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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

THE brethren who worked to secure an alteration in the rule which formerly governed the appointment of Grand Treasurer, whereby the office, instead of being virtually a permanent one was to be annually transferred, did so well knowing they would have to use discretion in selecting good men as competitors for the office; that they must exhibit a certain amount of unanimity, or at least of good humour, in all that appertained to the election, and that they would have to keep within the limits of fair rivalry when it came to selecting one of the several candidates who might be put forward for the office. All is fair, we have been told, in love or war, but in such matters as this, fairness is understood to have a limit, beyond which it is neither politic nor desirable to go. Brethren of the mystic tie know too well the limits of good order and regularity to lead us to suppose they are desirous of overstepping the bounds of prudence in connection with the annual fight—we may now call it—for the only elective collar of Grand Lodge, but if they are really desirous of keeping within due bounds they must be firm in their stand against the usual election tactics of modern days, exercised outside Freemasonry. If the annual contest for the office of Grand Treasurer is to be an excuse for the annual splitting up of the body of Freemasons into sections working on behalf of one or other of those nominated for the Grand Treasurership, the result must eventually be one of disaster to that peace and harmony we all lay so much stress on preserving in Freemasonry.

At the present time the canvass on behalf of the candidates now before the Craft is being carried on to a considerable extent, and we fear that in more than one instance rivalry on this point has led to words and arguments which should not be heard amongst Freemasons. Until this subject was made so prominent there was absolutely nothing connected with the Order which allowed or even required a personal canvass, and its introduction at the present time is, in the minds of many, in direct opposition to the principles of the Craft, and is likely to engender strife and discord among those who are personally affected by it. As all who are eligible to attend Grand Lodge—our Past Masters, our Worshipful Masters, and our Wardens—are so affected, it will be seen the subject is one that will strike at the heads of the Order particularly, and through them to all ranged under the banner of Freemasonry.

The annual election of a Grand Treasurer is a good rule, one which has stood for ages past, and we hope will always remain a prominent feature in Freemasonry. An annual change in the holder of the office is also desirable, and we should be sorry to see a return to the system formerly in vogue in England, when one brother was re-elected to the office year by year, until death or his resignation put an end to his tenure. If, however, the Treasurer is to be annually elected, and a fresh brother chosen for the office at each election, we think it would prove beneficial to the Craft as a body if all canvass, either personal on the part of the candidate or by his intimate friends, were forbidden by the Grand Master. This would no doubt be looked upon as a great hardship by some of the more energetic members of the Order, but in their calmer moments they will recognise that more harm than good must arise from the introduction of electioneering tactics into Freemasonry. If canvassing be allowed, or

even winked at, in connection with one of the Grand Offices, is it likely ordinary Craftsmen will refrain from canvassing in their private Lodges? In a few years we shall find that every Lodge has in its midst two or more sections who are pledged to secure the election of such and such a brother as Worshipful Master. It does not require a moment's consideration to realise what effect this would have on the Order. It would not only influence the brethren in their choice of a Master, but it would also make itself felt in regard to every candidate proposed and balloted for. Candidates would be "interviewed" before their admission, and their promise of support for one faction or another asked for ere they were permitted to see the light of Freemasonry. In other words, when once the system of canvassing becomes recognised in connection with other Offices than that of Grand Treasurer, which we maintain it must do if the example is to be continued from headquarters, Freemasonry will be split up into factions, and harmony will be banished from our midst.

Another feature in connection with the office of Grand Treasurer, to which attention is necessary and amendment desirable, was exemplified at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, when a brother was put in nomination without having been previously asked if he was willing to accept the office. There is no rule which requires an enthusiastic admirer to obtain the sanction of his idol ere he nominates him for a public office; but the usages of society make such a course necessary, and for reasons which were fully shown at the meeting referred to. A brother was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer who at once declined the honour which his over-zealous friend sought to thrust upon him. In doing so he acted very wisely, and at the same time established a healthy precedent, which we trust it will not be necessary for other brethren to follow. The brother referred to has a host of friends in Grand Lodge, and would no doubt receive support if he came before the Craft as other candidates for the office have done, but for his friends to put him in nomination when a large majority of the electors had already promised their vote was a mistake, only to be excused on the plea of bad generalship. We think it would have been anything but flattering to the brother concerned if he had gone to the poll and been returned far below the other candidates, and yet that is the position he would no doubt have secured if he had stood the test of an election—not from any lack of sympathy with him, but merely because most of the voters had already pledged themselves in answer to the systematic canvass which has been in progress for the last few months. We should like to see some arrangement arrived at outside of Grand Lodge, which would render actual contests for the office unnecessary. It might perhaps be only shifting the evil from one spot to another, but we would suggest that the friends of rival candidates should in future meet and decide that one only of them should be put in nomination within the precincts of Grand Lodge—it would be a display of unanimity, whereas the continuance of the present system may be considered in many ways an exhibition of rivalry.

We again remind our readers that two new Lodges are to be consecrated in the Metropolitan district next week, the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, on Monday, and the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, on Wednesday,

MASONIC PEDLARS.

THERE have been pedlars from the beginning of time, and probably there will be to the end. In the profane world they sometimes serve a good purpose. Toting their small commodities on their backs from house to house, in the outskirts of civilization, among people who know little and care less, for the choice things of life, they are useful and convenient, if not ornamental. Indeed, a pedlar with a pile of glistening tins on his shoulders, against a background of greenery in the landscape, composes a picturesque scene. Then his language is so sententious and pointed—"Buy, buy," his sole purpose being to sell his wares, and you. All of us have been amused by this character, although we may not have patronized him. We have acquitted his patrons of everything except innocence and ignorance. What would you think of a citizen of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Boston, who has every facility for getting the best of everything, purchasing from a pedlar? Who are they? Men of no known character or credit. Of what quality are their wares? Absolutely the poorest. Their prices may be good, but their wares are always poor. Now, citizens know this, and hence citizens always say, "Good bye," instead of "How d'ye do," to a pedlar.

Are there Masonic pedlars? Of course there are. Wherever there is a good thing there will be a poor thing, imitating it. So the very existence of counterfeit money implies the existence of good money. The fact that there are legitimate Masonic degrees leads one to infer that they will be imitated. It is the experience of mankind that some persons prefer the imitation to the original, and others, after they have received the original, are curious to possess the imitation also. There is no accounting for tastes, in certain cases, in matters Masonic as well as in other relations. It does seem strange, though, to a Freemason of culture and experience that so many Masons are madly eager to acquire a host of degrees. What is there in them, at the best? And what at the worst? The fabricators of new degrees know that the fools are not all dead, and that they and their money are soon parted, so they offer ostensibly a first-class article for a fourth-class price. This is an old pedling dodge. The purchaser is taken in every time. There is no first-class article which may be had at a fourth-class price. It cannot be. It is one of the glories of Ancient Freemasonry that it costs something—something considerable. It is not for the poor. It is not a necessary of life, and hence it is not offered at a sum that is within the means of all. Freemasonry is a luxury, and it should always remain so. If you wish to have a good thing underestimated, cheapen it. Ordinarily a good price warrants a good article, and a cheap price a poor one; and yet we all of us have seen Brethren taking additional degrees because they cost but little. They were *little degrees*. Although they cost little, that little was one-hundred fold more than they were worth. Brethren, whenever any one offers you a so-called Masonic degree, look first at the price, for it may save you the trouble of looking further. Is it offered for "a song," with the warranty that it is just as good as the best? Can you rely upon such a warranty? Cheap imitations are worth, say one one-hundredth part of what you pay for them, which may be set down in a round number at just nothing at all.

Of course it is disgraceful to the Craft that there should be Masonic pedlars. Masons thus sinning, are responsible for their conduct differently from other men. They are cultivated men. They should have acquired some appreciable portion of the wisdom of Solomon. They know that there is no imposition in Masonry, pure and simple, and that they prove themselves degenerate sons of worthy sires in Masonry when they assume to *make* Masonry, and to make some kind of Masons. We have a good deal to answer for in that phrase, "advancement in Masonry." There comes a time, and that very soon in the Freemason's experience, when so-called advancement is the very reverse of the name. Additional degrees are like too much ballast on a ship; it may sink it. How many Brethren have sunk their Masonry by overloading themselves with degrees. Nor may they be received with perfect Masonic impunity. No degree-monger has a right to build his superstructure of cards upon the eternal foundations of Freemasonry, and label it "Masonic." If it purports to be Masonic, it must answer Masonry, and obey its behests.

The power to support includes the power to withdraw such support. Fabricators sometimes forget this, and reckon without their host. The pedlar must not forget his place. He is, at best, an employé; never the employer. When men frame societies that do *not* purport to be "Masonic" they may follow their own pleasure—it is only when they use our name, that they render themselves amenable to discipline.

The rise and fall of nations is often written of heroically, but the rise and fall of societies has not found a chronicler. How many of them have fallen. At first, numbers flock to them—how often men are like sheep. Their conductors' giddy heads, after seeing such a throng, imagined that throngs would perennially continue to follow in their footsteps. Vain thought. Probably the whole society had its conception in a pedlar's head, and although it may have flourished without example for a time, it had the final end of pedlars' wares, it—went to the dogs.

Masonic pedlars! There is dishonour in the name. But Masonry cannot in any just sense be charged with their existence. True, individually they may be Masons in name, but they have lost their first estate, and now—are mere speculators, money-makers, vendors of so-called and mis-called Masonic degrees. They either peddle a spurious imitation of a good article, or an entire novelty which they wish to foist upon Masons. They must ultimately fail of success in either endeavour.—*Keystone*.

FREEMASONRY AND FREE MASONIC THOUGHT.

THE sacred writings of every nationality and religion are on the altars of Masonry. They are the beacon lights that lead us up to God, the Ever Living Father, the Grand Architect of the Universe, and point the way to Heaven.

The morality taught therein, the grand truths in them revealed, are self-evident propositions, and, like the "axioms of Euclid" or the multiplication table, require no argument. The sacred writings are "fixed lights." No Mason disagrees with another upon the main truths revealed, though widely differing in forms, ceremonies, beliefs and the thousand different creeds into which mankind is led by a net-work of circumstances, education, surroundings, &c.

As there are no two blades of grass alike, and no two men alike, it is perfectly consistent that there can be a multitude of differences in the construction placed upon the sacred writings of every nation. But when we look upon it from a broad plane of thought, the conclusion is irresistible that they are but the outgrowth of the human heart, with its wants, yearnings and aspirations to something higher, purer and holier; something affecting us in the hereafter beyond the tomb. An old saying, "all roads lead to Rome," illustrates the proposition that back of all and underlying every different shade of religious opinion is the hope of immortality, and the desire to find the celestial road that leads to the higher and better life, and there it is far better to leave the subject.

Masonry has existed through all the ages by the innate force of its precepts and principles. It seeks no aid, asks for no recognition from the rich, the powerful, or great, nor does it seek for converts or proselytes, but steadily perseveres in its mission of "Brotherly love, relief and truth," uniting in a universal Brotherhood "good and true," among all nations, sects and climes; suffering persecution in silence from arbitrary priestcraft and kingly rule in all the ages, and even in this nineteenth century actively and secretly opposed by some of the leading denominations of the thousand sects and creeds of Christian and other religions, who from "ignorance ridicule it," or because rich and powerful, seek to use it and compel its members to believe in their peculiar creeds. It pursues the even tenour of its way, and by its very silence has for the greater part compelled respect.

Its grandest victories have been those of peace, unity and harmony. It never has in the past, nor should it now, or ever, attack any one.

Let the priests and preachers wage a war of creeds against each other, tear down and demolish the different beliefs that others entertain; persecute and denounce the sacred writings and beliefs of other nationalities, proclaim themselves only right, holy and pure to their hearts'

content, fight Infidelity, Agnosticism, Universalism, Catholicism, or any other "ism," and we individuals with our own private beliefs, if so disposed, can aid the fight (though we think the Gospel of Him of Nazareth—"peace and good-will to men"—far preferable), but as an institution, as a body, we say, hands off, attend to our own business, respect the right of every Mason to worship and adore the great Creator in his own way and according to the dictates of his conscience. We are convinced that the Institution will be introducing a fatal innovation when attempting to discuss any question outside of a belief in Deity, which is the only thing required to be believed in.—*Freemason, Michigan.*

FOUR ANCIENT SYMBOLS.

IN Masonic teaching the Lion, the Eagle, the Ox and the Man, are the significant representation of certain noble qualities. Courage, swiftness, strength, intelligence, are thus symbolized, and there is a well understood reference to that exalted condition of human life which ought ever to stand forth as the ideal of endeavour. According to the thoughts of some Masonic writers, the four ancient symbols have likewise an astronomical allusion. In Brown's *Stellar Theology*, the following explanation is given:

"They refer to the four great angles of the heavens, where the equinoctial and solstitial points are situated, and the signs at these points are, according to ancient astrology, called "fixed signs." Each sign was, moreover, ruled by three gods, called *Decans*, the first of which in each sign was called "the powerful leader of three." The most important and powerful of these thirty-six celestial gods were the four *Decans*, who ruled the four angles of the heavens, and the stability and perpetuity of the universe were supposed to be insured by them. They were also called *Elohim*, and the two who had their seat on the equator were believed to compel the sun to shine twelve hours over all the earth, as well as to repel him, so that he moved on to the next sign of the zodiac in progressive order. The no less powerful *Elohim*, or *Decans*, who ruled the solstitial points, caused the sun to turn back at the tropics, and preserved the order of nature and of the seasons."

"In all ancient astrological projections of the heavens, the four great angles of the zodiac, where these celestial gods were seated, were marked by the figures of the lion, the eagle, the ox, and the man—the constellation *Leo* being anciently at the summer solstice; *Aquarius*, depicted as a man pouring water from a jar, at the winter solstice; and *Taurus*, the Ox or Bull, at the vernal equinox; while the other angle, or autumnal equinox, was marked by a flying eagle. The quadrants of the celestial sphere were also anciently occupied by the four bright stars, *Aldebaran*, *Regulus*, *Antares*, and *Fomalhaut*. These were called "royal stars," and in them the four great *Elohim* were believed to dwell. To them divine honours were paid and sacred images erected, in which the lion, the eagle, the ox and the man were variously combined. These emblems were worshipped by all the ancient nations. The priests and the initiated knew them to be nothing more than astronomical allegories, emblematic representations of the zodiac, but the superstitious people adored them as real gods. The Jews obtained these four emblems from Egypt. Moses, however, forbade their worship, and taught the Israelites to use them to denote the points of the compass and the divisions of their camp, by means of banners on which they were pictured (Numb. ii.) These celebrated emblems are therefore of a purely astronomical and zodiacal origin, and, when properly understood (as they were by the initiated), teach many of the most important facts of astronomical science."—*Freemasons' Repository.*

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 12th December 1885:—

Monday—Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Unions, Joppa Lodge, Regularity Chapter, Caxton Lodge. Tuesday—Waldeck Lodge, St. James's Union Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity, Club of Nobody's Friends. Thursday—Caledonian Society, Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge. Saturday—Holborn Circus Cricket Club, Phoenix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 205.

AN event of more than ordinary interest in the Royal Arch Degree in Freemasonry took place on Tuesday evening last, at Cannon Street Hotel, when a new and important Chapter in connection with the well-known Israel Lodge, No. 205, now approaching its centenary, was consecrated and established. The Charter for the new Chapter had been granted by the First Grand Principal H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to Ex. Comp. Charles F. Hogard P.Z. and J. 10, P.Z. 141, 142, Alfred J. Henochsberg P.Z. 188, Joseph Da Silva H. 188, and Companions I. C. Cohen, J. A. Gartley, E. J. Ehrenberg, H. J. Phillips, J. Lichtenfeld, Rev. M. Haines, and Marcus Bromet; and the Consecrating Officers appointed were the M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. as M.E.Z., E. Comp. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer as H., E. Comp. Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., as J., and E. Comp. Frank Richardson P.A.G.S. as Dir. of Cers. Ex. Comp. Thomas Fenn officiated as S.N., and Ex. Comp. E. M. Lott directed the musical arrangements. Amongst those present at the appointed hour, and in addition to the foregoing, were Ex. Comp. J. L. Mather P.Z. 1471, J. Lewis Thomas P.G.S., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. 188, James Stevens P.Z. 720 771, T. Hastings Miller P.Z. 907, H. Massey P.Z. 1928, Fred Binokas (Sec. R.M.I.B.), F. R. W. Hodges (Sec. R.M.I.G.), C. H. Webb 1519, A. Bassington 733, A. V. Haines 142, S. Barnett 142, C. Chaffarier 1201, W. J. Benjamin, James Hayes 142, A. M. Cohen, J. Russell 173, T. Tromers 1929, G. Rosenthal, S. Schmere 183, F. Bunker 59, W. Mandy, H. Sadler, M. H. Myers, and others who failed to sign the register of attendance. A Chapter having been opened by the Consecrating Principals, the Companions were addressed by the M.E.Z., and the beautiful ceremony of consecration was at once proceeded with. Always a sublime and consequently interesting ceremony, its powerful appeal to the exercise of most reverential sympathy was on this occasion enhanced by the impressive manner in which the respective officers discharged their several duties. The addresses of the acting M.E.Z. Comp. Clerke, the grand oration on the nature and principles of the institution by the acting J. Comp. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and the delivery of the Scripture readings by the acting S.N. Comp. Fenn, were alike calculated to find solemn response in the hearts of all present; whilst the quiet and unobtrusive manner in which the ceremonial was conducted by Comp. Richardson, and the religious music directed by Comp. Lott, added greatly to the effectiveness of the entire proceedings. A more perfect rendering of the consecration ceremony could not have been secured, and the new Chapter will ever have the gratification of knowing that its birth was accompanied by such observances as became its introduction into the Masonic world, and should ever stimulate its members to uphold, as Royal Arch Masons, the high position and character of its parent Lodge. On the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration the principals designate of the new Chapter, viz., Comps. Hogard, Henochsberg, and Da Silva, were installed by the acting M.E.Z. into the respective chairs of Z., H. and J. This portion of the evening's proceedings, consequent on the positions in Royal Arch Masonry hitherto held by these Companions, was of very brief duration, and the Companions below the chairs were soon re-admitted, when the following Officers were appointed and invested, viz., Comp. H. J. Phillips S.E., J. A. Gartley S.N., L. H. Norden P.S., I. C. Cohen Treasurer, Rev. M. Haines 1st A.S., E. J. Ehrenberg 2nd A.S., J. Lichtenfeld D.C., and Walkley Janitor. The M.E.Z. (Comp. Hogard) then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the several Consecrating Officers, with a request that they would accept Honorary Membership of the Chapter. This being seconded by Comp. H., was put and carried by acclamation, and acknowledgment was made by Grand Scribe E., on behalf of his colleagues and himself. A large number of candidates for exaltation and of Companions for joining were duly proposed and seconded for ballot at the first meeting of the Chapter, appointed for the 15th instant, and the Chapter was closed in due form and with prayer. A very excellent banquet was served in the Pillar Room, and was presided over by the M.E.Z., with his customary urbanity and ability. There was a long array of toasts, and the programme was liberally interspersed with a selection of songs, part-songs, and choruses, affording much enjoyment to the guests. The customary compliments to the Rulers and High Officers of the Royal Arch Degree were paid, and acknowledged in the usual manner, diversified only on this occasion by special reference to those who had consecrated the Chapter, and who were again especially thanked for the services they had rendered. In response Comp. Col. Clerke expressed the pleasure his colleagues and himself had experienced in the discharge of their duty on that evening; and their certainty that the Chapter would be an honour to the Order. Not many years ago it was difficult to get Chapters attached to Lodges in sufficient numbers, and Master Masons had to seek elsewhere than under the name of their Lodges for R.A. Masonry. Now large Lodges such as the Israel were disposed to have Chapters attached to them, and consequently a greater benefit accrued to those who preferred not to lose sight of their Mother Lodge in any Craft degree. For himself, Comp. Clerke said that despite his recent illness, which had kept him prisoner at home for some days past, he could not reconcile to himself the setting aside of his undertaking to assist at this consecration, and he had therefore ventured to be present. He was glad that he was so, and again wished the Chapter and its members every success. The health of the M.E.Z. was proposed by Comp. Clerke, who extolled the many services of Comp. Hogard to the Craft, both as regards Lodges and Chapters, as well as in other capacities. He considered that the Companions had made a very wise selection, and congratulated them thereon. Under such rule as that which Comp. Hogard would be certain to maintain he could safely prophesy success. The M.E.Z. in a few forcible sentences responded, and, referring to the present

position of the Israel Lodge, with which he had been so long and happily connected, trusted that the Chapter might prosper in like manner, to which end he would certainly devote himself whilst opportunity was afforded him. The Visitors were very heartily welcomed, and E. Comp. J. Lewis Thomas responded on their behalf, expressing their sense of the admirable arrangements made for their comfort in the Chapter room, and of the entertainment subsequently afforded them. In response to the toast of the Masonic Charities, in respect of which the M.E.Z. said that although they were flourishing they still needed support to cope with the numerous claims made upon them, Ex. Comp. Frederick Binckes, on behalf of himself, Comp. Hedges, who was present, and Ex. Comp. Terry, unavoidably and regretably absent, made a brilliant speech, which though briefer than we are wont to hear from him on like occasions, was alike humorous and appealing. He said, and truly, that judging from what had been done in the past by the Israel Lodge, the cause of charity would be well advocated in the Chapter, which would prove to be another body to aid in helping the several Institutions to relieve the necessities of others. He dilated on the fact that the best and most earnest workers in Freemasonry, those who were devoted to its ritual, and were best up in the true practical working of the Order, were by far the best supporters of those Charities which are the outcome of the highest and noblest organisation of which the world can boast. The Janitor's toast was an appropriate corollary to Bro. Binckes' admirable address, and brought the pleasures of a most agreeable evening to a close. It is but justice to the talented Vocalists, Miss Minnie Kirton, Miss Amy Sargent, Bro. Arthur Thomson, and Comp. T. Tremere, to state that their efforts, under the direction of Comp. Lott, added most distinctly to the general enjoyment of the company. We wish the Israel Chapter every possible success in a steady and prosperous career.

PROSPERITY CHAPTER, No. 65.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, City, when there was a goodly muster of Companions, and a profitable and pleasant evening was spent.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE preliminary Convocation of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement took place on Saturday, the 5th instant, at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Bayswater, W. An executive committee was appointed, consisting of Companions A. Nicols, H. E. Dehane and J. C. Pratt, in lieu of a Preceptor. The draft Bye-laws were carefully considered, amended, and adopted. Companion Captain Andrews was elected Treasurer, and Comp. H. E. Dehane Scribe E. The Chapter is beautifully furnished, and much of the re alia has already been presented by the founders. It was resolved that the election of members be by ballot, and that two black balls exclude. A list of twenty-one Companions desirous of joining was handed to Scribe E. The Grand Registrar of England has kindly consented to inaugurate the Chapter, to-day, 12th December, when the ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed. On this occasion Royal Arch clothing will be worn. Companions are cordially invited to attend. The number of founders is sixty-five.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday. Comp. Brasted was the M.E.Z., Dean H., Radcliffe J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Russell P.S. Comp. Edmonds Preceptor. There was a good attendance of R.A. Masons on this occasion, who showed much interest in the study of the ritual of the degree.

MARK MASONRY.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 355.

THE first meeting since the consecration was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, 1st inst. Present—Bros. J. Willing jun. W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., J. L. Mather acting I.P.M., G. Gregory M.O., H. Dickey S.O., J. H. Batty J.O., G. Mordey Reg. of Marks, C. J. Knightley Secretary, W. J. Ferguson S.D., A. H. Scurrah J.D., G. Dickinson D.C., M. J. Rowley I.G., S. Smith Tyler. Visitors—Bros. F. Binckes P.G.W. Grand Secretary, C. E. Soppet W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, Williamson P.G. Stwd., J. T. Briggs W.M. elect 181, E. J. Hoare Grand Organist, T. C. Edmonds I.G. 139; and others. After Lodge had been opened, the minutes of consecration meeting were confirmed, and the report of the Bye-laws Committee adopted, the W.M. (assisted by the whole of his Officers) most ably advanced Bros. A. H. Scurrah, G. Dickinson and M. J. Rowley to the honourable degree of M.M. Mason. Several brethren were proposed for advancement at the next meeting, the Grand Secretary was saluted, and the Lodge closed. A most exquisite dinner was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, the courteous manager of the Criterion. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Jas. Willing) presided, with his accustomed ability and geniality, and the Visitors, as well as several Grand Officers, who looked in after the Mark Grand Lodge, complimented the Lodge on its progress and advancement.

REVIEWS.

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Calendar and Directory for the Province of Middlesex. Edited by Bro. Henry Lovegrove P.M. 1777, &c. London: 26 Budge-row, E.C.

HERE we have another addition to the useful compendia published for guidance and information in the various Provinces, and which are invariably so much appreciated by the brethren in the localities treated of. The editor has inscribed his "little work" to the Right Worshipful Colonel Francis Bardett, Bart., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master, and its contents are certainly of a character which show much care and painstaking in their compilation. In addition to the calendar for the year, the Editor presents his readers with a complete list of the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England and Grand Stewards; a review of the inaugural meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Middlesex, Surrey, Herts, Kent, and Berks and Bucks, with a roll of the Lodges and Chapters in the Province, and full details as to the duties and places of meeting, with the same information as to the Mark Lodges in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey. The little work is well printed, in handy form, and contains a vast amount of matter that will be interesting and exceedingly useful to the brethren who reside within the area covered by Brother Lovegrove's literary exertions. Indeed, we are inclined to say the possession of this guide is essential to all who are desirous, as every brother should be, of keeping himself well posted as to the statistics and movements of the various Lodges in his Province. An additional recommendation to the "little work" is that the profits (if any) derived from its publication will be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

The Turkish Bath in Diseases of the Heart, Obesity, and Atrophy. By Richard Metcalfe. London: John Heywood, 11 Paternoster Buildings, E.C.; Edinburgh and Glasgow: J. Menzies & Co.; Aberdeen: W. Lindsay; Manchester: Deansgate.

As a rule, treatises on hygienic subjects are not calculated to attract the attention and tastes of an ordinary reader; but under given conditions they are of inestimable value, and are eagerly sought after by those who are in search of particular subjects in reference to their own personal comfort and welfare. The little brochure presented to us by Bro. Metcalfe, of Priessnitz House Hydropathic Establishment, Paddington-green, is one of these, and we commend it to the thoughtful perusal of those who are in need of some agency of vital force to assist nature in the performance of her functions. The author, who has issued many other works on sanitary and kindred subjects, devotes his introduction to a consideration of the action of the heart, and the physical operations it is constantly performing; and his descriptions are of no dry-as-dust or pedantic order, but couched in such language as to make them pleasantly intelligible to even the casual reader. He points out in a manner that cannot be misunderstood how that the whole functions of vitality are governed by the heart, and leads up to the admitted conclusions that unless the skin be surcharged with healthy blood it is impossible for robust physical vigour to be long sustained. He then proceeds to give an interesting description of the re-introduction of the Turkish Bath into this country, about 30 years ago, and the circumstances which have led up to its becoming recognised as an "institution"—a remedial agent never to be ignored. Hitherto the experience of the effects of a Turkish bath has been chiefly confined to the upper classes, and the author regards it as a "melancholy fact" that, with few exceptions, as yet the hot-air bath has not been brought within the reach of the poorer classes, amongst whom it would be especially beneficial. It is transparent to all that the chief sources of suffering and disease amongst the poor arise from the want of personal cleanliness, poverty accompanied with drunkenness, and unhealthy dwellings; but the difficulty appears to our mind to be how to bring that which has hitherto been regarded as a luxury only for the well-to-do into universal operation, and within the pecuniary reach of the great body of the people. It is well-known that since the multiplication of swimming and warm baths throughout the country, either by public or private enterprise, personal cleanliness and all the advantages arising therefrom have been enormously stimulated; but the appliances and manipulation of the hot-air baths are infinitely greater; and it is problematical whether the process can be so extensively and cheaply applied as to render the Turkish bath part and parcel of the conventional régime of all classes of the population. The main object of this little work, however, is to remove some of the popular errors regarding the supposed deleterious effects of hot-air baths in heart complaints; and, as a medical reformer of evidently long and deep research, the author gives us the results of his experience as to the efficacy of the bath upon diseases in general, and its power to prevent sickness. To demonstrate this he cites various eminent authorities on heart disease, and its organic forms, and contrasts the superiority of hygienic treatment over the medicinal remedies in the allopathic practice. The main objects of the hot-air bath are (1) to stimulate the skin and to sweat out effete matter, and thus deplete the blood; (2) to relax spasm, or over tenacity produced by mental or bodily excitement, if such exist; (3) to restore vigour to the body, bruised, as it were, or exhausted by bodily or mental labour; and (4) to draw the blood to the skin, and thus relieve internal organs of congestion. For ourselves, the taking of an occasional Turkish bath has been from a luxurious sense of its refreshing and exhilarating effect, and with this part of the subject the writer also deals; but his chief object, of course, is to point out the vitalising results of a system of hygienic treatment, especially to the weak and debilitated, and produces evidence to prove that in cases of functional disorders of the heart, the beneficial action of the bath is simply overwhelming and

incontrovertible. Summing up, Mr. Metcalfe maintains that persons can avail themselves of the benefits of the Turkish bath, with, to say the least, as little risk as attends ordinary medicinal treatment, and he believes with a very great deal less; and he is certain from all he has seen of its effects in all forms of heart disease, that for curative or palliative efficacy and for safety in its administration, hot-air is infinitely to be preferred to most of the allopathic medicaments. Space at our command does not allow of our even enumerating the hints, suggestions and precautions to be observed in heart complaints in taking the Turkish bath; the subject is so elaborately, yet plainly, treated that all who are interested in the subject of such vital importance to health should "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" them for themselves. Apart from its medical aspect, this little treatise is a valuable addition to our hygienic literature, and should therefore secure a wide and extensive circulation.

Cassell's Family Magazine. London: Cassell and Co., La Belle Sauvage-yard, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

It seems almost like trying to gild refined gold to speak of any of the valuable works which emanate from this well-known and extensive firm of publishers, who have established a deeply-rooted reputation throughout the country as the pioneers of sound and wholesome literature. It is only by way of recording some new and attractive feature that one feels called upon to notice what for many years has been recognised as a family magazine *par excellence* for English readers. With the advent of Christmastide the market is flooded with "seasonable" literature calculated to arrest the attention of all classes of readers, but "Cassell's" has ever found a ready clientele amongst those who love and appreciate fiction of a refined and elevated character, as distinguished from the too often "sensational" style of the Christmas novelists. In the current number before us a new serial tale is commenced, entitled "A Willful Young Woman," by the author of "Who is Sylvia?" the opening chapters of which give promise of a most engrossing and admirable story. The first of a series of three papers, on "London for Londoners," is given by Professor J. Stuart Blackie, who handles his subject, as one could only expect, in scholarly fashion, interspersed with an abundance of anecdotal matter; whilst in order to titillate the gastronomic tastes, which are invariably of foremost consideration at the "festive" season, there are some chatty pages on "Pastry at Home and Abroad," by a "Practical Cook and Confectioner." Additional freshness is imparted to the current number by the opening of a new tale by Lucy Farmer, entitled "The Chronicles of Cardewe Manor;" and Mr. C. Despard, the well-known and successful author, contributes the first instalment of an admirable tale, entitled "Lyndon of High Cliffe, or an Old Soldier's Love Story." The miscellaneous and seasonable chapters—notably "How to set up a Christmas Tree," "Milly's Dowry," "Dress for Cold Weather," "Our Co-Operative Evening Party, and How we Managed It,"—are all uniformly excellent; whilst running through the beautifully-embellished pages there are selections of music and poetry, combining to make up a marvellous and varied assortment which cannot fail to convey much wholesome interest and relaxation into the family circle, especially at the season of Yuletide, so nearly approaching. The serial tales are of the best of their kind, and will be looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations as succeeding monthly parts reveal their respective "tangled skeins." This is decidedly the most bulky and best of the Christmas numbers we have seen on the bookstalls this year.

Crumbs for Robins: the Christmas Part of the Little One's Own. London: Dean and Sons, 160A Fleet-street, E.C.

THERE is little more remarkable in the advances made in literature in recent years than the improvements that appear almost daily in the attractions which are provided for the juvenile sections of the community. This may be accounted for by the development of the typographic and pictorial arts, but equally so by the rapid strides which recent educational movements are making in the country. Messrs. Dean and Sons have even surpassed themselves in this direction by the issue of a publication which may well conjure up smiles upon the countenances of our little folks this Christmas, and make their twinkling eyes dance the merrier as they unfold the wondrous wealth of subjects provided for their special delectation in the pages of this pretty little work. Instead of the gaudy dubs which formerly appeared in our children's "picture-books" we have here a perfect *repertoire* of works of art, yet all so admirably toned and simplified as to bring them within the appreciative admiration of the youngest denizens of the nursery. The stories are couched in language of facile simplicity, and embellished with a host of coloured plates, in which juvenile pastimes, historical sketches, incidents and adventures are most happily blended. The "seasonable" tit-bits are exactly of the sort that interest and amuse the young, while they afford abundant food for thought and instruction to tender minds; and interspersing these are chapters of more "serious" matter, calculated to convey home lessons in a palatable way, such as is the best means of reaching the finest susceptibilities of children. Christmas games and stories are given with such simple directions as cannot fail to enlist the "young ideas," and will prove of infinite attraction and relaxation in many a family group in the coming "merry Christmas time." A really marvellous budge of home reading, pleasant stories, poetry and pictures that will form a fitting contribution of any Santa Claus who wishes to instruct as well as to delight, children in the coming season, which has so peculiar a charm for young minds.

An illustrated edition of "Treasure Island," a story of pirates and the Spanish Main, by Mr. R. L. Stevenson, has just been issued, with numerous original and spirited full page illustrations.

Mrs. Molesworth, author of "Carrots," is writing a serial story which will commence in *Little Folks* for January.—*Academy*.

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SOMETHING NEW ABOUT HENRY PRICE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By referring to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of about two years ago, you will find that in order to convince my friends Bros. Haghan and MacCalla that Lodge No. 79 of 1730 was not located in Philadelphia in 1735, but that it was located in England from its beginning to its end, I not only furnished the history (as it were) of the said Lodge from 1730 to 1814, showing its successive change of numbers on the English Lodge lists during that period, and the removals of its places of meeting from one public-house to another, but I also furnished the names of the members of No. 79, copied from an original record in Freemasons' Hall, to which Bro. Gould called my attention in 1880. The copying of the said names was done for me by my friend Bro. Henry Sadler, and I recollect that I once suggested to Bro. Sadler the possibility of finding the name of Henry Price in the same record, among the members of some Lodge of that period; that is, before Price left for America in 1733, and Brother Sadler told me that he could find the name of Henry Price in the record; but in a letter dated 7th November Bro. Sadler says: "Did I tell you that Henry Price's name appears in the list of No. 75, in the first minute book of said Lodge?" I presume that "the first minute book" Bro. Sadler refers to is the identical record from which he copied for me the names of the members of No. 79. I shall therefore, with the aid of the Lodge lists furnished by Bros. Haghan and Gould, proceed to trace the successive renumbering of the old No. 75, and its successive removals from one house to another, and demonstrate its present location thus:—

	Old	New	
1730.	75	...	Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings.
1736.	75	...	Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings, 17th July 1730.
1740.	75	62.	Gnn, Suffolk Street, 17th July 1730.
1756.	62	37.	Two Figures, at Patney, 17th July 1730.
1770.	37	33.	White Lion, at Patney, 17th July 1730.
1781.	33	29.	Britannic Lodge, Star and Garter, Pall Mall.
1792.	29	27.	Britannic Lodge, Star and Garter, Pall Mall.
1814.	27	42.	Britannic Lodge, St. James's Street.
1832.	42	38.	Britannic Lodge, St. James's Street.
1863.	38	33.	Britannic Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
1874.	...	33.	Britannic Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.

The latest English Lodge list I have is in the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1883, in which I find as follows:—

"33. Britannic Lodge, F.M.H., 2nd Fri. Fe. Mr. My. Oc. No. 1730."

The year of the Constitution, viz., "1730," to the above list, was supplied by Bro. Haghan. There can, therefore, be no doubt that the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, of to-day, was No. 75 in 1730. Now, it only remains to be ascertained whether the said Lodge retained its old records of the period when Price left for America. If so, the record should be examined, for something might be found therein that would throw more light on the doings of Henry Price before he left England, and whatever new facts about Price may be discovered they will be interesting to American Masons in general, and to Massachusetts Masons in particular.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 26th November 1885.

UNITED GRAND LODGE AND ITS BENEFACTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much pleasure your article on the above subject in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and quite agree with you as to the legitimate purposes for which the money subscribed to Grand Lodge for benevolent purposes should be applied. It seems to me rather far-fetched and absurd for a brother to attempt to cast a spear upon Grand Lodge for not, as he asserts, contributing to a church building fund, whilst there are so many objects which claim the consideration of the Craft, within the spirit and intentions of the subscribers. It is our almost every-day experience that there are many deserving cases which Grand Lodge is unable to relieve, in consequence of the means at its disposal being far short of the demands upon the Benevolent Fund; and to still further reduce that power of doing good in accordance with the express purposes for which the subscriptions are given, would be to stultify the action of Grand Lodge, and divert money subscribed for charity into a foreign channel. You entered so exhaustively into the subject that it is unnecessary to enlarge upon it here; but I think it should be borne in mind that charity is a personal responsibility in its broadest sense, and that whatever is given in relief from a benevolent fund is a free-will offering, for which no return is asked for or expected. I was lately reading an able and interesting paper on this subject, which set forth that in carrying out the principle of charity, Masons should make their contributions to the needy in obedience to the dictates of their judgment of worthy character of the applicants, and their ability to comply with the wants of the needy. The writer proceeded to say:—"It is quite true that a

Mason has a moral right to expect, in the event of indigency, that his needs will be regarded with favour; nevertheless not in any instance is it contemplated that he can properly approach a brother member, or his Lodge, with a demand originating in any legal claim upon either. That which is true of personal responsibility in this direction is also true of the Lodge as the almoner of the members. If, therefore, we are right in our premises—if it is undeniable that a Mason is not vested with *rights* to charitable consideration—if it is a fact that an applicant for charity must rest his claims to attention upon his good name and the ability of the brethren to respond to his wants, why the necessity or apology for legislation that not only casts a reflection on our charitable professions, but that is sapping the foundations of the Fraternity by drifting us from our landmarks, and associating the organisation with mutual insurance? The fundamental law is ample under all possible circumstances." This extract struck me as bearing somewhat on the question at issue, seeing that if Lodges are the almoners of the individual members, so is Grand Lodge the almoner of the funds contributed for a specific object by the various Lodges in the country, and should be religiously expended for that purpose, and none other.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

VIGIL.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

WEDNESDAY last will long be remembered at the Langham Hotel as a "red letter day" in the annals of this Lodge. Business was commenced by the W.M., Brother Henry Hill, at 5 o'clock precisely. He was supported by Bros. Halliday S.W., J. Smith J.W., Dr. F. Spurgin S.D., F. J. Bonham J.D., J. Chaplin Treasurer, J. Baker Secretary, with the following P.M.'s: White, Foxall, Lea, J. J. Pope, Phillips, and Moullet. Among the Visitors present were Bros. Garrett 704, Wickins 735, Lea 1897, Burgess 9, Thorn 967, Andrews 35, Morton 172, Arnold 1339, G. Mayo 1732, G. Cross 1741, Jacobs 1732, Von Joel 957, Edwards 766, Hasness 179, Millis, Murch 27, Linscott 55, P. Palmer 1732, Dr. Corrie Jackson 534, Potter 1614, Hansard 193, Wilson 1563, Healy 1348, Baker 2030, Foalé 1381, Honeybun 55, Bevet 179, Cox 862, F. Smith, F. Brice, Cottebrune, Tucker, and Jenkins. Immediately after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the admission of Brother Lord Charles William de la Poer Beresford, M.P., P.M. 1903, who was proposed by Bro. Seager Hunt, M.P., and seconded by Brother J. Chaplain Treasurer; and Brother C. Walker Old Concord Lodge, proposed by Bro. J. L. Baker P.M., seconded by Brother E. White P.M. This proving to be unanimously in favour, these two brethren were admitted into membership, and took their seats amongst the brethren. Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising Bros. A. T. Brooking and J. E. B. Hammond was then performed in an able and impressive manner. Lodge having been resumed in the first degree, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Whithy sen. and jun., both of Peckham, who were proposed by Bro. Ellis, and seconded by Bro. Felton; also Mr. John Wade Avery, Deputy Superintendent Registrar, proposed by Bro. Douglas and seconded by Bro. J. L. Baker P.M. This also proved to be unanimous in favour, and the gentlemen being in attendance, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry in a manner which seemed to make a great impression on their minds. A letter was read from the widow of the late Bro. Durant, informing the Lodge of the sad loss she had sustained by the death of her husband, who was for many years a member of the St. Marylebone Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. White P.M. and seconded by Bro. Phillips, that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Durant, expressing the sympathy of the members of the Lodge with her in her affliction. This of course was carried. All other business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the banquet room, where upwards of eighty brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast which had been provided for them. At dessert the health of the Queen and Craft was duly honoured; the toast being followed by the Worshipful Master proposing the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupling the names of Bros. Foxall and Cottebrune. In reply Brother Cottebrune thanked the W.M. in the name of the Grand Officers for coupling his name with Bro. Foxall, who had for so many years been Past Master of the St. Marylebone Lodge. He had seen Brother Foxall installed into the chair of K.S. as its first Master by the late Bro. J. Hervey. He was sorry he had not seen the whole of the working, but had witnessed sufficient to enable him to form a judgment that such working could be surpassed in few Lodges. Brother Foxall also thanked the W.M. for including his name, and said it was an interesting day in the history of the St. Marylebone Lodge, as they had five new members, viz., three Initiates and two Joining Members, one of the latter being Lord C. Beresford. He thought they ought to be very much obliged to Bro. Seager Hunt for having proposed such a distinguished Mason. The I.P.M., Brother Moullet, resumed the gavel and proposed the health of the W.M., saying they all were aware how he had undertaken every position in the Lodge, and how he had done his work that evening; he heartily congratulated him upon it. The W.M. in responding thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He hardly knew how to answer to their eulogies. He had done his best to perform his duty and could not have done so well had he not been ably assisted by his Officers. He felt he had been honoured above his confidés in having three Initiates, as no Lodge could possibly progress unless they had new and young blood imported into it. He was happy to say that

he had another candidate for them at their next meeting. Brother Seymour Smith then favoured the company with the E.A. song. Bro. Whiteley sen. commenced his response with the quotation from "As You Like It":—"Though I look old, yet I am strong and lusty. For in my youth I never did apply hot and rebellious liquors in my blood, nor did not with unbashful forehead woo the means of weakness and debility. Therefore my age is as a lusty winter, frosty but kindly." He was very much surprised and pleased with the grand Christian doctrine used in the initiation ceremony, and felt that since he had breathed the Masonic air he had become a new man. If the Masonic principles were truly carried out, nothing could be higher or grander, and if the question should be asked as to why he had become a Mason, his reply would be that it was in response to the dying request of a beloved daughter who had passed away in Australia, and that was, "Father, be a Mason." Bros. Whiteley jun. and Avery also responded. Bro. Seager Hunt then proposed the health of the joining members, Bros. Lord C. Beresford and C. Walker, saying that those brethren might congratulate themselves that they had the pleasure of hearing the ceremonies so beautifully given by the W.M. It could not have been more grandly rendered. They and the initiates would feel that Masonry had that grand Christian power which enabled it to withstand the waves of Socialism and Atheism which were abroad at the present time, and congratulated them on belonging to a Lodge which contained amongst its members some of the ablest and staunchest men in Freemasonry. Lord C. Beresford, in response, thanked Bro. Hunt for having proposed his health, and said he was the remnant of the joining brethren; he wished to thank them for allowing him to join so distinguished a Lodge. His experience of Masonry was somewhat varied, for he had belonged to many Lodges, having originally been initiated in New South Wales. He had also joined Lodges in Hong Kong, Wellington, and the Cape. He also remembered joining one at Tunis, where an Irishman was in the chair. On that evening they had three candidates of different nationalities, viz., an Englishman, a Frenchman, and an Italian; each had to be initiated in his own language. Finally he paid a compliment to the W.M. for the able and impressive manner in which he had worked the ceremonies. Brother White then proposed the health of the thirty-five Visitors, and said he could hardly expect them all to respond, but would call upon Bros. Hansard P.G. Steward, Colonel Burgess, and Shand to undertake that duty, which was done. Lord C. Beresford was then called upon for a song. This he declined, for two reasons; the first was he had sprained his thumb, and the second, he had never sung a song in his life; but would be very pleased to give a sentiment, which he considered contained most of the precepts embodied in our grand old Craft:—

"Life is but a froth and bubble,
Two words in it are writ in stone:
Kindness for each other's troubles,
Courage for our own."

Next followed the toasts of the various Officers, which were duly responded to. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant and instructive evening.

CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

THURSDAY last was an "off night" with the members of this Lodge, who assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Harris. There were also present Bros. W. Nevins I.P.M., H. Tapley P.M., J. Mitchell P.M., E. West P.M., W. Watkins S.W., C. J. D'Oyley Mears J.W., J. Dorton Treasurer, J. C. Pitts Secretary, W. Temple S.D., J. Still J.D., A. T. Vale I.G., Sherwin Organist, and many other brethren. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, was advanced, and the ceremonies of raising and passing were worked in admirable manner by the W.M. assisted by his Officers. A pleasant evening was passed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge fell due on the 9th ult. (Lord Mayor's Day), but as many of the members were interested in municipal affairs, and could not have been present on that day, a dispensation was obtained from the Provincial Grand Master to hold the meeting on Wednesday, the 11th ult., on which day there was a large assemblage of members and visitors at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Soon after three p.m., the Lodge was opened by Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., W.M. Senior Provincial Grand Warden, all the Officers being in their places, whilst amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Smith P.M. 837, J. Barker P.M. 1102, T. M. Goldie W.M. 660, Major McGachen P.M. 1991, H. Darby W.M. 613, J. B. McNay P.M. 236, C. Anderson 236, W. Parnell 236, T. B. Nicholis 660, C. L. Burdekin 236, W. Smith 236, T. Archey 236, E. C. Clough 660, G. W. Pattison 602, and others. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W., the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M. P.P.G.W., and George Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Bro. Sir F. Milner then presented Bro. A. T. B. Turner, the S.W. and W.M. elect, for installation, and the ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. Cumberland giving the charges to the Officers on investment, and the final address to the brethren. The following Officers were invested for the year:—Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., I.P.M., W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., Rev. R. Blakeney Chaplain, J. Kay Secretary, G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M. D.C., W. Stephenson I.G., C. G. Padel P.M. Org., W. Storey Steward, P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, and J. Hall Tyler. After the ceremonies, a number of presentations took place. Bro.

Cumberland presented a series of certificates of service as Steward at the Charity Festivals. These, with those earned by other members of the Lodge, it is intended to frame, and hang round the walls of the dining room. Bro. J. T. Sellar P.M. presented a valuable series of framed Masonic engravings. Bros. J. Blenkin P.M., W. Storey, and Bro. Whytehead (as representing the ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar) presented the Master's and two Wardens' chairs. These are most beautiful pieces of furniture, elaborately carved in solid oak, the measurement being—height at back 7 ft., width 3 ft. 3 in. The backs, which are surmounted by two beautifully carved dragons in repose, are supported by the columns of the various Orders, and in the centre of the panel are the arms of the Lodge, beautifully carved in bold relief, showing the four ancient gates of the city, the city arms, with the five lions rampant, and supporters of Roman soldiers on either side, the name and number of the Lodge being carved on the ribbons. The front supports are figures representing lions' heads, manes and claws, beautifully carved. The capitals and base of the columns are carved in dark brown oak, which, besides adding relief, is a great improvement. The whole are highly polished in the natural colour, and richly upholstered in crimson velvet. Next came the presentation of the pedestals by Bros. Sir F. Milner, P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., and W. B. Dyson. These also are splendidly carved in solid oak, representing the three Orders, the dimensions being—height, 3 ft. 4 in., by 2 ft. 6 in. square. The entablature of the pedestal of the W.M. is supported by four columns of the Ionic Order, the capitals and bases being in brown oak; that of the Senior Warden is supported by four columns of the Doric Order, and the Junior Warden's by four of the Corinthian Order, the whole being beautifully polished and mounted with the silver emblems of the three offices. Handsome oak chairs, upholstered in crimson velvet, are also being made for the Deacons and Inner Guard. When complete this will form one of the most handsome collections of Masonic furniture in the country, and reflects the greatest credit on Bro. W. Stephenson, of Micklegate, York, whose designs and workmanship have given such great satisfaction to the members of his Lodge. Bro. T. B. Whytehead was elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charities' Committee, and the Lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes." An adjournment was then made to Harker's York Hotel, where Bro. P. Matthews had provided a capital banquet, at which Bro. Alderman Terry, Lord Mayor of York for the second time, was an honoured guest. The Eboracum Lodge is famed for its annual toast lists, which ever since its birth have been specially designed by Brother Whytehead. This time the front page bore a view of the City of York a couple of centuries ago, with appropriate Masonic quotations, and the arms of the Lodge on the back. The toasts were as follows:—The Queen and the Craft, the Prince of Wales Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire; the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred T. Brewster Turner; the Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W.; the I.P.M., Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W., and the Past Masters of the Lodge, the Lord Mayor of York, the Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, and the Officers of the Lodge; the Sister Lodges and the Visitors, the Masonic Charities, Masons' Wives, Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters, and the Tyler's toast. During the evening a musical programme was efficiently given by Bros. Child, Wilkinson, Sample, and Cumberland.

GIHON LODGE, No. 49.

THERE was an audit meeting of this Lodge at the Guildhall Tavern, City, on Thursday evening last, when the accounts of the auditors were accepted as very satisfactory, and were passed accordingly.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The meetings of this excellent Lodge of Instruction continue to attract the presence of a numerous section of the brethren resident in the South of London, the Lugard Tavern forming an accessible rendezvous by tram and rail from all parts of the district. The arrangements made by the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Alfred Pusey, for the comfort and convenience of the brethren, are all that can be desired, whilst the character of the working, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Walter Martin, is ever such as to afford edification and pleasure to those who attend. It is little matter for surprise that the attendances should be so well maintained, and that the members should so firmly hang together and advance both in numbers and instruction. Last week Bro. R. Dutton filled the chair of Worshipful Master, in a creditable manner, supported by Bros. D. Thomas (who has just returned from Australia) as S.W., S. Lampen Treasurer, C. L. Tokeley Secretary, Walter Martin Preceptor, and many others. Lodge was opened in form, and after the confirmation of the minutes, the sections of the first degree were worked by Bros. Wimble, Wilkinson, and the Senior Warden. The Officers were elected for the ensuing meeting, and the Lodge was closed in harmony after a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Dutton for his admirable working. On Wednesday last Bro. D. Thomas filled the chair, with Bros. Wimble as S.W., Morgan J.W., Wilkinson S.D., S. Lampen J.D., R. Dutton I.G., C. L. Tokeley Secretary, W. Martin Preceptor; Best, Murrell, Wallman, Bailey, Percival, Lazarus, A. Pewsey, McChristie, Axford, Vellenoweth, &c. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Axford, of the Hornsey Lodge 890, personating the candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Wimble, and the second by the W.M., whose working was creditable all round. The report of the Audit Committee, which was of a satisfactory character, was received and adopted, and Bros. Percival and Lazarus, of the Southwark Lodge 879, Axford, Hornsey Lodge 895, and Vellenoweth Temperance Lodge 169, were elected members of this

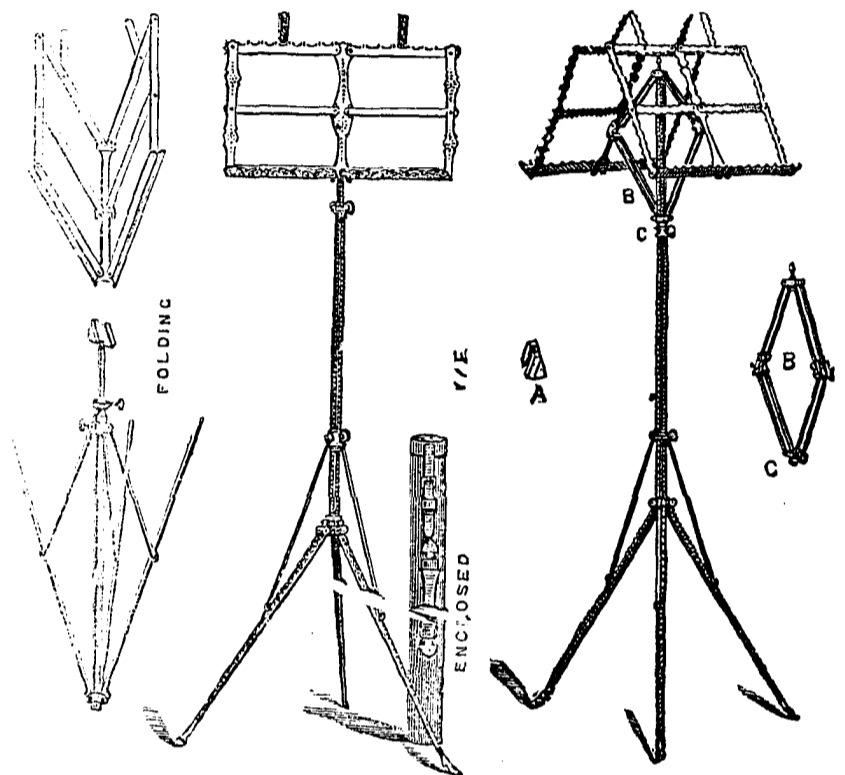
Lodge of Instruction, and severally returned thanks. Lodge was then closed in form, and with the customary harmony. Visitors are cordially welcomed at this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday evenings, at 7.30 p.m., and we can assure them of an enjoyable and edifying réunion.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cook Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 7th inst. Bros. Collingridge W.M., Garner S.W., Fluck S.W., Parkes S.D., Turner J.D., Keogh I.G., Western acting Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. Brother Parkes acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, the 14th inst., Brother Garner being elected W.M.

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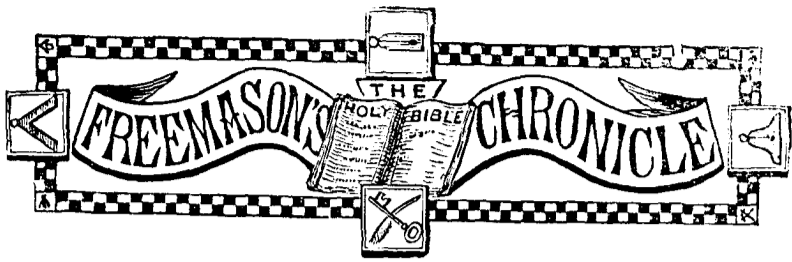
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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. VI.

IT is impossible to please everybody, and he who tries to emulate the example of the "old man and his ass" must anticipate the same ignominious fate. But there are some who, at the risk of their own and others' happiness, must be always on the turmoil; endeavouring in their small way to impress those around them with a sense of their own importance. We have before us a specimen of this arrogant and waspish nature, which happily is not so prevalent as to come frequently under our consideration. We see him now, in the Lodge room—where last of all places in the world a shadow should be found—quarrelling, bickering, and finding fault, in order that his own particular crotchets may find their way to the front. "Bombastes Furioso" may be a fitting soubriquet for our brother, who shall be nameless, although he may take heed of this little slice of fraternal admonition. For a long time there had been an unruly element in his Lodge; and everybody knows the dire results which accompany even the slightest approach to insubordination or laxity of discipline. The Master of the Lodge we have in our mind's eye is a man of administrative ability, and has had experience, though he is perhaps a shade—may we say it?—too sensitive. Still, his actions never amount to overbearance, nor does he ever display partizanship. Somehow, however, the seeds of discord found an entrance into the Lodge, to disturb its habitual serenity, and this arose mainly through the cantankerous demeanour and the confirmed obstinacy of one or two members, whose traits of character form the subject of this sketch. By their insidious conduct a bad example, which is as catching as a cough before a sermon, became infectious, and thus an obstreperous coterie was generated in the Lodge, seriously affecting the peace and harmony which should invariably prevail in the assemblies of the Craft. It was not a sudden outbreak of open rebellion against the ruling of the Worshipful Master, but a slow and subtle growth of discontent, mingled with jealousy. The malcontents whom our dissatisfied brother succeeded in creating grew emboldened by the slight check that was brought to bear upon their procedure, and the little clique seemed to do pretty much as it felt disposed. The cog-wheels of the machinery, so to speak, became disjointed, and the whole of the gear of the Lodge was unhinged, rendering the work slow, cumbrous and unpleasant, instead of bright and edifying to the general body of the members. As a consequence, many of them abstained from the regular meetings rather than be subjected to the inconsiderate dictation of the few who had evidently made up their minds to "go on anyhow;" but when it came to pass that the Senior Warden, as leader of the obnoxious party, applied opprobrious epithets to the Secretary, and uncomplimentary observations to those of the Officers and brethren with whom he chose to be at variance, a crisis was reached that became painful to a degree. The election night came round, and so great was the respect in which the Master was held, and such the appreciation by the brethren of valuable services, rendered to the Lodge, that he was re-elected to the chair; but the "opposition" declined to confirm the minutes, and the election had to come on again at the next Lodge meeting, when, fortunately, the turbulent ones were again in a minority. At the end of the Master's second year of office the Senior Warden was elected as his successor, and he improved the occasion by letting the brethren know how he intended to consult *his* Wardens, and pointed out how happily the affairs of the Lodge would run under *his* benign rule. That will be so, no doubt, provided the Wardens and other Officers work together in harmony; but what if the reverse is the case? What will be the position supposing his Wardens behave as he behaved whilst he occupied the Senior Warden's chair? It is an axiom which one need not go far to demonstrate that he

only is fit to command who has learned to obey; and no man makes a good general who has not practised the simplest, as well as the most rigid, rules of discipline and obedience. Thus it can hardly be expected that one who, occupying a subordinate office in a Lodge has been unable to inculcate the first law of qualification for command, will turn out a skilful or successful Master, or that he will be able to obviate any of the friction that may arise amongst the party who were subservient to him when in opposition or obstruction to a former ruler. A man who has failed to prove himself loyal to his superior officer can scarcely be expected to receive fealty from others when he assumes the reins of office; and his rule will be marked with a lack of confidence in those by whom he is surrounded. Moreover, there will always be a weak spot in the government of his Lodge, seeing that he will not possess that implicit reliance on his followers which is essential to the successful working and unity of any body of men. He will not be true to himself, inasmuch as he does not believe in himself. Precociousness has usurped the temple which should alone be the residence of common sense. He might have gained valuable experience from an estimable sire, who has won, and who retains, the respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought into contact, both in private and public life; but the youngster imagines he knows better than his would-be Preceptor, and thinks his parent does but waste his time in proffering wholesome counsel and advice. Thus the aid which might be given by practical experience is lost to the self-sufficient youth who airs his frivolous crotchets in the Lodge and out of it, vainly believing that by ostentation and bounce he will impress the brethren around him with that importance which he secretly cherishes in his own estimation. Such, however, is not the case. As water is bound to find its level, so is the man buoyed up with false security and self complacency destined to draw down upon himself the contempt of more evenly-balanced minds with whom he is brought into association. It will be a matter of surprise to us if a Lodge under the auspices of such a Master as we have endeavoured to portray will succeed, either in its financial position or in the good understanding which should always obtain amongst any society of men, and particularly in a Masonic Lodge; and the chances are that the hollowness of the pretensions set up by a precocious bantling at the outset of his rule will be detected and exposed long before the time when, with a feeling of relief, he will hand over the insignia of office to his successor.

Contrast with such an one, a solid, steady worker in the Craft, such as we are now thinking of, who whilst ever ready to discharge the functions which the brethren gladly entrust to his hands, is never to be found at variance with his neighbours on minor points of detail. Practical experience has taught him how to rule and govern, and how to conciliate whatever antagonistic feelings may crop up in his Lodge: and there are very few Lodges in which at times differences of opinion will not occur. In such a case our worthy brother—either in his position of Secretary, or as a Past Master—rarely fails to throw oil on the troubled waters, and to bring men of various shades of opinion to a just, right, and amicable conclusion. Instead of fanning the flame of insurrectionary opposition, as would be the tactics of such an one as the brother mentioned above, this veteran of the Order is never above learning a lesson from those about him, and always exercises a discretion and a deference to the wishes and views of his fellows that is the surest means of securing unity, and cementing the bonds of good fellowship and amunity. If questions arise in which the brethren display a divided opinion, he is the counsellor whom wisdom and experience have taught to be judicious, firm, but conciliatory withal, and in very few cases indeed does he fail to produce the desired effect, and to restore harmony when the clouds of dissension have begun to gather. Such a man is a treasure to any Lodge with which he may be connected. In him the brethren can repose the most implicit confidence, feeling that their trust will never be betrayed. To him the Master and his Officers may look with absolute reliance, and feel that he will counsel and advise for the best interests of the Lodge and its members, individually and collectively. In the fulfilment of the various duties he undertakes he is conscious of the righteousness of his intentions, and relies on the undivided support of all the members in the execution of his plans for the welfare of his Lodge; and thus a feeling of security and *esprit de corps* is engendered amongst the

whole body, whose united actions are characterised by that unity and concord which are so essential to the well-being of Freemasonry, in every sense of the word. Whereas, in the one case there is a wellspring of hesitation and distrust, in the other no shadow of a doubt appears to mar the happiness and success of the Lodge. Not a ripple is felt on the surface of the waters, and the stream of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth flows on with an equanimity and ease in pleasant contrast to the dissatisfaction and discord which we infer from such conduct as is described in the opening lines of this article. It is for the brethren—while endeavouring to carry out those principles which are the mainspring of success in any Masonic Lodge—to uphold the efforts of such a veteran as he whom we are now considering; to withdraw their countenance from all factious opposition, and the mutinous tendencies of cliques; for it is by this means alone that unity which is strength is to be secured, and the machinery of our grand old Institution kept in a fit condition for carrying on its great and beneficent enterprises.

It will be a source of gratification to many of our readers to know that Bro. T. W. Casburn Bush, P.M. 185, I.P.M. and Sec. 1728, is deriving great benefit from a visit to Bournemouth, where he is at present staying, in the hope of improving the condition of his health. Bro. Bush for some time past has been under the medical care of Dr. Douglas Powell; at the suggestion of that gentleman a special consultation with Sir Andrew Clark was arranged, the result of which was that Bro. Bush was ordered to take a few weeks' rest from business, while a stay at Bournemouth was recommended. We are very pleased to learn that the change has had beneficial effect on Bro. Bush's health, and trust that on his return to his accustomed sphere he will find the benefit he has derived to be of a permanent character.

The second annual ball of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, to which we referred in our last issue, will take place on Tuesday, the 13th January, and not on the 6th as therein stated. The ball will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, and a novel feature in connection with it is that a *hot* supper will be served, some of the ladies having been heard to express a doubt as to the repast served them last year being a "Masonic banquet,"—to which, after the "work" of the evening, they felt themselves justly entitled.

On Thursday, the 3rd instant, at a meeting of the Clansentium Lodge, No. 1461, Woolston, Bro. R. Bell, of Itchen, was installed W.M., and then appointed his Officers. Afterwards the brethren partook of a banquet. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. E. LeFevre, was present, as were the Worshipful Masters from the Winchester and Southampton Lodges.

Bro. J. A. Collings, Organist 1693, will give a Smoking Concert on Tuesday next, 15th inst., at the Falstaff Musical Society, The Falstaff, Eastcheap, E.C., on which occasion he will be assisted by a number of talented musical brethren. The concert will commence at 7.30, and the price of tickets is one shilling each.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council (T.I.) of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales, &c., will be held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, on Friday next, the 18th inst., at 4 p.m. The business to be transacted comprises the election of a Worshipful Master and Treasurer, the reception of duly qualified brethren into the Allied Masonic Degrees, &c. A banquet will follow at the Holborn Restaurant.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE anniversary meeting of the members of this Lodge, and the installation of Worshipful Master took place on Wednesday, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, under the presidency of Brother James Funston W.M., who was supported by his Officers, a large number of brethren, and the following Past Masters:—Bros. Clements, Stean, Jones, Barham and Benjamin. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Funston resigned the gavel in favour of Bro. Lousi Stean, the first Master of the Lodge, who since its consecration has always been looked upon as its Installing Master. He performed the ceremony this year with his accustomed ability, placing Bro. E. Walker in the chair. That brother appointed the following as the Officers:—Bros. Matthews S.W., Drysdale J.W., Henderson Chaplain, King Treasurer, Cox Secretary, Thrower S.D., Harrison J.D., Beasley I.G., Young Organist, Clark D.C., Douglass Steward, Griffiths Assistant Steward. The installation ceremony was then completed, with the usual addresses to the Officers and brethren. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen, Messrs. Walter Henry Mills and Stephen Batchelor, who were candidates for Freemasonry. They were afterwards initiated. The W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor, on behalf of the Lodge, and in doing so referred to the fact that Bro. Funston was the first initiate of the Lodge who had risen to the dignity of Master in it. The Report of the Audit Committee was accepted, and after the transaction of other business, the Lodge was closed. Among the Visitors were Bros. John Ives P.M. 1472, H. Massey P.M. 1928, F. Horner P.M. 31, F. Brien P.M. 1076, E. Heard 95, J. Little 1607, J. Blinker J.W. 1151, C. Sims 861, H. Salter J.D. 861, J. Aillad P.M. 615, John Roberts 1816, G. R. Gwynne 1613, C. Rian 1613, G. P. Christmas 27, H. C. Baker 21, H. R. Baker J.D. 2030, J. W. Chapman 1678, H. Doubleday 193, G. H. Staff 1365, J. Smith P.M. 193, G. Harwood 813, G. J. Freeman 1613, R. W. Silverhorne 1007, H. W. Robinson 995, J. T. Gibson 1420, S. Smithers J.D. 193, H. Stephens P.M. 754, C. Steel W.M. 1365, E. Isaacs, G. Andrews 1420, A. J. Walker 22, R. A. Germaine Org. 2033, W. H. Baker 2030, Sir W. Gayer Hunter, K.C.M.G. (Buckingham and Chandos), R. Tidman 813, G. Mustoe 813. The members and visitors afterwards sat down to banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, and at the conclusion thereof the usual toasts were honoured. The first on the list was the Queen and the Craft. The Worshipful Master was not sure how many of the ancestors of Her Majesty had been Freemasons, but knew that some of them at least had taken great interest in the Order, while at the present time her sons and her grandson had been admitted members of it. The toast was enthusiastically received, and was followed by the National Anthem. The next toast was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince of Wales had largely conduced to the success of the Craft in the past. The Master felt it would be impossible to secure a more deserving or more energetic Grand Master than the present ruler of the Craft. The health of the Grand Officers was next submitted. The claims on the Grand Master's time were so numerous and so severe as to allow of his giving only a casual attendance at Grand Lodge. In his absence the Grand Officers ably filled the vacancy, and performed their duties at all times in a most exemplary manner. Brother W. Clarke P.G.P., to whom the Worshipful Master referred as one of the Consecrating Officers, and one who had been present at each of the installations of the Lodge, responded, tendering his hearty thanks for the reception of the toast. It would be presumption on his part to offer any words on behalf of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon,—his acts showed far greater than any words of his could express. Notwithstanding his many arduous duties in Ireland he still found time to devote to Freemasonry. From personal knowledge Brother Clarke was able to say that a week seldom passed without the Pro Grand Master making inquiry at Grand Lodge as to the progress of the Order. The Earl of Lathom was another who at all times endeavoured to advance the interests of Freemasonry, while the Grand Officers, as a body, strove to follow in the footsteps of their leaders. Bro. Funston I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master, who was a brother known and dear to all present. Personally Brother Funston had known the Master for the past thirty years. They were then both young men; they had grown up together, and had continued firm friends through all that time. They had both sought admission to Freemasonry, and now he had the pleasure of proposing the health of his old friend as Master of the St. Leonard's Lodge. The toast was heartily received, and the W.M. tendered his thanks. It was true he and the I.P.M. had known each other for a very long period, but it was hardly true that he, as the I.P.M. had said, had rendered distinguished services to Freemasonry. It was true he was one of the founders of the Lodge, possibly it was in a measure due to him that the Lodge had been established. During the seven years he had been associated with it there had been nothing but peace and harmony among its members, and he hoped that the same good feeling would be displayed during his term of office, and in the future, so long as the Lodge existed. He next proposed the health of Brother Louis Stean, the Installing Master and the Father of the Lodge, who had that day come among them to do good service for the Lodge, as he had often done in the past. Bro. Stean was one of the oldest Masons in the metropolis, and was to be congratulated on wearing so well, as also on having been able to do so much for the good of the Order, and on behalf of the cause of Charity. Bro. Stean briefly replied. He had always endeavoured to inculcate the true principles of Freemasonry, which at the time of his initiation he had found to be brotherly love, relief, and truth. He had also worked hard in the cause of Masonic Charity, and was pleased to think that his efforts in that direction had been crowned with success. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of the Past Masters,

They were essentially brethren who had rendered good service to the Lodge. Each of those who had preceded him in the chair had performed the duties of the office in an admirable manner, and had all contributed their part towards bringing the St. Leonard's Lodge to its present state of excellence. Bro. Barham, in reply, said the Past Masters were only too pleased to find the great success the Lodge had attained. They had all, in turn, done their utmost to secure its prosperity. He trusted the time was far distant when he should find the Lodge without a good representative body of Past Masters present at its meetings. The next toast was to the Initiates. The Worshipful Master said there was no toast that brought greater pleasure to the heart of a Master than this. It was an unalterable law of nature that things of earth must die off and pass away, and Freemasonry was no exception to the rule. This could only be counteracted by the introduction of new blood—the admission of new members, to whom Freemasons were at all times pleased to offer the heartiest right hand of fellowship. They had that night been honoured by the admission of two initiates. He trusted those brethren had been impressed with the ceremony of their initiation, that they had considered it as no frivolous matter, that they would not be disappointed in their expectations of what was to follow, and that they might derive great and lasting benefit, from being associated with the Order. The two initiates having replied the Worshipful Master submitted the toast of the Charities following on with that of the Visitors. The St. Leonard's Lodge had not been behind hand in the past in the support it gave to the charitable Institutions of the Order, and he trusted it never would be. Sir W. Guyer Hunter, M.P., replying as a Visitor, said he was very pleased at the present time that the discussion of politics was not allowed in Freemasonry, anything unassociated with politics was just then such a novelty with him as to be particularly interesting. Whenever he had been in a Lodge it had always been to him a source of gratification and pleasure. He had that day been received in the kindest manner, and this would always be highly appreciated by him. He joined Masonry believing it was the personification of all that was benevolent in nature. Its tenets and principles from the earliest ages until now had been benevolence and goodwill to all men. It had been stated by some who did not know what the tenets and privileges of the Craft were, that it was a secret society, and ought to be suppressed. In the middle ages, and when the Inquisition was in full vigour, despotism could not put it down. Why? because it was based upon love and charity, which all good men and true held dear. Therefore, Freemasonry must flourish as long as the world existed. Brother Germaine and other Visitors having also spoken to the toast, the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and also of the Officers was proposed, after which the Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the brethren separated.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on 9th inst. Bros. Shackell W.M., Cnbitt, Saint, King, Lashbrook, Belchamber, Pitt Secretary, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The questions leading to the second degree were answered by Bro. Lashbrook. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Belchamber, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Saint was elected W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks was carried, to be recorded on the minutes, for the very able manner in which the W.M. had conducted the arrangements. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' Road, on Tuesday, the 22nd and 29th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m. Bros. Gush W.M., Larchin S.W., Jenkins J.W. Tuesday, 22nd:—First Lecture—Bros. Salmon, Hodges, Syckelmoore, Sharp, Gregory, Gush, Larchin. Tuesday, 29th:—Second Lecture—Bros. Aynsley, Snelling, Fenner, Jenkins, Berry. Third Lecture—Bros. Oldis, Hill, Cross. Bros. Gush Preceptor, Berry Secretary.

PRESENTATION.

ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Old Blue Posts, Southampton-bldgs., a presentation was made to Bro. H. G. Gush P.M. 1541. It consisted of a very handsome clock, accompanied by a purse of money. The inscription on the clock is as follows, and explains fully the occasion of the presentation.

"Presented to Henry Good Gush P.M. 1541, on the occasion of his marriage, by members of the various Lodges of Instruction with which he has been connected, in testimony of their fraternal affection and regard, and for the services he has rendered on all occasions."

The presentation was made by Bro. Fox, on behalf of the brethren, and after remarks from Bros. Snelling, Berry, Cross, Creale and others, Bro. Gush responded, and a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Fox as Chairman, and the other members of the Committee, closed the proceedings.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C., and 7 Herne Villas, Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Toole's.—This versatile comedian, after a prolonged absence in the provinces, re-appeared before a London audience "at home" on Monday evening, when he was greeted with an enthusiastic welcome. On that occasion he introduced to his friends a farcical three-act piece, entitled "Going It," by Mr. Maddison Morton, which was first played during Bro. J. L. Toole's engagement at Glasgow. There it was found that the veteran dramatist's effort was so exactly fitted to Bro. Toole's style and manner that he decided to bring it out at his own theatre. We had thought that Mr. Morton had retired years ago from that sphere of play writing which in the days of "Box and Cox" earned for him such a reputation; but we find in the piece now produced a degree of bright sparkling humour and repartee which convinces all who listen to it that "there is life in the old boy yet." It must be admitted that "Going It" is a little old fashioned in its construction, as well as in its general mode of evoking merriment; but the reception accorded to the various *dramatis personæ* was a genuine reflex of the appreciation by a modern audience of ideas which may be regarded in some minds as somewhat retrogressive in stage representation. "Going it" may decidedly be pronounced as grotesquely humorous, and eminently suited to the jovial comicalities of Brother Toole, and the able seconding of the members of his company. The favourite comedian always possesses the faculty of keeping his audience in the very best humour, and in his present effort he is no less successful than in many previous ones we have had to record from time to time. It is a lengthened farce, the rendering of which is made to extend over a couple of hours, but there is never a moment's abatement of the interest aroused by the incidents presented, whilst in the more prominent situations the leading characters are such as to excite the risibilities of the audience and to sustain their happy humour throughout. Bro. Toole makes the most of every position in the piece, and is capably supported by Miss Emily Thorn as the widow, Mr. E. D. Ward as the spendthrift Bob Cossett, Mr. G. Shelton as the objectionable Gigswick, and Miss Eliza Johnstone as the confidential maid servant. At the conclusion of the farce Brother Toole and the veteran dramatist were called before the curtain and enthusiastically cheered, when the leading artiste made a characteristic speech, thanking the audience for the hearty manner in which they had received the new piece. He was sure Mr. Maddison Morton would be equally as pleased as he was. He referred to his most successful country campaign and said he looked forward to a good season, as an indication of which he had already received a good many applications for "orders." Brother Toole, in the course of his speech made some comical reference to his friends Mr. Henry Irving and Mr. Sims Reeves, which provoked the utmost amusement among those present, and whom he should be delighted to see in company with all their friends, "every evening until further notice." The after piece, "The O'Dora," may be somewhat disappointing to old playgoers, who used to regard the evening's entertainment completed after tragedy, and when half the audience invariably testified their opinion to that effect by quitting the house. However, the piece is so good that almost everybody remains to see it out, and the programme is one such as cannot fail generally to satisfy to the utmost all who pay a visit to Bro. Toole's unique resort of fun and genuine humour.

IMPORTANT TO PLAYGOERS.—On Wednesday, 2nd inst., his Honour Judge Bailey decided, in the Westminster County Court, the case of *Vandenberg v. Augustus Harris*, which is of considerable importance to playgoers. Mr. Vandenberg appeared in person; Mr. Broadley, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Bolton, M.P., represented Mr. Harris. The judge ruled that the sale of a pit ticket only guaranteed admission, and that if there was standing room the plaintiff had no cause of complaint. He therefore gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

Messrs. Cassell announce that on 21st December will be published the first of a series of weekly 3d volumes, each containing about 192 pages, small 8vo, of clear, readable print, which, under the name of Cassell's "National Library," will produce every week, as a distinct book, some piece of sound literature. The series will represent all periods and forms of thought. The books will be of the records of History, Biography, Religion, and Philosophy; Discovery and Enterprise; Plays, Poems, and Tales; Natural Science and Natural History; Art; Political Economy; with whatever else may be worth lasting remembrance. The first volume of Cassell's "National Library" will be "Warren Hastings," by Lord Macaulay, and this will be followed by Walton's "Complete Angler," (6th January); Mackenzie's "Man of Feeling;" Byron's "Childe Harold," (20th January), &c., &c. These volumes will be published in paper covers, price 3d each; or in cloth, price 6d each.

"The Royal River: the Thames from source to sea," has just been published by Messrs Cassell. The work contains descriptive text by Prof. Bonney, H. Schütz Wilson, Edmund Ollier, D. Maccoll, Godfrey Turner, W. Senior, Aaron Watson, and J. Runciman; and is illustrated with engravings from original designs by G. L. Seymour, W. H. J. Boot, C. Gregory, T. Murray, A. Barrand, Captain May, R.I., A. W. Henley, Clough Bromley, W. Hatherell, W. B. Wollen, and other artists.

The first attempt of an English writer to place before the public a complete historical sketch of the career of the greatest German statesman of modern times, will be issued in a few days by Messrs. Cassell and Co., under the title of "Prince Bismarck; an Historical Biography." The work is from the pen of Mr. C. Lowe, M.A., who, it is well known, possesses exceptional facilities for the preparation of such a record.

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, 12th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Cavece, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gr. v., 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)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Faling
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Church Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1923—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1459—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredcar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kings and, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Brompton
1801—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.

- R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
557—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
559—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1060—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Carterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 1
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-street, London, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 3. (Inst.)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Lotanic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
574—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pevenell-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)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1330—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

- 1240—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1260—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1281—Kinnington, The Hoops, Kinnington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1430—Mount Zion, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Finsbury, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Hanley, Three Crowns, North Woodleigh (Instruction)
1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Treaders, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1948—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
381—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

- 1006—Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, St. Dav, Seacroft, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Ruzeley

- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Burnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, The Tugboat, 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)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
183—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, St. George's Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)
533—The Tugboat, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
887—Whitlington, Red Lion, Portland-street, Fleet-street, at 4 (Instruction)
902—Burgundy, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

- 1382—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 311 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Cornwall, Royal Edward, Mure-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1621—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, The Mars, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Bekelev Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Canberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 843—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M. 266—Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M. 266—Thisle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beckenham, I.W.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Edington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lambeth
350—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Chancery-lane, Morley, near Leeds
424—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Droyer's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Derwshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel, Cirencester.
755—St. Tuduc, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks

- 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Southwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Du-han House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 110 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshottam
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
 R.A. 1357—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warren St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staggate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., S. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 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 Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Road Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 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)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Furslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Farnham
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingdon
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Ry
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Sulem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Mo path
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

- R.A. 39—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 M.M.—Canyones, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 M.M. 17—Ormsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1295—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Picnic, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moor at Tavern, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.U. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagen and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 401—Royal Forest, Berk to County Inn, Slaiburn
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 506—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Huddersfield
 683—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penrington
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Now-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 195—Ferey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tubard Inn, Bedford Park, Trianon Green, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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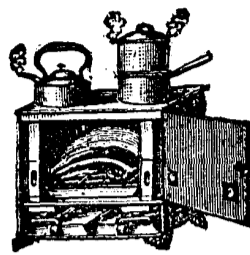
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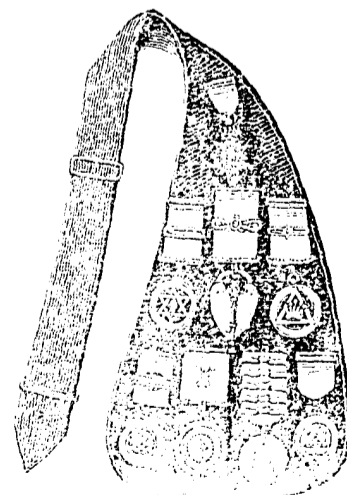
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