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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE look to the management of our Charitable Institutions very much as ordinary politicians do to the Lord Mayor's banquet for something in the shape of inspired utterances respecting the present position and the future prospects of those glorious organisations in which all Freemasons take so deep an interest; and at the opening of the year it was only natural that Bro. Terry, as the representative of that Institution whose Festival comes earliest on the rôta, should take advantage of the New Year's Entertainment to the Old People at Croydon to speak in plain and certain language how that Charity really stands. It is now well known that at the Festival to be held next month in aid of the Benevolent Institution, the Marquis of Hertford has consented to preside, and the influence of that worthy Brother may have some effect in arousing the interest of the Craft in this active Charity of our Order. But the fact stares us boldly in the face that up to the present moment there is a strange falling-off in the number of Stewards representing Lodges, both in London and the Provinces, compared with some previous years; and unless some extraordinary effort is put forth by the brethren collectively during the few weeks that have to expire between now and the date of the Festival—24th February—the usefulness of this grand Institution must be seriously curtailed. This, we venture to opine, would be a source of unmitigated grief to all who watch the beneficent work which the Charities are called upon to perform; but when, with such a gloomy prospect in view, we note also that there are no fewer than one hundred and thirty deserving applicants for the benefits of the Charity, and so few vacancies at the disposal of the executive, the case assumes a very serious aspect indeed. It would be superfluous to remind the brethren of the deep and earnest solicitude which Bro. Terry feels for the Institution with which he has been for so many years intimately associated, and which owes so much of its success and usefulness to his exertions. And at this juncture of affairs, when so much depends upon the turn that matters must take within the next few weeks, we deem the indefatigable Secretary's ideas on the subject of such vast importance as to deserve the most prominent place that we can give them in our columns. No more fitting an occasion could have been chosen by Bro. Terry for issuing what we must all regard as a Manifesto to the Craft, than at the "Old Christmas day" festivities within the walls of the Institution itself, a report of which will be found on another page. In responding to the toast of the evening, Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Terry pointed out that the esteemed President of the day, Bro. C.J. Perceval—who was most sincerely congratulated upon his recovery from a serious illness—had called attention to the fact, which was patent to the reading portion of the Masonic world, that large amounts had been received during the past year on behalf of the Institutions, and once again the Benevolent Institution stood at the head of the list. That during the past 7 or 8 years had not been an unusual thing; it had only once during that period been surpassed, and that was in the year 1883, when an extraordinary effort was put forth on behalf of the Boys' Preparatory School, at Wood Green. Still they wanted money, perhaps more than either of the educational Institutions, for this simple

reason—they knew at once when they took a child into either of the Schools exactly what would be the cost of maintenance of that child upon the funds; but when an annuitant was elected upon the funds of this Institution, it was impossible for the committee to say what charge they were undertaking, or what expense incurring. The annuitant might live only three months, but in some instances they had lived 30 years, enjoying those benefits and advantages; and so, with the large number of candidates coming before them, nearly 130, with a larger list to present to the committee next week than they had had for years, it was sad for them to know they had not a sufficient number of vacancies with which to cope with so large an amount of distress. And, although £21,000 might appear a great sum realised in one year by the Benevolent Institution, compared with £16,000 each for the Boys' and Girls', yet actually they were worse off during the past year, inasmuch as the increase in their subscriptions and donations was only £1,400, whilst the Girls' Institution had an increase of £1,800, and the Boys' the very large increase of £2,500 on the year. Therefore, he ventured to say, that although it did appear at the first blush that the Benevolent Institution was the most successful, yet, taking facts and figures, it was the least successful of the three. Looking forward to the Festival of 1886, he could only express a sense of deep regret that they were not more forward than they were at the present time. They had between sixty and seventy Stewards less than last year; they had a chairman without a Province at his back, whereas the Province of Gloucestershire came up last year to support the President (Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, M.P.) bringing up £1100. So, unless their good friends were working, as he was sure they would work, more energetically if possible than others had done, the Institution would sustain a loss of some £4000 or £5000, and that with an increased list of candidates. He knew the Craft had only to be made aware of these facts, between now and next month's Festival, and there was ample time for a large acquisition to the number of Stewards and promised subscriptions on the lists of those Stewards. It was, of course, always a source of anxiety as to what the result of the Festival would turn out to be; and he looked forward with some amount of regret in anticipation that it would be nothing like the announcement made in 1885. When they came to consider what an additional source of expenditure was placed upon this list by electing 23 widows and three men, at a cost of nearly £800 a year—an amount which in the first history of this Institution was thought more than they could afford to pay—but which was now placed on the list as an extra charge per year—he was sure all the well-wishers of this Institution would use their utmost exertions to raise as large an amount as possible in the coming month. He thanked them for the honour and privilege of being present to give them these facts and figures, and he hoped that by their dissemination amongst the thinking and reading portion of the Craft, they might produce such a result as should falsify his words that night, and prove to the Committee, when they met in February, that he had been a false prophet. Still, they must look upon it as business men. Money was not so flush as it was last year; we had passed through a period of great and general depression; we had had a political election, causing money to be spent in many ways; and thus early in the year people had hardly yet time to look at their balance-sheets

to see how they stood, or to calculate how much they could afford to give in charity. He hoped those who had hitherto given five guineas would give ten, and those who had given ten, twenty; so as to qualify as Vice-Presidents; and that those who had attained that position might even yet increase their assistance to the Institution. He congratulated the meeting upon their happy presence and the renewed health of their President, and hoped these gatherings would continue to be enjoyed by all of them for many years to come. It will thus be seen that the position of the Benevolent Institution is a most critical one just now, and it is to be hoped that Bro. Terry's well-directed statements may be read and duly considered throughout the length and breadth of the Fraternity. There can be no question that his apprehensions respecting the result of the approaching Festival are well grounded, judging from the present outlook; and we can only trust that the brethren will make a stupendous effort during the next few weeks to sustain the verdict which Bro. Terry has wished to be pronounced upon himself in respect of the Festival, that he has been "a false prophet." There is yet time to make up lost ground, if the various Lodges in the metropolis and throughout the Provinces will take heed of the "no uncertain sound" which hails from headquarters; and that they will do so, and enable the Institution to extend—at any rate not compel it to be limited—its sphere of beneficence, is a consummation devoutly to be wished by every man who has the true interest of the Craft at heart. Could the brethren witness, as we did on Wednesday last, the happiness and contentment which is provided for so many of our poorer brethren and widows at the splendid establishment at East Croydon, we feel assured they would be stimulated to such exertions as would at once set the mind of Brother Terry perfectly free from anxiety; and we look hopefully to the effect which a perusal of his outspoken appeal and note of warning will produce amongst the brethren generally ere the time arrives when the amount subscribed in behalf of this magnificent charity is announced by him at the Festival which is now so close upon us.

WELL PREPARED FOR GREAT WORK.

An Extract from an oration by J. A. Kiester, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

AN Order so ancient as Masonry, having the designs and purposes of Masonry, and being so universal, must necessarily be peculiar in many respects, must differ in many features from most human organisations, and such is the fact. And here I shall say nothing of the peculiar ceremonies of Masonry, its universal language, its method of teaching by symbols, hieroglyphics, allegories, traditions, and memorising which make a peculiar and indelible impression upon the mind of the initiate—a system found in perfection nowhere else—nor need I suggest that its adaptability to all classes of men is such that it possesses a charm for even the mystic, the seer, the antiquary, as well as for the man of to-day, the moralist and the philosopher, but I may refer to plainer, more evident facts.

The Institution is one of fixed principles and disciplinary character, yesterday, to-day, and for ever the same. Its great leading principles are crystallised in landmarks and ancient regulations, which no power within or without the Order can ever change. It is true a Masonic body may attempt it, but the only result is that it legislates itself out of the Order; they cease to be Masons, but Masonry remains the same. Let us realise the great importance there is in this fact of permanence. An Institution existing in every civilised land, maintaining unchangeably certain correct primary, moral, social and political principles, must in the ever-changing notions and vagaries of every age, be of inestimable value to the world.

To illustrate this tendency to change "these shifting sands of doctrine," in one respect only, but an important one, you will permit me the remark that now, after the lapse of one, two or three centuries, nay, within fifty years, some of the religious denominations have added many new dogmas to the faith they once held, while some have lost sight of the distinctive principles, or peculiar doctrines, on which they were originally founded, and some have gone so far as not only to keep in silence and subordination, but to contradict those very original doctrines.

Our political, educational and social systems, too, are filled with new theories and radical changes, some of which are doubtless valuable and so far so good; but in all this we see, without any disposition to find fault or criticise, illustrated, this disposition to change, to drift away from former moorings; yet essential truth, right, justice, are unchangeable, and such are the principles of Masonry! Do we not want, in all this drifting and uncertainty, something permanent? Is it too much to say that in this Institution we find it?

And in this peculiar age of individualism, irreverence, independentism, self-will, disregard of old, fundamental truth, religious dissensions and infidelity, in this age of nervous excitement, intense activities, waste of forces, and the headlong scramble for wealth, this old Order, which teaches, has always taught, always will teach the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, the obligations of the moral law, respect for and obedience to lawful authority, and plain and honest dealing between man and man, and prudence and moderation in all things; this Order, I say, with such teachings and with its disciplinary influences upon the life and heart, of such age and dignity, existing in all lands, of such vast membership, embracing such wealth and intelligence, is necessarily of great value to society, to the state, and of great power in the moral world, and must in the very nature of things have done, though silently indeed, a great work for good, and has yet a great work to do, in the affairs and destinies of our race.

But we may take a step still higher and declare that from the unchangeable character of our Order, Masonry is not only the steady teacher of its principles, but the preserver, the conservator, through all the chances and changes of time, of those very principles! Where will you find a higher office or more important trust than this?

And I must suggest that while Masonry encourages its members in the study of the sciences and in the acquisition of all useful knowledge, and has to-day among its membership many of the most distinguished men of science, it has no sympathy with that sceptical philosophy which, under the pretence of believing nothing or knowing nothing, obliterates the Deity from the universe, substituting for a living, ever present God and His creative power, unexplainable names and terms, dethroning intelligence in the creation, government and final disposition of all things.

And now I may ask, is there not great excuse for the existence of this Order in this day and age, is there not need for its continuance? Do not good government, public order, aye, the old truth faith of mankind, demand its assistance? Let the man of observation, research and intelligence, answer these questions. Allow me now to allude briefly to certain other peculiar features of this Order, some of which in a great measure make Freemasonry the institution it is,—different from all others, *sui generis* indeed,—peculiarities in which lies the secret of much of its power and endurance, and I confess I enumerate them with great pride. This society, though of great age and of wide extent, has never given aid to despotism in any of its forms, in church or state. It has never waged the wars of intolerance, in any age or country, nor has it ever waged war for *any* purpose; it is eminently the society of peace. It has never built the fires of religious or political persecution. And in language which I have elsewhere used, I add; "It has never enslaved or degraded the poor or helpless, nor has it ever dishonoured itself in the face of the rich or great for their favour. It has never followed any fanatical ideas, whims or theories. It never dictates to any one, raises no disputes and argues no questions, and lives in quietness and peace with all men; and with all this, and unlike most other institutions, it asks no favours or special privileges of church or state. It never proselytes, it sends out no missionaries, has no propagandists, and pays nothing for recruits," and while the worthy who knock at its door are seldom denied, none are ever urged to seek admission.

And we now may add largely to all this when we assert, as we truthfully can, that while many great evils overshadow the world, one of the greatest, the saddest, the most confounding, perpetually weakening and distracting the best effort, is the antagonisms created by ignorance, bigotry, envy or jealousy, among the institutions really working to the same great end—the subduing of these evils—that Masonry, standing almost alone in the world, has no share in such jealousies, never creates or permits contentions with other societies, nor interference with their labours. It never anathematises other societies nor excom-

municates individuals. And all this summary of peculiar features I have named, not because they are new or novel here, but as tending to show the distinctive character of our Order, and how eminently worthy it is of our high esteem and the respect of the world.

But I call attention to still higher features of our Order. Let the man who would view this old Institution in its grandest character, and see the practical application of its principles, visits the schools, colleges, the widows' and orphans' homes and hospitals, erected and maintained by it in Europe and America! Let him estimate the vast sums contributed voluntarily, by Masons as such, to sufferers by fire and flood and pestilence, from year to year, given gladly and with unstinted hand! Let him sum up the aggregate value of the relief and charity funds held for disbursement by the Order, amounting in this country alone to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and, what is still better, let him go to the homes of want, of sickness and suffering, over the land, and behold the quiet unquestioning work of relief and attention ever going on, and of which the world knows nothing, because done on that Christian and Masonic principle, "Let not the left hand know what the right hand doeth, that thine alms may be in secret." Here, again, we call the philanthropist to answer the question, Is not this worthy labour? And here the world may learn, if not elsewhere, one of the secrets of why Masonry has lived so long, why it should continue to live, and why it is not only worthy of the respect of the world, but also why it receives the attention and labours of hundreds of thousands of the wisest, most enlightened and most noble men of our race.

Let us now turn to another view of our subject and see what sanction or approval all this may have received.

It is indeed no idle boast, no empty delusion, that this grand old Order has numbered among its members many of the most illustrious men of every age and land, scientists, poets, educators, scholars, heroes and statesmen, the friends of humanity, the workers for man's progress and happiness.

In our own country what a splendid galaxy of illustrious names may we point to, among whom are Washington, Benjamin Franklin and many other signers of the Declaration, Warren and Putnam, and other Generals of the Revolution, Chief Justice John Marshall, De Witt Clinton, Jackson, Clay and Garfield, besides hosts of others in all the walks of science, literature, and human enterprise, and many thousands of the Christian ministry of almost all the denominations, and we may feel proud that we are united by the mystic tie with such men, and co-workers with them.

And I cannot help remarking here how hideously imbecile is the charge in the face of these great facts, that Masonry is anti-republican, that it is anti-Christian. And now, may the question be timely, Is there not much in all this of special honour and distinction to every Mason? May not every Mason be justly proud that he is a Mason, and love and honour his Order? And every true Mason, whatever his station may be, does honour and love it. He reveres it because of its venerable character, its dignity and stability. He loves it because of the lessons of Brotherly Love and toleration and Charity which it teaches. He honours it because of the great truths which it has preserved through centuries, and inculcates to-day. He respects it because of its lessons of peace and support of order and good government. He respects it because of the illustrious men in every age and country whose names are associated with it. He loves it because of the strong bonds of unity, sympathy and mutual interest it establishes among men. He loves it because of its grand, systematic and ever-increasing work in the relief of human suffering. He loves it because, to-day, as always in the past, it is in full sympathy with the labours and best aspirations of men in everything that relates to the progress, improvement and elevation of our race.

But, brethren, I must detain you a few minutes longer. This Institution of ours, as you all know, notwithstanding its correct principles and laudable purposes, its unobtrusive and peaceful character, its far-reaching and harmonising influences, has always, at least since the days of Samuel Pritchard, more than one hundred and fifty years ago, had its opponents; and I am sorry to say, that as a rule its opponents have not been fair or candid, and their statements of the character and purposes of the society have often been exceedingly false and mendacious.

I may say that besides a number of candid and sincere

persons who hold unfavourable opinions of our Order there are two extremes, representing wholly different and antagonistic ideas and purposes and methods which hate Freemasonry. The one is found in those high, powerful and closely organised systems of despotism, the real spirit and purpose of which would, under various pretences, divest man of his right to speak, think and act, except in certain pre-arranged channels, and make him a slave, submissive in body and soul, in life and labour, to a ruling few, in no way his superiors in natural right, intelligence or virtue, and which is for ever promulgating principles, which grew as fungi, in the mental gloom of the world's night—the dark ages. And the opposition and unjust denunciation from this source arises from the fact, partially, that Masonry teaches equality, toleration, fraternity, but more particularly because Masonry as an Institution is to-day one of the strongest bulwarks against despotism in any and every form, and an Institution which no despotism, in either Church or State, can control or use for its purposes. And the world, though it may not always have known it, has always had great need for just such an Institution.

The other extreme which hates Masonry is represented mainly by certain sporadic and ephemeral associations over the land, based on some one-idea principle, narrow-minded, and pursuing their hobbies with rancour, always fanatical, always vociferous, for ever crying, "Lord! Lord!" and under the livery of an assumed sanctity presuming to judge the world and all that therein is, from the elevation of an ant-hill. Both these extremes, with startling travesties of the truth, and with arguments which in the light of facts apparent to all the world are a shame to the human understanding, belabour Masonry right and left. And, strange as it may seem, these extremes hate each other as they hate Masonry, and more strangely still, Masonry takes no note of and cares nothing about either of them.

But, brethren, should we not after all be thankful for the remorseless criticism, the unmerciful opposition to which the Order has been subjected? It is a well known fact that where the meetings of the opponents of Masonry have been held to denounce or expose the Order, as they claim, there the number of applicants for admission to the Order has generally increased; and so patent is this fact, and so often observed, that we can truly say our enemies do indeed "build better than they know," or intend. But this is the least benefit we receive from this opposition. We are taught thereby to observe more closely the teachings of our Order, that we become not obnoxious to these objections; over and above all, this opposition but serves to lay bare and expose to the world the grand, the everlasting foundations on which Freemasonry rests.

And now may I not say that the thought of our responsibility under God to our Order and to humanity, and the great trust in our keeping is one of the greatest we can entertain, if we but fully realise its import. We must know that our individual being is bound up with each other by the most sacred ties, and to the world around us, in the force of example and the influences we exercise. And so far as we are true to our Order and its high purposes, "we are warranted in looking upon ourselves as co-labourers, though humble, indeed, with the Supreme Architect, the builder of all worlds."

And I apprehend that Freemasonry, in all its branches, has an immeasurably larger work to do in the future than it has had in the past, and there never was an era in its history when it was so well prepared for a great work. I am no alarmist, nor would I proclaim danger when none is nigh, yet there are many sober, thoughtful men, men who closely observe the signs of the times, as well as certain sensationalists, who hold that it is very probable, at least, that a great crisis of some kind in human affairs is not distant. What may be the character or proportions of such impending crisis we are not told with much definiteness, but we may conjecture what may, perhaps, be one of its features. We know from some very late developments, that despotisms of all kinds are growing uneasy, because they cannot live in the light, the progress and the national liberty of this nineteenth century. And these powers of intolerance, self-aggrandisement and arbitrary rule are preparing, it is thought, for some final conflict to retrieve the lost ground, or for the supremacy of the world. In such a crisis where would the members of this grand old Order be found, with their labours, influences and sympathies? Might not the world then learn at least one

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THE installation meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in South Devon, was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, when, in consequence of the death of Bro. F. P. Holmes P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. There was a goodly muster of the brethren, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. T. King, and after the ordinary routine business, Bro. G. Succombe was regularly installed into the chair, the ceremony being carried out in most efficient manner by Bros. J. Gover P.P.G.D.C., R. Pengelly P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Moysey P.G.D., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S. Wks. and J. Griffin P.G.J.D. Having been saluted with the usual honours, the newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. King I.P.M., W. F. Westcott S.W., W. T. Hooking J.W., L. D. Westcott Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, W. King S.D., F. Wreford J.D., W. H. D. Colling D.C., J. Hicks A.D.C., J. Newman Organist, J. H. Evans I.G., J. Goad and E. Radden Stewards, and W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bro. L. D. Westcott was elected representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, Bro. F. W. Westcott the Charity Steward, and Bros. J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, R. Pengelly, E. A. Lean, and the Worshipful Master, the representatives of the Lodge on the Committee of Associated Lodges. A Past Master's jewel was voted to be presented to the retiring Worshipful Master Brother T. King. At the close of the Lodge the brethren and their Visitors dined together at the Temple, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. E. Tont and W. Odum P.M.'s 70, G. Roseveare 97, P.P.G.S. of Works, G. R. Barrett 1255 P.P.G.D., W. L. Lavers I.P.M., W. H. Crimp W.M. 1255, Rev. T. W. Lemon 189 P.P.G. Chaplain, R. Pike 230, T. Goodall 1550 P.P.G.O., J. R. Lord 1247 P.P.G.S.B., A. J. Rider W.M. 1247, J. H. Blackell 1099, E. Pillar W.M. and J. Gifford I.P.M. 105, J. Gidley 2025, W. H. Hunt 1205, and many others.

OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Lincoln's Inn Fields, under the presidency of Bro. Henry R. Cope W.M., who was supported by Bros. John Stedman S.W., John Whaley J.W., John Hancock Treasurer, Geo. King Secretary, Thomas Whaley S.D., G. F. Davis J.D., G. Evans I.G., Carl T. Fleck D.C., and the following Past Masters: W. O. Beazley, G. M. Gorton, W. H. Harris, R. D. Hilton, A. J. Dottridge, H. L. Dixon, Geo. Hockley. In due course Bro. John Stedman was installed as Worshipful Master, and he invested the following as the Officers for the year:—J. Whaley S.W., T. Whaley J.W., J. Hancock Treasurer, King P.M. Secretary, Davis S.D., G. Evans J.D., C. T. Fleck I.G., J. A. Armour D.C., Marriott Organist, C. Conchman Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for banquet, which was served under the personal direction of Brother Hamp, in the admirable manner customary at this establishment. Among the visitors were Brothers Edwin M. Lott Grand Organist, W. M. L. Seaman 193, Alfred Harvey 1963, Edwin Bryant (Alexandra Palace Lodge), Joseph Storey P.M. 1107 P.P.G.S. of W. Kent, W. Cambden 228, H. A. Sawyer 1612, J. T. Pilditch P.M. and T. 1257, E. Floyd 902, F. Izant 27, A. T. Randall 20, E. G. Coleman S.D. 11, W. J. Mason 1328, M. Mildred W.M. 2024, J. Stephens W.M. 1425, C. W. Hunt P.M. 1425, C. H. Searle 1298, W. T. P. Montgomery S.W. 1475, W. W. Leo 1897, G. Adams, T. Whaley 55, A. J. Probyn P.M. 11, W. Radcliffe P.M. 211, H. Hambling 2030, J. Packer 73, John Brown W.M. 975, John Parker 217, J. J. Woolley W.M. 15, P. Skar S.D. 1891, J. Hampton 145, E. Brooks 766, J. W. Ray S.D. 1624, J. Garner P.M. 975, W. J. Collens P.M. 766, W. J. Edwards 916, J. Parkes 217, T. P. Collings P.M. 22, F. Binckes P.M. P.G. Steward, J. Donaldson Treasurer 1963, T. Bowley 1963, C. Jones 1420, W. Angus 619, G. Howard 72, J. S. Thompson 1326, J. F. J. Sykes 180, &c. At the conclusion of the banquet, Bro. Stedman W.M. gave the usual toasts. The Queen having been honoured, the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was submitted. They were all deeply indebted to the Grand Master of England, both for his services to the Craft, and for the good he did in the country generally. Speaking of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Stedman said the work done by his Lordship in the Craft was well known; both this and his general work was much appreciated. He felt that so long as such a Mason as the Earl of Carnarvon filled the office, the toast of the Pro Grand Master would be sure of a hearty welcome. The toast of the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, followed. The Grand Officers of England were men who had done well and had earned the places they occupied in the Craft. They had the pleasure that evening of numbering among their visitors a distinguished Grand Officer in the person of Bro. Dr. Lott Grand Organist. He was a fair example of the Grand Officers who had worked their way up, and who had been rewarded for their merit. His talent, as a musician, had won for him the post of Grand Organist. Bro. Lott, in acknowledging the toast, assured the brethren nothing gave the Grand Officers greater pleasure than to be present at Lodges, and to have the opportunity of acknowledging the kind sentiments which were universally expressed in them towards the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Cope, the I.P.M., proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. One of the greatest pleasures he could have enjoyed that day was to instal so worthy a representative of the Old Concord Lodge as they had in Bro. Stedman. He hoped he would have a successful year of office, and that he would follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him, and who had secured for the Lodge its present high position. Bro. Stedman tendered his

sincere thanks for the toast. He was extremely grateful for the high office conferred on him that day. He felt very great pride in occupying the chair of the Lodge in which he had been initiated. Having attained to the high honour, he assured the brethren all his endeavours would be thrown into the work of securing the happiness of the members and the prosperity of the Lodge. He trusted that when he came to leave the chair he should have done sufficient to merit the approval of all the brethren. The next toast was that of the I.P.M., Bro. Cope. Brother Stedman was sure the health of the ruler of the Lodge for the past year would be drunk in an enthusiastic manner. A better Master it would not be possible to find than Brother Cope had proved himself in the Old Concord Lodge. During his occupancy of the chair he had maintained the reputation of the Lodge, and had looked after the comforts of the brethren as well as any Mason could have done. Brother Stedman had much pleasure in presenting to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and in doing so assured Brother Cope it was presented with the heartiest good wishes of the members. Brother Cope tendered his thanks. He was very much obliged to the brethren for the kind present they had made him that evening, and hoped that he might be spared for many years to wear it in their midst. The Past Masters of the Lodge were next toasted, and this having been replied to, the W.M. proposed the Charities. The members of the Old Concord Lodge were very glad to see among them so warm an advocate for the Charities as Bro. Binckes, who would, he was sure, do his best to enlist the support of those present on behalf of the Institutions; not that much persuasion was needed to ensure support from the Old Concord. Brother Fleck would represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and the members had that evening appointed another brother as Steward for the Girls' School. Bro. Binckes replied. With a Worshipful Master with such a soul for music as the present Master of the Old Concord, he had hardly dared to hope that time would be found for the proposition of the toast of the Masonic Institutions. Its proposition had shown him that the traditions of the Old Concord Lodge in this respect would not suffer while the Lodge was under the guidance of its present Master. The spirit which had secured for the Lodge the reputation it had gained in the past was still fresh, and he doubted not would manifest itself in the future as strongly as it had in the past. Bro. Binckes referred to the very large total which had been contributed by the Masons of England towards the support of the Benevolent Institutions of the Craft during the past year, upwards of £54,000, and that, be it understood, during a year which had not been one of prosperity. This magnificent result must be taken as a proof that the hearts of Masons beat true to that Charity which bound all members of the Order together. There were some who considered too much time was taken in making appeals on behalf of the Institutions. He considered it would be a bad time for Freemasonry when there should be no mention of the dark side of the Order—that side which, although it always had a silver lining, brought them face to face with their responsibilities as Freemasons. Bro. Binckes hoped that the members of the Lodge would rally to the support of their Steward, Bro. Fleck, and that his list at the next Festival might be such as the Lodge would be proud of. It was hard to say which of the three Institutions was the most deserving, but he felt that if they took the son of a Mason—the one who should be the man of the future—they were acting wisely. On him would depend the support of many of the other sex in the future, either as sister, wife or daughter, while on the boys of to-day would depend the future of the Institutions themselves. He believed the three Institutions occupied a common platform, and that in such a Lodge as the Old Concord neither of them would ever lack support or sympathy. In conclusion, he would urge on all present never to forget those who needed their sympathy, and who, from their peculiar position, could not plead for themselves. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visitors, of whom he was pleased to see no less than fifty present. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Whaley, the father of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, but more intimately associated with the Old Concord Lodge as the father of its two Wardens, congratulating him on being present on such an interesting occasion, as the meeting of that day must have been to him when he witnessed two of his sons promoted to the highest offices in the Lodge below that of Master. The name of Bro. Collings P.M. 22 was also associated with the toast. Bro. Whaley replied, asking the brethren to accept the warmest thanks of the Visitors for the grand entertainment provided for their enjoyment. As the W.M. had told them, he happened to be the father of the Constitutional Lodge, which numbered about 130 members. As the father of such a Lodge he had naturally had some experience of Masonic meetings. At the installation it was usual to expect a little treat, but that night they had had a great one. There were special circumstances which enhanced his pleasure. It so happened that two of his sons had been promoted to high office in this Lodge that night. He knew they had the interests of Freemasonry at heart, and also the interests of their fellow creatures. They had not only followed in his footsteps, but had advanced far beyond what he had achieved, for while during the many years he had been associated with the Constitutional Lodge he had never taken office, they had risen high in their Lodge, and no doubt would eventually rise to the chair. Bro. Collings having replied, the toast of Treasurer and Secretary was given. These two brethren having replied, the Officers were toasted, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way. Bro. Stedman's reputation as a musician was sufficient to induce us to expect a musical treat, but he had provided a programme which exceeded even the most sanguine expectations. His efforts were deservedly appreciated, while the solos and choruses of his "Choir Boys" brought forth the heartiest applause. Miss Effie Clements, Miss Bertha Colnaghi, and Miss Alice Davies were good in the parts they essayed, and they were well supported by Bro. Franklin Clive and Mr. Sam Wright; indeed, we may say that the music of the evening was the best we have listened to at a Masonic meeting.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THERE was an extraordinarily large gathering of the members of this old, and especially of late, increasingly vigorous Lodge, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday evening, to witness the installation of Bro. J. W. Dewsnap as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. A. J. Martin. During the latter's term of office the Lodge enjoyed, as was frequently expressed at the banquet, "a glorious year;" its financial position was materially improved, and placed on a much sounder basis than had been experienced in many preceding years; and in all respects the condition and prospects of the Lodge were subjects of genuine and unanimous congratulation. A satisfied spirit, engendered by these considerations, pervaded the proceedings throughout, and thus the reunion was characterised by unusual and refreshing *éclat*. This is a matter for sincere congratulation to the members of the Joppa Lodge, which is one of the oldest and most reputed in the metropolis, and the senior of the five so-called Jewish Lodges in London. Soon after four o'clock the retiring Worshipful Master assumed the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. W. Dewsnap S.W. and W.M. elect, L.J. Wall J.W.; P.M.'s L. Alexander, A. G. Dodson D.C., L. M. Myers, M. Spiegel, H. Hymans, and O. Roberts, J. S. Lyon P.M. Treasurer, Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary, G. M. Lion S.D., Isaac Botibol J.D., L. Davis I.G., M. Lenzberg and M. Hart Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Organist, R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler; Bros. G. Van Vollen, A. Jonas, W. Thomas, G. Harrison, H. Saqui, E. J. Coombe, L. France, J. Wynman, L. Kool, A. Botibol, S. Botibol, S. J. Roco, M. Lack, M. Frank, P. Isaacs, F. Isaacs, Isaac Israel, J. Abraham, J. Myers, G. Haines, W. J. Gardner, W. Murley, A. Wagstaff, H. Davis, F. Greenwall, J. Davis, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, B. Lyons P.M. 1227, O. S. Jacobs P.M. 1327, H. Massey P.M. 619, J. Phillips P.M. 188, W. Valentine W.M. 1017, S. Pardoe W.M. 1587, H. W. Casperd W.M. 1668, E. H. Norden W.M. 205, A. Elverton 1155, O. Schnieder 151, F. Eastwood 1237, A. Benabo 212, W. Joe' Peace and Harmony, P. Moore 1917, J. Butterworth 1608, M. Iver 1101, G. Taff 917, J. Davis 1604, A. P. Levy 212, B. Loebe 185, D. S. Woolf 72, J. Seigenberg, and H. W. Myers 1017, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the usual preliminaries observed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Henry Lazarus, who had been proposed by his father, the worthy P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge, and seconded by Brother M. Lenzberg; for Mr. Michael Siegenberg, proposed by Bro. M. Lenzberg, seconded by Bro. A. Botibol; and for Mr. Barnett Isaacs Barnato, whose sponsors were Bros. L. Myers P.M. and Isaac Myers. In each case the voting was unanimous, and by permission of the Worshipful Master, on account of Mr. Lazarus jun. being one of the candidates, the ceremony of initiation was performed by the Secretary of the Lodge, whose working was much admired. The Worshipful Master then resumed the chair, and the Lodge having been advanced to the second degree, Bro. Saqui was passed, this ceremony being also carried out in a manner which fully sustained the prestige won by Bro. Martin throughout his tenure of office. The report of the Audit Committee, and that of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, both of which showed that the Lodge and its accessories were in a healthy financial position, were received and adopted. Bro. Dewsnap was then presented for the benefit of installation, and having assented to the usual interrogatories accepting the responsibilities of office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Dewsnap was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. A. J. Martin I.P.M., L. Wall S.W., G. Lyon J.W., S. Roco Chaplain, J. S. Lyon P.M. Treas., Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Isaac Botibol S.D., W. Gardner J.D., M. Lenzberg I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D. of C., M. Hart Assist D. of C., H. Von Stavern and E. Coombe Stewards, and R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler. The ancient charges were delivered impressively by Bro. Martin I.P.M., who acquitted himself in masterly manner throughout the whole ceremony of installing his successor. Some routine business having been transacted, Lodge was closed amidst hearty good wishes, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where an excellent repast was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers having been honoured, Bro. Martin I.P.M. rose and said the brethren would be perfectly well aware why he was entrusted with the gavel. That was an instrument which he had relinquished that evening with regret, inasmuch as during the time he held it he had experienced much satisfaction whilst presiding over the deliberations of the Lodge. Nevertheless, it was very pleasant for him to resume it temporarily whilst he proposed the health of their highly esteemed friend the Worshipful Master. Of course, that night it would be superfluous to speak of Bro. Dewsnap's excellent qualities as a working W.M.; of that they would be able to judge at the next meeting of the Lodge. It was only necessary now to know and to acknowledge that he was their Worshipful Master, and sincerely to wish him a happy and successful year of office. The toast was received with a hearty fire, and Bro. Dewsnap, W.M., in responding, offered the brethren his sincere thanks for the kindly manner in which it had been received. He must say it was a source of great gratification to find himself occupying the chair. It was just ten years since he took his third degree in this Lodge, and they would readily sympathise with him when he said he felt deeply sensible of their kindness in permitting him to fill the chair of his mother Lodge. He trusted that during his year of office he should have the assistance of the Past Masters, and the co-operation of the brethren generally, in carrying out his arduous duties. He hoped they would go through the coming year as comfortably as the last had been, for it was an exceedingly satisfactory year, under the presidency of his Immediate Past Master. The Lodge had witnessed its vicissitudes, but now it seemed on the high road to prosperity. He hoped the

brethren would bring forward their friends whom they wished to become members of the Lodge, so that they might have a successful year. He subsequently proposed the Initiates, which toast he said was an important one in every Lodge. To-night they had three highly creditable brethren initiated, one of whom was the son of their esteemed Secretary, who would, he was sure, become a worthy member of the Joppa Lodge, as well as a worthy son. From the intelligence the other two brethren had displayed during their initiation, he felt convinced they would also become worthy members amongst them. Of course without initiates no Lodge could be successful, therefore he again asked the brethren to bring forward their friends, and let them be a good and strong Lodge. The toast, having been received with acclamation, Bro. H. Lazarus assured the brethren it had afforded him very great pleasure to have gone through the ceremony of initiation, and he felt very proud to be amongst this noble gathering. It had long been his ambition to become a Mason, having heard the Institution spoken so highly of amongst his numerous friends. He should endeavour to emulate the example of his worthy father, of whom he was very proud, and hoped he should have the pleasure of being amongst them for many years to come. He should try and follow in the footsteps of his father, and to make himself worthy of the cordial reception they had extended to him that evening. Bro. M. Seigenberg also sincerely thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. Though it had been his ambition for many years to become a Mason, he never knew its grandeur until he came amongst them. He should ever keep the obligation he had taken, and considered the man who failed to do so was not worthy of living amongst them. Bro. B. J. Barnato could hardly express what he felt on this occasion. Even had he been prepared to make a speech the solemnity of the ceremony he had witnessed had so taken him by surprise that he should be scarcely equal to it. He thanked them for their confidence in making him a member of this ancient and honourable institution, his initiation into which he should remember as long as he lived. The W.M. then said he had a toast to propose which he was sure would meet with a hearty reception at their hands,—the Joppa Benevolent Fund. That was a fund they had amongst themselves, but members of the Joppa Lodge subscribed to it, and they did not accept even visitors' subscriptions. This fund was for themselves, and he prayed God none of their lots would be to need it; but when a brother fell in distress of any kind, he could come before the Benevolent Fund and obtain relief. One of the beauties of this Fund was, that even their next door neighbour did not know of its existence. If any one fell into arrears he might come to this Fund and explain his circumstances and get relief, and even those who subscribed to it did not know. That was genuine benevolence and relief. Bro. Alexander P.M., who was called upon, as a vice-president of the Fund, to reply, said he felt a great amount of pleasure in being with them to-night, this being the first time, with perhaps one or two exceptions, his health had permitted him to join in the assemblies of the Lodge. There might be some amongst them who were not aware of the vast amount of good that had been done through this Benevolent Fund, but if there was anything more pleasing than another he had to communicate it was that in reality they had increased this Fund, which they had not done for many years previously. It was about £16 more than it was last year. Fortunately they had had only one applicant. He had no need to tell them that the vice-president and committee were very careful as to the manner in which they dispensed the money; at the same time they were generous in their doles when circumstances warranted. Whilst they observed both these particulars, he was sure the brethren felt confidence in those who were the managers and custodians of the Fund. He then congratulated the Lodge upon the acquisition of so many new members, some of whom he did not know, after so long an absence, and hoped the Fund might prove a source of increased benefit and usefulness. Bro. L. Lazarus P.M., as Secretary of the Fund, had pleasure in announcing that two of the initiates, Bros. H. Lazarus and M. Seigenberg, had each contributed a guinea to the Fund, and the third, Bro. B. L. Barnato, had made himself a vice-president by subscribing five guineas. The total amount collected that evening was £28 5s 6d, a result which was hailed with loud applause. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, showed that Bro. Martin had had a most glorious year. He ascended the throne with *éclat*, and had gone out of office with the same. Besides the work he had done in the Lodge during his year, he had installed him (the speaker) and was thus deserving of a special toast. Bro. Martin, at the commencement of his year, told them what he wanted,—their hearty co-operation, and they had accorded it to him. He now left the Lodge in a more prosperous position than when he was elected as its president; better than it had been for many years. They had now a balance of about £40 in hand, and while he praised their I.P.M. for that, they must not let it rest there; he hoped by this time next year they would have a surplus of at least £50. Bro. Martin was a good man and Mason, and he was sure the toast of his health would be heartily received. It was the custom of this Lodge to reward the outgoing Master with a small memento of his year, and he had great pleasure in placing upon Bro. Martin's breast a jewel, second to none that had been presented to any P.M. of this Lodge. He trusted it would remind their I.P.M. of his very successful year of office. He had also the pleasure of presenting him, on behalf of the Officers and brethren of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s collar, which though somewhat an innovation, it was an honour which Bro. Martin richly merited. Bro. Martin I.P.M. in returning thanks for the gifts, said he looked upon them with peculiar pleasure, for they assured him that had he not won their confidence, and performed his part to their satisfaction, he should not have been rewarded in the manner in which they had thought fit to reward him that evening. It was said "the labourer is worthy of his hire," and they knew that in ancient times a labourer thought himself well paid at the rate of a penny per day. He should have thought himself well repaid if they had given him an ordinary jewel of five guineas, voted by the Lodge for that object. Many of the members were not aware it was the custom of the Lodge to give

anything at all; but if a man was worthy, a jewel was sometimes given to him. By their gifts to-night he felt he had not only won their confidence, but they had ratified that confidence by presenting him with such an honour as that which he now wore upon his breast. At the outset of his career he asked the brethren to pay attention to him while he was in the chair, not to respect him as a humble individual, but because he was the representative of the Lodge. He could safely say that during the whole of his year of office order and decorum had prevailed in the Lodge. Many critical visitors had come amongst them, who said how much the Lodge of Joppa had improved in its manners; and he thought they might take credit that they were now the patterns of excellence. Might they always continue to be so. He concluded by thanking them for their kindness in presenting him with a P.M.'s collar. That had only been done two or three times in the Lodge, and he felt as proud of that as he did of the jewel. Having thanked his late Officers for their co-operation as "junior partners," he said he did not believe in talkativeness, but in acts; and he did not think it was merely lip service when they so kindly received the toast of his health. The Worshipful Master next gave the Past Masters, the toast being responded to by Bros. Alexander, Hymans, Spiegel, and Myers, the latter of whom said the P.M.'s were always ready to give whatever assistance was required by the Lodge. He did not think they could have chosen a better man for W.M. than Bro. Dewsnap, for in him they had one who would work well. He had known him for a considerable time, and had seen his working in Arch Masonry, and he was sure he would do credit to his Lodge. He hoped the brethren would all assist their W.M. to the utmost of their power, and make the Lodge this year better if possible than it had ever been before. The health of the Visitors having been well received, Bro. Valentine, W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge, said although his name had been coupled with the toast, it was not due in any measure to merit on his part, but to the fact of his representing one of the five Lodges which were understood as Jewish. He thought the fact of the names of these Lodges being at all times coupled at the installation banquets of the Joppa Lodge with the toast of the Visitors was an additional proof, if indeed any was needed, of that strong Masonic unity and friendship which subsisted amongst them. And in returning thanks for the toast this evening he did so not merely on behalf of himself and the other W.M.'s present, but also on behalf of the Montefiore Lodge, over which he had the honour of presiding. That Lodge had a stronger tie than the others, because he could not overlook the fact that the Joppa Lodge was the mother of the Montefiore. Their first members were of this Lodge; indeed, their first secretary, who was also secretary of this Lodge, their late Bro. Albert, was its first Master, and if any incentive were wanted to his Lodge to continue in the right path, they had it before them in the way in which the Joppa Lodge continued to maintain its prestige in the Craft. If the Montefiore had done so, it only reflected credit upon the Lodge from whence it sprang. Bro. Norden, W.M. of the Israel Lodge, said this was the first time he had had the honour of visiting the Joppa Lodge, and from the hospitable manner in which the Visitors had been received that evening he hoped it might not be the last. He was very pleased to hear such good working in the Lodge, especially from Bro. Past Master Martin, and the able manner in which he discharged his duties as Installing Master. If they had such good working brethren in the Lodge as he was, they would not suffer from want of proper instruction. Bro. Casperd, W.M. of the Sampson Lodge, also suitably replied, as also did Bro. Phillipps, late P.M. of the Joppa. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed, and was responded to by Bros. Lyon and Lazarus; the Officers of the Lodge also severally acknowledged the compliment paid to them, and the list was feelingly closed by the Tyler. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, who was assisted by Miss Maude Viccars, Madame Florence Winn, M. H. Imano, Miss Maude Isaacson, and Bro. Frank Isaacson; Mr. Walter Van Noorden acting as accompanist. The most exquisite *morceaux* of the evening was a duet for violin (Miss Maude Isaacson) and piano (Mr. Frank Isaacson), — Osborne, and De Beriot's "William Tell," which was played in masterly style, and elicited a rapturous encore. Miss Isaacson has a pure and delicate touch, simply marvellous in a young player of only fifteen years of age, and such was the effect of her manipulation that the audience cheered her vociferously, and for an encore she played, with equal sweetness, "Home, sweet Home;" Madame Winn also came in for hearty rounds of applause, after singing the familiar Scotch ballad "Call'er Herrin'," and Roedel's song, "Number Two," and would have replied to the encores that were demanded but for the Master's prohibition, on the ground of want of time. Altogether a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, where there was a large attendance of the brethren of this and the sister Lodges. Amongst those present were Bros. D. J. Allams P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Grant I.P.M., W. Taylor P.M., B. Knight I.P.M. 1402, H. Marley W.M. 1353, W. E. Warren P.P.G.O., G. Searle W.M. 248, C. Atkins 27, James Oliver P.G.S.B. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, Bro. J. Salter was presented for the benefit of installation, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Harland P.P.G.S.D., whose working was much admired. The newly-installed Master, having been greeted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. J. Grant I.P.M., E. Richards S.W., R. L. Mogford J.W., D. J. Allams P.P.G.C. Chaplain, C. J. Harland P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, R. D. Renwick Secretary, W. Wakeham D.C., T. Brooks Organist, W. A. Hill S.D., T. Beckett J.D., J. R. Cridge and A. W. Searley Stewards, C. Davison I.G., and W. S. Tozer Tyler. At the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of an excellent banquet at Bro. Cridge's, Queen's Hotel, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1981.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Bell Inn, East Moulsey, on the 5th of January, and the day being unexceptionally warm and sunny, was much appreciated by the brethren, the majority of whom hail from the metropolis. A goodly number mustered, among whom were Bros. Kipling W.M., S. P. Catterson P.P.G.S.B. Surrey S.W., Hume J.W., W. Youlden P.P.S.D. Treasurer, J. W. Moorman Secretary, G. Moorman, H. J. Shelley, F. Croaker, Gates, Mills, Knight, Bell, Ellis, Pilgrim, Fleming, Fowlor, &c. Among the Visitors were Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, Laurence P.M. 1630 P.P.S.D., Jessop P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Holmes P.M. 548, Shah 1297, Lane 1538 P.G. Steward, Taylor 1638, J. Youlden jun. P.G. Steward. After the opening of the Lodge and confirmation of minutes, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a very favourable position financially, was adopted. Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. Youlden P.M. took the chair, and Bro. S. P. Catterson P.M. being presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—J. Youlden S.W., S. Moorman G. W., W. Moorman Secretary, Croaker S.D., Shelley J.D., F. W. Hallet I.G. These appointments gave great satisfaction to the brethren, the investing of Bro. W. Youlden as Treasurer and J. W. Moorman as Secretary being well received. After the installation Brother S. P. Catterson passed Bro. Holliday to the degree of F.C. Ballots were then taken to initiate Messrs. A. Ollis and R. E. Catterson, the latter being the son of the W.M. These gentlemen were duly initiated into the mystic science in a most impressive manner. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Brother W. Youlden for his able rendering of the installation ceremony. A handsome jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Brother Kipling. The Secretary having read a letter from Brother the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.P.D.G.M., acknowledging in warm and fraternal terms the receipt of a testimonial from the members of this Lodge, a portrait of Brother Arnold was unveiled. This had been painted, by request of the Lodge, by Brother H. E. Frances P.P.G.D., and gave universal satisfaction, being not only an excellently painted picture, but an admirable likeness of the worthy Brother who gave the Lodge a name, and who will ever be remembered by its members for his eminent Masonic abilities, unvarying and unostentatious kindness. The Lodge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which did credit to mine host. The menu—with a plenitude of good things described thereon, and many a quip and appropriate quotation—was the work of the Secretary, and called forth the commendations of the brethren.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Station Hotel, Richmond, when there was a satisfactory attendance, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Brother C. I. Digby, who was supported by Bros. B. E. Blasby I.P.M., W. R. Phillips P.M. S.W., J. R. Houghton J.W., Forster Reynolds P.M. Treasurer, G. C. Rowlands Secretary, E. Dare S.D., J. M. Margason I.G., A. Crew Organist, C. Maton and R. H. Messum Stewards, B. Banks Tyler, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. J. Huntley P.M. 1044, G. W. Swales 312 P.P.G.S.W., J. W. Clarke 1512, H. Dougherty 1007, A. Tucker 1365, H. Lausdown 1541, W. Deavett S.D. 889, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211. The brethren assembled soon after four o'clock, and Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Having advanced to the third degree, Bros. Smith, Keyes, and Robinson were raised, the solemn rites being admirably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the second degree, Brother Macrae, who had been initiated at the preceding meeting, was passed, the working in this degree being also excellent; the lecture on the tracing board was delivered by the respected Senior Warden of the Lodge, Brother W. R. Phillips P.M. Subsequently, on the motion of Bro. Blasby P.M. it was resolved to establish a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge, and a committee was appointed to formulate the basis on which the scheme shall be worked. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed, amidst the heartiest good wishes, and the brethren adjourned for the banquet, which was admirably served by Brother John Munro, the proprietor of the hotel. The menu having been amply and satisfactorily discussed, the loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said that toast was always loyally received, and by none more so than by the Masonic Craft. As loyal men they were always anxious for the welfare of Her Majesty, and in associating her name with this toast it afforded them an opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the deep interest the Queen displayed in all matters connected with Freemasonry. He then gave H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, a toast which, like the last, was always well received in Masonic Lodges. Since His Royal Highness's accession to office as Most Worshipful Grand Master there had been a great incentive to join Freemasonry, and he hoped their M.W.G.M. might be spared for many years to take part in the proceedings of the Craft. The health of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers Present and Past was then given, the toast being received with enthusiasm. With it was associated the names of Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Swales P.P.G.S.W. North and East Yorkshire. Brother Sir John W. Ellis responding, in a humorous speech, said when the time came for him to respond for the Grand Officers he always felt his shortcomings inasmuch as his many other engagements prevented him from attending so closely to the duties of Freemasonry as he could desire. However, if he was not so active in Grand Lodge as elsewhere, he was certain there were plenty of able men there willing to do everything in their power to administer

well and wisely the affairs of the Craft. It was a happy omen for this country that men of all shades of political thought were prepared to sink minor points of detail under the banner of Freemasonry, and thus they were prepared well to look after the safety of the realm. He then related an amusing anecdote of the meeting of a then Lord Chancellor of England with a Lord Mayor of London, the latter of whom considered he was the better man; at any rate the office of civic magistrate of the chief city of the world, which he (the speaker) had lately occupied, was one of great honour and dignity. He then described his recent visit to Ireland, where he witnessed the laying of a foundation stone, with Masonic honours, and promised to present a photograph of the event to the Richmond Lodge. On that occasion a Rev. Mr. O'Hara referred to the antiquity of the Brotherhood; in doing which he said he did not know whether or no Masonry was of Christian origin, but at any rate it inculcated the Christian virtues, and no better motive could be brought into play than to promulgate the principles of Christian virtue, honour and sympathy that were taught by the Brotherhood of Masonry to its children. Brother Swales also responded, in suitable terms. Brother B. E. Blasby I.P.M. then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, of whom he said his heart and soul was in the work which devolved upon him, and so far as the present year was concerned, everything had gone on smoothly and prosperously. Brother Digby was an able and excellent Master, fully alive to the interests of the Lodge, and they all wished for him a very happy and successful year of office. Brother Phillips then sang, in excellent voice, the song "Sunny hours may come again." The Worshipful Master in returning thanks for the compliment paid him said it afforded him great relief to be assured that his humble efforts in the chair had so far merited their approval. His year was now drawing to its close, and he could only hope, when the end did arrive, the members would not regret having placed him in his present honourable position. He then gave the health of the I.P.M., speaking of the valuable assistance he had received from Bro. Blasby in the performance of his duties as ruler of the Lodge. Bro. Blasby was the Father of the Richmond Lodge, in whose behalf he had faithfully and zealously laboured. Indeed, to him the success of the Lodge was essentially due. Brother Blasby I.P.M. then suitably acknowledged the toast, and was followed by Brother Abell, who sang in admirable style, "Flow on, thou regal purple stream." The W.M. next gave the Initiate, the toast being received with characteristic *éclat*, and Brother Macrae, in responding, thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, adding that the farther he advanced in Masonry the more he was impressed with the grandeur and sublimity of its teachings and ceremonies. Bros. Swales, Morgan, &c. responded on behalf of the Visitors, and other toasts followed, interspersed with music and singing. A very pleasant evening being thus enjoyed.

REVIEWS.

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

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Night and Day. By Dr. Barnardo. London: 48 Paternoster Row, E.C.

It would be superfluous to remind the readers of this or any other English journal of the philanthropic efforts which have been for many years put forth by Dr. Barnardo, especially for the benefit of helpless and destitute children; and it is a task in which we, as Masons, might well assist in the carrying out of our principles of true charity and benevolence. This monthly record of Christian missions and practical philanthropy should be widely disseminated, as doubtless it is, amongst those who have a feeling of sympathy towards the unfortunate little waifs and strays who must inevitably drift into the pathways of poverty and crime but for some such rescuing scheme as that which Dr. Barnardo, and other philanthropists, have set on foot, and for the support they appeal for help. In this month's number of "Night and Day" there is a deeply interesting and pathetic story on "A Little Street Heroine," with a description of the industries to which the Doctor's "family" at Stepney are being trained, together with sketches of those engaged at the "Homes," with personal notes respecting a large number of the children who have been rescued from the streets and from miserable hovels in our slums, which to call home would be a misnomer and a mockery. The little work is brimful of interesting narrative and record of benevolent work which cannot fail to be of stimulating influence to every class of readers into whose hands it may fall.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 9th January 1886:—

Monday—Joppa Lodge, Old Kings Arms Chapter, Robert Burns Lodge. Tuesday—Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Royal Naval Ball. Thursday—Crichton Lodge Ball, Lodge La Tolerance, Universal Chapter, Hackney Rate Collectors. Friday—London Morayshire Club Ball, Bedford Lodge, Britannic Lodge, Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Lodge of King Solomon, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

The installation of W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012 will be performed by Bro. Geo. Everett, on the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Bro. G. Gardner is the W.M. elect.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—After a most successful tour in America and the English provinces Miss Minnie Palmer made her reappearance here last week in the variety comedy, "My Sweetheart." This, since last we saw it in London, has been considerably revised, with a view of making the plot more compact. The doctor, originally an old man, has been transformed into a young one, who, loving Tina (Miss Palmer) without any response from her, devotes himself to promoting her happiness. On discovering that Mrs. Fleeter, the adventuress, already possesses a husband, and the consequent blow to Tony, the latter goes to Europe, whence he has not returned at the date of the last act, when all but Tina have lost faith in him. A comic negro servant has been introduced, but this part would be better if it were "cut" a little. However, the play in this respect takes but a secondary place, the chief attraction being Miss Minnie Palmer. The moment she comes upon the stage the spirits of the audience seem to rise, and she carries them along as though she were impelled by elfin spells. Miss Palmer, who is more refined in her style than formerly, possesses a sense of fun that is rarely seen, while her singing and dancing appear to have improved. Her droll antics and comic facial play are as irresistible as ever, and it is impossible to say what next she will undertake. One of the principal attractions of her performance is the graceful way in which she dances a shadow dance, in the last act, this being nightly encored. She is ably supported by a well trained company. The character of Tony, represented by Mr. Charles Arnold, is even more artistic from a histrionic point of view; his impersonation presents a consistent piece of acting, which is natural and refined in expression. He has also a good voice, which he uses most successfully in his song in the last act. The part of the "broken down sport" is again undertaken by Mr. T. J. Hawkins, and he also comes out with flying colours. Mr. R. A. Roberts is in earnest as the Doctor; while Mr. G. E. Poulett is good as Farmer Hatzell. The part of Dudley Harcourt is capably acted by Mr. L. D'Orsey; and Mr. Willie Freear makes a good negro. Of the ladies, Miss Annie Baldwin, as Miss Fleeter, after Miss Palmer, takes first place. This lady would, however, score better if she were not quite so stagey. Miss Jane Grey is humorous as Mrs. Hatzell. We consider Miss Minnie Palmer ought to fill the house for some time to come with "My Sweetheart," although the piece is now in its fourth year.

The third performance given by the Dramatic Students will take place at the Court Theatre, kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. Clayton and Cecil, on Tuesday, 19th January 1886. John Dryden's comedy, "Secret Love; or, the Maiden Queen," will be represented on this occasion. We may state that the objects of this Society, which was formed in February last, are to give farther opportunities of practice to the junior members of the theatrical profession, and to promote the study of dramatic literature, by the production of the best plays in the English language, especially those little known to the stage.

AMUSEMENTS.

PRINCESS'S.—At 8, HOODMAN BLIND.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, NADJEZDA.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, FAUST.

PRINCE'S.—At 8, ANDY BLAKE. At 9, THE GREAT PINK PEARL.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, IMPULSE.

AVENUE.—At 8, KENILWORTH.

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 9, THE CANDIDATE.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 11th day of January 1886, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To receive a recommendation from the General Committee for the adoption of a list of 48 candidates, from which 20 boys—or, should the notice of motion for the increase be adopted—30 boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 12th April next.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By W. Bro. JOYCE MURRAY, V. Pat., on behalf of the House Committee:—

1. To amend Law 74, Clause 2, that it may read as follows: "The assistant masters shall be appointed by the head master, subject to confirmation by the House Committee."
2. To insert in Law 75 the words: "House Steward," and after the first word "The."
3. That ten additional boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, on the 12th April next, making the total number 240.

By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART (P.G.D.) V.P. and Trustee:—

1. To form part of Law 37—"That the members of the House Committee shall be elected for three years, and that at the expiration of the first three years the election shall take place annually. The three at the top of the list shall then retire, and be eligible for re-election, and so annually."

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock noon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.
Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
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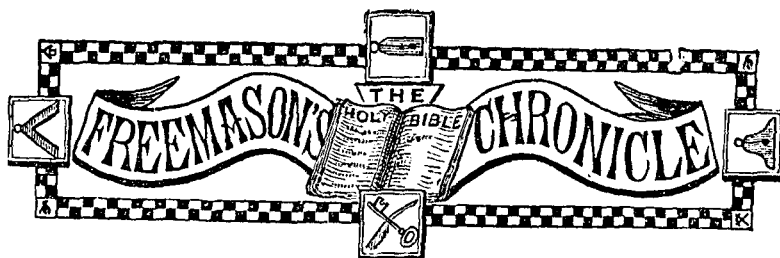
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REMARKABLE MASONIC ADVENTURE.

(COMMUNICATED.)

"SAILORS' yarns" are invariably full of interest, especially when they are told by an educated and intelligent man, who has not imbibed a proclivity for high falutin' whilst sailing o'er the watery main. Some, we know, are given to occasional glimpses of the "great sea-serpent," while "phantom ships" afloat are as prolific as the "big gooseberry" is on shore in the silly season. But, providing you are in conversation with a *bona fide* seafarer whom you have long known, and whose veracity is unimpeachable, you can listen to his stories of adventure without the slightest inclination to shrug the shoulder dubiously. I have a case in point which, being of Masonic interest, you may think is deserving of a place in your columns. We have often heard the testimony of travellers in various parts of the world as to "Masons whom they have met," and of the hearty fraternal sympathy and brotherly love which is engendered on both sides when English Masons meet with brethren on a foreign shore; but for peculiarity of incident, and showing the remote quarters of the globe into which the principles of our Order have penetrated, I have seldom heard a narrative more strikingly illustrative than that which was related to me a few evenings ago. Accidentally meeting my old friend, Captain Wilkinson, who had not long since returned from a lengthened voyage, it was only natural, especially at this time of the year, that we should exchange the "compliments of the season;" and as we sat by the parlour fire, smoking our calumets of peace—by-the-bye, the tobacco was very fine, not smuggled you must know, still not "duty paid"—the conversation veered round upon the Captain's last voyage, and the incidents it presented. As a land-lubber, I am not much versed in nautical parlance, consequently I cannot reproduce the many quaint expressions which my jovial and genial brother used, in natural seafaring habit, to garnish his recital. After some general conversation on the position and prospects of the shipping interest, which he described as more than ordinarily dull, I ventured to ask him whether, as a Mason, he had discovered anything in the East, whence he had just returned. "Ah! my friend," he explained, "Freemasonry extends very much further into remote and comparatively unknown regions than many of the brethren appear to imagine, and an instance of this came under my own personal observation."

"Let us have it, then, by all means," I rejoined, catching the interest, "for we are all glad to obtain an addition to our store of Masonic knowledge."

"Well," he continued, "as you know, last year I was in command of the steamer *Presnitz*, belonging to Messrs. E. J. Hough and Co., of Bishopsgate-street, London, who, I may add, have formed a company called the Tunisian

Esparto Company—Esparto being a grass that is largely used in paper making and other manufactures." I assented to that knowledge, being somewhat "in the trade," and replied that I recollected the captain's departure for his voyage perfectly well. "The business in Tunis and Tripoli," he went on, "is buying grass from the native Arabs and shipping it to this country. I left the Tyne early last January, bound to Genoa, and on my arrival there I received instructions to sail to Tripoli, there to load part cargo of Esparto, and thence to proceed to Surkinis Bay, to complete cargo. "My instructions," laughed the narrator, "were short, sharp, and decisive, though somewhat vague. They were briefly in these words: 'One white house, with a lot of moveable Arab tents and camels;' but I must first go to the ancient town of Sphax. As you will see by the chart, Sphax lies to the eastward of Morocco and Algiers, and to the northward of Tunis, on the coast of Africa; and it was left to me to cruise along the coast until I espy the 'one white house, and the lot of moveable Arab tents and camels.' However, the task was accomplished without difficulty, and surely enough the white house, which is a landmark on the coast, came into view."

After replenishing our pipes, our worthy brother gave a minute description of this town of Sphax, which he spoke of as the most ancient he had ever seen in the Arab quarter, and well worthy of a visit. I replied that it was most unlikely I should ever have that privilege, unless, indeed, he should be going over for another cargo of Esparto and would invite me to accompany him, which he smilingly assured me he would do. He described the native streets as all being roofed over, so as to protect the passers along it from the sun and rain, and gave an interesting account, which I will not prolong here, of the manner in which the streets are sub-divided for the purposes of trade—some of them being devoted to the sale of cotton, others to meat, tin ware, provisions, &c. The Arabs were to be seen reclining at the entrances to their "shops," quietly smoking *chibouques*, as they waited for customers to come along; "and," our Brother exclaimed, "a finer race of men I have never seen in my life."

But to return to the story. He proceeded to say, "My agent there was an Italian brother, who sent his Arab servant to show me the town, and gave me a full description of Surkinis—or rather its encampment—where he advised me to make myself known to the sheikh. Now, I need not tell you I cannot speak a single syllable of Arabic; so that I had no means of making myself known until the following incident happened: I towed boats, with a number of Arab labourers, to take on board grass from Sphax to Surkinis Bay, as I was informed that nothing could be had, and no assistance procured, at the latter place. Well, the towing had been going on all right, and everybody very busy, except the captain—that's me, you know." At which remark, I suppose I ought to say in parenthesis, as newspaper reporters do, there was "laughter" mutually, for our Brother is by no means a drone at anything he undertakes. "The latter individual," continued my friend, "betook himself up for a stroll inland, being told by the only two whites on the settlement that I had nothing to fear from the natives, adding the precaution, however, that I must "beware of the dogs," which were very numerous, and of a vicious, wolfish breed, having a strong affinity for white men's calves, even though though they were only of "salt junk" (more laughter, of course).

I ventured to suggest as to the hazardous nature of a journey into the country at a time when the Arabs were in bitter hostility to the English, and stories of the Soudan campaign might have already reached that region, as no doubt they had done; but the captain shook his head, and said he had been assured to the contrary, and the only remark he added was that, being mounted on a very young horse, he "did not fear the dogs." He continued, "I started at daybreak for the hills, following the camel's track, and arrived about noon, when the Arabs were gathering the grass and loading the camels and donkeys for the next day's journey to the encampment. I was tired after six hours in the saddle"—fancy a robust, jolly-looking captain of a vessel outside a young horse for six hours at a stretch!—"and after dinner at two p.m., I crossed the hills to another grass place. At five p.m. I started on my return journey towards the encampment at Surkinis Bay. I had my compass and knew the course to steer; but unfortunately night came on rapidly, and no stars being visible, I got off the track and lost my way."

I found this out by striking a match, and setting my compass. Had I been wiser, I should have had an older horse, as I was informed before I started that the "old 'uns will find their way home on the darkest night, as old farmers' hacks do in this country from market, be the night ever so dark and their masters ever so tipsy."

"However did you manage in this predicament?" I was prompted to ask. "Well, I led the horse up the hill and lit my pipe, saw my revolver all right, and prepared for a bad night on the ground. Everything seemed as still as death; but at ten o'clock I saw a light in the valley, and just then a few stars came out; so I set my compass once more, and steered for the spot on which the lights were glimmering. These revealed to me a lot of camels and drivers returning to the mountains for grass, and they seemed alarmed to see a lone fellow there upon the dreary wastes on horseback. After a while, however, the sheikh approached, but as I could not speak Arabic, nor he, I imagined, English, the thought flashed across my mind to pass him a Masonic sign—the sign of sorrow. To my astonishment and intense relief, the sign was recognised and returned, and in a moment more we had exchanged the grip with all the heartiness of true 'Hail! fellow, well met.' He at once ordered me chabouk and coffee, after which he despatched an Arab with me back to the settlement, much to the surprise of the two whites there, to whom I told the story of my strange adventure, to which they listened with wondering interest. After this I was treated with the greatest respect and kindness all the time I remained at Surkinis, and on leaving I was presented with a sheep and some fowls."

"Then you fared better than the unfortunate bishop who we are informed has recently been captured by some half savage tribes in a remote region?" laughed I; to which the Captain jocularly retorted "Perhaps the bishop is not a Mason, and therefore could not make himself known by signs!" I was very much interested and amused at our Brother's description of the emotions which overtook him when he "found himself lost," and his joy at encountering a brother in that "outlandish spot;" and said as a "chief among ye, takin' notes," I should "prent it," with the editor's permission, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

After the story was told, our Brother added that the only person there who spoke English was a head stevedore, who had been raised to the third degree in Masonry. "This man, whom I had brought from Sphax, inquired what the English intended to do after conquering the Soudan; but I answered by saying I was not sufficiently advanced in politics to solve such a problem as that. On expressing surprise that the stevedore was a Master Mason, he assured me I need not be, as many sheikhs were Masons, besides other Arabs."

Regarding this as another instance, and a very uncommon one, of the "universality of Masonry," showing that even in the most obscure and remote parts of the habitable globe there are men of all classes ranged under the banner of the Order, I venture to think you will deem it worthy of record in your columns, and that the length of this sketch is in some measure justified by the remarkable character of the information and incidents it contains.

CONSECRATION OF ST. EILIAN MARK LODGE, No. 360.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the Right Worshipful Bro. Captain Hunter Provincial Grand Master consecrated the new Lodge, St. Eilian, No. 360, at the Castle Hotel, Amlwch. The Lodge has been formed by Bro. Owen Thomas as first W.M., and the Wardens are Bro. the Rev. H. Thomas (rural dean) and Bro. the Rev. Henry Lloyd (Amlwch) and the petitioners, with Bro. Owen Thomas, being Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D., and Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith (Holyhead). Bro. Captain Hunter was assisted by Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers, and Bro. George L. Woodley (Llandudno) P.G. Secretary Past Grand Steward of England acted as Installing Master. An address was given by Bro. Captain Hunter to the brethren on Mark Masonry, and the great progress the Mark degree had made in North Wales, and an interesting ceremony followed. The Provincial Grand Chaplains were Bro. the Rev. Hugh Thomas (rural dean) and Brother the Rev. Henry Lloyd. Brother Williams, Organist of Christ Church, Carnarvon, presided at the organ, and conducted the musical arrangements. Colonel Tudor, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire (a Past Grand Warden of North Wales), was present. After the consecration, the brethren adjourned to the Dinorben Hotel, where they dined. Bro. Captain Hunter presided, and was supported on his right by the R.W.P.G.M. of Staffordshire and the W.M. Bro. Owen Thomas, and on his left by the Provincial Grand Chaplains and the rural dean of Llanallan. After a pleasant evening, most of the brethren had to leave by the 7:30 train, having to go long distances.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME.

OUT of the London fog and mist, away from the slushy streets and the bustle and din of City Life, where "beautiful snow" has been trampled by a myriad of footsteps of man and animals into a perfect quagmire of horrible "sludge," and on to the quiet countryside home of the "dear Old People" who are the objects of such tender solicitude to the friends and supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. Down to that sequestered and peaceful spot where age and indigence are relieved and the declining days of our poor brethren and widows are soothed and comforted by the bounty of the Craft, where in summer time the flowers bloom and scent the quiet air, but where at this truly "old-fashioned" Christmas time the trees are shivering with the sheen of frosted crystals and garlands of snow, such as have not been witnessed since the memorable "black Tuesday" of five years ago. Such was the contrast experienced on Wednesday last—Old Christmas Day—by the little knot of friends and well-wishers who started in saloon carriages, specially provided for their accommodation, from Cannon-street, bent on their annual mission of carrying rays of sunshine into the homes and hearts of the poor old people who have been lifted by the benevolence of the Craft from positions of extreme and unavoidable necessity. In spite of the leaden skies, which portended a continuance of the snow-storm of unwonted severity that had fallen upon London, Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution, had the felicity that afternoon of welcoming a goodly muster of the real friends of the establishment, which has proved so great a blessing to its residents, whilst the amiable matron, Miss Norris, had equal pleasure in receiving a large number of ladies who had braved the virulence of the storm and the difficulties of travelling to pay their accustomed "compliments of the season" to the dear old creatures who have found a happy and contented home at Croydon. Amongst those present we noticed Bro. C. J. Percival (President of the House Committee), Bro. J. Terry jun., Miss Kate S. Terry, Miss Jessie Terry, Mr. A. M. Terry, Bro. W. Raynham Stewart, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Mr. A. P. Bowyer, Bro. T. Cabbitt, Bro. H. J. Strong (hon. surgeon to the Institution), Bro. W. J. Crutch, Miss Ada Crutch, Miss Cissy M. Crutch, Bro. C. F. Hogard, Bro. T. Hastings Miller, Bro. R. Griggs, Mr. E. J. Martin, Bro. John Martin, Mrs. and Miss Newton, Bro. H. Massey, Mr. H. W. Massey, Miss A. R. Massey, Bro. H. J. Amphlett, Bro. E. M. Money, Bro. J. T. Briggs, Mr. Vernon, Miss Fanny Vernon, Mrs. Calver, Bro. J. Mason, and many others. In cosy and cheerful contrast with the white waste outside was the interior of the building, well warmed and lighted, and teeming with decorations of holly and mistletoe, the walls being adorned with devices in a hundred designs, and the great hall reverberating with the many voices of the residents who, this day out of the whole three hundred and sixty-five, are made supremely happy. Many willing and loving hands had contributed to the merry-making on this auspicious occasion. The Committee started with a substantial nucleus of £20 towards the fund, while a donation of five pounds was forwarded by the executive of a kindred Institution in East Lancashire. Then the Board of Grand Stewards for 1884-5 came forward with a solid addition to the fund of £13 9s 3d, which enabled the Committee to present each of the residents with a Christmas-box of half-a-sovereign. Many kind friends also testified their interest in the Old People's welfare by presenting gifts in kind, and it need hardly be said that these "creature comforts" were gratefully appreciated by the recipients. Mrs. Edgar Bowyer generously forwarded hampers of fruit; Bro. Edgar Bowyer gave two plump turkeys for the Old Folks' dinner; Bro. T. Hastings Miller added to the store of fat things two prime hams; whilst Bros. C. F. Matier and R. Berridge supplied the means of innocent recreation for many months to come by sending each a dozen packs of playing cards. Then there were big packages of tea for the widows, and of tobacco for the old men, and it was a sight to see the luxurious ease and enjoyment with which the ladies sipped their mild Bohea and the gentlemen puffed their fragrant weed when they had retired from the scene of the general festivities to their snug and comfortable apartments. Is it needful to say that the Christmas dinner was thoroughly enjoyed and "done justice to?" or that the few toasts which followed, beginning with the Queen and the Craft and leading up to a Happy new year, that the residents found a responsive echo in each and every breast? The dinner was an unparalleled success, and enjoyment was paramount, the House Committee and visitors exerting their utmost endeavours to render the happiness of their guests complete. After dinner came the "seasonable" visits of friends to the cosy quarters of the residents, all of which were suitably adorned with emblems of Yuletide, while on many a mantel-shelf appeared pretty cards of remembrance and good wishes, both for Christmas and the New Year. Later in the afternoon the House Committee and their invited friends sat down to a substantial dinner, under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Percival, after which several speeches relating to the Institution were delivered. Bro. W. Raynham Stewart led off, by proposing the health of the Chairman, who had done good suit and service for the prosperity of this Institution. Bro. Percival was proverbial for his kindness to the poor; he felt for the wants of others, and they were all delighted that he had sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to fill the position he so worthily occupied that day. Bro. Percival, after suitably acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, said, as the Almighty had been pleased to restore him once more to health, he hoped it would be for renewed exertions on behalf of this grand Institution, and all the Institutions in connection with Freemasonry. As they loved and admired Freemasonry, so should they follow its precepts in whatever station of life they might be placed. He then proposed the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Institution—and observed that they would all have been glad to see by returns published in the Masonic papers the handsome sums which had been subscribed to the Institutions during the past year, and to know that one stood at the top of the tree. Each Institution had its own separate behests; but the Benevolent Insti-

tution had claims more particularly demanding their care than the others, for this reason—that once they got the Old People on their list of annuitants they seemed to live for ever. He hoped in the future, as in the past, this Institution would be known as the one the most prominent of the three. In the other Institutions the educational requirements were continually passing away, whereas the Old People passed away very slowly, for they were taken for their lifetime. He associated with the toast the name of their worthy and esteemed Secretary, Bro. James Terry, to whom he paid a high and deserved tribute for his splendid exertions in behalf of the Institution. Bro. Terry, in a speech which we deem of sufficient importance to the Craft to give in *extenso* in our leading columns, responded; and after that came the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Hogard, Hastings Miller, and John Newton. Bro. Hogard, in responding, said he was very pleased to have witnessed the entertainment to the Old People, in whom they felt so deep an interest. Some of those present were connected with the Institution officially, as Auditors of accounts, and they had heard with much regret the remarks of Bro. Terry concerning the future of the Institution. They could only hope, as was the case last year, that his prophecies would not be fulfilled. Still they must look the facts broadly in the face. Times had not looked well during the past twelve months; therefore they must not be surprised if results did not quite come up to their expectations. It had afforded him intense pleasure to see the old people enjoying the entertainment which Bro. Terry had kindly provided for them, and he hoped as these gatherings took place year by year they might be able to enhance the benefits of the Institution, and maintain it as the premier Institution of the Craft. Bro. T. Hastings Miller said it afforded him a vast amount of pleasure to be present on this occasion, and he looked forward with much gratification to the recurrence of that happy day, which the old people so much enjoyed. It was most refreshing to see the happiness depicted on every countenance, and he hoped to see it for many years to come. Bro. John Newton also responded. He recollected the second entertainment of this kind ever given to the inmates, and since then he had been a constant visitor and helper on such occasions. He rehearsed what Bro. Miller had said, it did their hearts good to see the happy enjoyment of the old people. He looked forward to these gatherings with a vast amount of pleasure, as a means of doing good to their fellow creatures. He dearly loved the Institution, and worked as hard as he could for it; and he hoped this would not be the last time he should be a guest of the House Committee. The President then proposed the health of Bro. Terry's staff, and said they all knew that during their Secretary's recent illness how admirably the Institution had been carried on. Bro. Mason was a most energetic, hard-working, useful man, and from his perseverance and energy he had largely augmented the annual subscriptions towards the funds. Bro. Mason, in response, said certainly there was one lesson he had learnt, and that was "when time is short, do what you have to do speedily." Since he had been connected with the Institution he had done his best for it, and he intended to do so, as long as he enjoyed the confidence of the Committee. He believed these gatherings did a great deal of good, at any rate they brought some of them closer to each other than they were at any other time of the year, and it was most cheering to see the gladdened faces of the old people. He believed their hearts beat for the time when Old Christmas day came round. When he arrived to-day an old resident said to him, "Ah! I was afraid the snow would stop you coming." It showed how anxious they were; and every time the old men took a whiff at their pipes, or the old ladies brewed their tea, their blessings went up upon the donors of the gifts. He feared there was much truth in the statement made by Bro. Terry as to the prospects of the Institution. This year started with 60 or 70 Stewards less than last year; and if they put it at £50 each, there was a loss of between £3,000 and £4,000. He could not see how it was possible to reach anything like the amount of last year, unless, by means of the Press, a mighty effort be aroused amongst the Craft. Bro. Terry had made superhuman efforts, but he could not be in two places at once. The Press got to the hands of those whom the staff could not reach, and he hoped when the brethren knew the necessities of the case, they would come forward and show that where the need was the supply should not be deficient. Bro. J. Terry jun. also responded. Mr. T. Hastings Miller then gave the House Committee, for whom Bro. Raynham Stewart replied, and the company then joined the ladies at tea, under the superintendence of Miss Norris and her assistants. Later on the residents were again assembled in the hall to witness an entertainment given by Lieut. Cole, the famous ventriloquist, and Mr. Harry Lacey, whose recitals were much enjoyed. The entertainment was most successful, and the inmates expressed their grateful appreciation of it as they bade good bye to the visitors on their leaving for the homeward journey to town.

The first Annual Ball of the Chiswick Lodge, 2012, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 29th instant, 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.

WELL PREPARED FOR GREAT WORK.

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reason why this Order has lived and wrought and taught? It would indeed not be the only instance in the world's history in which there has quietly and unostentatiously grown, in the great laboratory of human events, the antidote to great evils. It is little to say that Masons, as such, are with the principles of William the Silent of Orange and George Washington, rather than those of Philip the Second of Spain and George the Third of England. In the day of these men, and in the events of their time, was illustrated the fact that the side of right, though apparently the weaker, may triumph over the side of wrong through some mysterious providence which baffles and defeats the most consummate and adroit statesmanship, and the most skilful, heroic and patient generalship of the powers of despotism. Oh, humanity! Could ye but know the glorious deeds that have been, silently and unknown, wrought for you in the world's upward and onward progress throughout centuries!

But it is evident that there is much work to be done for humanity, without waiting for any great crisis in human affairs. A hasty glance over the world reveals a sad condition, notwithstanding our very just boasts of great progress and high civilisation, and the glorious triumphs of the Cross.

Let us face the truth. The great majority of mankind are yet but political slaves! Gigantic standing armies are eating out the substance of nations. Great fleets of iron-clad men-of-war prowl over the high seas, and vast fortresses frown along the borders of all lands. War still devours whole kingdoms at a meal. Intemperance in every land sinks its hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and fills the land with widows and orphans and beggary, and stocks the earth with drunkards' graves. On the one hand great organisations of anarchists parade the streets of the large cities of this, the freest land under the sun, proclaiming doctrines subversive of all property rights, of social order, and of civil government itself. On the other hand, great monopolies and moneyed corporations, soulless, grasping and insatiable, are absorbing the earnings and property of myriads of people. And it is possible for an individual, who never contributed a dollar to the real wealth of the country, or did aught for the nation, for science or humanity, to amass a fortune of many millions in a single lifetime.

Crime still pours its ceaseless stream through all the earth, and gloomy prisons rear themselves on every hand, and ignorance and superstition and bigotry still exist; while the gaunt victims of disease, misery, and destitution are marching in a procession of millions to untimely graves! All these things teach us that the world's night has not yet passed away, and though the dawn has begun to break, there is much to be done before the full morning cometh. And in the work of lifting these evils from our race, our share, not as an Order, indeed, but as men who are Masons, with the teachings of Masonry in our hearts, is a very large one. And how shall we be prepared to do our part? By making the teachings of Masonry what they were intended to be—practical. Not with new methods, but by a recurrence and strict adherence to the principles and methods already taught us. For if there be such a thing as a new or modern Masonry, with new principles, as distinguished from an older system, the old Masonry is the better. And we need no noise, no proclamations, no great announcements, for such things are inimical and strange to Masons, for the dominion of the principles of Masonry, like those of a higher and holier kingdom, "Cometh not with observation."

Faithful to our great trust and work in the onward progress of the world, then as humanity in the past has been blessed by our labours, so shall the generations to come, everywhere, rejoice in the beneficence of Freemasonry.

—Voice of Masonry.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These remedies are unequalled throughout the world for bad legs, wounds, foul sores, bad breasts, and ulcers. Used according to directions given with them there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Many poor sufferers who have been patients in the large hospitals under the care of eminent surgeons, and have derived little or no benefit from their treatment, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills. For glandular swellings, tumours, "piles," and diseases of the skin there is nothing that can be used with so much benefit. In fact, in the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these medicines, used conjointly, are irresistible.

The first meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the year 1886 took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Brother Joyce Murray Chairman. Among others present were Bros. J. L. Mather, S. Hastings Miller, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Paas, Edgar Bowyer, H. W. Hunt, J. Moon, W. Maple, S. Richardson, Dr. Morris (Head Master), F. Adlard, L. Ruf, H. Hinton, A. Durrant, A. E. Gladwell, S. H. Parkhouse, T. Griffith, A. Williams, G. P. Gillard, E. Valeriani, C. Belton, W. A. Scurrah, C. H. Webb, F. Richardson, G. Mickley, E. F. Storr, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, those of the House Committee were read for information. Petitions from nine candidates were considered and accepted, and the names placed on the list for election in April. Two applications for grants towards outfit were entertained, £5 being voted in each case. The Committee resolved on recommending for adoption by the Quarterly Court on Monday, the 11th inst., a list of 48 candidates, the vacancies to be filled being 20, or, in the event of the motion hereafter stated being carried, 30. The following motions were given for the Quarterly Court on Monday:—

By Bro. Joyce Murray, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:—

(1) To amend Law 74, clause 2, that it may read as follows:—"The Assistant Masters shall be appointed by the Head Master, subject to confirmation by the House Committee."

(2) To insert in Law 75, the words "House Steward," and after the first word "The."

(3) "That 10 additional boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court on 12th April next, making the total number 240."

By Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., Vice-Patron and Trustee:—To form part of Law 37—

"That the members of the House Committee shall be elected for three years, and that at the expiration of the first three years the election shall take place annually. The three at the top of the list shall then retire and be eligible for re-election, and so on annually."

The usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding closed the proceedings.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. VINCENT,
P.M. 1076 and 1861.

BROTHER Thomas Vincent, P.M. 1076 and 1876, P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, at a special vestry of the parish of St. Margaret's, New Fish-street, City, was presented, on Wednesday, 30th ult., with an illuminated testimonial, beautifully framed, in recognition of his long and able services as churchwarden. The presentation was made by Stuart Knill, Esq., the Alderman of the Ward of Bridge, in which Ward the parish in question is situated. The Alderman spoke of the many years he had known Bro. Vincent, and of the integrity and zeal with which he had carried out the duties of any position he undertook. He honoured the friendship of such a man, and hoped that Bro. Vincent might be spared many years amongst them. His face was so well known in the Ward that when the time came for his removal it would leave a blank not easily filled, while his name would always remain on the page of history in connection with the Ward. The rector of the parish (the Rev. A. J. McCaul) said he would take the opportunity of testifying to the valuable services rendered by Mr. Vincent for so many years. He had managed the whole finance of the parish, was treasurer of their schools, and he had heard of many acts of kindness rendered by him towards the poor. On his part he thanked Mr. Vincent most heartily for his uniform courtesy and kindness; he hoped he might be spared for very many years, and that he should always be honoured with his friendship. Bro. Vincent replied in a few well chosen phrases. He was much flattered by the kind words spoken of him by their worthy Alderman, and also by their esteemed Rector; he should highly value the testimonial of his fellow parishioners; it would remind him of many happy days he had spent amongst them; and when it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove him to another sphere, he trusted that his children would look upon this testimonial in honour of his memory.

The ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed at Bro. Gilbert's, the Windsor Castle, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday (this day), 9th January, by Bro. E. Ayling P.M., Preceptor of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, Bro. G. Gardner W.M. elect in the chair. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 9th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 176—Caveat, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gr y, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 175—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 128—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1624—Fleet-street, Crown and Anchor, 79 Fbury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Tarnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
 2029—King Solomon, Sa Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Sinc Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
 2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 11th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 9 (In)
 1415—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1603—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Frederick, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Barlast Road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
 R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 83—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 101—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 547—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 747—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 803—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 919—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1471—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1522—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 R.A. 113—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 151—Unity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 366—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 1258—Keenard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Atheneum, Lancaster
 R.C. 7—Walton, Skehnersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 66—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, 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—Donatist, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 190—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Jeppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 518—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 534—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Fownd-road, Dulston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threapoldie Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel

933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 146—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1801—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1665—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1685—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 593—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Chockleton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Bailldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Bailldon
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bolton
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Chestham, Lancashire.
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Saccross
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 11—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
 117—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 224—United Strength, The Hope, St. John's Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 881—Whittington, Red Lion, Portman-square, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1233—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1304—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Algate, E
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mure-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chopers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
 1822—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domatist, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
 R.A. 973—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
 K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 116—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hall, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster
 289—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 663—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 851—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1069—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1061—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewis, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1219—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)

1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1582—Llandiloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandiloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Harricaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
 R.A. 1177—Dintych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
 R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Beckes

THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 870—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1703—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
 R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
 R.A. 538—Yane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury
 216—Harmony, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colchill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
 R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
 R.A. 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
 R.A. 613—Eridon, Masonic Hall, Southport
 R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
 R.A. 899—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames

R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgaun Tavern, Plumstead
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melford, Mowbray
 M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Bicus, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 3 (In)
 113—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 730—Royal Alfred, Star and Porter, Row Bridge. (Instruction)
 831—Randolph, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1153—Belgrave, Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubiquo, 79 Ebury Street, Finsbury, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 K.T. 43—Komeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 641—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Dyrham.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Lovenshulmo

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penkilton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, in Huddersfield
 R.A. 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Tettnage, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Brompton, Eastwood
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 63—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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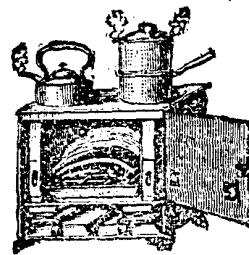
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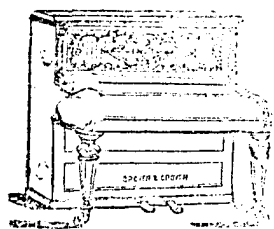
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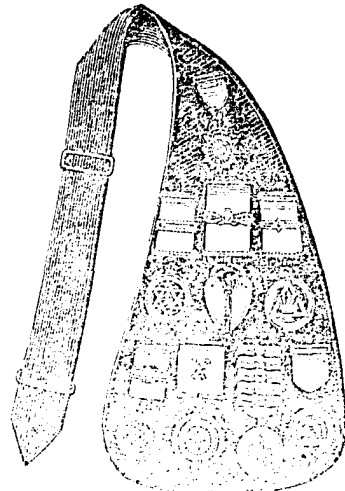
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