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## SUCCESS; HOW IT MAY BE CHECKED.

IT is one of the peculiarities of human nature that while one man, or one section of the community, is struggling for an existence, others, with apparently only similar facilities, are overwhelmed with success, and are obliged to adopt measures to check, in some form or other, the prosperity which is showered upon them. In every sphere of life there are men who can find no outlet for their abilities, while others are obliged to refuse much of the patronage offered them. So it is with Masonic Lodges, some of them struggle on from year to year, barely receiving sufficient new members to fill the vacancies caused by death or resignation among the older ones, while others are so overwhelmed with applications for admission that at last the members feel compelled to adopt measures to relieve themselves of some of the excess—numerically speaking—which presses so heavily upon them. It is difficult to decide on the steps to be adopted when such a course is deemed necessary, and still more difficult to see the ultimate result of whatever action may be decided upon; yet it is one of those points in the management of our Lodges to which a very small amount of attention is usually devoted, for the reason that those interested in the alteration are of necessity flushed with the success they are bent on checking, and either forget, or do not care to consider, the possibility of a change coming in the future. Many a Lodge has become so strong in membership as to induce the brethren to adopt some restrictive measures for their future government in regard to the admission of candidates, with the result that a stop has virtually been put to all propositions, for either joining or initiation; and, as a result, the Lodge has not only lost its high position, but has dwindled down until it has either collapsed altogether, or has had to be remodelled or resuscitated under the direction of some energetic Master, who may possess more fire or good fortune than some of his predecessors.

One of the most popular courses adopted by members of Lodges when they come to the conclusion they are becoming too strong, is to raise the fees of admission, placing them at such a figure as to render the Lodge "restrictive." This is one of the greatest mistakes possible in any organisation, and more particularly so in Freemasonry; where mercenary considerations should be unknown. This course has the effect of keeping out good men, but really opens the way for less desirable acquisitions. Good men will hesitate before they spend an exorbitant sum on the gratification of any fancy; while others, to whom money is of less consideration, will select the most expensive company, in the hope of mixing with a better class of companions; and, it may be, of having a wealthier class on whom to prey should they determine to make use of their Masonic membership for unworthy motives. Then, the increase in the fees has caused the Lodge to be without an initiate for months, so that when a candidate does offer himself, who is ready to pay the increased dues, he is received with open arms, and in all probability much of the caution which should be exercised in regard to admission is relaxed for fear of frightening away a valuable acquisition—in the form of a new member. As a rule, however, increasing the fees has but one result—it checks the supply of candidates, and this, the members tell us, is the very result they wish to achieve. But have they reckoned the ultimate cost

of their action? Have they yet experienced the full force of their restrictions? We think not. It is an oft-repeated truism that no human institution can continue without additions to its membership from time to time; in a very few years the best would come to an end, unless it were replenished by young men, who, in their turn, have to be supplanted by others, as death or other circumstances remove them. Of course in a numerous Lodge, or other society, this gradual falling-off is not felt for some time, but eventually the contingency must be faced, just as surely as must the hand of death; and when a Lodge becomes so reduced in numbers—the result of restrictive legislation—as to call for special action, the brethren will find they have a much greater labour to surmount in securing a return of former success than had their fellows when they desired to check it. Indeed, it is seldom a Lodge recovers itself when, under such circumstances, it may be said to have run itself down.

There are many considerations which necessitate a limit being put on the membership of a Lodge, among the most prominent of which are the comfort of the members and the accommodation the Lodge possesses for its meetings. A large Lodge is frequently a difficult one to manage, and there are many who affirm it is impossible to get any true enjoyment out of assemblies which are attended by so many brethren that it is impossible to know even the names of half those present. However this may be, we will not now attempt to decide; we have enjoyed ourselves at small quiet meetings, and we have enjoyed ourselves as one of a large company where quietness was anything but the predominant feature. We have also spent some of the most unsatisfactory of our hours of "pleasure" in small, quiet assemblies, such as would have delighted the hearts of those who abhor all large meetings. Considerations of accommodation are of much greater importance than that of mere numbers, and this is one which really demands attention. A Lodge room and other quarters which will provide comfort for thirty brethren, will make forty as uncomfortable as can well be conceived, and so it becomes necessary, sometimes, to put a limit on the number of members who shall be allowed to join a Lodge, and this can well be done by fixing a limit beyond which nominations shall not go, rather than by raising the dues, as already referred to. A rule is adopted in many of our Lodges, more especially those in the Provinces, limiting the membership, and this rule works well. If the numbers fall off at any time, there is no alteration to be made ere new members can be attracted, as is the case where the only course appears to be to reduce the fees, in order to counteract the mischief done in the past; it also has the effect of placing all the members on the same footing. All enter the Lodge at the same fee, and all have the same privileges, but where some have paid the original fee, and others the increased one, feelings of inequality are for ever associated.

In conclusion, we would urge on those who find their Lodges too cumbrous, to banish all thoughts of increasing the fees, and to adopt, as a temporary check, a rule which limits the number of the members; this they can amend at any time, while it is all but impossible to reduce the fees, as by so doing a Lodge so acting will be looked upon as declining in prosperity, and in most instances will be found to have signed its own death warrant.

## THIS GRAND EDIFICE.

An Oration by Right Worshipful and Reverend W. S. Hooper, before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 8th October 1885.

WE cling to the memories of the past, and treasure their souvenirs as sweet remembrances of the days of boyhood; some of well-known friends or the triumph of some grand principle. One holds the old family Bible, though tattered, torn, and thumbed by the use of many years, as the grandest trophy from the circle of the old home. Every rend of the leaf, blot upon the page, or soil of the cover, has perhaps a history fraught with precious memory, that carries him back to the days of childhood, and doubly endears it to the heart of the possessor.

Notions guided to impulses of loyalty to country, or devotion to patriots, and prompted by gratitude for the great works of their leaders, erect monuments in stone, or carry their memory down through the ages in the oft told tale of father to son. The society organisations of men, not unlike the individual or nation, have their mementos, monuments and treasures. They are thoughts, principles or legends; but as such are as tangible as the monument in stone, or as the brilliant gem. Coequal with the society existence, they are as inseparable from it as brother is from brother, and have blended themselves into its constitutional elements.

Masonry, not an exception to this fact, has in her teaching these mementos of thought; in her history those of fact; and in her symbols those of principles; none of which allow of doubt because of their well authenticated character. But the great memento about which there has been much doubt and argument is that of antiquity, and whether legend or history, it has almost become a part of her being, and by some is thought to be a vital principle, and firmly holds the hearts and minds of men—possesses the thought of the thinker—demands the attention of the student, and gives full power to the enthusiast. It is not our object to-day to attempt a solution of the mystery, nor a destruction of this long cherished thought by showing that Masonry has no antiquity, but to divert the mind from considering it as a cardinal principle, essential to the well-being of the Order, and to direct the mind to the high and noble principles of the Order, and try to show that however precious this thought may be to many, that there are principles in our ritual calculated to do much more good among men, and to which all our thoughts should be turned; that these principles are calculated to claim the attention of the greatest thinkers, and that the morals of Masonry—higher than her antiquity—are abreast with the greatest moral teachings of ancient or modern times. Hence that mere antiquity, though a claim of honour, is the feeblest she can make for the attention of the great and thoughtful. That if she has a high standard of purity she may occupy her place among men as a great moral agent, fit to be accepted by the great and good everywhere.

Antiquity is the idol of our reverence, but not the ground of our love. We love not the father merely because he is old, but because of the fatherly love and devotion to his child when in maturer years and robust strength he spared not the ability of his manhood in rearing the boy for battling with the hardships and turmoils of his later life, and now in age revere the name of father and honour his silvery locks because they, as the companions of his wrinkled brow and furrowed cheeks, are the marks of many a hard-fought battle for his boy. So we honour Masonry, not because she is old, but if old, because her hoary hairs are the marks of the many conflicts of her earlier life. Hence mere antiquity is not a vital principle to her perpetuity, nor has it the force of the grand truths that she must and ought to teach. Her greatest force is found in the authorities from which she draws her moral power, the Bible and her symbols. These are of far greater power than the distinction of her supposed ancient founder. Yet there are many who deny these, and decry her purity of morals. But he who has been within her folded doors, knelt by the side of her altars, drank in the grand truths taught by her symbols, listened to the reading of her sacred lessons, felt the inspiration of her work, who has unfolded the leaves of the sacred volume, or sat beneath the drippings of his loved sanctuary, knows that the morals taught by the silvery-tongued orator of the pulpit

and those around the Masonic altar, are drawn from the reading of the same divine word and from symbols known for their high standard of purity.

The opinions of men as to the age of Masonry vary so much that several important periods of time are claimed as the one of her birth, and finally three distinct theories have strong advocates; the days of Solomon, the incorporation of the Guilds, and the early English Lodge. But what are the facts as concerning her internal evidences? That throughout her entire ritual she commemorates events from almost every age of the world, from many years before Solomon to a period more than two thousand years after his time; that these events and symbols of all these ages are blended to one beautiful whole, conveying lessons of importance to assist man in the conduct of his moral life, and that upon this basis she has builded herself into a fabric as beautiful as she is grand.

But with all due deference to the objector to the idea of antiquity, we must acknowledge that the first theory is substantiated by some of Freemasonry's internal evidences; that she has some of the ancient Jewish ideas, and that there were ancient nations having organisations whose members recognised each other by words, signs and grips.

The main presumptive evidence is the constant reference in all the degrees to the building of Solomon's Temple, and the constant intimation that his workmen were organised. There is no history to show an organisation of any society at that time and place, but there is strong internal evidence in the facts connected with that enterprise to show that those workmen were organised for systematic labour; hence a bare possibility of a society organisation, for no leader of any great enterprise could have furnished vast relays of workmen, alternating several times a year; arranged them under different overseers; divided the work according to its character and the ability of his workmen, without a systematic organisation. To doubt this is to doubt the most authentic Jewish and sacred history.

So-called legendary Masonry asserts that after the Temple was finished the workmen sought labour in other lands, where they had mutual protection by words, signs and grips. It further intimates that such labour could not be had in their own land. The Jews were not an architectural people, hence could not give employment to these workmen. They may have known of societies having signs for mutual recognition—they tended to a close union among themselves; hence these may be strong enough for the presumption, but history does not prove it. A little further in the ritual of ceremonies we find the legendary description of the country where the memorable tragedy was enacted, and the mention of the routes of travel and commerce. Here "the brow of the hill" is true to history, and the "acacia" true to the products of the country. Then the place of the attempted embarkation of the criminals was on a regular line of travel into Ethiopia, and also between the east and west, between Greece and Babylon. These being true, it is not impossible that impatient men might have demanded of their great leader and the possessor of facts important to them that he violate his high trust by acceding to their wishes in order to save his life. If these are true, yet it is not for the purpose of establishing antiquity, but for a more important purpose. For here, the leader of all these men was one of untarnished honour and unsullied character, who regarded that honour and his high trust of more value than life; hence he lays down the one rather than violate the other, teaching us that honour is of more importance than life, one of the truths God often teaches. Viewing these presumptive evidences and this noble act of heroism side by side, and weighing them in the scale of moral justice, to which should we give the greatest honour, the hoary hairs of our Order's age or the grand action of this noble hero? There are difficulties, however, to this theory, because the blending of the facts of ancient and modern history in different parts of our ceremonies and teachings would seem to destroy this whole idea of ancient age, unless it can be shown that the modern are innovations upon an ancient work.

There is a peculiar beauty in this blending of the ages, in showing the power and character of Freemasonry's growth and the lessons learnt of the different periods of the world's history:

1. The *Apron*, one of the most beautiful emblems, leads us back to the time when Roman youths were invested with the robes of honour that made them manly citizens of the great Republic; to the phylactery and robes of the

ancient Jewish priesthood, and to the mysteries of Mithras of Persia, when they invested their candidates with the white apron as a mark of honour; to the Essenes, who clothed their novices with a white robe, and among the early Christians who used it as a mark of fellowship. Hence, it covers, by reference, a great period of time, and symbolically places these ages side by side, while each and every reference is substantiated by authentic history.

But the teaching of this badge of a Mason touches periods of time far subsequent to the apron itself. In teaching of its honour it refers to the Golden Fleece, an order organised in A.D. 1429; to the order of the Star, organised in 1350; and to that of the Garter, an order of society, of A.D. 1193. Now, as we look at the long line of the ages embodied here, reaching back from hundreds of years before Solomon to more than two thousand years after, we can only feel that a part of our mental memento must fade away.

But antiquity is not the thought of the teaching of the apron in its symbolic blending of the ages. The importance is not how the workmen at the Temple wore it, but its mark as a badge of honour, in the moral power of its symbolic teaching. Here is the emblem of human and divine purity. Here is brought in contrast with moral purity the honours and distinctions of men. Here are the garbs of the princes of the realm—the royal purple and scarlet of those who sat upon the exalted thrones of empires and kingdoms. The marks of honour of the warrior from the field of carnage, where he won the laurels he justly wears upon his brow, brought into beautiful contrast with the humble peasant or civilian wearing the white badge of innocence, in which we are taught that great and worthy as the renowned warrior may have been, grand and beautiful as the crown he wore, great and mighty as the power the throned monarch wielded, yet these honours and powers are not comparable with the merits of him who worthily wears the snowy emblem as the testimony of a pure heart and conscience before God and his fellow man. We pass then in our degrees over other events of history equally diverse as to time.

2. The reference to the plumb-line found in the Book of Amos and used in our work, was not written by that author until two hundred and twenty-seven years after Solomon. The mausoleum of Artemisia was not built until near seven hundred years after, nor the Temple of Diana until two hundred and sixty-five years after his day.

3. Then we go back to the days when the heroic followers of Jephthah demanded the shibboleth at the banks of the Jordan, B.C. 1139; to the time when men ascended the winding stair within the temple walls; when they stood between the grand pillars of the massive porch; when the makers of a covenant passed between the dismembered parts of a lamb as a seal to their compact; when priests bowed in holy reverence before the outspread roll of Holy Writ; when men cut and carved the memories of history and the conduct of their great upon the walls and columns of their majestic temples, and upon moveable rocks and fragments of parchment to be hidden away in the secret archives of their nation; to that time when David sang his songs of joy in the beautiful strains of Hebrew melody and in the harmony of Hebrew verse; when the Hebrews and Gentiles marched alike to their altars of sacrifices and worship, charmed by the strains of sacred music. We pause before the grandeur of the pyramids; the gorgeous splendour of the temple of the Ephesians: at the magnificent porch of the temple of Solomon and beneath the Colossus at Rhodes; before the grand architecture of the earlier and later times, and read the lessons of man's wisdom and power, and the wonderful teachings of God to man that span those great lapses of time. But look where we may, it is not antiquity that stands out prominently, but the inherent qualities and value of Freemasonry's precepts that claim our attention and enrich her character, endear her to her votaries, and enable her to speak with power to the higher character of human intellect. Every page of her history glows with sparkling gems of moral worth; every symbol speaks a volume of truth, as applied to man's life and destiny. We are elevated by the thought that the earthly is but the stepping-stone to the heavenly life—that our Lodge below is but the type of that Lodge above. Everywhere she appeals to man's higher sense of moral power.

The theorists of the second class argue that upon the accession of Numa to the Roman throne he organised

guilds from which in the lapse of ages Masonry has grown. If this be true, we here trace architecture and the guilds through long periods of time, until the priests of the new and rising faith wrested the leadership from the laity, and then again the laity from the priesthood. Then on until a central head was established, from whose trestleboard all designs were given to the builders in all lands, meeting exactly the thought taught in the Lodge. Then on through all the lands of Europe—through toil and trial—under the favouritism and tyranny of kings and emperors; in their Lodges at the rising and the setting of the sun; in their songs and prayers; under their patron saints and leaders of their work; in their united brotherhood, and identified by their grips, words and signs, and moving in their work from land to land where they obtained Master's wages; in their investiture, circumambulation—rights of freeman and observance of their many forms and ceremonies, and under their leadership of one delegated body, all of which is a perfect counterpart of the teaching of to-day—in their belief in and worship of their God, and the adornment of themselves with the badge of innocence as their mark of honour. If this theory could be proven we might then find the blending of the guilds with the early Lodge of A.D. 926, the Freemasons of 1350, and finally perhaps the nucleus around which was the organisation of the Lodge of A.D. 1717, from which results the present form of Masonry, and which really gives us a great antiquity.—*Voice of Masonry.*

(To be continued).

## THE SYMBOL OF WISDOM.

THE following take-off on the intense desire of an uneducated, but ambitious, brother, who had earnestly laboured to become the Master of his Lodge, and who was finally permitted to represent King Solomon in the East, was told at a banquet not many years ago, and called forth more good humour from the late presiding officer who had stepped down and out than from any of the other members. "Our election reminds me of a little story about 'The Tail and the Head of an Old Serpent,' the Symbol of Wisdom, when at eventide the cunning old fellow was coiling himself up for a nap, and placing his Head in the centre left the Tail outside to keep guard. To this the Tail took exception and complained, that through long weary years he had followed the Head over mountain and valley, bog and fen, never before complaining, but now he wished to rebel and be somebody in the family, and would prefer to lead. The Head complimented the Tail for his long obedient service, and said he could raise no objection, and would willingly submit to follow. Off darted the Tail, the Head following, over the bog and the lake most successfully and joyously. The Tail made straight for a beautiful cane brake, dense as brush and briar could make it. Through the twigs and under the roots it bent its way, the silent Head obeying. But the roots and brambles grew thicker and closer, and the Tail wriggled and scratched, and, in pain and suffering, at last found itself an immovable prisoner. It was then it cried aloud, 'in accents wild,' to the Head for extrication. The Head took command and drew the Tail out of its difficulty easily and readily."—*Hebrew Leader.*

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614, at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on Thursday evening, the 31st instant, at eight o'clock.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 19th December 1885:—

Monday—St. George and Cornerstone Lodge, University Chapter. Tuesday—Enoch Chapter, Royal York Chapter, Cadogan Lodge. Wednesday—Noviomagus. Thursday—Great Northern Lodge, Globe Lodge. Friday—London, Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine Association Ball, Jordan Lodge, Odd Volumes. Saturday—Tottenham House Ball.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

ANDERTON'S Hotel, Fleet Street, has long enjoyed an enviable popularity among City Masons for the excellence of its arrangements and its *cuisine*; but few among the number of Lodges which make that old established resort their trysting place display such united energy and harmony as that whose annual election meeting took place on Monday evening last. Under the genial presidency of its present Worshipful Master, Bro. W. A. Cubitt, the Lodge has continued to grow in strength and prosperity, a fact to which ample testimony was borne on the occasion to which we refer. There is an evident vein of solid determination in all the ranks of the members not only to sustain, but if possible to enhance, the success which the Lodge has so long enjoyed; and with such a spirit animating any body of men there can be little apprehension as to the result. Bro. Cubitt was supported by Bros. W. Saint S.W., F. Silvester J.W., R. D. Kershaw P.M. Treasurer, J. Shackell P.M. Secretary, G. P. Nightingale S.D., S. Smither J.D., J. Gildersleve acting as I.G., E. J. Davey S., and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. There were also present Past Masters W. Wood, S. J. Webb, J. E. Fells, T. Biddle, H. T. Reed; Bros. J. Hart, F. Westoby, E. D. Stevenson, A. W. South, J. Egan, A. W. Barham, J. Dongray, W. A. Colyer, W. J. Parker, W. Richell, J. Little, J. Foster, G. Masters, W. G. Fernley, J. H. Bayley, J. D. Collins, F. Hemings and others. Amongst visitors were Bros. W. Belchamber 1158, and H. J. Amphlett 1511. Lodge opened with a formidable agenda before it, and it was a matter of congratulation that on the last night of Bro. Cubitt's Mastership there should have been such an amount and variety of work to be disposed of. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was opened in the three degrees, when Bros. W. J. Parker, A. W. South, J. Dongray, and F. Westoby were raised to the sublime degree, the impressive rites being carried out in perfect manner by the Worshipful Master. Resuming in the second, Bro. Joseph Hart was passed, and here again the ceremony was most admirably performed. Lodge having been lowered to the first degree, the ballot was opened for Mr. Henry Middleton Alston, who had been nominated by the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. W. Saint S.W.; and for Mr. Frederick Hemings, A.R.I.B.A., proposed by Bro. J. D. Collins, seconded by Bro. Bedford Lemere P.M. The voting in each case was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Hemings, who was present, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order with due solemnity. Mr. Alston was unable to attend, and his initiation consequently stands over until the next meeting. At the close of the business the brethren proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the choice falling unanimously upon Bro. W. Saint, who had ably discharged the duties of the S.W. chair during the past twelve months. The result was hailed with genuine congratulations, and Bro. Saint suitably expressed his sense of the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him. Bro. R. D. Kershaw P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services, and Bro. L. G. Reinhardt was re-elected Tyler, with compliments upon the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his position. Heartly good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned for supper, which was served in admirable style by Bro. Clemow, when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing them the Worshipful Master said there had been an unusual quantity of work to do, and consequently they were somewhat behind time with the Fourth Degree, he should therefore be as brief as possible in any remarks he might have to make. "The Queen and the Craft," and the "Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were received with loyal enthusiasm, after which the W.M. proposed the Grand Officers, Present and Past, speaking in felicitous terms of the manner in which the affairs of Grand Lodge are managed by our Masonic Rulers. He might tell those unacquainted with the facts of the case, and who had not yet had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge, that he was pleased to be present last month when the Prince of Wales was again nominated as Grand Master of English Freemasons. He was proposed in able manner by Bro. Bardett-Contts, M.P., and the nomination was received with the utmost acclamation and pleasure. It was gratifying to know that they had at the head of affairs such an able and good Mason as his Royal Highness, who was not merely a figurative, but a working Mason. Bro. S. Webb P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the Immediate Past Master, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who was certainly worthy of the approval of every member of the Lodge. He thought they ought to be exceedingly satisfied that they had such an able Master as Bro. Cubitt had proved himself to be. Some years ago he was very bashful, and it was difficult to persuade him to accept even a minor office. He was "sure he should never succeed to the chair of his Lodge," but at length he consented to try. He had not only tried, but had succeeded, and when he vacated the position he now filled, they would all admit that he had acquitted himself as creditably as any who had preceded him. This Lodge had lost none of its lustre under the auspices of its present Master. He had had as good gatherings of the brethren around him as any of the Past Masters had seen, and in that respect he had much cause for congratulation. Bro. Cubitt would have a nice position next year as I.P.M., and if Bro. Saint filled the chair with as much satisfaction as the present Master had done, he would find in Bro. Cubitt a most valuable helpmate. These observations were received with cheering, and Bro. E. J. Davey then sang in excellent voice the song "London Bridge." The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received, and accepted by the company. It was quite true that some twelve years ago, when Bro. Webb had asked him to take the position of Inner Guard, he had no desire to go in for office. He did not think he could manage it, or give his time to the proper performance of the

duties. In course of time, however, he took office, and by the kind indulgence of the brethren he had passed through them all until he reached the chair. The duties of that exalted position he had discharged to the utmost of his ability, and no one could do more than try and do his best. If he had succeeded in meriting their approbation he was both thankful and pleased; and he looked forward with a feeling of pride to the honour of becoming a Past Master of the Confidence Lodge. He knew they had always a goodly array of Past Masters at their meetings, who attended not only at the Fourth Degree, but assisted in the active working of the Lodge. Knowing that to be so, every brother aspiring to the chair should endeavour to make himself as perfect as he could for the position of ruler of his Lodge. He was proud to know they had junior officers in the Lodge, who were competent to discharge their duties in any capacity, and were quite competent to fill the chair when their time arrived for that distinction. He then proposed the Initiate, in doing which he said they had amongst them a brother who in course of time would be a great credit to the Lodge. On the last two or three occasions of their meetings they had initiated members of whom any Lodge might well be envious; and they were proud and pleased at having such brethren amongst them. Bro. Webb P.M. having sang the Entered Apprentice Song, Bro. Hemings, who was cordially received, returned thanks for the toast. He was very much obliged to them for having received him into the Lodge, and he had no doubt that when he knew more he should have more to say. The toast of the Visitors was heartily received, and responded to by Bros. Belchamber and Amphlett. The Worshipful Master then gave the Past Masters, in doing which he paid a high tribute to the efficiency displayed by Bro. S. Webb as D. of C.; and Bro. J. Shackell as Secretary of the Lodge. The latter, in reply, said he endeavoured to do his best for the interests of the Lodge, especially for the younger members. If at any time they required advice or information he had no doubt he should be able to assist them, and so also would the other Past Masters. He endeavoured to do his duty as a member, and as a Past Master of the Lodge, in which he had always felt a true and deep interest. Bro. S. Webb P.M. regretted the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. Bedford Lemere, which was no doubt in consequence of the recent death of his son. Some of the other Past Masters had been obliged to leave early, as they had some distance to go, but they were always well represented at the meetings of the Confidence Lodge, and they had the interests of the Lodge most thoroughly at heart. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was then proposed, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Shackell P.M., and the health of the Officers of the Lodge was then given and cordially received. Bro. W. Saint S.W. and W.M. elect, in responding, thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He thought, when in Lodge he was elected to the chair, he should acknowledge the compliment which had been paid to him; again he thanked them most heartily for the confidence they had reposed in him. It afforded him a great amount of satisfaction to know that he had been unanimously elected, it was something that would stick by him as long as he lived. He had worked hard during two or three years to make himself competent to fulfil the duties of the chair in a manner which should be a credit to the Lodge and to himself, and he should continue to persevere to do all that was possible to fill the chair with that credit which should be due from every man who occupied that seat. He thoroughly embraced the principles of Masonry, and understood and appreciated the great amount of confidence that was ever reposed in the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, especially from the Past Masters who had gone before. Under these feelings and considerations he felt he should not be lost when he occupied the chair. He hoped he should be able to fulfil the duties thoroughly and effectively; in fact, he felt more confident now than he had ever done before. The list of toasts was brought to a close by the Tyler.

## POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 10th instant. Bros. J. Birling W.M., Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. as S.W., Tongue J.W., Gordon S.D., Apsey J.D., Turner I.G., Banks Tyler. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. W. Taylor, L.D.S.; this proved to be in the candidate's favour, and he being in attendance was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Brooks was then passed. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Nowakowski Treasurer, "that the Lodge should consider the proposal to found a monument to the late Brother Major Szulczewski, who was one of the founders of the Polish National Lodge, in 1816." A Committee was formed to endeavour to recover the portrait of Lord Dudley Stewart, who was one of the earliest members of the Lodge. Bro. Tongue proposed the name of Mr. Henry Birkbeck, Civil Engineer, for ballot at the next meeting. All business being finished, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they enjoyed a very excellent repast. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. E. J. Lowther P.M. 907, Gordon P.M. 907, E. Jackson Smythsdale Lodge, Ballarat, South Australia.

## GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT the regular Lodge meeting, on Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading, there were present Bros. Prickett W.M., Danks P.M. acting I.P.M.; Ravenscroft S.W., Creed J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Palley P.M. D. of C. as S.D., Hickie J.D., Slaughter I.G., Lands Steward, Sparrow Assist. Steward, Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Harley, Margrett, Ferguson; Bros. Bennett, Jones, Ridley, Knight, Stewart. Visitors—Bros. Withers W.M. 414, Webb W.M. 2013, Sherwin 1024. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Smallwood was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Bro. Jones, a candidate for passing, proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. After the candidate retired, Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Jones was readmitted, and passed. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Bennett, Ridley and Biggs were appointed members of the permanent Committee, this on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by P.M. Danks. P.M. Margrett proposed, in conformity with the notice of motion at the last regular Lodge, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of assisting a distressed brother of the Lodge. He explained who the distressed brother was, and that he had failed in business, and was left with his family in very distressed circumstances. This was corroborated by Bro. Stransom Treasurer. The proposition was seconded by the Worshipful Master, and carried. Notice of motion was given by P.M. Danks that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be added to the W.M.'s list on his attendance at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Secretary read a letter received from the W.M. of 414, in reference to the removal of the portraits and other pictures from the Temple to the ante-room, and suggested that a deputation from 1101 should be appointed to meet the Committee of 414, for the purpose of arranging position of same. It was resolved, on the motion of P.M. Margrett, that Bros. Ravenscroft S.W., Creed J.W., and Greenaway Secretary should form the deputation for the above purpose, and that the Secretary be instructed to write and inform the W.M. of 414 of the same. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Binckes, informing the Lodge of the formation of a Masonic club in London, and drawing attention to the special privileges being offered to the Craft in connection with this club. After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

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

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 12th instant, at the Cannon Street Hotel. Brother Robert Fendick W.M. presided, Potter S.W., Bertram J.W.; P.M.'s Headon Treasurer, Stevens, Keeble Secretary, Baber I.P.M., Blackie, and Kibble. There were several Visitors, viz.:—Bros. Mitchell and Fox 1743, Tomlin 1815, R. H. Smith 1196, Barfoot 2018, R. G. Hart 1872, Lloyd W.M. 145, Buttery 1287, Lawley 65, &c. The minutes of the November Lodge having been read and confirmed, a ballot took place for the admission of Mr. George Mackenzie Fraser, which being unanimous in his favour, and he being in attendance, he was initiated in the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the Worshipful Master performing the ceremony in a very careful and able manner. At its conclusion Brother Stevens P.M., at the request of the W.M., gave a lecture on the tracing board of the degree, and received the warm approval of the brethren. This being concluded, the W.M. said he had now a most agreeable duty to perform, which was to present their Brother Blackie, the late Secretary, with the jewel which was unanimously voted to him by the brethren at the last Lodge, as a mark of their appreciation of the ability with which he had discharged his duties as Secretary for some years, and in presenting it he expressed, on behalf of the brethren as well as himself, their hope that he might long live to wear it; to remind him of the respect entertained for him by the Lodge. The jewel bears the following inscription:—

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

On the reverse—

Presented to

Brother G. W. BLACKIE P.M.,  
with the thanks of the brethren.

In recognition of his zealous services as Secretary.  
12th December 1885.

Having had the jewel placed on his breast, Bro. Blackie thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind feeling they entertained for him, and the splendid jewel by which those feelings had been conveyed to him. During the time he had been their Secretary it had been to him a labour of love, and to receive their satisfaction in what he had done was to him an ample reward. It was only business arrangements which compelled him to resign his office, as he could not pay so much attention to it as he desired. Although he was no longer their Secretary, in the future he would do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge and the happiness of its members. After some communications had been read, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room for refreshment, which was well served under the direction of the new manager of the hotel. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master said that the first toast given in all loyal assemblies was that of the Queen, who took great interest in the welfare of her subjects. By this she had endeared herself to all, and particularly so to Freemasons; she was the mother of their Grand Master. This was followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts by Bro. Cozens, who presided at the grand pianoforte. The Worshipful Master next gave the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, which was duly honoured. Bro. Baber I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said the brethren must have seen with pleasure his qualifications for the office to which he had been appointed, by the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that night, and which he had done to their entire satisfaction. The toast was very cordially responded to, and was followed by a song from Bro. Lloyd W.M. 145. The Worshipful Master, in reply to the toast of his health, said he thanked Bro. Baber most heartily for the kind manner in which he had given expression to his name, and also for the response of the brethren to the toast. It was his desire to carry out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction, and in the best way in which that could be done. He would endeavour to discharge those duties to the best of his power, and asked them to bring him more work to do, so that he might have further opportunities of giving them satisfaction. For the very hearty manner in which they had

received the toast he thanked them. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of their brother Initiate, whom he had had the pleasure of knowing for some years; he felt assured that he would become a worthy member of the Craft, when, further on, he should have more opportunity of becoming acquainted and familiar with the tenets of their Order. Bro. Fraser was the first initiate of his reign; he trusted that he should have many more. He asked the brethren to drink health and prosperity to their brother initiate. The toast was well received, followed by the Entered Apprentice song by Bro. Stevens. Bro. Fraser, in returning thanks for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed by the Worshipful Master, said he had known Bro. Fendick for many years, and he felt sure that he would never regret having introduced him into the Order. He was at present only a novice, but in the future he hoped to aid and assist his brethren in every way he possibly could. The Worshipful Master next gave "the Visitors," who severally responded. The P.M.'s of the Lodge likewise acknowledged the compliment paid them. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was a very important one; it was the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, two P.M.'s of the Lodge. They were two respected members, and while he had them on his left hand he always found his duty a very easy one. After a song by Bro. Whiteley, "Speed on my barque," Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer said he thought the Treasurer and Secretary had every reason to be satisfied with the sentiment of the last song, "Speed on my barque," for he felt assured that as regarded the interests of the Lodge they were always ready to keep up the steam, and do everything in their power to promote its welfare, and ensure its success. As their Treasurer he had had so many opportunities of returning thanks for their repeated expressions of kindness that they must feel weary of his repeating himself. As Treasurer of the Lodge, it was with great pleasure that he had found himself annually elected without a dissentient voice, and he assured them that he should at all times be ready to do anything in his power to assist the Worshipful Master and the brethren, and promote the comfort of the Visitors who might honour them with a visit from time to time. There was, however, a little matter he wished to notice, and which he had referred to on a former occasion, and that was the coming election for the Grand Treasurership. The Great City Lodge had been mainly instrumental in bringing about the transfer of the collar of Grand Treasurer in Grand Lodge, and had succeeded in breaking down the monopoly of its possession for many years. They had succeeded in bringing in Bro. Allcroft, who although a Mason for about forty years had received no preferment or recognition for his services. The Great City Lodge, however, nominated him, and carried him triumphantly into the proud position of Grand Treasurer not only by the voice of The Great City Lodge, but by that of the whole Craft, by whom it was successfully accomplished. The principle enunciated had been going on for some time, and Bro. R. B. Martin had been nominated for that office in the coming year. He was a most respected citizen, the head of a banking firm in Lombard-street, and for thirty-five years a Past Master of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, and was one of its founders. He is also a member of the Westminster and Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, a member of the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Rose Croix Chapter, and Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions. He has held the Office of Treasurer of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge for 25 years, but notwithstanding all his qualifications, like another flower alluded to by the poet, "he was born to blush unseen, and waste sweetness on the desert air." Now, however, they had unearthed this worthy brother of the Craft, and nominated him for Grand Treasurer, and if the members come up to the Grand Lodge and vote for him his election will confer honour upon The Great City Lodge, as he was well known to it. He trusted, therefore, that those members of the Lodge who were members of the Grand Lodge would go up and record their votes in his favour. He (Bro. Headon) felt great interest in Bro. Martin's nomination; as they were all interested in matters connected with the City, they all naturally felt interested in his preferment. He was a brother worthy of their kind consideration, and he hoped he would receive their unanimous support. Bro. Keeble (Secretary) also returned thanks, and remarked that when appointed to office he thought it would be a very pleasant and comfortable affair to follow in the footsteps of the brother who had preceded him, but he found it was not altogether so, for no sooner was one meeting over, than he had to think about the next, and to run about from place to place, to consult the Treasurer as to what was to be done, and to wait upon the Master and keep him up to the mark, and see that he was at his post. Still for all that he looked upon his duties as a labour of love, and should always be proud to do the work, feeling amply repaid for any service the brethren might put upon him. Some other toasts were given, and thus a very pleasant and harmonious meeting was brought to a close.

### CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE election meeting of this Lodge took place, at its new quarters, the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday, 14th inst., Brother George Everett officiating in the absence of the Worshipful Master. The ceremonies of raising and initiation were performed with Brother Everett's well known ability. The election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler was proceeded with; Brother George Gardner, the S.W., was elected unanimously to fill the chair of King Solomon for the ensuing twelve months. Dr. Lawrence was re-elected Treasurer. An Audit Committee having been appointed, the Senior Warden handed in the names of five candidates for initiation, and proposed, for affiliation, the Right Honourable Lord George Hamilton. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in Brother Brill's usual style, after which songs, &c., were indulged in, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

### CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

OUR readers will no doubt remember that during the past summer efforts were made to secure the establishment of a Lodge in London for the benefit of those who, by family ties or in other ways, are associated with the Northern Counties of England. This desire was brought to a successful issue on Monday, when a Lodge, under the title of the United Northern Counties, and numbered 2128 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, was formally consecrated by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square. The founders are to be congratulated on the success which has thus far attended their efforts, and on the brilliant prospect which presents itself for the future. They have secured a warrant for their Lodge at a time when there is a very strong feeling against the extension of the number of Lodges in the metropolis, and they have received the heartiest of good wishes from brethren from all parts of the district from which they derive their name. Moreover, they have secured a good working set of Officers, who may be said to possess all the qualifications that a Lodge could desire in its earliest days. Bro. Clerke was assisted in his work of consecration by Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, as S.W., Edward Letchworth P.G.D. as J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, while the genial and ever courteous Frank Richardson again fulfilled the duties of Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer officiated as Inner Guard. On the opening of the Lodge the consecrating Officer made the customary address to the brethren on the motive of the meeting, pointing out that application for the present addition to the roll of Metropolitan Lodges was one peculiarly fitted for the special consideration of the Grand Master, inasmuch as the Lodge was promoted, not so much for the convenience of Londoners, as for that of many earnest and distinguished brethren who had received the light of Masonry in Lodges in the Northern Counties of England, and who, on account of business or other considerations, had made their home in the metropolis, who would thus have an opportunity of joining a Lodge which should act as a kind of rendezvous for them, enabling brethren who had worked together in former days in the North to meet again at a home in London. In due course the Chaplain was called upon, and he delivered an Oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. The rapid increase of the Order rendered necessary such Lodges as the one they were then consecrating. They welcomed it as evidence of the identity of feeling in all matters of importance existing between the Great City and the Provinces, and as proving that the most distant Provinces desired to strengthen the bonds of affection which bound them to the headquarters of the Order. Our reverend brother emphasized the expression, "in all matters of importance," because he felt it well to remember that in the Craft, as in all other human institutions, there must be differences of opinion. Each Lodge differed from its neighbour, and so the harmony of the Craft was not hindered because the voices of the Lodges were not identical. Freemasonry gained, rather than lost, by freedom of opinion and debate, so long as that freedom was kept within due bounds. It was the stagnant water of the pool which was unwholesome, not the fresh trickle of the mountain stream, and so he rejoiced as, year by year, the country Lodges made themselves more and more heard in Grand Lodge. London Masons desired to learn what the country brethren thought, and what they felt on all matters, and recognised that the wants and interests of country Lodges were worthy of equal consideration with those of town ones. It was, however very easy to impart bitterness into matters upon which one felt strongly, the line separating legitimate discussion from angry recrimination being a very narrow one, and easily overstepped. There was nothing so hard as defending one's own opinion without attacking that of others, the temptation to strengthen arguments by unfair and ungenerous imputations being an ever present and dangerous evil, and one which at times even found its way into Masonic Lodges. Let the brethren take a lesson from the operative Masons of old, who fashioned their work surrounded with the din and turmoil of a busy workshop, not on their own, but on the architect's plans. When each Mason had done his work it was brought to be put silently in the place for which the Architect had designed it. So let them labour at the present time. There must, as of old, be some din and clamour in the work, but that would not mar its excellence if all worked in accordance with the plans of the Heavenly Architect, who had given to each an especial task, to be performed with energy and humility. In due course the W.M. Designate (Bro. J. S. Cumberland) was installed in the chair of the Lodge, and he invested the following brethren as the Officers:— T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire acting Past Master, W. F. Smithson P.M. 1001 S.W., William Masters P.M. 428 J.W., Fitzherbert Wright Treasurer, J. L. Cooke Secretary, W. H. Bullock S.D., H. J. Almond J.D., J. L. Potts I.G., S. Lamb P.M. D.C., Atkinson and J. Clayton Stewards, and Edward Mills Tyler. The addresses to the Officers and brethren were then delivered in the usual way, after which Bro. Cumberland proposed a vote of thanks to the consecrating Officers for their assistance during the day, and moved that they be elected honorary members of the Lodge. These propositions, seconded by Bro. Tew, were carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Grand Secretary. The Worshipful Master announced that the Officers, of the Lodge had presented their respective collars and jewels; the Earl of Zetland a set of working tools; Bro. Woodall a banner for the Lodge; Bro. Tew the columns for the principal Officers and a box to hold the Lodge furniture. A Committee was appointed to frame the bye laws. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were received, among them being communications from the Grand Registrar of England, the Lord Mayor of York, the Dean of York, Bro. W. J. Hughan, &c. A telegram from the Eboracum Lodge, at York, was also received, congratulating the Lodge on its consecration. As an earnest of the charitable propensities of the members, a sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal

Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a wish expressed that one brother would offer himself as a Steward for the next Festival on behalf of the new Lodge. The vote was acknowledged by Brother James Terry (Secretary R.M.B.I.) who availed himself of the opportunity, and offered the members a black-letter bible, which he stated was 250 years old, and which had come into his hands but a week since. This bible had been in the possession of the Deringer Royal Arch Chapter, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which became extinct in the year 1814. Bro. Terry thought no better home in London could be found for this curious volume than in a Lodge composed of brethren from the Northern counties. A vote of thanks to Brother Terry was passed for his interesting gift. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where banquet was served in the excellent manner for which this popular establishment has made itself famous. At the conclusion of the banquet the toasts were submitted. The Master, in proposing the Queen, referred to the womanly sympathies evinced by Her Majesty towards all classes of the community, and made special allusion to her message of sympathy to the widow of the late King of Spain. In speaking to the second toast, the health of the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Cumberland said 600 Lodges had been consecrated since His Royal Highness had been installed; this showed the immense amount of life there was in the Craft, as he hoped there was in the Lodges, because, as was said by the late Lord Zetland, Freemasonry did not consist so much in the number as in the quality of the brethren who entered it. If they took the 600 Lodges as a basis for calculating the number of new members of the Order since the Prince was installed, he thought they might reckon at least 20,000 brethren had been added. At any rate, the prosperity of the Craft was most marked under His Royal Highness's auspices. The next toast was the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The brethren knew a great part of the work of Grand Lodge devolved upon the Grand Officers, he thought there was due to them a debt of gratitude for giving so much time to the interests of Masonry. That the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M. took such a deep interest in it was a singularly fortunate circumstance; it augured well for its stability, and put to shame those who railed against the Order, and fulminated anathemas upon it. While clergymen of the Church of England, as well as of other denominations, were members, it gave the Order some standing; it proved the only object they had, as far as Masonry was concerned, and the teachings it gave, was that they should be faithful to God, their country, and its laws. The Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg replied. Under ordinary circumstances he believed the proper thing for him to say was, that he regretted it had not fallen to others to respond; however, he was not going to say anything of the kind, because, although it might seem to be somewhat egotistical, it was not on account of his eloquence, but on account of the position he occupied, that there was no one else to whom it could have better fallen; he was distinctly a London Mason and a Provincial Mason. As a London Mason he was glad to see a new country Lodge in London. He was not saying anything in irony, because it would bring up, especially considering the day on which the brethren would meet, a large number of Provincial Masons. He was sure London brethren would welcome them most heartily to their legislative assembly. As a Provincial brother he could say that "Northern" was only a relative term. He hailed from the Northern counties, because he happened to be a member of the Province of Berks and Bucks, which was distinctly north of London. He was united in Berks and Bucks by a very distinct tie, and was a United Northern country brother, because he voted for Bro. Woodall, as Grand Treasurer, who was proposed by Bro. McDowell, a Berks and Bucks Mason, who was present that night. The brethren of the United Northern Counties carried their man, and they were, from the position they then took, distinctly United Northern counties brethren. Col. Clerke proposed the health of the W.M. of the United Northern Counties Lodge (Bro. J. S. Cumberland), and prosperity to the new Lodge. It was a great honour and compliment to be selected as first W.M. of a new Lodge. The position of the Lodge was exceptional; he was sure all London Masons heartily welcomed this friendly invasion from the North, and hoped that the brethren would settle among them. The Lodge had a great future before it. It might draw into its fold at the proper time all those good brethren who came from the North on business, and took up their abode in London. The members of the Lodge must only be careful to bide their time, and not fill their ranks with anybody who wished to join. If they would be content to wait, they might become one of the greatest Lodges in London. The W.M. was a brother who had been many years a Mason, and had gone through the chair of a distinguished Lodge in the North, and the members of the new Lodge had exercised prudence and wisdom in selecting him. In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Cumberland, said the brethren were not anxious to build their Lodge except with proper material. The chain of Masonry should be strengthened, and it must always be borne in mind the strongest part of a chain was the capacity of its weakest link. They would try that every link added to their Masonic brotherhood should not be weak. He was certain he should have the support of the brethren, as well as of the Officers. It had been a source of pleasure to him to see so many old friends present. On the other hand, he was very pleased to find so many brethren there who until that night had been strangers to him. All were heartily welcome; their presence was a great gratification to the brethren forming the Lodge. Bro. Tew Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, in proposing the Sister Lodges, Metropolitan and Provincial, said that although the Lodges were so many, they were but one in sentiment, and in ambition to do their best. It gave the Northern counties men great satisfaction to find a home in the Metropolis, and he could not but think that this Lodge would meet a want long felt outside the metropolitan area. To Northern counties men, like himself, it was very gratifying to note the kind and friendly sympathy they had met with in the establishment of their Lodge. The members would do their best to maintain its integrity, and he believed that in time to come it would be an ornament to London. They would probably meet

in its assemblies a number of Northern counties brethren who had long wanted a central place of meeting. The Lodge wished to work with the utmost good feeling with the metropolitan Lodges, and their great aim and object was good fellowship and brotherhood. This Lodge would be a means of drawing the Northern brethren more closely together, of taking them to see how Grand Lodge business was transacted at the centre of the Masonic system. He concluded by hoping the Lodge would be one of the finest and best in Freemasonry. Bro. Letchworth replied to the toast. He was the present Master of the oldest Lodge in the Craft, the Lodge of Antiquity. Among its associations none would be more agreeable than the recollection that as Master of that Lodge, and as one of its Wardens, he had been instrumental in recommending the United Northern Counties Lodge for a warrant. He, however, was not responding for the Lodge of Antiquity, but to a more comprehensive toast. When he looked round he saw distinguished members of distinguished Lodges; the Grand Stewards' Lodge, the Alpha, the Prince of Wales, the Tuscan, &c. Among the Provincial brethren were popular representatives of Lodges in the north of England. On behalf of both sections he was justified in expressing the most earnest hope that the United Northern Counties Lodge might have a future of unclouded prosperity, and that brotherly love and affection might ever distinguish its members as men and as Masons. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., who during the evening had been engaged in another part of the establishment, now dropped in to spend "a few minutes," and he was requested to make a few observations. He owed the brethren many apologies for not being present at their consecration. He was sure the United Northern Counties Lodge had a career of usefulness before it. He was sure also that it supplied what was wanting, and he trusted it would more than fulfil the wishes of those who had founded it. He knew that whatever the brethren from the North put their hands to they were not apt to turn back upon. There was a good honest purpose and a set resolution about them which inspired success, and ensured it. If that resolution was continued, and the brethren made a strong, hearty pull together, he felt they would make their Lodge a success, and an example to the other Lodges in London. The co-operation of the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire was a rallying point round which the brethren of the Province would gather. Bro. Tew was very popular in his own Province, and when he came to London the brethren would follow his banner. It was the same with the other Northern Provinces. Although it was a Northern invasion, the brethren of London were only too glad to hold out to them the hand of fellowship, as they felt that the more such victories on the great field of Masonry the better for the common cause they all had at heart. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in replying for the Consecrating Officers, said it had given him great pleasure to consecrate the Lodge. He was always pleased to see Masonry progress, and more especially to assist in the formation of such worthy Lodges as this promised to be. Bro. Woodall Grand Treasurer proposed the Visiting Brethren. On the other side of the Atlantic, and also in Germany, he had met with the greatest kindness and sympathy; this had made a deep impression on his mind. After a response by Bro. Robert Berridge, Bro. Smithson proposed the Masonic Charities. As an earnest worker for West Yorkshire, he wished to show what had been done by the Charities. The Girls' School had something like 231 girls in it, at a cost of £9000 a year. That Institution for many years had, and still received, great support. It had had a large extra cost entailed upon it by the establishment of a Preparatory School, and lately had purchased some extra ground; this its supporters in the north considered a most judicious investment. The Boys' School had in it 220 boys, at a cost of £10,000 a year. This rebounded very much to the credit of the Masons to whom they appealed annually for support, considering there was so little funded capital at their disposal. Bearing in mind the energy of Bro. Binckes in founding a Preparatory School, and the warm-heartedness of the Craft in supporting it, to the extent of £20,000, he thought the youngest Lodge in the country should put its shoulder to the wheel to assist this Institution. As to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, poor people got from it a splendid annuity, and at the present time there were 375 of them on the books, at a cost of £11,500 a year. He was glad to find that Bro. Tew was going to be the Lodge's Steward at the next Festival of this Institution; he could assure him he should have hearty support from him on that occasion. Bro. Jas. Terry in response said it was not the first time he had had to thank the Yorkshire brethren for assistance. West Yorkshiremen were always to the front in sending Stewards. He had no doubt that when the Festivals came round for the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, the Lodge would be well represented. Bro. F. Binckes also replied; he said each of the Institutions had special grounds on which to appeal. The Boys' School was finishing a work forced upon it by the Craft, at a cost of about £20,000. £3500 of that sum was not originally contemplated, and at the end of the year he feared they would still be some £3000 to £5000 short. All the Institutions had peculiar claims. The Girls' School had had to buy a piece of land. The Grand Chaplain had remarked that while Masons were agreed upon essentials, they were allowed to differ as to details, and he was perfectly certain that while some might fancy that these appeals to the brethren for the support of the Institutions ought to be made more carefully, there was not a Mason who had not the interests of all the Charities at heart, and who would not grieve very deeply and sincerely if these Charities lacked the support they needed. It would be a bad day for Freemasonry when these appeals were not made. He was sure that in this Lodge, formed as it was by brethren who had been in the past distinguished for the support of their Institutions, an appeal by the Secretaries of the Institutions was not out of place; if so they would not have been invited to attend. There was not one of the Secretaries that had not in times gone by had to express his thanks to the Northern brethren for their support, and they must now thank those brethren for founding a home in London, which would bring them in closer connection and contact with the glorious Masonic Institutions. An interpolated toast, the Masonic Press, gracefully proposed by the

Grand Treasurer, was responded to by Bros. Massey and W. W. Morgan. For the Officers, Brother Masters replied; he hoped the Visiting brethren would come to the Lodge to see its working. No matter how they criticised, the Lodge would be glad to see them. He could promise them the Officers would do the work according to the best ritual. The W.M. was an excellent worker, and the Officers would emulate his example. They were all indebted to Brother Cumberland for the great trouble he had taken in the formation of the Lodge. Each one thanked the W.M. for what he had done.

A carefully selected programme of music was admirably carried out, the singers being Bro. E. W. Collins, A. Weston, T. Tremere, and C. W. Pearce, Mus. Doc. Brother E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist, was the Musical Director of the evening.

The following is a list of the Founders:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W. Smithson, William Masters, Fitzherbert Wright, J. S. Cooke, W. H. Bullock, H. J. Almond, J. L. Potts, J. Clayton, H. J. Smith, C. S. Kipling, E. Land, J. D. Woodall, T. W. Tew, Samuel Lamb. Amongst those who attended as Visitors were:—Bros. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, A. Barfield P.M. 35, &c., J. Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, A. J. Browning P.M. 33, W. Soden 1287, H. Lovegrove W.M. 1507, &c., John Green 1962, H. J. Gibbs W.M. 1984, Capt. Philips P.G.D., V. S. Vickers P.M. 199, W. Mitchell 1565, A. McDowell P.M. 1902, N. Green P.M. 1962, A. Weston W.M. 1929, J. B. Burnard P.M. 1662, H. Hughes 869, C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, R. Berridge P.G. Steward, G. Ratcliffe P.M. 841, &c., J. Halden Secretary 1009, W. P. Catterson P.M. 189, &c., S. P. Catterson P.M. 548, C. W. Pearce 969, C. O. Tizart P.G.S., H. Massey P.M. 1928, &c., J. C. Duckworth J.W. 1928, E. W. Collins 25, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, T. Tremere P.M. 93, H. Baldwin W.M. 1949.

#### WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1883.

THE installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge, Bro. Dr. Pottle, took place on Tuesday, 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, in the presence of a very full Lodge and many Provincial Grand Officers and Visitors. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. F. H. King I.P.M., and the following Officers were invested:—G. Ward S.W., G. Harrison J.W., W. H. Jacob P.M. 76 P.P.G. Steward Treasurer, J. Greig Secretary, F. Bascombe S.D., W. Bellinger J.D., T. Bailey and S. Frampton Dirs. of Cers., E. Chalkley Organist, H. Sealley I.G., Klusman and Crease Stewards, W. Sims Tyler. The Worshipful Master afterwards presented Bro. King with a P.M.'s jewel. After the Lodge had been closed nearly fifty brethren partook of a banquet, served in first-class style by Bro. Clowser.

**Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, 10th inst., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Present—Bros. Pringle W.M., Saint S.W., Gildersleeve J.W., Pearey P.M. Treasurer, Hurley Secretary, Moss S.D., Nunn J.D., Rutter I.G., Richardson Preceptor; Bros. Brewers, Smith. After preliminaries, Bro. Brewers answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the first, second and third sections of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed. The Masonic Association lately held in connection with the above Lodge of Instruction having expired, after a most successful run, another will shortly be started. Any brethren wishing to join should communicate with the Secretary, Bro. Harley.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No 1693.**—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 14th instant. Bros. Western W.M., Kirk S.W., Garner J.W., Turner S.D., Keogh I.G., Collingridge Secretary, Tr-winnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Collingridge answered the usual questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. The ceremony was afterwards rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the three degrees in due form, and adjourned till 4th January 1886, Bro. Kirk having previously been elected W.M. for the first Monday in January.

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

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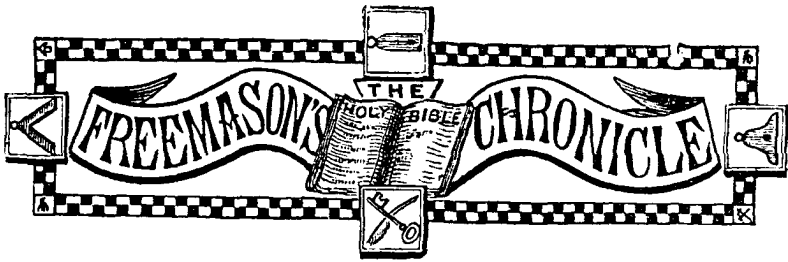
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### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held on Thursday afternoon, 10th inst., and attracted one of the largest Masonic gatherings ever held in the town of Derby. The whole of the twenty Lodges in the Province were represented, some of them very numerous, and the appearance presented by the spacious and recently re-decorated hall, when the brethren had been duly marshalled and the dignitaries of the Provincial Grand Lodge had taken their appointed stations, was remarkably imposing. To the great disappointment of all concerned, the Provincial Grand Master (the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.), was unable to be present, but happily the genial and accomplished Deputy P.G.M. (R.W. Bro. Haughton Charles Okeover P.G.W. Eng.) was in attendance, and directed the day's proceedings with his wonted judgment. The chair of the Deputy P.G.M. was occupied by Bro. Thomas Cox P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Treasurer, and the other Provincial Grand Officers present were:—Bros. William Walters P.S.G. Warden, Charles Maltby P.J.G. Warden, Edwin Bellfield P.G. Registrar, W. Naylor P.G. Secretary, J. Crossley P.G.S. Deacon, Joseph Bland P.G.J. Deacon, Percy Wallis Prov. G.D. of C., F. Bennett Prov. G.A.D. of C., J. H. Richardson P.G. Assistant Secretary, Thomas Parker P.G. Pursuivant, J. Hawthorn P.G. Std. B., Gadsby Prov. G.O., and James Wright, J. Monck, G. Higginbottom, and Raymond Slater P.G. Stewards.

The Right Worshipful D.P.G. Master entered the hall soon after three o'clock, and was supported by the following brethren, in addition to the P.G. Officers already mentioned:—Bros. W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W., F. Champion P.P.S.G.W., John Smith P.S.G.W., J. B. Conlson P.P.S.G.W., J. Chadwick P.G. Secretary (East Lancashire), Thomas Hall P.P.J.G.W., W. Whittaker P.P.G. Registrar, J. Allen P.P.S.G.D., J. Brown P.P.J.G.D., J. E. Russell P.P.J.G.D., J. Howell P.P.S. of Works, S. Steele P.P.G.P., J. Worsnop P.P.G.P., R. A. Greenhough P.M., V. J. Greenhough P.M., Joseph Pym P.M., F. Bennett P.M., C. Webster P.M., R. Carlin P.M., T. E. Yeomans P.M., W. H. Humphreys P.M., H. Cupit P.M., W. Barnes P.M., Fred. J. Robinson P.M., J. Whitehead P.M., Alfred Wood P.M., Isaac Hyde P.M., H. Arnold Bemrose W.M. 253, R. Roberts W.M. 353, W. Dust W.M. 681, J. Copestick W.M. 731, the Rev. E. A. Hillyard W.M. 787, A. J. Waller W.M. 802, J. H. Cooke W.M. 850, W. F. Mill W.M. 1235, J. B. Boycott W.M. 1952, Wilkinson W.M. 1235, T. Roberts W.M. 1028, J. H. Orms W.M. 1688, and many other Officers. The reports presented by the Masters of the various Lodges were uniformly gratifying. They testified not merely to a prevailing spirit of harmony and goodwill, but to increased numerical strength and corresponding financial prosperity. The report of the Masonic Hall Committee, presented by Bro. John Smith P.P.S.G.W., was also satisfactory, making reference to the extinction of the hall debt, and the re-decoration and re-furnishing of the building. The report of the Charity Trustees, as submitted by the chairman of that body, Bro. G. T. Wright P.P.J.G.W., was of an exceptionally interesting character. It showed that the distinguishing virtue of the Craft has, during the past year, been most cordially espoused by all the Lodges in the Province, and that exceedingly large sums of money have been contributed to the various Charities of the Order. Especial allusion was made to the magnificent aggregate sum (over £1,500) sent up to the Festival of the Boys' School, at which Lord Hartington presided. Bro. Wright added, amidst cheers, that all this generosity on the part of the brethren had greatly strengthened the hands of the Local Charity Committee, who had been enabled to carry the election of their nominees, and who had a voting power at their disposal second to none of any other Province. Bro. Thomas Cox having been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. T. Wright's re-election as chairman of the Charity Committee having been very heartily agreed to, the Right Worshipful P.G. Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers in the following order:—

Bro. G. T. Wright 731	...	...	Senior Warden
W. L. Ball 802	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. C. E. Bagshawe 1688	...	...	} Chaplains
Rev. H. Price 253	...	...	
Thomas Cox 253 (re-elected)	...	...	Treasurer
W. T. Jones 631	...	...	Registrar
W. Naylor (re-appointed) 1035	...	...	Secretary
Sam. Robinson 620	...	...	Senior Deacon
C. D. Hart 1035	...	...	Junior Deacon
A. H. Smith 505	...	...	Superintendent of Works
Percy Wallis 850 (re-appointed)	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
J. Clexton 787	...	...	Assist. Director of Cer.
John Clark 1324	...	...	Sword Bearer
W. Barnes 850	...	...	} Standard Bearers
J. W. Wyatt 654	...	...	
C. Armstrong 631	...	...	Organist
W. Silver Hall 253	...	...	Assistant Secretary
Vernon J. Greenhough 1425	...	...	Pursuivant
H. George	...	...	Assistant Pursuivant
William Stone	...	...	Tyler
W. Dust 631	...	William Forman 731	} Stewards
T. Shipton 631	...	Luther Russell 1085	
James Melrose 731	...	Baxter W. Pike 1085	

It may be added that the appointment of Bro. G. T. Wright to the Senior Grand Warden's chair was hailed by the cordial approbation of the brethren, by whom his ardent and disinterested labours in the interests of the Craft Charities have long been cordially appreciated. The P.G. Master also took occasion, whilst investing Bro. Wright, to bear testimony to his long and untiring labours, remarking that he knew of no Mason who had more unselfishly and more indefatigably promoted the well-being of his distressed brethren and their families. The routine business of the Lodge having been brought to a close, the Right Worshipful P.G. Master delivered a short address, in the course of which he referred to the recent Centenary Festival of the Tyrian Lodge—a festival which, he remarked, was singularly interesting and well carried out, under the mastership of their old and well tried friend, Brother Thomas Cox. The cause of charity, the P.G. Master observed, had been exceedingly well looked after during the year; in fact, the tone which pervaded the whole of the reports presented him clearly showed that their Order was not only being actively carried on in Derbyshire, but that the brethren were mindful of its highest and noblest principles. He congratulated them all upon the results of their labours, and he would in particular, if they would allow him, congratulate their good brother Percy Wallis upon the splendid sums he had, not only on this occasion, but from time to time, been able by his zeal and fidelity to secure for their noble Masonic Institutions. Brother Wallis did his work with such thoroughness that when he sought for subscriptions he was bound to get them, and they all honoured him for his devotion to a good cause. He regretted that his next duty was of a less pleasant character. He could not allow that occasion to pass over without saying how deep was his sense of loss at the decease of their Bro. Thomas Horsley P.P.S.G.W., whose death had quickly followed that of his son, Bro. T. Horsley jun. Bro. Horsley was initiated into Freemasonry in the Beaureper Lodge in 1862, and ever since that time he had been a true and loyal brother amongst them, winning the approbation of all, and the animosity of none. After the transaction of some further business of a formal character, the P.G. Lodge was closed with the usual ceremonies. Subsequently a large number of the brethren dined together in the Lower Hall, and spent a pleasant and harmonious evening.

### MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE IN SURREY.

A MASONIC Conversazione was held at the Assembly Rooms, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, the 10th inst., and a very enjoyable evening was spent. On the arrival of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, he was saluted in form, "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung, and then the following programme of music, &c., was gone through:—

PART I.—Duett (Pianoforte), Tarantelle in G Minor, N. Rubinstein—Miss Florence Kuster and Bro. F. Cambridge; Song, "Tell her I love her so," De Faye—Bro. Arthur Wilnot; Song, "On the Banks of Allan Water"—Miss Clara Wollaston; Recital—Bro. Odell; Glee, "Discord dire, Sister," Bro. S. Webb—Bros. W. A. Frost, C. Beckett, R. Raynham, and R. De Lacy; Song, "The Distant Shore," Sir Arthur Sullivan—Miss Madeleine Halford, R.A.M.; Solo Pianoforte (a) Frühlingslied, Henselt, (b) Etude de Concert, C. T. Spear—Bro. W. S. Hoyte; Song, "The Skipper," Jade—Bro. R. De Lacy; Song, "True till death," Gatti—Miss Lizzie Mulholland; Part Song, "When Evening's Twilight," Bro. J. L. Hatton—Bros. Frost, Beckett, Raynham and De Lacy; Song, "Love is a Star," Bro. W. A. Frost—Bro. R. Raynham; Conjuring—Bro. Charles Bertram.

PART II.—Solo Violin, Fenille d'Album in F, Vieuxtemps—Bro. Gustave Kuster; Song, "Best of all," F. Moir—Bro. J. B. Shakespeare; Recital—Bro. Odell; Song, "The Kissing Bridge," Bro. M. Watson—Miss Clara Wollaston; Solo Pianoforte, (a) Impromptu in F, Chopin, (b) Study in F Minor, Mendelssohn—Miss Florence Kuster; Song, "At Eventide" (Falka), Plauquette—Miss Madeleine Halford, R.A.M.; Conjuring—Bro. Bertram; Glee, "Hail, Smiling Morn," Bro. Spofforth—Bros. Frost, Beckett, Raynham and De Lacy; Song, "When the bloom is on the Rye," Bro. Sir Henry Bishop—Bro. A. Wilnot; Song, "She whom I love so well," Pilati—Bro. C. Beckett; Song, "Vanity," Hall—Bro. De Lacy; Part Song, "Take thy Banner," Bro. J. Coward, P.G.O.—Bros. Frost, Beckett, Raynham, Cambridge and De Lacy.

It seems invidious to select any of the artistes for praise when all did well; moreover, most of the names are so well known to our readers that comment is superfluous; still we cannot omit special reference to one or two who have not been so frequently before us. Miss Clara Wollaston was particularly good in her two songs; she cleverly exercised her fine voice in the two pieces set down for her. Bro. Charles Bertram was very clever with his conjuring, but we think he laboured under a disadvantage very frequent with those who use cards, he happened to get hold of a pack that "would not slip." Although this detracted somewhat from the ease with which Bro. Bertram habitually goes through his exhibition, it was clearly shown he is a thorough master of his art. Amongst those present were General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey and Mrs. Brownrigg; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar; George Price, Treasurer Surrey, P.M. and P.Z. 463, Mrs. Price and Miss Newsom; F. West (Chairman) P.M. and Treasurer 1382 W.M. 4 P.Z. 463 1328 P.G. Steward England P.P.G.R. P.G.N. Surrey, Miss West, Miss H. M. West, Miss J. West, and Mrs. Ingham Cooke; C. Greenwood Provincial Grand Secretary, P.G.S.B. England, and Miss Greenwood; E. Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, No. 4; John G. Horsey Worshipful Master 186, P.M. 186 1619 and 1892, P.Z. 186 P.P.G.D.C., and Mrs. Horsey; C. H. Woodward (Secretary) P.P.G.W. P.P.G.N. Surrey P.M. and P.Z. 463, Mrs. Woodward, and Mrs. R. Cottes; J. D. Langton (Treasurer) No. 1, P.M. 1763, W.M. 2096, and Miss Wollaston; H. M. Hobbs 2096, Miss Halford, Misses Aston, Misses Heath, Miss Hobbs; Henry Baber 1790, Mrs. H. Baber, and Miss H. Baber; W. J. Mitchell 463 and Mrs. Mitchell; W. H. Ransom

1790 and Misses Catterson; J. Kilverton 1790, Mrs. Kilverton, and Miss Kilverton; G. S. Horsnail 1790, Mrs. Horsnail, and Mrs. Clarke; B. Green 87 and Mrs. Green; F. Carter 1892 and Mrs. Carter; A. Verdon 1892 and Mrs. Verdon; C. White 1790 and Mrs. White; T. Griffiths 463 and Miss Nicholls; J. Edwardes 1892 and Mrs. Edwardes; J. Waterman 452 and Mrs. Carence; T. Eblendt 463 and Mrs. Eblendt; W. G. Bachelor 452 and 548 and Miss Audley; T. Pascall 720 and 1790, Mrs. and Miss Pascall, and Mrs. Tarry; W. C. Slater 801 and Mrs. Slater; H. Senery 1815 and Mrs. Senery; W. Pile 1892, Mrs. and Miss Pile; S. Oxenham 2096, Mrs. and Miss Oxenham; E. C. Holdsworth 2096 and Mrs. Holdsworth; J. S. Fraser 2096, Mrs. and Miss Hutchbury; J. R. Hubbard 463 and Mrs. Hubbard; W. B. Newby 463 and Mrs. Anbary; G. Yaxley 463 and Mrs. Yaxley; J. W. Baldwin W.M. 1892, Mrs. and Miss Baldwin; J. H. Owens 1347 and Mrs. Owens; W. D. Merritt 1000, Mrs. and Miss Merritt, and Miss Whiffin; F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, Mrs. Cambridge, and Miss Cooper; H. G. Thompson 1556 and Mrs. Thompson; J. Hooke 463, Mrs. and Miss F. Hooke; T. L. Lecke 1347 and Miss Barnes; J. Rhodes 463 and Mrs. Rhodes; J. Streeter 463, Mrs. and Miss Streeter, Mrs. Hnanse, and Miss Rise; B. H. Ridge 463 and Miss Holloway; G. N. Man (Alliance) and Mrs. Man; G. E. Knster (Urban), Misses A. Kuster, F. Kuster, and C. Kuster; J. S. Curtis (Penge) and Mrs. Curtis; A. J. Norris (Fitzroy) and Mrs. Norris; C. J. L. Gillemand 463, Mrs. Gillemand, and Miss Fabian; S. J. Cuthbert 1815 and Miss Cuthbert; W. S. Lee 1987 and Mrs. Lee; M. L. Levey 2096 and Mrs. Levey; W. E. Greenfield 34 and Mrs. Greenfield; A. Wilmont 1790 and Mrs. Wilmont; B. Shakespeare 1790 and Mrs. Shakespeare; W. G. Fenn 538 and Mrs. Fenn; H. W. Down 1912 and Miss Down; John Bennett 1415 and Mrs. Bennett; M. G. Bohrer 1627 and Mrs. Bohrer; F. J. Ridpath 2096 and 1790; C. Beckett 1319, R. R. Weed 1706, W. A. Frost 2000, W. A. Foulsham 24 406 1790, W. H. Gates 463, R. De Lacy 1706, W. R. Griffins 1790, J. W. Moorman 1638, W. H. Mason 1981, A. A. Barnes 1351, E. F. Wood 1000, F. Worman 1000, H. E. Frances 452, S. P. Catterson 548 and 1981, H. Steele 452, H. W. Turner 1347, H. Saxelby 463, H. H. Greenwood 1982, J. L. Thoms P.G.W. Middlesex, W. H. Lee, S. Patterson, C. Holden 2096, W. G. Oates 2096, W. H. M. Smith 473, A. Smith 538, B. B. Jesse 1556, C. Field (Liberty of Havering), C. Tarry 1791, H. Massey 619 and 1928, &c.

#### R.M.I.B.—MEETING OF "OLD BOYS."

THE presentation of a testimonial to Mrs. Lees (née Miss Hall), who is well known to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to others who have taken an interest in the School, as the former Matron of that Institution, formed the occasion for a meeting of old scholars at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, which it is hoped will inaugurate an annual gathering of some of those who spent their earliest days in the building at Wood Green. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles M. Uwins, who was supported by Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the School, the Misses Binckes, and, in the place of honour, the guest of the evening, Mrs. Lees, who was accompanied by her husband. Among the "Old Boys" present were Messrs. Barnard, Barrett, Hopkins, Price, Pulman, Roberts, Wain, Whiteby and Williams. The testimonial presented to Mrs. Lees consisted of an album, a tea and coffee service, and an afternoon tea papier mâché tray, which gifts were handed to her in due course, with the best wishes of the donors for her future happiness. The presentation was acknowledged by Mr. Lees in appropriate terms. In the course of the evening the Chairman threw out a suggestion, which was most cordially received by those present, that a club should be formed consisting entirely of former pupils, who would thus have the opportunity of continuing or renewing the friendships of their school days.

We hardly think it is necessary for us to say how heartily we coincide with this proposal; on more than one occasion we have pointed out the desirability of some union existing among the lads on leaving the School, not only for their own welfare, but in the hope that by united action they might be able to do something to show their appreciation of what has been done for them in their days of adversity. It should be no difficult task for the pupils of each to do something, and many trifles might prove sufficient to afford an education, similar to what they have received, to at least one lad in the same straits as they were when the Masonic Order took charge of them. We shall be very pleased to lend our services to advance the project, and hope that the meeting of "Old Boys" just held may be but the first of a long series of annual gatherings.

The first Annual Ball of the Chiswick Lodge, 2012, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 29th January next, when, under the direction of an efficient board of Stewards, a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated. We are convinced that Bro. Brill, the proprietor of the Star and Garter, will do his share towards deserving success, and with the resources at his command that will go far towards securing this desirable result. The price of a double ticket (to admit lady and gentleman, or two ladies) is £1 1s; of single tickets, for gentlemen 12s 6d; and for ladies 10s 6d. These will include light refreshments during the evening and supper during the interval. They may be obtained from the Stewards, Treasurer and Secretary of the Ball. In order to promote comfort the number of tickets is strictly limited, and early application for same is requested.

#### THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Novelty.**—A fresh version of Captain Marryatt's novel "Vanderdecken" has been brought before the public; unluckily, we fear, to share the fate of the previous ones. Mr. Whyte Edgar, the author of the new burlesque, has chosen the title of "Vanderdecken; or, the Flying Anglo-Dutchman's Phantom Penny Steamer," but has entirely missed his opportunity, and has produced a piece not worthy to exercise the talented artistes that have been engaged for it. Vanderdecken, in the present burlesque, under a spell, is doomed to sail the seas in his phantom ship for ever, he having, a thousand years since, spoken to the man at the wheel while on a privateering expedition. However, he is allowed, with his crew, to come ashore once in every hundred years, and if, while on one of these excursions, he can induce a young lady to propose to him, the spell will be broken and he will be free. The burlesque shows how Vanderdecken's efforts to get a young lady he has fallen in love with to propose to him are eventually successful. The dialogue is very poor, and after the first act all engaged in the piece seem to get mixed up. Such burlesque artistes as Miss Alice Atherton, and Messrs. Lionel Brough and Willie Edouin are sure to create fun, although supplied with bad material; nevertheless, it is a pity they should be engaged in such arduous work. Miss Alice Atherton, as usual, was untiring in her efforts; her rendering of "The Legend of Vanderdecken," and imitations of a music hall singer were exceptionally good. Willie Edouin works hard as an old fishwife; his cleverly executed dance in the second act being deservedly encored. Mr. Lionel Brough, in the first act was exceptionally good, and his song, "They don't understand me a bit," seemed to "fetch" the audience. When, however, he has to robe himself in a kind of pantaloons dress, and hide in a box, he seems sadly out of his element. The part of Estelle has been entrusted to Miss Helen Hastings, and if her voice was a little stronger she would score well. Miss Harriet Vernon sings and acts with plenty of dash, as Tom Spinnaker; while Mr. Harry Courtaine (Schnapps) gets as much fun as possible from the part of a Dutch gambling house keeper. The minor parts were cast as follow:—Joliboy (Mr. Eardley Turner), Dynamite (Mr. A. Corney), Polly Van Haddox (Miss Constance Moxon), Idle Bill (Miss Kate Bellingham). Herr Meyer Lutz has supplied some tuneful music, the choruses being in most cases particularly good.

**Criterion.**—The 250th performance of "The Candidate" was the night selected for the production of a comic drama, entitled "Cupid in Camp." This is not altogether a new piece, it having been originally brought out in 1882. The story deals with a couple of love affairs, in which two officers of King William the Third's army are engaged. The scene is laid at Dover, where Helen Wentworth, the beloved of Major Murray, is sojourning at an inn, having just escaped from a French convent. This lady attires herself in men's clothes, with the view of not being identified. She, however, is recognised by the Major's friend, Captain Saville, who himself is threatened with arrest. This gentleman persuades Helen to exchange her dress for his, which forthwith she does. Both, however, are imprisoned in the house of the commandant of the port, whose niece turns out to be the object of Captain Saville's adoration. How the commandant and Colonel Lindsay both fall in love with the Captain, who is now dressed as a woman, and how the commandant's niece finds the young gentleman proclaiming himself as Captain Saville is not so ardent a lover as she could desire; how, in due course the real Captain makes himself known to her, and the arrival of Major Murray furnishes Helen with the opportunity of resuming her own attire; and further, how Captain Saville plans an elopement with the niece for the same evening, is clearly shown in the piece. Mr. Lytton Sothorn, who reassumes the part of Captain Saville, plays with spirit, while Mr. Gregory is excellent as the Major. Miss Rose Saker acts with grace as Helen Wentworth, and Miss E. Moore is forcible as the niece. "Cupid in Camp" was greatly appreciated the first night, and will doubtless prove a good introductory piece to "The Candidate," which still continues to attract crowded audiences to this theatre.

**Standard.**—Mrs. Weldon made her appearance at this theatre on Monday evening, in the new lunacy drama, "Not Alone." When first brought out at the Grand, at Islington, this piece was pronounced very weak. The first three acts went particularly slow, and it was not until Mrs. Weldon, in the fourth act, secured the opportunity of exercising her vocal abilities, that an audience could find anything to appreciate. Mrs. Weldon, as a matter of course, again sustains the part of Hester Stanhope, but this character require more dramatic power than this lady possesses. The husband, Raymond Stanhope (played now by Mr. H. M. Clifford), although seemingly a cool and collected villain, fails to "fetch" the audience. Miss Helenor Kemp, as Rachel Livierge, plays with vigour and dash, but her manner of singing her words spoils her delineation. Praise must be deservedly given to Mr. H. Fenwick (Major Meadows), and to Miss Adelaide Bowering (Angela Pyefinch), who both give careful rendering of the parts allotted them.

**Alhambra.**—The Christmas programme is announced for Monday next, the 21st inst., on which occasion a new grand military spectacular ballet will be produced, entitled "Le Bivouac," the invention of M. Hansen, with music composed and selected by M. Jacobi. The corps de ballet and auxiliaries will number upwards of 200. In addition to the popular ballet of "Nina," in which Madlle. Palladino and Miss Lillie Lee continue to appear, the programme will comprise the following Variety artistes, viz.: the brothers Griffiths and Blondin Donkey, Ida Morris, Marie Le Blanc, Sisters Dagmar, James Fawc, Arthur Lloyd, T. H. Russell, the Frediani Troupe, the two

Macs, and the celebrated Stebbing's troupe of acrobats. A morning performance of the Christmas programme, including the ballets of "Nina" and "Le Bivouac," will be given on Boxing Day.

**Gaiety.**—Under the management of Messrs. Nazir and Hollingshead, a company of Parsees are announced to make their appearance here this evening (Saturday), in selections from "Solomon's Sword," "Sakuntala," "Lady of Lyons," "Katharina and Petruchio," "The Indian Fair," &c. The company consists of 60 performers. After to-night they will appear during the week at the Opera Comique, which has been taken specially for the occasion, the Gaiety stage being wanted for the final rehearsals of "Jack Sheppard," which is to be produced on Boxing Night.

**Crystal Palace.**—Prominent amongst the Holiday Arrangements of the Christmas Season 1885-86 at the Crystal Palace, is the Grand Christmas Pantomime "Cinderella," written by Mr. F. C. Burnand, and produced by Mr. Augustus Harris, with the assistance of Mr. Charles Harris as Stage Manager. The production will be, it is needless to state, on the scale of magnitude demanded by the vast area occupied by the audience. The scenery will be by Messrs. Fenton, Johnson, G. Hicks, and Emden; the music by Mr. Oscar Barrett; and the ballets and other dances have been specially arranged by Mr. John D'Auban. An unusually strong company has been engaged for the leading characters, amongst whom we may name the Sisters Marie, Mesdames Emma D'Auban, Lillian Francis, Clithorpe, Stanhope, Graves, St. George, &c., &c. Messrs. F. Thorne, E. D. Lyons, H. J. Turner, F. Storey, John D'Auban, and the famous Paul Martinetti and his Pantomime Troupe, who will add new life to the Harlequinade. The Pantomime will be produced on Tuesday, the 22nd inst. For Boxing Day a long list of special attractions has been arranged, in addition to the Pantomime; chief amongst them being an Assault-at-Arms by the Military Instructors from the Aldershot Gymnasium: a Great Military Evening Concert, concluding with the British Army Quadrilles, by the band of the Scots Guards, with drums, fifes, and pipers, and supplementary band, numbering altogether more than one hundred performers; a Variety Entertainment by the Romah Trio, Wingfield's Dogs, the Modoc Athletes; Herr Grais, the Juggler, and Madame Alphonsine, in her feats on the Rolling Globe; the Razenas, in their daring Aerial Performance; and many other items. A novel feature throughout the Christmas Holidays will be a Children's Fancy Fair, to be held in the West Corridor, wherein a series of elegantly-decorated booths have been constructed, and will be occupied by stores of all kinds of fancy wares suitable for presents. Swings, roundabouts, and other such aids to juvenile enjoyment, will also form part of this new addition to the holiday entertainments. The illumination of the Palace by tens of thousands of tastefully arranged lamps, and by electric light, which has been so attractive a feature of the autumn months, will also be extended and continued nightly.

The Veteran Author of "Box and Cox"—Mr. John Maddison Morton—is about to gratify the Lovers of Private Theatricals all the world over. He has written a Series of Six new Home Plays, which will appear monthly in "London Society." The first will come out before Christmas, in the January number, and the title is: "First Come, First Served."

## THE MASONIC ELECTIONS.

THE revolving year has once more brought us to the season for the Annual Masonic elections, in the Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The two most important acts that a Freemason performs are, approving or rejecting an applicant for initiation, and voting for the officers of a Lodge or Chapter. The one act introduces or shuts out a profane, making him thereby a Freemason or a rejected applicant; and the other raises to a governing position in the Craft, with supreme power for the time being, a Brother or Companion for the full term of a Masonic year, unless death or Masonic disability should intervene. We cannot think too carefully before we deposit a vote for a Brother as an officer of a Lodge or Chapter. His qualifications should all be positive. For example: If it be indispensable that a candidate for initiation have a good moral character, it is doubly so in the case of a Master of a Lodge, or a High Priest of a Chapter. The serious words which must fall from his lips, and his solemn official acts, would not only lose all their force, but be a profane mockery, if they came from one of known lack of principle, or immorality. That point satisfied (and every Brother who is a candidate for office invites thereby searching criticism of his merit or demerit) the next question is, Has he the necessary ability for the creditable discharge of the functions of the office? Does he know the work? Can he impressively perform it? Can he govern his Lodge or Chapter with wisdom and discretion? In other words, Has he character, has he experience, has he knowledge? If he can stand these tests, vote for him. But do not hesitate to suspect that

any Brother who *electioneers for himself*, lacks the necessary qualifications for office. Lodge and Grand Lodge, Chapter and Grand Chapter, must not be reduced to the level of a political arena, where anything and everything may be resorted to for success. Profane methods are not Masonic methods. The best Brother for the office is the one to select and the best Brother never pushes himself, nor permits his friends to resort to unseemly schemes for his advancement. All Freemasons understand this, and we trust that at the elections care will be used to select absolutely the best Brethren for official position. We urge this in the interests of the Craft. No matter how exalted Freemasonry may be in its principles, if these are not exemplified in practice by its members, and especially by its officer-bearers, it cannot maintain its ancient and honourable prestige. Only good men and true should join us, and only good men and true, and men of ability as well, should rule us. But to secure this, every Brother and Companion must exercise his right and duty to select the best Mason for official preferment, ever remembering that he acts not for himself only, but for the Fraternity at large. The right to vote is a sacred trust, that none may exercise hastily, thoughtlessly, or otherwise than with a deep appreciation of the responsibility he is under to the body which conferred upon him the honour of being, as the case may be, either a Master Mason or a Royal Arch Mason.—Keystone.

## SHOULD READ.

THOUGH our Institution is old, yet new questions arise from year to year, to be discussed by the patient reviewer, and presented to the Craft for consideration. Officers of Lodges should be familiar with such questions, especially when they are divested of all extraneous matter, and no labour but reading and thought needed to reach a sound solution. But such is not the fact. Yet it is not easy to understand why so many of the officers of our constituent Lodges are not more conversant with transactions and reports of our Grand Lodge, when year by year they are furnished with three copies, which they are expected to read for their their own guidance and that of the brethren over whom they have been chosen to preside. Surely, if they carefully read them there would be little necessity for appeals to Grand Officers for information upon questions of Masonic law and usage. A perusal would cost less time and in the end prove more beneficial to the Officers, by enabling them to dispose of questions without the delay incident to correspondence. Let Officers generally read our reports, and soon they will find new interest displayed in their Lodges and confidence increased in their abilities. In our reading of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges we find abundant evidence of general prosperity, and warm zeal and devotion to the great principles of our Institution, while everywhere a lively interest is manifested to preserve its purity and integrity. But, side by side with this, there is noticeable a growing tendency, in our own as well as other jurisdictions, to break over time-honoured barriers, by means of special dispensations from Grand Masters, and to set aside long established usages for the accommodation of some one who for years has lived within hail of the Lodge room; and thus the checks and restraints which wisdom and experience placed at the gate of our mystic temple are set at naught. Oft-repeated warnings do not seem to deter Grand Masters from issuing special dispensations to confer degrees out of time, under the plea of high prerogative, though in every instance the ancient law is set aside, not for the good of the Order, but merely for individual accommodation, and the result is that in most cases those who are thus "rushed" through make poor Masons, who should never have been permitted to behold Masonic light. This practice we hope to see stopped in our own jurisdiction, and we earnestly invoke every Master Mason to join us in its condemnation.—Voice of Masonry.

Brother W. C. Smith Senior Warden 1563 has resumed duty, after his recent severe illness, as Preceptor to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C.

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, 19th DECEMBER.

- 179-Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198-Perey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1375-Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364-Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1361-Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1321-Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641-Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732-King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet, E.C.
2012-Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinnai 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, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357-Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
149-Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308-Prince George, Private Rooms, Rottoms, Eastwood
453-Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chigwell
811-Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035-Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

- 1-Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8-British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21-Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22-Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45-Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174-Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180-St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185-Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212-Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
548-Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720-Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862-Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975-Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425-Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Grosvenor Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445-Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469-Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507-Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537-St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585-Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608-Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623-West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1625-Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
1693-Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891-St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901-Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910-Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

R.A. 1319-Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

M.M. 173-Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

- 61-Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77-Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236-York, Masonic Hall, York
264-Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302-Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307-Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331-Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359-Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382-Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408-Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424-Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433-Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466-Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467-Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613-Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622-St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725-Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823-Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925-Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934-Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985-Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.

- 1030-Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037-Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141-Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170-St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199-Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208-Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449-Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502-Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1512-Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575-Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1600-Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977-Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

- R.A. 32-Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40-Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296-Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Shottfield
R.A. 345-Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482-St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 557-Valetort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 779-St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 9-Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 141-Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

- 77-Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65-Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141-Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177-Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188-J. J. J., Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
551-Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
755-Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Malpla Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
830-Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861-Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044-Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321-Erasmian, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349-Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360-Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381-Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446-Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471-Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472-Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540-Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601-Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)

- 695-New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707-Eleanor, Truro, Broad-street, Kings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
1714-Royal Saver, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949-Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Near Holborn Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
R.A. 704-Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
126-Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241-Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253-Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
373-Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
448-St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463-East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
519-St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
779-Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016-Fikington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024-St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1280-Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1609-Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675-Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799-Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
183-Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
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R.A. 823-Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168-Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262-St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canetrbury

WEDNESDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3-Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30-United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72-Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73-Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193-Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
223-United Strength, The Hope, St. John's Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
539-La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720-Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781-Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813-New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862-Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902-Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1017-Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056-Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288-Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475-Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524-Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604-Wanderers, Adam and Eyo Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662-Benchesfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681-Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instru)
1922-Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

- R.A. 12-Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177-Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 753-Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 933-Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 32-St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
125-Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
123-Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210-Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220-Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274-Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290-Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363-Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
377-Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
606-Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625-Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724-Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
759-Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
872-St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

- 1039-St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1255-Dundas, Hyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1244-Neytune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392-Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403-West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511-Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633-Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638-Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1645-Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwhite
1734-Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797-Southdown, Hartpierpoint, Sussex
1967-Beacon Court, Glazee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 275-St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 320-Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 409-Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 606-Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1356-De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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THURSDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27-Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87-Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
117-Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435-Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704-Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749-Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
751-High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879-Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901-City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158-Southern Star, Pleasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185-Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278-Burdett Counts, Swan Tavern, Bernal Green Road, E., S. (Instruction)
1306-St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339-Stackwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421-Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426-The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1553-D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1992-Sir Hugh Medley, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

- 1611-Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622-Rose, Frieling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673-Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677-Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Charkonwell, at 9 (Inst)
1711-Royal Saver, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791-Creation, Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950-Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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. 118-Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street
48-Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51-Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78-Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Midleton, Lancashire
203-Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215-Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249-Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)

- 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
- 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
- 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
- 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
- 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
- 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
- 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
- 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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- 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
- 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
- R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
- R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
- R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
- R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
- R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
- R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
- R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset

**SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER.**

- 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
- M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

**MARK MASONRY.**

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**SAYE AND SELE LODGE, No. 309.**

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 25th ult., at Belvedere, Kent, when Bro. A. H. Bateman S.W. was placed in the chair. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Kent, Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., the ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by the newly-appointed Deputy, Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, G. Mark Chaplain England, &c. The attendance was not large, Kent being in the thick of its parliamentary election, and many of the brethren being unavoidably detained elsewhere by political engagements. The retiring Master, Bro. E. B. Bright, being absent in Greece, the I.P.M., Bro. Wood, presided in his stead, and opened Lodge in due form, and after the usual routine business vacated the chair in favour of the D.P.G.M.M. Kent. After the installation the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, commencing by handing the collar of S.W. to Bro. Cummings, at the same time expressing the gratitude of the Lodge to that brother for accepting the position, notwithstanding his exalted Masonic rank outside the walls of the Saye and Sele Lodge. The other Officers were Bros. Robinson J.W., Coleman M.O., Russell S.O., Jayson J.O., Blyth S.D., Heaps J.D., Prince I.G., Creed Tyler. Bro. Wood having been re-elected as Treasurer, was also invested, as was Bro. De Pinna as Secretary. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was ready for presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Bright, but owing to his absence that interesting portion of the proceedings was necessarily deferred. After the usual votes of thanks and expression of good wishes, the Lodge was closed. At the banquet, subsequently held at the Belvedere Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Provincial Grand Master being received with especial enthusiasm, combined with sympathy for him in his present indisposition. The D.P.M.M.M., in responding to the toast of his name, gave a most interesting exposition of the rise and present prospects of Mark Masonry, predicting still further and immediate prosperity and progress, and congratulating the members of the Saye and Sele Lodge in particular on the rapid growth of the Lodge, and the merits of its various Masters, expressing his confident belief that during the year now begun the well-known energy and activity of the present Master—that had proved so beneficial to the Saye and Sele Craft Lodge—would tend to raise the position of this Mark Lodge yet higher in the Province. Other speeches followed, and one of those pleasant evenings were enjoyed for which the Saye and Sele is acquiring a well-earned reputation.

The present affords a fitting opportunity to recur to our report of the installation meeting of the Saye and Sele Craft Lodge, last July, when we noted the resolution to present to the then retiring Master an address expressive of the appreciation of the brethren of his efforts in connection with the design and execution of the Lodge premises, probably the most complete and well adapted for the purpose of any in the Province. This address was presented at the last meeting (beautifully illuminated on vellum and handsomely framed); it is in the following terms:—

To Bro. A. H. BATEMAN,  
I.P.M. Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973,  
Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent.  
27th July 1885.

On the occasion of your vacating the Master's chair, the duties of which have been during your year of office discharged with such marked efficiency, the brethren of the Saye and Sele Lodge desire to add to the customary compliment paid to a W.M. who has fulfilled the duties of his office properly their unanimous and hearty recognition of the special service you have rendered, both to this Lodge and the cause of Freemasonry in the neighbourhood. This special service consists in the leading part you have taken in the movement which has resulted in providing a suite of rooms so well adapted for

the efficient working of our beautiful Masonic rituals, and which has added so much to the comfort of the members. They desire to record their opinion that this satisfactory result has been mainly arrived at by your exertions; the suggestion, adaptation and completion of the work will over hereafter be associated with your name as Master of the Lodge.

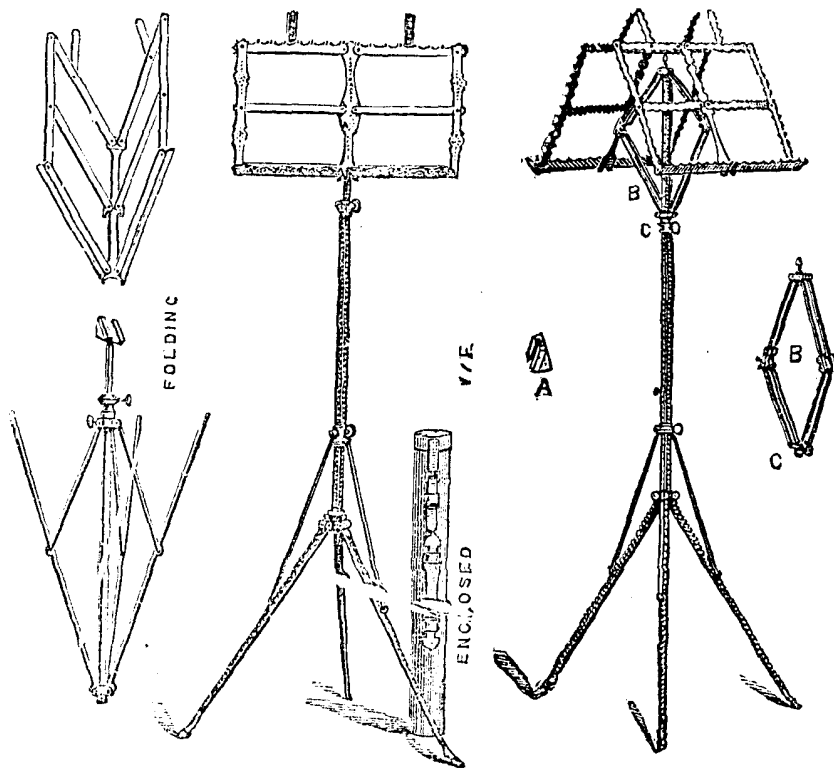
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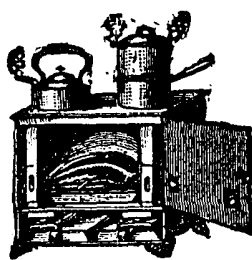
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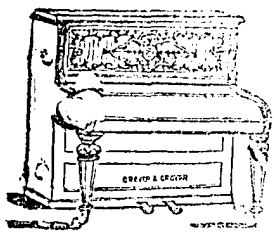
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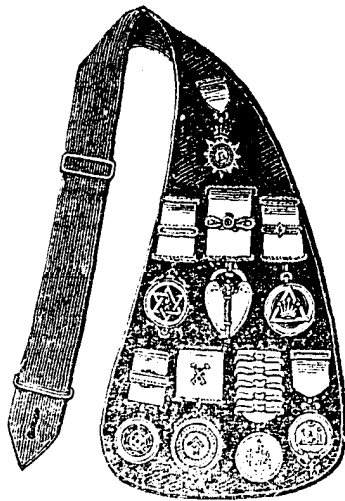
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