1573
6	16	Higgison, F. W.	1539
7	35	Worthington, G. B.	1537
8	32	Huggett, G. S.	1494
9	13	Astington, A. E.	1467
10	31	Smithers, W. H. G.	1466
11	49	Dobby, E.	1451
12	4	Mushens, A. T.	1441
13	10	West, A. S.	1425
14	2	Hildred, B. M.	1415
15	36	Stevens, W. B.	1411
16	3	Warner, A.	1395
17	6	Musgrave, P. W.	1385
18	15	Senior, G. J.	1377
19	40	Robey, B. H.	1362
20	18	Emes, E. R.	1355
21	9	Kent, F. B. B.	1353
22	41	McCaskie, N.	1343
23	54	Churchill, R. L.	1336
24	22	Arrowsmith, C. E.	1305
25	52	Neville, P.	1304
26	37	Figgess, W. G.	1274
27	39	Harrison, A.	1263
28	26	Hobbs, J. E. T.	1246
29	19	Fowler, F.	1231
30	31	Campbell, C. R.	1212
31	47	Brookbank, W. E.	1194
32	29	Groves, E. H.	1143
33	24	Gooch, T. E.	1119
34	45	Pronger, W. D.	1107
35	14	Haxthausen, C. E.	1055
36	51	Dyer, E.	1019
37	28	Rees, R. H.	1015

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April next.

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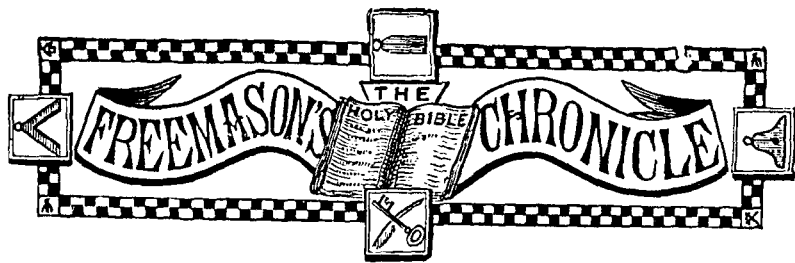
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No. III.

**I**NTRINSICALLY to study the characters of men with whom one might become intimate, in the Lodge room, the banquetting hall, or in public and private life, is a matter that requires a double safeguard—on the one hand against unconscious over-estimation, and on the other a censorship dictated by natural dislike. We can only gauge, after many years of practical observation, the peculiar merits or the reverse of those who may come within the scope of our review; and then it must be with a hand guided, and mind balanced, by true charity and caution. Probably inside a Lodge there is greater inducement and opportunity to carry on this study than anywhere else, because it is well known that here men exert their utmost powers to appear to the best advantage. Very amusing it is to watch the varying deportment of those who, having struggled after office, and reached the apex of their ambition, confess to the brethren who have conferred upon them so distinguished an honour that “this is the happiest moment of my life.” We have before us a sample of that self-complacent Mason, who while in the humbler walks of his career upon the chequered floor carried himself with due humility and obedience, but who when he had reached the blissful moment referred to stuck on such fantastical airs that made the brethren giggle all round. True it is that on one previous and memorable occasion the brethren tittered, though over a much more serious matter, when an initiate in the north-east produced his purse, and offered to bestow to the utmost his charity when solicited by the Junior Deacon. Our illustrious brother was at that time Director of Ceremonies, and the effect of the very unusual contretemps may be better imagined than described. But the ignominy of that retreat is forgotten now that the “summit of a Mason’s ambition” has been attained, and the frisky little Worshipful Master has shaken hands with the brethren all round—if not physically, in a manner equally significant and well known—at the banquet table. He has grown confident whilst working up in his degrees, and has even gone so far as to “back his intelligence” against that of any brother who has preceded him in the chair. To smile and shrug the shoulder at this perhaps unintentioned outburst of egotism was pardonable on the part of the company assembled at that reunion; yet elevate the eyebrows and nudge the elbow they did, as they anticipated the style in which the new Master would prove his own assertion to the satisfaction of the brethren. To accomplish this feat he must necessarily speak loquaciously, and he “let’s drive” at the toasts to all intents and purposes! He tells us all we knew before about the Gracious Patroness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and noble Rulers of the Craft, pain-

fully reiterating their excellencies, which practically as yet he knows very little about. As the post-prandial heat intensifies, so does his burning eloquence increase in volume, and the “intelligence” illumines, if not the interest of the evening, at any rate the countenances of the amused guests. But it is in the crowning moment of admitted “happiness” that our hero rises, Icarus-like, to the occasion; he soars into the regions of oratory until the waxen wings become molten, and he flounders about in a perfect slough of grotesque despond. The programme is got through at last, with evident satisfaction to the chief actor on the scene, who promises all sorts of possible and impossible things which he intends to carry out in the interests of the Lodge during his term of office, at the expiration of which he hopes to “hand down the insignia to his successor with its dignity untarnished and its lustre undimmed.” Whereat there are loud outbursts of ironical approbation, and he who has “strutted his brief hour upon the stage” finds himself in a condition of superlative ecstasy and self-importance. All this is pretty enough while it lasts, but subsequent events do not quite convince the brethren of the superior “intelligence” assumed at the outset. The year glides by with wonderful monotony, and although more by sympathetic courtesy than admiration engendered by the “Master of all the Talents,” he goes up armed with a decent list as a Steward at one of the Festivals, the shining light never again burns so brilliantly as on the night when it was first kindled, and finally goes out when he descends from the pinnacle of power and takes his place among the veterans whose “intelligence” he promised to eclipse. The financial condition of the Lodge has not improved under his rule, nor has the spirit of harmony and accord become more vigorous than before. Instead of blending his own exertions with those of men of less pretensions but greater experience and discernment, he has tried to rule the roost with an iron hand, and the brethren, instead of being struck with his “superior intelligence” are inclined to exclaim with Celia, in *As you like it*, “We must have your doublet and hose plucked over your head, and show the world what the bird hath done to her own nest.” This is but a specimen of the men who aspire to a point they are unable to retain, after they have been assisted to it, and who kick away the ladder by which they have climbed to transient eminence. The moral which adorns the tale is that modesty and plodding industry tell with greater weight in the long run than all the fireworks of overweening complacency and confidence, and in the result are of far more solid and lasting benefit to any Lodge. Who has not seen in his experience many a man thus flying at too high game and finishing in disappointment, which would never have overtaken him had zeal been tempered with discretion? Such individuals are not to be wholly blamed, for probably the intentions at the outset were genuine, though the aim might have been Utopian. The harm done, however, is often found to vibrate through the whole ranks of the Lodge, creating discontent where harmony would otherwise have been supreme, and the amenities of the brethren been most thoroughly cemented.

As a contrast to this we have before us the image of one who, with but little show or ostentation, has passed with sterling merit to a high position in Grand Lodge, equally as he has risen in Parliamentary and municipal esteem, and the affection of all who know his name—especially the poor. Not a soul begrudges the honours which have fallen upon this worthy brother thick and fast; not one who regards him other than the friend of every class with which he is brought into contact, if we may except those of the criminal orders who are brought before him in his magisterial capacity. Even then there is a leaning sympathy towards the guilty ones, a profound solicitude for those who “have erred and been deceived,” and thus stern justice is ever tempered with mercy. The Brother of whom we are now thinking is never loth to step down from his lofty social position to take part in any labour of charity and benevolence, whether inside or without the pale of the Craft of which he is so brilliant an ornament. Whether it be a public meeting, having for its object the amelioration of distress in this or any other country, whether by the depression of trade, a colliery explosion, or any other accident by flood or field at home, or by famine or pestilence abroad, there is the weight and influence of his great name, drawing after it the ready aid of troops of sympathising and willing followers. Inside the Lodge room his demeanour is in exact juxtaposition with that of the “cock sparrow”

Worshipful Master whose frivolous eccentricities only excite the laughter and ridicule of the more staid and sensible of the brethren. Conscious of his position and the power he is able to wield in behalf of the Craft or any of its valuable Institutions, he takes his part in any of the duties he is called upon to share with a strength of modesty which is akin to majestic. Mild, genial, and urbane in all his dealings with the brethren; brief, pithy, and sensible withal in his expatiation upon the mysteries and privileges of the Order, with an undertone of quiet, kindly mirth when joining in the festivities that succeed labour, his very presence lends a charm to the amenities of the Fourth Degree, while at the same time it effectually checks that boisterous exuberance which occasionally breaks out under less firm, though kindly, ruling. The fact is, that when such a solid rock in Masonry is at the presidential head, the Past Masters feel it their bounden duty to render that respect which is due to honour, and this vein pervades the company throughout, not with a restraining or depressing effect, but rather with a refining influence which elevates the enjoyment of the occasion. Then, again, when the voice of Charity is heard, and there is a deserving case in which benevolence, either Masonic or otherwise, may be exercised, there is no proclaiming it from the housetops, but in going about doing good the golden rule is observed, "Let not the right hand know what the left hand doeth." Thus in a spirit of stately dignity the functions of Masonic life are carried on, and honour attends the footsteps of the man who thus lays himself out for the advancement of the welfare of his fellow-creatures. It would be well if those who strut about in borrowed plumes, who think more highly of the gee-gaws and tinsel of Masonry were to take a lesson from the safe and steady-going pace of him whose characteristics it is impossible in this brief space fully to delineate, for then would Masonry not only be benefited in its own body politic, but would gain greater respect from the popular world in general.

The monthly meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. A. H. Tattershall. Amongst others present were Bros. Raynham Stewart, C. F. Hogard, Charles Lacey, Thomas Cubitt, C. A. Cottebrune, W. J. Murlis, James Brett, C. H. Webb, T. Humphries, Alex. Forsyth, Charles Dairy, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry Secretary. After the minutes had been confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of one male and one female annuitant. The Warden's Report was read, as was also the Report of the Finance Committee. From the latter it appeared that the Male Fund was overdrawn £561 11s 1d. There was a credit to the Widows' Fund of £2,458 3s 9d, and to the Sustentation Fund £112 17s 7d. There was a total balance at the bankers and in the Secretary's hands of £2,010 10s 3d. The report was adopted, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques. The petitions of four aged and infirm brethren and five widows were accepted. One case from Halifax was deferred for further information. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Bros. Dick Radclyffe and John Unite have undertaken the floral and other decorations for the Grand Festival of Ye Rahere Almoners at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday next.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, will in future be held at Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham-green Station, from whence there are trains to all parts of London every few minutes. The meetings will commence as usual at half-past seven p.m., from this day (Saturday), 17th October.

Bro. Seymour Smith's Annual Concert will take place on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the South Place Institute, South Place, Moorgate Street. Our versatile and talented brother has a host of friends, and at these annual gatherings they invariably assemble in force. Doubtless Saturday next will prove no exception to the rule. A capital programme has been provided, and we trust a successful result will ensue.

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chair, and the toast was replied to in a few eminently practical observations by Bro. J. S. Adkins. The Officers of the Lodge were complimented upon their zeal and efficiency; they severally responded, the list of toasts being fittingly concluded by the Tyler. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent music, under the direction of Bro. Packer, who presided at the pianoforte, and some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Cantle, Parsons, Jackson, and others. A most enjoyable and harmonious meeting was brought to a close at an early hour, when the brethren separated amidst the heartiest expressions of mutual satisfaction.

#### KENDRICK LODGE, No. 2043.

THE first anniversary of this vigorous and healthy Lodge was celebrated on the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading, when a numerous company of brethren and visitors attended to witness the installation of Bro. G. W. Webb as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. It is well within our recollection that when this addition to the roll of the Berkshire Lodges was consecrated by the popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., the hope was expressed that there would be no "dummy work" in the Kendrick Lodge, and it is hardly necessary to point out to those who know what has transpired under the ruling of the first W.M., Bro. W. G. Flanagan, that the wish has been more than realised. The appreciation in which the efforts of Bro. Flanagan have been held is exemplified in a peculiarly happy manner by his having been appointed Provincial Grand Junior Warden at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held in Reading a few months ago, a circumstance which afforded great satisfaction to the founders and members generally of the Kendrick Lodge. There are now twenty members, and the finances of the young Lodge are in an eminently satisfactory condition. In all respects the anticipations that were formed at the consecration have been fully realised, and the Officers and brethren who have so admirably conducted the first year's business may be sincerely congratulated all round upon the results of their united efforts. On the occasion of the meeting to which it is now our duty and pleasure to refer the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall at four o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., who was supported by nearly all the Officers and brethren of the Lodge. Amongst the Visitors we observed Bros. John A. Martin S.D. 414, A. H. Apled W.M. 209, W. Ferguson P.M. 1101, J. H. Hawkes W.M. 1101, E. Whitfield 1101, R. Bradley P.G. Sec., C. Slaughter S.D. 1101, W. W. Moran I.P.M. 211, S. Dyer St. Hilda, P.M. 1612, P.G. St. B., Wheeler I.P.M. 414, J. Greenaway Sec. 1101, R. Prickett S.W. 1101, J. C. B. Tirbatt 414, J. H. Hounslow P.M. 414, R. C. Monr t P.M. 414 P.P.S.G.W., F. H. Cozens Org. 907, W. Clowes I.P.M. 1866 P.P.G.J.W., M. J. Withers W.M. 414 P.P.G.J.D. The minutes of the last regular Lodge and of the Lodges of Emergency in April and May last having been confirmed, and the agenda containing no other work, Bro. George William Webb, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the Junior Warden's chair during the past year was presented as W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and the solemn rite was ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Flanagan, in the presence of several P.M.'s of the other Reading and district Lodges. On the readmission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary honours, after which he invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed: Bros. W. G. Flanagan P.J.G.W. I.P.M., C. H. Tench S.W., J. E. Sydenham J.W., T. Cooke jun. Treas., G. H. Stubington Sec., C. B. Tubbs S.D., B. W. Bennett J.D., C. E. Hewett named for I.G., F. J. Ferguson P.M. D.C., T. E. Hill Steward, J. T. Brown and J. H. Millard Assistant Stewards, J. Stevens Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were then delivered with great elocutionary effect by the Installing Officer, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, which was most ably conducted throughout, the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Great Western Railway Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served in a manner which amply sustained the reputation of that well-known establishment. After dessert the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were given from the chair, the W.M. alluding in graceful terms to Her Majesty the Queen as the Patroness of the Craft, and observing that since the accession of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, in 1875, upwards of 600 Lodges had been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. He then proposed the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and the Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and Bro. Bradley, Provincial Grand Secretary, in acknowledging it, made a highly interesting speech, in the course of which he regretted the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master and his esteemed Deputy. Both were well known to Masons in Reading, inasmuch as that town was selected last June for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. It would be interesting to many of the brethren present to learn that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury. Referring to their lamented Past Master, Bro. Moxhay, whose recent removal from them was a source of such deep and genuine regret, he said their departed brother might be regarded in the light of a connecting link between the present and the past. For years he had been recognised as the Installing Officer for the Reading Lodges, and well he was qualified for that post. But whilst they all lamented the loss of so able an Officer, they must all unite with him in congratulating Bro. Flanagan upon having performed the ceremony of that day in such excellent manner, and upon his having been appointed Prov. Grand Junior Warden at the last Provincial

Grand Lodge. He tendered his felicitations to the new Worshipful Master of the Kendrick Lodge upon having attained to the honourable position which he now filled, and to the brethren upon the success which the Lodge had already achieved. He urged on the Officers and members generally to manifest a continuous and sustained interest in the work of their Lodge, and to exercise due caution and careful supervision as to the introduction of those who sought admission to the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. Allusion was also made to the approaching Masonic Elections, and to the organisation that prevailed in the Province as to the proper utilisation of voting power, the Provincial Grand Secretary exhorting the brethren to fall in with the general wish that pervaded the Province that all votes should be forwarded to one common centre. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master, observed that he had known Bro. Webb for only a short time, but after the experience of the past twelve months he had confidence that he would sustain the duties of the chair with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren generally. He had proved himself very efficient thus far, and would, he was sure, sustain the prestige which the young Lodge had already gained. He felt he must apologise to the brethren for the slight physical disadvantage under which he (the speaker) had laboured to-day, suffering as he did from hoarseness, but he had endeavoured to render the installation ceremony as perfectly as he was able. The toast having been cordially received, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by placing him in the chair of K.S., and spoke of the happy friendships which had been engendered between himself and many members of the Craft since his initiation into Freemasonry. These pleasing gatherings served to rub off the rough angles which might otherwise exist amongst them, and he concluded by wishing for the Kendrick Lodge, which could now boast of twenty members, a long course of future prosperity. Bro. Margrett next proposed the Masonic Charities, in doing which he gave some interesting illustrations of practical charity, and dilated upon the great usefulness of the various Institutions, which were the pride and boast of the Order. It was very gratifying to have his name associated with so important a toast, and he hoped the interest exhibited in these Institutions might be well sustained in the coming year. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Mount P.M., who responded in suitable terms. After thanking the proposer of the toast for the opportunity of doing so, he sketched the career of the various Masonic Charities, and detailed the extent and influence of their respective operations. He urged upon the brethren the advantage of laying up in store for them, by increasing the permanent income of the Institutions, so that they might not be dependent upon annual subscriptions. The broken column was then passed round, and produced £2 10s, which was very satisfactory, considering the as yet comparatively limited membership. Bro. F. J. Ferguson P.M., in proposing the Immediate Past and Installing Master, referred to the loss they had sustained by the death of Past Master Moxhay, who had hitherto been regarded as the permanent Installing Officer of the Reading Lodges, and said that they had now inaugurated a new era, namely that retiring Masters should install their successors. Bro. Flanagan had made an admirable start in that direction, and they must all appreciate the zeal and ability he had displayed on this occasion. He paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Moxhay, who had been rightly described as a link between the present and the past. In response to a general request, Bro. W. W. Morgan favoured the company with an appropriate recitation, Tennyson's "In Memoriam," which was much appreciated. Bro. Flanagan, in acknowledging the toast, spoke of the desirability of retiring Masters installing their successors, and expressed his pleasure in having done so to-day in spite of the physical weakness to which he had already alluded. The Junior Warden proposed the Visitors, who severally responded. Bro. Cook gave the health of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge of Union 414, and of the Grey Friars Lodge 1101, the compliment being responded to by the Worshipful Masters of the respective Lodges named—Bros. Withers and Hawkes. The health of the Wardens, Treasurer, and Officers of the Kendrick Lodge came next, the toast being ably responded to, and the programme was fittingly closed with the Tyler's toast. The interesting proceedings were varied by a capital selection of vocal and instrumental music, the arrangements being under the able direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens.

**Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.**—On Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. H. C. Freeman presided; he was supported by Bros. J. J. Pitt S.W., Fisher J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Jackson J.D., Dixon I.G.; Past Masters Hutchings Preceptor, G. Andrews and Banks; there were also present Brothers Stringer, Mansfield, Keylock, Dale, H. Penney, Bellchambers, and Dandridge. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the questions leading to the third degree were satisfactorily answered by Bro. Mansfield. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and was resumed in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Bellchambers candidate. Lodge was again resumed. Bro. Bellchambers, of the Southern Star Lodge, and Bro. Jackson J.D. of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, were elected members, after which the Lodge was closed.

On the 15th October, Bros. Mansfield W.M., Pitt S.W., Stringer J.W., Speight P.M. Sec., Bedford Williams S.D., Penrose J.D., Warcup I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Emblin, &c. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation. Lodge was advanced to the third, and called off. On resuming, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Afterwards Bro. J. J. Pitt S.W. was elected as W.M. for the second Thursday

in November. A vote of thanks was then accorded to Bro. Mansfield for the able manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. Lodge was closed.

#### Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.

—A meeting was held on Thursday, 8th instant, at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Bros. C. Weeden W.M., Ramsay S.W., Patient sen. J.W., Hughes Secretary, Saunders S.D., Dearing J.D., Patient jun. I.G., Greenfield P.M.; also Bros. Ware, McMillan, Baker, Brown, Trewinnard, and Garner. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. Bro. Garner answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Baker answered the questions leading to the third degree, but was not entrusted, being only a Fellow Craft. The first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ramsay was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Greenfield proposed, and Bro. Ramsay seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Weeden be entered on the minutes for taking the chair, and his able working of the ceremonies during the evening. Nothing else offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until Thursday, 22nd October next.

#### New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.

—Held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Bros. Kearney W.M., Gash Preceptor, Hill S.W., Partington J.W., Berry Secretary, Hildreth S.D., Burke J.D., Barnett I.G.; also Bros. A. Goode, Tremere, Aynsley, Rogers, Oldis, Jenkins, Farrow, Sycklemore, Cross, Frampton and Beck. After preliminaries, the second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Oldis candidate. The fourth section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins. Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday evening next.

On Tuesday, 13th inst., Bros. Hill W.M., Fenner as Preceptor, Hildreth S.W., Oldis J.W., Sharpe S.D., Barnett J.D., Berry Secretary, Cross I.G.; also Bros. Hargrave, Kearney, Brede, Sycklemore, Birch, Bolt, Van Os, Frampton, Partington, Giddings. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Sycklemore candidate. The first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Salmon candidate. The third section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins. Bro. Hildreth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. Christian W.M. 860 W.M., Watkinson 1728 S.W., Clark W.M. 1178 J.W., Brasted P.M. 1524 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Caperoe, Rose, Marsh, Edwards, Clark, Lorkin, and Forss. Second Lecture—Bros. Danston, Webb, Wardell, Watkinson, and Aller. Third Lecture—Bros. Carr, Smyth, and Brasted. Bro. F. Carr P.M. 1607 Secretary.

#### EBORACUM CHAPTER No. 1611.

THE October meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. G. Simpson Z., M. Millington H., J. T. Sellar P.Z. as J., Wm. Brown P.S., and about fifteen other members and visitors. Letters of apology for absence were read from Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z., and others. The business consisted of the exaltation of Bro. Wm. Storey 1611, which was done by the M.E.Z., the mystical lecture being given by E. Comp. Sellar. After the close of the Chapter, the Companions met at supper, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., and a very pleasing evening was passed, interspersed by toasts and songs.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on 15th October, at 8 o'clock. Comps. Sparrow M.E.Z., Hunter H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.E., Radcliffe S.N., Russell P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The Companions assembled in force, and the ceremony was ably rendered by the above Officers, and a pleasant and profitable evening spent.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be holden under the auspices of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, at the Assembly Room, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, on Friday next, the 23rd instant. The Officers of the St. Peter's Lodge will open their Lodge at 2.30. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be received at 3.15 p.m. A banquet will be served at the Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, at six o'clock. Tickets for dinner and dessert, 6s each.

The following Festivities took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 17th October:—

Monday—Old Paulines Club. Tuesday—Entchers' Charitable Institution, Jerusalem Chapter, Urban Lodge, St. James's Union Lodge, Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge.

## 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, 17th OCTOBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gray, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.  
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.  
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

## MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

- 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney  
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
404—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead  
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Road, Northampton  
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
931—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1973—Saye and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere  
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham  
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Grauby Street, Devonport  
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury  
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

## TUESDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blags., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
930—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
661—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, The Horus, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 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)  
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)  
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
2021—Queen's Westminster, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.

- R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 1395—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon  
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham  
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)  
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent  
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
897—Loyalty, Pledge Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrion, Cornwall

- 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Malton  
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caedonia-road, Batley  
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon  
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow  
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze  
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rageley  
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Barton-on-Trent  
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby  
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loze, Cornwall  
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
223—United Strength, The Hope, St. Mark's Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)  
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
1922—Earl of Latho, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)  
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
M.M.—Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
M.M. 141—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street  
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
123—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Llandport  
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem

537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
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 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Ruabon, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Warrile, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells,  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
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 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 962—Sun and Lector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsgate  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slough  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1797—Southdown, Hurt Pierpoint, Sussex  
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester  
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde  
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Englefield Street, Maryford  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford  
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall  
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
 R.A. 137—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Anwick

#### THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 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)  
 853—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1155—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, 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)  
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington  
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hull  
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastings  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Salford  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Bagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)

1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1576—Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston  
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester  
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 R.A. 424—De Burgh, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields  
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset  
 R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
 R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray

#### FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)  
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravenbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Nottling Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Piccadilly, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In)

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

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon  
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne  
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

#### SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chigwell  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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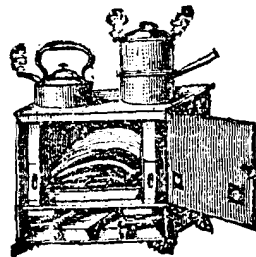
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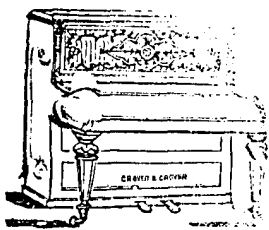
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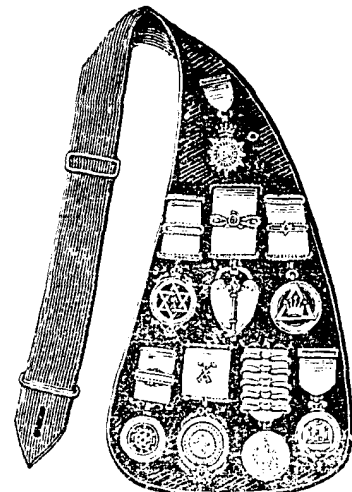
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