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UNITED GRAND LODGE AND ITS BENEFACCTIONS.

IT is unnecessary to remind the members of our Ancient and Honourable Institution that, so far as the practical study of the Masonic art is concerned, religion and politics are prohibited subjects in assemblies of the Craft. But, inasmuch as Masons, like all other rational and intellectual beings, must of necessity have their own private and personal views upon these two great guiding and motive principles of social life, it may not be inopportune now and then to glance at them without touching upon the well-known dictates of our Masonic creed. We are called to these observations by a perusal of a lecture recently delivered in Guernsey by Bro. Emra Holmes, F.R.H.S., a well-known Freemason, and author of several works on "the disestablishment and disendowment of the English Church." We will not enter upon the arguments which are just now being so hotly waged by political partizans on either side, but by way of a bird's-eye glance at Bro. Holmes's discourse, we note that he proves incontestibly that many of the statements put forth by the adversaries of this ancient Church are wholly false. It is an exploded argument now-a-days to say that the National Church of England was created by Act of Parliament; no such Act can be produced, for there never was one. Many Acts and charters recognise the National Church as already existing, but none create it, for the very good reason that the Church of England existed before Parliament itself. In controverting the erroneous assertion that at the Reformation, in the 16th century, Parliament disestablished the Church of Rome and put the Church of England in its place, Bro. Holmes points out that as a fact the Church of Rome was never established in this country. The Established or National Church was always called "the Church of England," and when King John endeavoured to bring England and her Church under the Papal Dominion, the barons, with the Archbishop of Canterbury at their head, resisted, and compelled him to grant Magna Charta. The bishops of Rome still continued to claim, and for a time exercised, unwarrantable authority in the Church of England; but this, with some of the doctrines of the Papal Church, was rejected at the Reformation, and the reforms were in due course accepted and confirmed by the nation in Parliament. But the Church still continued the same body, a branch of the Holy Catholic Church; not a single bishopric, cathedral, or parish being abolished, though some were added. The monasteries were suppressed, it is true, but that was chiefly because their inmates professed allegiance to the Pope rather than to the National Church. Admitting that the Church was despoiled by an infamous King, Henry VIII., who "enriched his nobles with the things of God," Bro. Holmes shows that but an infinitesimal part of the clergy accepted the Reformation settlement; that the tithes and glebe lands remained in the hands of the Church; and that the Church of England, in fact, reformed herself by the united action of the authorities in Church and State. As an apposite illustration of this, the lecturer quoted the characteristic reply of Queen Elizabeth, who, when asked, "Where was the Church of England before the Reformation?" said, "Where was my face before it was washed?" After dealing exhaustively with the history of the Church since the Reformation, speaking

of the vast sacrifice and liberality of Churchmen in building, restoring, and endowing churches, the promotion of education, and the diffusion of social, moral, and intellectual benefits among the people, our brother touches upon a point which will interest many of our readers, and it is to this point we would more especially devote a few observations. He says, "I was present at the laying of the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral by the Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and in all that vast assemblage of clergy, nobility, gentry, and Freemasons, I suppose the Grand Lodge of England *alone* gave nothing towards the stately edifice now being erected by voluntary offerings of Englishmen for the first Gothic cathedral erected since the Reformation. . . . A few of the Cornish Freemasons have subscribed £500 towards the cathedral, but only a few." We can but conclude that in making such a statement before an audience of Churchmen and politicians in Guernsey, Bro. Holmes must have been led into an inadvertency by his excessive zeal and personal interest in the subject of which he treated. We have often pointed out that it is not the province of Grand Lodge to subscribe out of its funds to all and every scheme that may be submitted to it. The fact stands on proud record that Masons of this country are ready to listen to appeals from "all sorts and conditions of men" in aid of objects of true charity and philanthropy; and whether it be at the laying of the foundation stone or the completion of a sacred building, the launching of a lifeboat, responding to the cry of distress, caused either by famine or disaster, in this or any other part of the world, English Freemasons have ever been found the most willing and the most open-handed in their assistance. Bro. Holmes knows very well, or should know, that the Grand Lodge of England has no funds which it can legally apply in aid of the erection of any structure, ecclesiastical or otherwise, that may be erected in the country, even though its corner-stone may have been laid by our Worshipful Grand Master. The funds of the Grand Lodge are subscribed for a specific purpose; they are the freewill offerings of the brethren for the relief of indigence, the maintenance and education of the orphans of the brethren who have helped to build up the grandest edifice under heaven—we were going to say grander even than the Church of which he speaks so eloquently; and without special authority the money thus vested in its hands for a particular object could not, must not, be diverted from the legitimate intentions of the givers. Had Brother Holmes taken the trouble to inquire, he might have ascertained that the "few Cornish Freemasons" of whom he speaks were not the only members of the Order present who contributed to the Truro Cathedral Building Fund. He could not, probably, have discovered, even approximately, how much the brethren really gave, for the bounty of the Masonic heart is not worn upon the sleeve. To cast an insinuation upon Grand Lodge for a dereliction of duty in not officially subscribing to such a fund, and thus to hold the Institution up to the adverse criticism of ardent Churchmen in the Channel Islands, is almost too gross a blunder to admit of serious thought, much less of blame; but it only shows to what length argument may be carried by enthusiastic, albeit well-intentioned, advocates. It is the boast and happiness of the Masonic Craft that its acts of Charity and benevolence are not proclaimed from the housetops, or flaunted upon the platform; it has a deeper and more abiding virtue—

that of doing good by stealth, and carrying out the Divine axiom, "let not the right hand know what the left hand doeth." The very presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the magnates of the Grand Lodge of England on the occasion to which Bro. Holmes refers was a splendid demonstration of the interest manifested by the Craft in the ancient institution in whose defence he so eloquently spoke. It was the means of drawing together a vast assemblage of men whose pride it is to join hands in promulgating the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and it is impossible that such a phalanx of Masonic strength could have been drawn from all parts of the kingdom—even from Guernsey—without some tangible and substantial addition to the funds needed for carrying out that noble enterprise. It is for our brother, and many others who may think with him, to know that Masonic sympathy and aid in such cases as that to which we allude must be the outcome of individual impulse, and not an overstraining of the functions of Grand Lodge. The executive of our Order have plenty to do with the means that are placed at their disposal for doing good within the scope of their design, and it would be most impolitic and unwise were they to initiate any step which would open the way for an application of the funds vested in them to any but the peculiarly legitimate objects for which that money is contributed. We tender these observations in all kindness and fraternal regard to our esteemed Bro. Holmes, but it was impossible to allow such a statement as he recently introduced to his brethren in Guernsey to pass without saying one word in defence of that Institution which he must, with all Masons, equally love and admire—the Grand Lodge of England.

FREEMASONRY IS PRINCIPLE INCARNATE.

WHAT is Freemasonry? The answers to this question are various. Some will tell you it is the relic of the mysteries of the dead and gone heathenism of the old days of Egypt and Greece. To such as these all our ceremonies are the survivals of the old Pagan rituals, and every Masonic acknowledgment of God is a token of the lingering power of the old beliefs. To them our altars are altars of Baal, and all our work is a league with the "Prince of Darkness." Fortunately, we are living in a more enlightened age than that in which this was the prevalent opinion of Freemasonry. The progress of knowledge has dispelled some of the ignorance of the past, and we can rely on the good sense of the people as a whole to laugh at such a statement of the meaning of the Masonic Order. There is another view of Masonry, however, which is more or less extensively believed and diligently circulated. This looks on Freemasonry as an unmeaning system of degrees, which are of no real value, as they do not teach anything to the seeker after light and knowledge. This view regards Masonry as a farce, unworthy of the attention of earnest and thoughtful men in this busy age. Undoubtedly, if we conceive of Masonry as a mere collection of rituals, then this view has ground. If there is nothing in the system which will make men not only wiser, but also better, than before they became initiates, then it is a farce which should be discountenanced by all.

But there are truer views of Freemasonry than either of these. Long ago, wise men, who had penetrated all the mysteries, called it "an art, useful and extensive, which comprehends within its circle every branch of human knowledge and learning, and stamps an indelible mark of prominence on its genuine profession, which neither chance, power or fortune can bestow." "It is an establishment founded with the benevolent intention of extending and conferring mutual happiness upon the best and truest principles of moral life and social virtue." "It is an institution based on that never-failing charity which upholds universal love, calms the troubled sea of our evil passions, and leaves a smooth surface, on which all men, who are sincere and conscientious worshippers of God, and unexceptionable in moral deportment, may unite, bless each other, and rejoice in the sublime belief that

"God hath made mankind one mighty brotherhood,
Himself their Maker and the world their Lodge."

The father of our country declared its object to be "the

happiness of the human race." The old ritual calls it—"a system of morality veiled in allegory and teaching by symbol." There is no doubt it *was* intended to teach men a knowledge of God and conserve the moral welfare of the world. These views will give to us, at once, the clue to all its secrets and open for us all its mysteries. Thus we see one of the many noble agencies for the civilization and enlightenment of mankind, and one with an importance which commends it to the regard and affection of the seeker after truth.

Certainly, an institution intended to make men happy must be something more than a sham, and must have a mission to fulfil. If its principles are those which are calculated to make men happier than they would be without them, the Order has the right to claim the consideration of all who are working for the amelioration of the woes of humanity.

For the thoughtful, the only safe judgment is the one which is based on actual observation and careful study—for Freemasonry, while it does not make an ostentatious parade of its work, still does not hide itself from the light of day, but works in every community, so that all have an opportunity to see whether it adds to the happiness of those who come within the sphere of its influence. In this matter, as well as in most other things which affect human welfare, the real test is that one which is founded on personal knowledge and experience. The world has the privilege of closely scanning the life and works of a great multitude who are the exemplars of Masonic principles. If these are living so as to command the respect and confidence of all who know them best, then their lives are an attestation of the worth of our Order; for Masonry claims to be a power in stimulating the practice of all the virtues which give moral tone to the social system. A man, to be true to Masonry, must be true to the best interests of the community in which he resides; for

"He's true to God who's true to man, whenever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding sun.
That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves and not for all their race."

Masons, then, are under double bonds to live in the best possible way to show the influence and moral principles they profess. As citizens, they have an interest in the welfare of the community; and as disciples of truth they have vowed to do "good to mankind." It is essential, therefore, that the Masonic character be fully formed and the Masonic principles mould the life of those who would reflect credit on the Order. Now, any system which really lays hold upon the hearts of men, which deepens their sense of responsibility and obligation, and which elevates their moral natures, must depend largely upon those universally acknowledged principles of right, which lie at the base of every moral code. These must be a part of the life of the representatives of the system. Professions are good enough in their way, but an actual and positive assimilation of the truth is worth a thousand professions. We read that—"Life itself is always broader than any science of life," and we consequently only show our love of Masonry by permitting it to transform our lives.

Again—Masonry claims to take the candidates for its degrees, and by instruction, fit him to fill and adorn high and noble station in the field of human endeavour. It regards the minds of men as the rough ashlar, which, by the benign influence of knowledge and virtue, is to be polished and modelled into due form and shape. By the aid of the power of reason, which is given to all, the mind is enabled to grasp the ideas of morality and is fitted to do work for humanity. Said Plutarch: "There is nothing by which a man approaches nearer the Divinity than by reason, especially when it is employed in matters of religion; wherefore it is that every one who intends to consult the oracle is strictly charged upon the spot, that he take care to have pious thoughts in his heart, and seemly and decent words in his mouth." The first requisite, therefore, in the candidate for Masonry is, a teachable spirit. Men become wise by receiving the truth. While our natural pride of intellect often is unwilling to acknowledge our need of instruction, and we do not take kindly to the suggestion that we have much to learn, yet, at the very threshold of Masonry, we are compelled to admit our ignorance. We emphasize the two aspects with which we are to view the principles of Freemasonry. The first—its appeal to the reason; its presentation of a system of thought and philosophy which is acceptable to the intelligence. The second—

the all-pervading influence of its underlying moral, or religious ideas. We glance, then, briefly, at the place of philosophy in Masonry.

From what has already been said, it is apparent that Freemasonry makes a direct appeal to the human reason, by stimulating the intellect to a search after the most profound truths that can engage the attention of the race; it so quickens the intellect that its votaries delight in the search after sublime truth, and by its peculiar method of presenting knowledge it easily fixes it on the mind. Says Lord Bacon, in one of his essays: "The sovereignty of man, no doubt, lies hid in knowledge; in knowledge many things are reserved which kings with their treasures cannot buy, nor with their force command; their spies and scouts can give no news of them; their seamen and discoverers cannot sail where they grow. We govern nature in opinions, but we are slaves unto her in necessity. If we would be led by her in invention, we should command her in action." Philosophy, if worthily employed, is for the benefit of mankind; and it is to benefit man that Masonry unveils her philosophy, accompanied by a constant appeal to the reason. The sublime arcana of knowledge is ever before the true student, but the inattentive and the ignorant seldom are able to comprehend the truths which are so fascinating to the patient and sincere seeker. Freemasonry has a complete system of philosophy by which the reasoning powers of the mind are stimulated to a new growth and action. This philosophy lies at the very foundation. Take it away and Masonry would have lost all life and be an unmeaning and worthless relic. The great doctrine of the resurrection of the dead may be said to be the central and dominating thought in this philosophy. When, in the early ages, even the professed teachers of old religions were ignorant of or unwilling to present this doctrine to the world, it was preserved in the esoteric mysteries, where a faithful few handed it on from age to age. When the heathen looked upon this world as the end of human existence, and feebly groped through life in search of something by which he might be freed from the darkness of the age, he was denied this truth of immortality. But the truth was not lost. It was still in the possession of the wise. By the aid of the powers of reason, the great central truth of another life was comprehended and its effects understood. Hence, Masonry only repeated the glad tidings and incorporated it into its system, as the great truth to be taught by symbols and illustrated in allegories, until aided by an appropriate ritual and significant ceremonies, it was made a part of the life of the initiate. Well said an old English poet:—

"Unless above himself he can
Erect himself, how mean a thing is man."

And it is solely by the thought of a future destiny that man is enabled to lift himself out of the meanness and insignificance of the present; and here is where philosophy comes in to the aid of our system—convincing the initiate, through his reason, that it is "Not all of life to live, nor all of death to die."—*Voice of Masonry*.

(To be continued).

HOW MASONS KNOW EACH OTHER.

ARTEMUS WARD used to say, that while there were many things in the science of astronomy hard to be understood, there was one fact which entirely puzzled him. He could partially comprehend how scientists "weigh the sun," and even how they discover its component elements by the aid of *spectrum* analysis; "but," he observed, "what beats me about the stars is, how we came to know their names!" In like manner there are a number of the features of Freemasonry which the profane world, like Artemus Ward, thinks it understands, but what puzzles them most of all is, how Freemasons know each other! Sometimes they have answered their own question by saying, they recognise each other by a wink, a nod, a limp in the walk, a shake of the hand, a tone of the voice, a word, a phrase. We do not propose to consider the question from a profane point of view, but to make their view introductory to a Masonic view of the matter, in which all Freemasons are interested.

Masonry is a school of instruction, and, as in all other schools, some of its students are more proficient than others, owing either to greater study, or superior natural ability, or both. Hence some Masons are more apt at

recognising their Brethren than others, and some are so superficial, and even mistaken, in their methods of recognition, that they are liable to deceive themselves, and therefore be badly deceived. One unsophisticated youth is reported to have replied to the question—"How do you know a Mason?" by saying—"Take him before a Justice and swear him!" Of course in the discussion of this matter we make no reference to the mode of recognition at the Lodge, preliminary to admission thereto. That is a part of the esotery of Freemasonry which may not be considered here. We discuss now only the odd methods that some uninstructed Masons occasionally adopt to recognise their fellows, and these methods, it goes without saying, are all to be avoided by discreet Brethren.

The wearing of Masonic jewellery is an indicia of Masonry to some fresh Brethren. If a candidate for recognition wears a Keystone, or a Maltese Cross, on his chain, or a Square and Compasses on his bosom or tie, or on a ring on his hand, that is satisfactory proof to them that the unknown is a Brother Mason. Woeful judgment! Talk freely to such a walking sign-board, make him a confidant, lend him your money, commend him to a friend or a brother, and you make the mistake of a lifetime. Masons cannot be too careful in their travels to avoid delusion through such an instrumentality as a piece of Masonic jewelry. Such gew gaws are proof of nothing. Without corroboration they are even suspicious. They are purchasable almost everywhere, and there is really nothing Masonic about them. We have known men to wear them who were as innocent of Masonry as they were of the Sanscrit language; they thought they were "pretty," and so they wore them. But *such* wearers cannot do much harm. Those that do, however, are either tricksters who wish to deceive "fresh" Masons who are of "the elect," or anti-Masons who hope to learn something about Masonry by wearing some of its emblems, just as Satan endeavoured to appear in the guise of an angel of light. Look out for them! They are impostors of the first water. Their entire Masonic clothing consists of a brass jewel which they have no right to wear. Never talk to such a one about Masonry, nor communicate to him any of its secrets, nor lend him any money, nor introduce him as a Mason. Freemasons, like the possessors of any valuable property, are admonished by the wicked ways of the world to guard their resources from spoilmen. We have a unique possession, something that has been handed down to us from generation to generation of "the elect," something that has been wrongly and vainly portrayed at times by ignorant and depraved deceivers; but something that is still as exclusively the Freemason's, the genuine Brother's, as though there had never been an *exposé* penned. From the beginning there have been *false* Brethren, that is—impostors. Even as far back as in Ben. Franklin's time he complained of *pretended* Masons in the "City of Brotherly Love," who offered to "make Masons" for a bowl of punch! There are such pretenders still. Some anti-Masons even go about and desecrate certain so-called churches, by "working" pretended Masonic degrees for the delectation of the profane. They set up a spectacle and run a show. Look out for such men, for some of them wear outwardly the emblems of the Craft. They are the Barnums of anti-Masonry, and have their "woolley horse" to fool the public with.

We have recounted how Masons should *not* know each other; how they should avoid the impostor; how they should suspect, or at least not confide in, Masonic jewellery; how they should make Masonic acquaintances abroad sparingly and carefully. At the same time, much genuine enjoyment may come from the just recognition of a strange Brother while one is away from home. How the hours may be made to speed by, how confidence may be reposed, how in case of necessity one's wants may be supplied; but beware how you proceed, unless you wish to be deceived and plucked. Do you ask, How, then, do Masons know each other? We will tell you the next time we meet in the Lodge.—*Keystone*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Abscesses, Erysipelas, Piles.—Unvarying success attends all who treat these remedies according to the simple printed directions wrapped round each pot and box. They are invaluable to the young and timid, whose bashfulness sometimes endangers life. Though apparently local, diseases of this nature are essentially blood diseases, but a little attention, moderate perseverance, and trifling expense will enable the most diffident to conduct any case to a happy issue without exposing secret infirmities to any one. The Ointment checks the local inflammation and alleviates the throbbing pains. These directions also clearly point out when and how Holloway's Pills are to be taken, that their purifying and regulating powers may assist by adjusting and strengthening the constitution.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, on Tuesday, 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Michael John Withers Prov. G. J. Deacon W.M., on which occasion Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. attended, on the invite of the Lodge, for the purpose of delivering his popular lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree. The attendance was unfortunately not nearly so large as had been anticipated, an important political meeting having been appointed for the same evening, and regrets and apologies for absence were very numerous. The Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. Canon Garry, desired special mention of his disappointment in not being able to occupy his position. Amongst those present were Bros. D. H. Witherington S.W., F. Blackwell J.W., Charles Stephens P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks, Robert Bradley P.M. Prov. Grand Secretary, Chas. Oades P.M., Albert W. Parry Secretary, John W. Martin S.D., C. G. Hawkes J.D., J. R. Hayward Organist, C. F. Rayner Steward acting I.G., H. P. Knell, Bernard Ruddock, F. J. Wellman, G. S. Galt, W. G. Millar, Henry Higgs, W. J. Maurice, and other members. Visitors—Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Alexander Sellar P.M. 414, T. P. Stevens, C. Slaughter, and W. C. Flanagan P.M., all of the Greyfriars Lodge 1101, H. G. Sherwin and Walter Blackwell, both of the St. Peter's Lodge 1024, R. H. Reilly and F. J. Lawes, both of the Kendrick Lodge 2043, the Rev. J. D. Dunlafs Cambridge University Lodge, John Millar Panmure Lodge 723, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the previous minutes having been read, and a report from the Permanent Committee received, the W.M. formally introduced Bro. Stevens to the meeting for the delivery of his lecture. After a few introductory remarks on the nature and object of his address, the lecturer proceeded to explain his views in relation to the form of ritual and ceremonial which had been adopted for the general observance of the Craft at the formation of the United Grand Lodge in 1813, and in regular order, through the ceremonies of opening and initiation, pointed out the many divergencies from such original form which had arisen, more particularly during the past quarter of a century. For nearly two hours, without intermission, Bro. Stevens rivetted the attention of his audience whilst giving most lucid explanations of, and reasons for, the numerous points of working in respect of which a perfect understanding is necessary for a full appreciation of the connection of the whole system of Freemasonry, and the relative dependency of its several parts. Most instructive in every respect, the lecturer could not fail to leave many important points for future consideration by his hearers, although it may be said that perfect agreement on all may not follow. Being purely such an address as can only be given when close tyled, it should be heard by Freemasons wherever opportunity for its delivery may arise, and, judging from its reception on this occasion, and, as we are informed, on many former occasions, it should be the desire of every good working Lodge to learn from Bro. Stevens "the reason why" for much that they do and say in Masonic ceremonial. At the close of the lecture, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Charles Stephens P.M. and Prov. G. Treasurer, a cordial vote of thanks, with complimentary remarks on the address he had given, was unanimously accorded to Bro. Stevens, who acknowledged the same in suitable terms. Propositions for initiation having been made, and greetings exchanged, the Lodge was closed in due form, with prayer and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where supper had been prepared. A pleasant hour or two was passed in social converse, enlivened by song and recitation, before the brethren separated, well pleased with the Masonic work of the evening.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Le Grand, the Worshipful Master. In the ordinary course, the W.M. for the ensuing year should have been installed at this meeting, but in consequence of the sudden resignation of the W.M. elect—who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting—there was no installation proper, Bro. Le Grand continuing to hold the position of ruler of the Lodge. Under these circumstances, and in accordance with the wish of many of the brethren, that another opportunity should be given them of inviting the ladies to dine at one of the banquets held in conjunction with the Lodge,—which innovation has given so much satisfaction on former occasions,—the Worshipful Master decided that the meeting should be a ladies night, accordingly there was a large attendance of ladies at the after proceedings. Lodge was opened by the W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. C. Rees J.W., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, P.M.'s W. J. Collens, E. Kidman, W. F. Smart; C. Pay S.D., W. J. Heath J.D., G. F. Edwards I.G., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, several lay members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—Bros. W. Pennell P.M. 103, C. E. Hatten P.M. 1464, W. M. Elliott 2000, H. W. Cushing 1319, Henry Garrod G. Purs. England, J. Lindskogo Hamburg, G. F. Jenkins S.W. 72, J. L. Apsey J.D. 534, H. W. Gladwell P.M. 1298, J. A. Robson I.P.M. 1445, H. Von Joel 957, R. F. Ries 144, R. White 1107, T. Cull P.M. Treasurer 1446, N. Goodwin 1768, J. H. Williams P.M. 1056, Egbert Roberts Senior Deacon 917, W. M. Bywater P.M. 19, James Kift 1791. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was taken for a gentleman seeking admission to Freemasonry, and resulted unanimously in his favour. Lodge was then closed, and the company sat down to banquet which, as we have said, was

attended by a large number of ladies. Bro. Le Grand, the W.M., presided, and after grace, he proposed the toast of the Queen, coupled with the Craft. No words were needed, he felt, to ensure a hearty reception to this toast, which was always well received at meetings of Englishmen. Nowhere was it more loyally responded to than among Masons, and the W.M. was sure the brethren of the Lodge would, if possible, give it even greater honour than usual in the presence of so many ladies. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the W.M. gave the toast of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, coupling with it on this occasion the health of the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. The Prince of Wales was well known to all present as the ruler of the Masonic Order in England, while the Princess and other members of the Royal Family had one and all endeared themselves, in one way or another, to the country at large. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was next given. The W.M. felt that the brethren who ruled the destinies of the Craft were worthy of every honour that could be accorded them. They had worked zealously in the past, and performed every duty that fell to them to the best of their ability, and with the heartiest good feeling. Bro. Collens I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. The brethren well knew what was coming when they saw the gavel in his hands, but for the benefit of the ladies he might say he had to propose one of the most important toasts known in Freemasonry—the health of the Worshipful Master, the president of the evening. The members of the Lodge regretted, in a measure, that they were under the rule of their present chairman, but that regret was fortunately tempered with a great deal of pleasure. The brethren regretted they had lost a brother who had been regularly elected to the chair of the Lodge, and from whom they expected much, but they were pleased in now having another to preside over them who had proved himself so capable during the past year. One of the most pleasurable duties which had ever fallen to the lot of Bro. Collens was now before him—to present to the W.M. of the Lodge the Past Master's jewel, voted to him at the last meeting. The jewel was given in recognition of services rendered, and as the representative of the Lodge Brother Collens begged the W.M. to accept it with the heartiest good wishes of the members. The brethren of the Lodge hoped that during the coming year Bro. Le Grand would receive the same cordial support he had had during the past twelve months, and also that the Lodge would receive from him the same good government and management it had enjoyed during the year. The W.M. tendered his very cordial thanks for the manner in which the toast just honoured had been proposed by his predecessor, and received by those present. When at the last meeting of the Lodge he had the pleasure of presiding at their head, the last of his thoughts was that he should again occupy that position, much less that he should preside over such a company as he then saw around him. The presence of the ladies was indeed a gratification to the members of the Lodge, and the general regret seemed to be that such meetings were not more frequent. Looking around him he felt there was every appearance of prosperity being in store for the Lodge; he intended to do his utmost on its behalf, and hoped for the co-operation of the members. His presence at their head again was indeed a surprise; he had been looking forward to retirement from active duties and had almost decided what he should do as one of the Past Masters of the Lodge. However, events had arisen which upset all these calculations, and there was every appearance now that either he or one of those who had filled the chair in the past would have to conduct the Lodge for the ensuing year. Looking back, he had to thank the brethren for the cordial support they had at all times accorded him, and for the handsome jewel he had just received at the hands of his predecessor. He again assured the brethren that no effort would be spared on his part to show his appreciation of what had been done, and he hoped for a continuance of prosperity in the future. The next toast on the list was usually that of the Visitors, but as that evening they were honoured by the presence of so many ladies, he proposed to amend the toast, and give them the health of the Ladies, coupling with it the health of the other guests of the evening. He regretted he had never before had the pleasure of being present at the Lodge when they had the ladies among them as their guests, business having prevented his attendance on those occasions. From his experience that night he was sorry they had not oftener been asked in the past, and further that they had not assembled in greater numbers that day. Bro. Bywater responded. He felt the Worshipful Master had erred on this occasion—he had made a very bad choice in selecting him to reply to so important a toast as the Ladies. It was not that he was unwilling to acknowledge the compliment paid them, but rather that he felt unable to do so adequately. No one could have a stronger desire to do justice to the toast, but many had greater ability. On behalf of the ladies and the other visitors of the evening he returned their most sincere thanks, and hoped it might be their privilege to be present again on some future occasion. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was one always cordially received in the William Preston Lodge—it was the health of the Past Masters. Bro. Le Grand regretted there were not more present that day—illness, he knew, prevented more than one being among them. They had, however, some very good representatives in those who were present, brethren who were well able to maintain the reputation of the Lodge and of its Past Masters. What the Lodge would be without them he dare not think—he hoped they would long be among them, and always as welcome as they were at the present time. Bro. Miller, the Treasurer of the Lodge, replied. He had been sighing for the last five years for another such meeting as their present one, as he well remembered what a happy evening had then been spent with the ladies around them. Their success that night had been as great, and he trusted that on many future occasions the ladies and brethren might be afforded the opportunity of meeting again round the festive board as they had done that night and in years gone by. Bro. Worrell followed, thanking the Master

for so kindly coupling his name with the toast. He was pleased the meeting that night had been so successful, and that it had afforded so much enjoyment to those present. Those ladies among them who were married had doubtless Freemasons for their husbands—to those who were not he would offer one piece of advice—select Freemasons, and you will have the best of men as your partners in life. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted. The W.M. thanked them for the attention they had given to their duties during the past, and asked them to do their best to support him in the future. Bro. Rees, who acted as Senior Warden, replied. The Officers of the Lodge congratulated the W.M. on being called upon to perform the duties of the chair for another year as they knew the duties would be properly carried out under his rule. They thanked him for the way in which he had treated them in the past, and more especially for the manner in which he had just proposed their health. The Officers felt great pleasure in seeing the ladies present, and hoped, with the W.M., that many opportunities would be afforded them in the future of again attending. Bro. Pay followed. He hoped the Officers would continue to perform their duties to the satisfaction of the Master and the members of the Lodge, and that prosperity would mark the future of the Lodge. Brother Heath also replied, after which the Tyler's toast was given and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. The music of the evening was entrusted to Madame Worrell, Miss Emily Dones, Bros. J. Kift and Egbert Roberts, and most faithfully did they perform their parts. Madame Worrell was in excellent voice, and had to respond to the hearty applause of the company on more than one occasion. Miss Dones's rendering of Lady Dufferin's song, "Oh! Bay of Dublin," was charming, and elicited the warmest marks of approval. Bros. Roberts and Kift were also good; indeed all present seemed imbued with that spirit of heartiness which marked the whole meeting, and which we hope will often be repeated at the William Preston and other Lodges. Truly, the presence of the ladies adds a charm even to Masonry, and we are at a loss to know why they have been so long and systematically excluded from the after pleasures enjoyed by those regularly admitted as members of the Order.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

THE brethren of this Lodge met, as usual, at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 16th instant, the W.M., Brother Richardson, in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Robert William Anderson, and Mr. John Sharp, which being found unanimous, those gentlemen were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Collinson, was then installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Packer P.M. in a very able and effective manner. The Officers for the ensuing year were duly invested by the new W.M., as follows:—Bros. Ross S.W., Hill J.W., Kingston P.M. Treasurer, Weaver P.M. Sec., Irvine S.D., Brocklehurst J.D., Guanzardli D.C., Panncefort I.G., Day Steward, Panncefort Organist. Bro. Irvine S.D. was elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. The next business was to recommend a petition to the Board of Benevolence. The report of the Auditors appointed at the October meeting was then received and adopted; it shewed the financial affairs of the Lodge as in a very sound condition. After Bro. Packer had proposed a candidate for initiation at the next meeting, and after other business had been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for banquet. The Visitors present were Bros. Mason, Gates, Marston, Lavington, Stiles, Myers, Tilt, Thornstall, Little, Vaughan, Howe, and many others. After the banquet, the usual toasts were proposed by the new W.M., and suitably responded to. Brothers Lavington, Croxton and Stiles replying for the Visitors, and Bro. John Mason, Masonic Benevolent Institution, for the Charities. Bro. Richardson I.P.M. was, with suitable remarks, decorated by the W.M. with the P.M.'s jewel, voted at the previous meeting of the Lodge, in acknowledgment of his excellent services as Worshipful Master during the past year, and in eloquent terms Bro. Richardson thanked the brethren for the honour done him. Brother John Mason made a forcible appeal for the funds for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was well received, and heartily applauded by the brethren and visitors. The Worshipful Master consented to become a Steward, and a subscription list was opened, which is likely to reach at least the average amount. The brethren and visitors vied with each other in contributing to the pleasures of the evening, there being no lack of excellent music, singing, and reciting.

ALDRSGATE STREET LODGE, No. 1657.

THE annual election meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. Bro. W. H. Froom presided as Worshipful Master, and after the transaction of some routine business that was on the agenda paper, the ballot was taken for W.M. elect, the choice of the brethren falling unanimously on Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, who had filled various offices in the Lodge most satisfactorily during several years. Bro. Jolliffe may be congratulated upon his election to the presidency of this distinguished Lodge, numbering as it does amongst its Past Masters Bros. J. Derby Allcroft Past Grand Treasurer of England, the Rev. Dr. Brette, and other eminent Masons. Bro. Alfred Brookman, C.C., was again called upon to fulfil the duties of Treasurer. At the close of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Froom, whose genial chairmanship caused everything to pass off to the thorough satisfaction and enjoyment of those present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with some excellent vocal and instrumental music.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Stiles I.P.M., J. C. Smith J.W., Jas. Willing jun. Treasurer, Dickey Sec., Barling J.D., Ross D.C., Hollands I.G., Mordey Organist, Perry and Verdin Stewards, Scurrah Assist. Secretary, Koester Tyler, and a full muster of brethren. Bro. A. George was raised, and Bros. Dr. J. Powdrell and F. Bishop passed. Bro. J. C. Smith was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. Willing as Treasurer, and Bro. Koester as Tyler; Bros. C. J. Knightley, F. W. Huddleston, W. Langley, T. Crane, and J. Powdrell were appointed Auditors. It was then announced by the W.M. that he had given permission for a ball to be held on the 13th January next, under the title of the Royal Savoy Ball, and that he had obtained the sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing thereat. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the out-going Worshipful Master. Brother J. Willing announced that he intended to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and asked the brethren to support him on behalf of the Old People. Brother Willing will act as Steward jointly on behalf of the Royal Savoy Lodge and the Metropolitan Chapter. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the Worshipful Master. The usual toasts were honoured at its conclusion, and several songs and recitations were given by the brethren assembled. Among the Visitors were Bros. A. W. Gerrard 2048, E. J. Day Organist 1641, A. H. Scurrah 2048, D. T. Davies 72, James Hemming J.D. 1287, W. Harris J.W. 1987, C. Dearing J.D. 1602.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last. Present Bros. Ladd W.M., Dyson S.W., King J.W., Daniel S.D., Buggins J.D., Harris I.G.; also Bros. Moss Preceptor, Roberts Treasurer, Rich, Schadler, Walker Secretary, Brown, Lashbrook, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Schadler as candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree. This being the annual meeting, the Auditors' report was read, received, and adopted. During the past year the sum of ten guineas had been given to the Charities. Bro. Moss was re-elected Preceptor, Bro. Roberts Treasurer, and Bro. Walker Secretary for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was duly passed and recorded on the minutes to those brethren for their valuable services. Bro. Daniel rose; he had a very pleasing duty to perform; to present to Bro. Walker a testimonial and a piece of plate, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge of Instruction, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services as Secretary. Brother Daniel, in making the presentation, said he hoped Brother Walker would accept the gift in the same spirit as the brethren had subscribed for it. Bro. Walker, in returning thanks, said it was far from his thoughts that he should be presented with a testimonial that evening; he assured the brethren that if he had done his duty to their satisfaction he was more than repaid. At the same time, he would value the mark of their appreciation, and look upon the testimonial with pride and pleasure. After a very enjoyable evening, the Lodge was adjourned until Tuesday, 1st December.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, 25th November. Bros. McMillan W.M., W. Saint S.W., King J.W., Belchamber acting Preceptor, Fernley S.D., Lashbrook I.G., Little, Hollands P.M., White, &c., J. K. Pitt Secretary. After preliminaries, Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Pitt answered the questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Saint was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Certain expenditure was duly agreed to, and the labours of the evening ended. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday next at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 20th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. Thomas W.M., F. Botley S.W., Norton J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Turner S.D., Cammell J.D., Wing I.G.; Bros. Coombes, Bailey, J. H. Taylor, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the questions leading to the second were answered by Bro. Coombes. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge opened and closed in the third and second degrees. The first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. F. Botley and the brethren; the second and third sections by the Preceptor and the brethren. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for 27th November.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—At the meeting held on Thursday, 19th instant, at the White Horse, Liverpool-road, Bros. Crawley W.M., McMillen S.W., Turner J.W., Osborn Treasurer and acting Preceptor, Dearing J.D., Kearney I.G., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cave candidate. Bro. Cave answered the questions leading to the second, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed to first degree. Bros. Kearney J.W. 1541 and Cutbush 912 were unanimously elected members. Bro. McMillen was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd December 1885, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd September for confirmation.

2. To consider the following communication from the M.W. Grand Master :—

"It having come under the notice of the M.W. Grand Master that the distinguished brethren who represent this Grand Lodge at the various Foreign Grand Lodges have not hitherto been invested with any badge to mark their position as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England such as has generally been presented by those Foreign Grand Lodges to the English Brethren representing them in this country,

"His Royal Highness has been pleased to approve the accompanying design, and recommends that a jewel made in accordance therewith be conferred on each of the brethren in question, to be held and worn by them while actually officiating as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England."

3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. Appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	-	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, London	-	50	0	0
A Brother of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, London	-	50	0	0
A Brother of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, Warwick	-	75	0	0
A Brother of the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457, Loughton	-	100	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London	-	50	0	0
A Brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, London	-	50	0	0
The Orphan Daughter of a Brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	-	70	0	0
A Brother of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London	-	50	0	0
A Brother of the Earl Ellesmere Lodge, No. 678, Farnworth	-	75	0	0
A Brother of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, Twickenham	-	100	0	0
A Brother of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore	-	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington	-	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, Greenwich	-	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Chipping Barnet	-	50	0	0
A Brother of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London	-	50	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of November instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £3,115 13s 1d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £8 4s.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

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

10. APPEALS :—

1. Appeal of Brother J. P. Cornforth, of Lodge Truth, No. 944, Bombay, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Bombay—that an amendment proposed by Brother Cornforth to correct a speech of the District Grand Master as recorded on the minutes of the District Grand Lodge could not be received.

2. Appeal by the W. Master and the Brethren of the Commonwealth Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, against a ruling of the District Grand Master restoring to his membership a Brother who had been excluded by the Lodge.

3. Appeal by Brother E. P. Joyce, P.M. of the Turanganui Lodge, No. 1480, Gisborne, against a ruling of the District Board of General Purposes of the District of Auckland, New Zealand, on a complaint preferred by him against Brother Thomas Crisp of the same Lodge for violation of his obligation.

4. Appeal by Brother Joseph Dawson, P.M. of the Victoria in Burma Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a resolution passed by the District Grand Lodge of British Burma on the 4th Sept-

ember 1885, censuring him for having made an incorrect statement in a letter written by him to the Grand Secretary.

5. Appeal from Brother John Darel, P.M. of the Lodge La Casarée, No. 590, Jersey, against a sentence of suspension passed on him by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION :—

By Brother Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treasurer :—

That one thousand pounds (£1,000) be paid from the Funds of the General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to assist in defraying the expenses incurred by the purchase of the land recently determined on.

Names of Brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT P.G.P. as Senior Vice-President.
Brother CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE P.G.P. as Junior Vice-President.

And none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

Brother BRITTEN, GEORGE POLE, P.M.	183
CULL, THOMAS	1446
DAIRY, CHARLES	141
GILLARD, GEORGE P.	657
HOGARD, CHARLES F.	205
MERCER, DAVID D.	1641
PERRYMAN, WILLIAM H.	3
READ, GEORGE	511
SPAULL, FRANCIS R.	1768
STORR, EDWARD FRANCIS	22
TAYLOR, ROBERT J.	144
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	1987

And no more than twelve were nominated.

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

- No. 2112.—The Gordan Lodge, Essendon, Victoria.
- 2113.—The Umzimkulu Lodge, Umzimkulu, East Griqualand, South Africa.
- 2114.—The Lodge of Prudence, Liverpool, Lancashire (W.D.)
- 2115.—The Waikonaiti Lodge, Waikonaiti, Otago and Southland, N.Z.
- 2116.—The Umberumberka Lodge, Silvertown, New South Wales.
- 2117.—The Lachlan Lodge, Cowra, New South Wales.
- 2118.—The York Lodge, York, Western Australia.
- 2119.—The General Gordon Lodge, Brisbane, Queensland.
- 2120.—The Abbey Lodge, Chertsey, Surrey.
- 2121.—The Lodge Triune Brotherhood, Kassauli, Punjab.
- 2122.—The Kerang Lodge, Kerang, Victoria.
- 2123.—The Gippsland Forest Lodge, Warragul, Victoria.
- 2124.—The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, Collingwood, Victoria.
- 2125.—The Yarrowonga Lodge of St. David, Yarrowonga, Victoria.
- 2126.—The Rupertswood-Numurdah Lodge, Numurdah, Victoria.
- 2127.—The Drury Lane Lodge, London.
- 2128.—The United Northern Counties, London.
- 2129.—The Dorothy Vernon Lodge, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1886 is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan, or post free 2s 1d.

N.B.—The Book of Constitution, Edition 1884, can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo and 32mo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 28th November 1885 :—

Monday—Banquet to Count Munster, Old Kings Arms Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday—Tuscan Lodge, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, St. James's Union Chapter, Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge, Bedford Chapter. Thursday—London Master Bakers' Pension and Almshouse Society Ball, Grenadiers' Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, St. George's Chapter, Vane Chapter, Girls' School Club. Friday—Jerusalem Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Chapter, Royal York Lodge. Saturday—City Albion Cricket Club.

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FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "P.M. 1607," must be commended for the useful and comprehensive tables which he furnished to your excellent journal last week. So far as I have been able roughly to judge, they seem accurate; there is, however, one palpable error for which, it may be, the printer is to be held responsible, though it is so self-evident that no one can possibly be misled by it. Giving the total aggregate of contributions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls during the septennial period, your correspondent puts it at £41,908 7s 3d; and in striking the annual average puts it at £15,986 19s 7d. Any one with the slightest knowledge of figures would of course immediately detect the redundant figure, and see that the average should be £5,986 19s 7d. With this exception the tables appear to me to be accurate, and they should be most extensively circulated for the information and benefit of the brethren throughout the country. I can hardly suggest how this might best be done; but it occurs to me that such tables, if circulated amongst the various Lodges interested, would stimulate inquiry, and perhaps action in a right direction. Anyhow, the members of the various Lodges would know exactly how they stand with regard to the Masonic Charities, and whilst the information may be cheering and encouraging to those who have behaved liberally, it might "fetch some" of the lagging sections in the Craft, and induce them to repair dereliction of duty of which they might have been guilty in the past.

Your correspondent has evidently been at great pains and labour in the compilation of so useful a set of tables, and all who peruse them will agree that the "Craft may be congratulated upon the handsome manner in which our noble Institutions are supported by the Provinces generally." It is to be hoped that both Devonshire and Lincoln will pay heed to the suggestions conveyed by the tables referred to, although the former Province has a local educational charity of its own, and the latter is about to follow a similar example. The case of West Yorkshire is equally conspicuous, whilst the Provinces in regard to which smaller deficiencies are quoted, should take the lesson to heart which your correspondent conveys, and endeavour to amend their past inactivity by increased effort in the future.

In any case the dissemination of such valuable returns amongst the Lodges could be productive of nothing but benefit to the Craft, and I, with many others, hope some scheme may be devised of bringing the facts and figures prominently under the notice of the brethren in every part of the country.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

TREASURER.

THE "BUSINESS" OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can quite follow some of the thoughts suggested in your article of the 14th instant, anent the "vexatious restrictions" and the "levelling influences" that are brought to bear upon the Craft in the present age. That the charity of Freemasonry loses much of its charm and value by excessive systemisation is readily apparent, and that Masonic benevolence should be guided by the hateful principles of a Charity Organisation Society is a matter that no true admirer of the Craft can contemplate without feelings of abhorrence. Were the present mode of dispensing the charitable funds of the Order once hampered by the miserable and inquisitorial system adopted by that institution there would be a universal shrinking and hesitation on the part of those usually willing to subscribe, and many deserving needy ones would suffer the direst hardships rather than seek for charity bestowed under such galling circumstances. Organisation, as you observe, may be in some cases, a "guard against imposture," but it is the experience of all who have had anything to do with the distribution of charitable gifts that it is the whining hypocrite and impostor who most frequently breaks through the cordon of organisation, whilst the really necessitous and deserving, afraid even to look askance at the hand of charity, is too often "sent empty away." But that organisation should be instituted to "secure a due return for what has been given in Charity!" is a proposition so palpably absurd that it might well raise a smile on the countenance of any one who can read between the lines. Charity belies its name when it asks for a return; it is not the hand of Charity that grants a loan of any kind. If organisation means to transform Freemasonry into a loan office, then it will descend to a level far beneath the friendly societies with whom we boast we compare so well in the present day. There can be no organisation so far as Masonic Charity in its truest sense is concerned, and those who harp so frequently and so loudly on the subject of Masonic mendicancy and imposture are too commonly those who raise a bogey in order to provide themselves with an excuse for buttoning up their own stingy pockets.

The second point in the article which struck me as somewhat incongruous is, that which speaks of the "excessive knowledge" of

Masonry which it seems the aim of the brethren to acquire. That to my ear has a particularly grating sound. You have done good suit and service in recommending them to emulate the example of those who have aspired to and obtained positions in the Craft; their zeal and assiduity in acquiring knowledge, but I can hardly see that to "rattle off the Ritual without a slip" is a fault which destroys the "lasting impression" that ought to be made on the mind of a candidate rather than the perfection of study which is always enjoined upon Masons. The "lasting impression" on the minds of many of us is that the Worshipful Master who initiated us, instead of rattling off the ritual without a slip, bungled over it and tripped at almost every sentence, and beseechingly appealed to some good Samaritan, in the shape of a Past Master, at his elbow, to enable him to stagger through the work of the degree. "Clumsy" and "rusty" Masons have always been stigmatised as "drones," and it is absurd to decry the ambition for acquirement of knowledge. Respecting Lodges of Instruction, the question is asked whether Freemasonry owes its origin to Lodges of Instruction, or whether Lodges of Instruction are dependent for their existence on the Lodges themselves? We may as well ask whether a mother owes her origin to her child, or whether she is dependent upon her infant for support! We have been taught to regard Lodges of Instruction as the "nurseries" of the Craft, where those ambitious for office and for general usefulness in Lodges may gain the instruction and groundwork necessary to their advancement. To stultify their action, therefore, seems to be a most anomalous proposition, and I consider it no breach of etiquette when a brother is called upon to respond to a toast that he should advise all who are desirous of progress in Masonic study to attend the Lodges of Instruction, which is the very best school of learning that can be recommended to them. I endorse the remark that it is the "duty" of every Mason to support the Lodges of Instruction, and he must be a selfish man who, having derived all the knowledge—"excessive," it may be—of Masonry, would bottle it up in his own breast, and not allow those who come after him the opportunities of Masonic education.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

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

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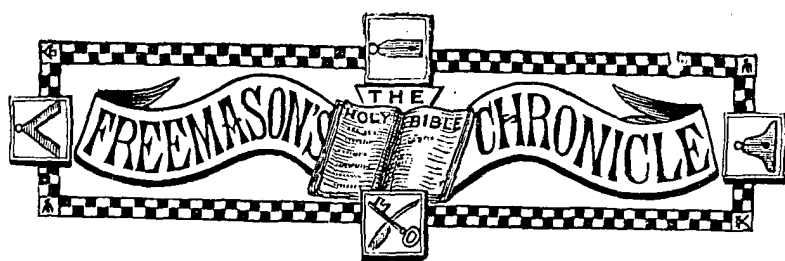
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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. V.

IN our last issue reference was briefly made to the death of Bro. C. T. Speight, who was one of the best known brethren in London and the surrounding districts, which event occurred on the 17th instant, at his residence, 9 Mona Road, Peckham. The departure from amongst us of a brother who was so highly esteemed by a very large section of the Craft in the Metropolis, as well as in the Provinces, deserves, we think, more than a passing notice. Brother Speight, throughout his Masonic career of nearly half a century, displayed an amount of zeal, activity and intelligence such as we have rarely seen equalled, and certainly not surpassed. Few weeks, or even days, passed without our coming in contact with the short, but portly, figure of Bro. Speight, whose pride it was to assert that, as Provincial Grand Tyler of Surrey, he tyled more Lodges and Chapters than any other of the veterans who held capacities similar to his own. With a cheery countenance, and a cordial, though becomingly respectful, greeting to the

numerous body of the Craft who "passed through his hands," he was a general favourite with all who experienced his genial courtesy, and the cheerful readiness he displayed in the carrying out of his particular functions in the Lodge. It is a trite saying that some men are "born poets," and we have more than once heard the remark that Bro. Speight was certainly a born Tyler. There was a dignified stateliness, amounting almost to potentiality, with which "our little friend" went about his business, but this never rose to pompousness, nor was he afflicted with any of the "uppishness" or fuss we occasionally detect amongst those who enjoy similar posts of responsibility. He seemed self-conscious of the importance of his trust, and applied himself to the discharge of his duties with quiet unostentatious zeal, which commanded for him universal respect. When in a communicative mood he used frequently to remind the writer that he had the honour of preparing His Royal Highness for some of the degrees through which our Most Worshipful Grand Master has passed, and that he had for years tyled the Lodge to which the Prince of Wales belongs. This little incident seemed to have possessed a peculiar charm for our deceased brother, who, in repeating it, glowed with pardonable pride, and spoke with an enthusiasm that no one could fail to appreciate. As the Tyler and Janitor of thirty or forty Lodges and Chapters in London and the Province of Surrey, Bro. Speight's time was fully occupied, and rarely was he absent from his post when his services were in requisition. Many a time and oft have we seen him bustling along, as he wended his way to the suburban railway station nearest to his late home, bound for the City, in methodical fashion, and with evidently as profound a sense of the importance of his mission as any of the "City men" who travelled in the train with him, and whose friendly salutations he so cordially returned. As befitted his aristocratic status in his particular line, Bro. Speight invariably travelled first class, armed with his portmanteau, in which he carried his regalia and other accessories of his office; and amongst Masons up and down the line he was always recognised in the heartiest and most courteous manner. In the preparation of his Lodge for the convenience of the brethren, he went about his work with quiet regularity, the result unquestionably of long and varied experience; and as the members arrived, they one and all, from the Past Masters to the novitiate, exchanged those amenities which are characteristic of the members of "ye mystic tie." Every matter of detail was studiously considered and looked after, so that when Lodge was opened, not a single minutiae had been neglected. All was done without fuss or confusion; yet every detail of the preliminaries was in perfect shape and working order. In the active duties of "labour," he was equally diligent and exact, and with mild, though rigid, discipline he saw that minor matters as well as great were all conducted with decorum and in thorough regularity. From the time of his request that brethren should "sign the attendance book, please," to the closing hour of the banquet, when he gave his own particular toast in stentorian tones, Bro. Speight was always active, watchful, and diligent, and compliments which necessarily did not reach his ears were frequently paid to him for his efficiency and urbanity. Our deceased brother was peculiarly sensitive and punctilious as to the position and status of a Tyler. He indignantly repudiated the idea, which seems to run in the minds of many of the brethren, that a Tyler's position in a Lodge room is on all fours with that of a waiter at an hotel, or a flunkey in an aristocratic establishment. He contended that the office was one of trust and responsibility, in his opinion little short of that of the Treasurer or the Worshipful Master, and that the fulfilment of its duties was based on a strict observance of the attributes of honour and integrity. He despised the practice adopted—we are sorry to say too frequently—by officers of his ilk, of touting for "orders" from initiates and others, and was far above receiving "considerations" which in any way bordered on "Trading on Masonry." Thus Bro. Speight gained the esteem of the numerous body of Masons amongst whom he was known, as a pattern Tyler, and he retained that enviable distinction to his latest hour. The removal of so old and valuable a servant, at the comparatively early age of sixty-nine years, has proved a source of very genuine and wide-spread regret amongst the brethren who were most frequently brought into contact with him. It is not long since—only a few months—that we had to record the decease of Mrs. Speight, after a long and painful illness; and the chief solace to the "heart bowed down" of our

brother seemed to be the expressions of sympathy and votes of condolence which reached him from so many quarters. In conversation with him immediately after that sad event, we recollect with what passionate sorrow, and yet with what resignation, he spoke of one who had for so many years been the partner of his joys and sorrows; still he plodded on, in the performance of his accustomed avocations, which were continued up to within a very few days of his death. True, of late his health had not been so robust as formerly, but he appeared to be fully equal to the discharge of his duty, and to pursue "the even tenour of his way." His illness was of brief duration, lasting only a few days, when he passed peacefully away, let us hope to the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe will reward him for services rendered with faithfulness and probity and duty "well done." *Memento mori* is the epitaph we would write above the tomb of our departed brother, whose obsequies, on Tuesday last, were attended by a large number of sorrowing friends, representing many of the Lodges in which he had figured so prominently and usefully for nearly half a century. "After life's fitful fever he sleeps well," but his memory will long be held in respectful remembrance by many who in life had been associated with him in carrying into practice the principles and tenets of the Masonic art. The moral of his life was, that in whatever station a man may be placed, uprightness, fervency, and zeal are as capable of being exemplified by the comparatively humble as by those who hold positions of the highest distinction, and it is only a just tribute to the memory of our deceased friend and brother to say that his example in all these respects was eminently deserving of emulation by all who are solicitous for the best interests of Freemasonry and the well-being of society at large.

Another of those useful feeders of the Masonic Institutions—Associations for securing Life Governorships by small weekly payments—is to be started in connection with the Langton Lodge of Instruction, on Thursday, the 17th prox., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, City. The Association is to last for four years, at the end of which time every member will have obtained a Life Governorship of ten guineas, the subscription being at the usual rate of one shilling per week, payable monthly. Bro. Joseph Langton, No. 1, P.M. and Treasurer 1673, Treasurer 2096 is the President of the Association; Bro. Joseph D Langton, No. 1, P.M. 1673, W.M. 2096 the Vice President; Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs 174, Secretary 1790, S.W. 2096, S.N. 463 the Treasurer; and Bro. W. G. Oates (Lloyds, E.C.) 2096 the Secretary. Brethren are cordially invited to attend the Lodge of Instruction at Abchurch Lane on the 17th, or on the third Thursday in any subsequent month, when ballots will be taken as often as the funds in hand will allow.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Brother General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Past Grand Warden of England, has kindly consented to preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held in May. The presidency of General Brownrigg, on behalf of the Benevolent Institution some few years back, was so successful, and the members of his Province acquired so much credit as the result of their exertions, that we feel assured they will again do their utmost to make his chairmanship on behalf of the Girls' School a success. We feel convinced they will work with heart and soul to support him, and there can be but one result; this we hope will be supplemented throughout England to such an extent as to render the Festival of 1886 one of the most successful held on behalf of the Girls' School.

Madame Worrell announces that her annual Evening Concert will take place at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, near Brixton Church, on Wednesday next, the 2nd December. This talented lady will be assisted on this occasion by the following artistes: Miss Elizabeth Howes, Miss Emily Dones, Miss Annie Gatland, and Miss Spenser Jones. Bros. Henry Guy, Lawrence Fryer, Egbert Roberts, with Messrs. Frank Ward and James Budd will also take part in the entertainment, while Bro. Turle Lee will officiate as conductor. The services of the following instrumentalists

have been secured: Harp, Madame George-Fortescue; Pianoforte, Miss Ward; Violin, Mr. H. Armfield; Violoncello, Mr. H. Ward. Tickets (3s, 2s, and 1s each) may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 52 Knowle Road, Brixton Road.

The Beacontree Lodge of Instruction, No. 1228, will in future be held at the Bell Tavern, Leytonstone Road, on Friday evenings. Sessions from first Friday in September to last Friday in May, at 8 p.m. Bro. G. Ward Verry P.M. 554, 1278, and 1625 is the Preceptor, and Bro. W. Sampson the Secretary.

The third annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball will be held at the Holborn Town Hall, W.C., on Wednesday, 13th January next. Bro. R. P. Forge P.M. 619 and 1950, S.W. 1693, will again officiate as M.C., and the services of the band of the Honorable Artillery Company have been secured. The price fixed for tickets (to admit Lady or Gentleman) is 5s, while Supper Tickets, 3s each, can be obtained of Bro. J. Greenfield P.M. 1602 W.M. 795 Treasurer, 9 Quadrant Road, Canonbury, N.; Bro. E. Woodman W.M. 1950 S.W. 1897 Secretary, 76 Marquess Road, Canonbury, N. The following comprise the Board of Stewards, any of whom will supply tickets and give any further information:—Bros. J. Cooper W.M. 1693, R. P. Forge S.W. 1693 P.M. 1950 P.M. 619, G. F. Snook J.W. 1693, J. Baker 1471, C. Dearing J.D. 1602 Secretary 795, C. Hammond 820 1471, W. G. Akehurst 1693, H. C. Turner I.G. 1693, H. B. Harding 1471, R. Baker P.M. 188, J. Potter 1693, N. L. Western P.M. 1693, H. Sprake 813, John Jones I.G. 1278, S. Stretch W.S. 1950, F. Everitt 1602. As on previous occasions, the profits from this Ball will be given to the Masonic Charities. Dancing to commence at 8.30 p.m. precisely. A dispensation to wear Masonic clothing has been granted.

An emergency meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, will be held this day (Saturday), at the Railway Station Hotel, Harrow. Lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m. The business of the day comprises the raising of five brethren, and the initiation of two gentlemen into the Order.

The consecration of the Israel Chapter, No. 205, will take place on Tuesday, the 8th prox., at the Cannon Street, E.C., when Comp. C. F. Hogard will be installed as M.E.Z., A. J. Henochsberg as H., and J. Da Silva as J. The ceremony will commence at 4.30 p.m. We hope the Chapter will prove to be a success, and that we may frequently have opportunities in the future of recording the doings of its members.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday last, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Comp. Radcliffe was the M.E.Z., Dean H., Sheffield J., Blight S.N., Cusworth P.S., and Edmonds Preceptor. There was a capital attendance, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

In the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, on Wednesday, 2nd December, at the Haunch of Venison, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet-street, W.C., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. J. Hemming J.D. 1287 W.M., D. T. Davies 72 S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W. 1732 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Bromley, Kauffmann, Nickolls, Drury, Stroud, Burgess, Davies. Second Lecture—Bros. Bathard, Greenway, Snodin, Paul, Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Kershaw, Smith, Solomon. Bro. E. Walker I.P.M. 72 is the Preceptor. Brethren are fraternally invited.

A gold medal has been awarded to Kendal and Dent, Watch Makers, 106 Cheapside, London, by the Paris International Exhibition, 1885, for various improvements and general excellence in watches, among which are Patent Watches for the Blind, &c., &c.

While referring to Masonic matters we may mention that there is a good and useful Lodge of Instruction held at the George Inn, corner of George Lane, Lewisham High Street, every Tuesday night, during the winter months, where brethren would be sure of a welcome, and where the necessary instruction is cheerfully and skilfully imparted.—*Borough of Lewisham Gazette*.

MARK MASONRY.

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HUNTER LODGE, No. 324.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master took place on Monday, the 16th inst., at Rhyl. The brethren of the Lodge assembled at the Lodge-room, Masonic Hall, Sussex-street, where the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. E. Keatinge, presided, supported by his Officers and several brethren. The duties of advancing two new brethren having been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. K. McEwen P.G.I.G. was presented to be installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, the ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. W. H. Foulkes P.G.M.O. P.M. The Wor. Master appointed as his Officers the following brethren:—Bros. E. W. Keatinge P.G.S.D. I.P.M., W. Hackforth P.G.A.D.C. S.W., H. A. Steer J.W., T. H. Summerhill M.O., C. Bell S.O., A. L. Clews J.O., Rev. W. L. Nicholas Chaplain, Powell Treas. and Reg. of Marks, W. H. Foulkes P.M. P.G.M.O. Sec., H. G. Little S.D., H. G. Jarmyn J.D., F. C. Watkins Org., W. A. Nott Steward, Frank Hordley Tyler. Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Belvoir Hotel, where a banquet was provided, the W.M. presiding. On the cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, received, and responded to in the most cordial manner. The brethren having spent a few hours together in a pleasant manner, dispersed, expressing great satisfaction with the catering of Mr. Ashby.

A Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held in the Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday next, at one for two p.m., to consider and, if approved, to adopt the revised Book of Constitutions as recommended by the General Board. Qualified members of Grand Lodge only will be admitted. On the following day the usual Winter Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held at the same place, when all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present. Grand Lodge will be opened at four o'clock, and will be followed by a banquet at seven o'clock.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

THE Saye and Sele Conclave, No. 122, of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and Appendant Orders, held its meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Belvidere, Kent, on the 17th instant, when a large gathering assembled, including many visitors from other Conclaves, and the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight C. F. Hogard. The Conclave having been opened in imperial form, a ballot was taken for five members, who having been declared duly elected, were admitted and installed Knights of the Order according to ancient usage. The new Knights were Comps. Cummings D.P.G.M.M.M. Kent and G. Chap. Mark England 18° K.T. and C., Brinstead K.T., Weddell K.T., Cotterill K.T., all of Lullingstone Chapter, No. 1837, and Jaynson K.T. Saye and Sele Chapter, No. 1973. The degrees of K.H.S. and St. John were then conferred on several Sir Knights. The Intendant General of Kent then assumed the chair, and formally constituted Prov. Grand Conclave by authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign Sir Francis Burdett, having been himself first presented with his patent of office by the Grand Recorder. The following Officers were then appointed and invested by Sir Knight Wood Intendant General:—Sir Knights H. Penfold Deputy Intendant General, W. G. Lemon Viceroy Eusebius, R. H. Platten Senior General, A. Penfold Junior General, Cummings High Prelate, Watson Treasurer, Bateman Recorder, R. Brown Prefect, W. H. Thomas Orator, Ninnis 1st Aide-de-Camp, W. O. Robinson Sword Bearer, V. Brown Standard Bearer, A. Ingleton Herald, J. Orum Sentinel. Prov. Grand Conclave was then closed, and the M.P.S. of Saye and Sele Conclave, Sir Knight Lemon, then assumed the chair. Letters of regret for absence were read from Sir Knights Lake, Matier and others, and the Conclave was closed according to ancient form and in perfect harmony. A supper was subsequently held at the Belvidere Hotel, adjoining.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

WE take the following extract from the *Toronto Globe* of the 3rd instant:—

The regular meeting of St. John's Lodge was turned into an old members' meeting. There was a large attendance of visitors and members, as many as two hundred crowding the Lodge-room. Bro. Smallpiece W.M. presided in the East, and his father, who was present, was a justly proud and happy man. The old members turned over all the anecdotes of by-gone days, and Bro. John Ross Robertson gave a most interesting reminiscence of Masonic affairs in general, and St. John's Lodge in particular. In response to the toast of the Grand Lodge, Bros. R. L. Patterson G.S.W., John Ross Robertson P.G.S.W., J. T. Burns P.D.D.G.M., G. Tait G.S.D. replied. Bros. Dr. Griffin, King Solomon Lodge, London, England, McCabe P.D.G.M., Tomlinson, of Pennsylvania, replied to the toast of the Visitors. After the return to the main Lodge-room, the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner. The affair was a complete success in every respect, and the remark was frequent among the visitors of other Lodges present that it was something they must imitate. The Lodge was established in 1856.

A NEW CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

A NEW Chapter of Improvement, with the sanction of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, is forming under the most favourable circumstances, and promises to become as great a success as is the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, under whose home roof the Chapter will meet, viz., the Porchester Hotel, Cleveland-square, Bayswater. The petition is signed by nearly eighty regularly registered Royal Arch Companions, and amongst the number are many of the most prominent and well known workers in London. The license having been granted at a Convocation of the Hornsey Chapter on the 24th instant, it is arranged that a preliminary meeting be held on Saturday, 5th December, for the purpose of drafting the bye laws and arranging the necessary details. Without mentioning the name or status of any one of the signatories to the petition we may state that the long practical experience of the elders has suggested the adoption of the ballot (instead of show of hands) on the election of joining members. Much of the furniture and regalia has already been promised, and there is little doubt but that the whole will be completed by Saturday, 12th December, on which date the new Chapter of Improvement will be inaugurated with the rehearsal of the ceremony of consecration. The joining fee will be small, and the attendance fee also. The adoption of the ballot system for a Life Subscribership of one of the Masonic Charities when the funds reach five guineas is suggested. The Porchester Hotel is within a few minutes walk of Queen's-road, Royal Oak, Praed-street, and Bishop's-road Stations. All Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited to attend on the 12th December. A further notice will appear.

Bro. Major Charles Harding, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies England, has been Gazetted Hon. Colonel the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

THE WRECK REGISTER AND CHART FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1884.

THE Wreck Register which has been issued within the last few days by the Board of Trade affords in its elaborate and carefully prepared tables abundant matter for consideration and thought. Many of the facts laid before us draw from us the deepest regret; while others, reminding us of the old proverb that "every cloud has its silver lining," cannot but give any well-regulated mind a considerable amount of satisfaction.

We find that during the year ended the 30th June 1884, there were 3,647 shipping casualties on our shores; but although this number seems, and is, terribly large, it is well to know that during the preceding year it was exceeded by 7 wrecks.

The above 3,647 wrecks include all classes of casualties—total loss, partial loss, collisions, &c.—and when the total is subdivided it is found that the more serious cases of wrecks fell from 551 to 473, leaving a balance of 3,174 to represent minor accidents.

This fact in itself is worthy of notice, but the diminution in the number of wrecks resulting in the loss of life was even more important, the total being 163, or 57 less than that of the previous year.

As regards the loss of life resulting from casualties of all sorts, it is curious to notice the remarkable change which took place last year in the local distribution of such loss. For many years the east coast of England was by far the most fatal to the shipwrecked mariner; but what was the case in 1883-4? While on the east coast of England the number of lives lost fell from 466 to 142, there were as many as 282 lives lost on the west coasts of England and Scotland and the east coast of Ireland, the loss on the south coast of England being 92, or 6 less than the year before; on the north coast of Scotland 59, or an increase of 13; the east coast of Scotland 25, or 63 less than the preceding year, and other parts 61.—Total 661.

The Chart which accompanies the Register gives at a glance an admirable idea of the wrecks which took place on our dangerous shores during the year ended the 30th of June 1884, and we observe that very small portions of the coast have immunity from shipwreck, showing how important it is to protect properly, by means of Life-boats, our whole coast line.

We may add that contributions to the Life-boat Fund of the Royal National Life-boat Institution will be thankfully received by all Bankers in the United Kingdom, and by the Secretary, Charles Dibdin, Esq., at the Institution, John Street, Adelphi, London.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gray, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Tarnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1461—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

- 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)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe

TUESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 144—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 166—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 420—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Chamoion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 177—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 70—St. John, Hyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 121—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.

- 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Rute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussax Street, Rhyll
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
 R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, 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)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stunhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 511—Zetland, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Buriott-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1238—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In.)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Ty
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Faraworth, near Bolton.
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1637—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1055—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Arzyle-street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Bury-on-Furness
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 739—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New R.I. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Phœnix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1185—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)
 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand

- 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 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)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 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)
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

- R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 19—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
 M.M. 197—Studdholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1770—Yale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
 1807—Loyal Wye, Buihth, Breconshire
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 898—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
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 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
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 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

- R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
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 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
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 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
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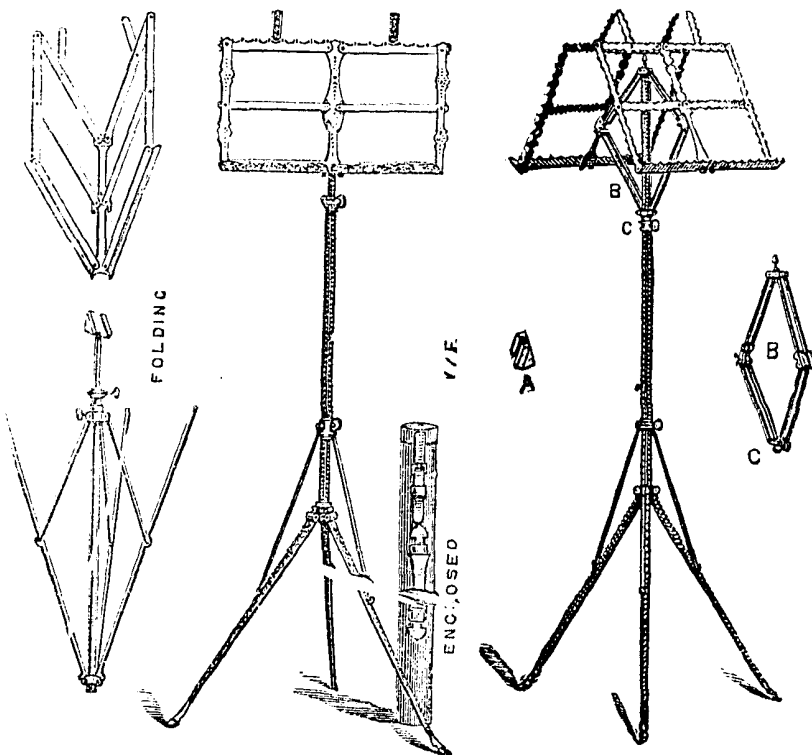
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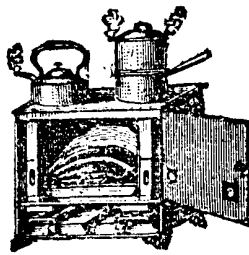
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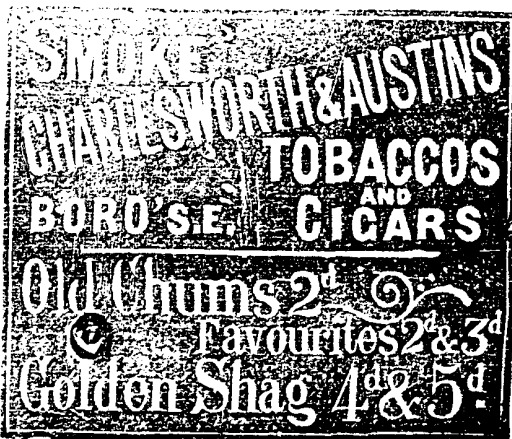
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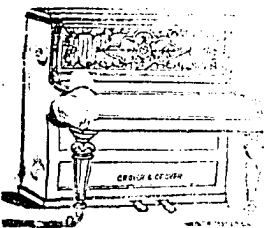
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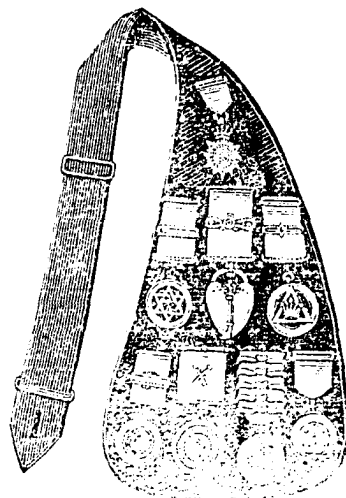
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