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"HASTEN SLOWLY."

SO much has been said and written within the last few weeks on the subject of Masonic benevolence, and the demands made upon the resources of the Craft, that a brief consideration of cause and effect in these particulars may not be inopportune at the present time. It is conceded all round—and we almost tire of hearing it reiterated at Masonic banquets—that since the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership, Freemasonry has made rapid strides in numbers and popularity. Unquestionably this is the case, as our Calendars testify, the numbers of the Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England having increased nearly seven hundred within the last decade. This may be a matter for congratulation in some respects; but, as we have had occasion frequently to demonstrate, it has been not altogether an unmixed good. Numerical strength in Freemasonry is not so much sought after as it is in friendly societies, for obvious reasons; and although we welcome within the pale of the Institution all upright and discreet men, there is too much reason to fear that many are induced to join its ranks from mercenary or other unworthy motives. The enormous number of candidates for the benefits of our Institutions is a subject for serious and earnest consideration at the present moment, and the fact reminds us that not much caution has been exercised as to the selection of candidates for the mysteries and privileges of our Order. We frequently hear it urged, especially by Past Masters who have seen the disadvantages arising from an indiscriminate admission into Lodges, that a greater degree of caution should be exercised by proposers and seconders, who are probably better acquainted with the status of those whom they desire to see introduced than are the other brethren who have to decide the result of the ballot. On the other hand, we are told that "no Lodge can flourish without Initiates," and a good deal of nonsense is talked about the "infusion of new blood." No objection could be taken to these ideas if the aspirants for Masonic benefits were proved to be capable of fulfilling their responsibilities. But how often such is not the case is apparent as every Festival comes round, when the demands upon our Charities are described as "utterly beyond the powers of the executive to cope with." This is a question that is continually cropping up, and leads us to inquire as to how far the boundaries of Masonic obligations to assist should extend. At a Lodge meeting not long ago an application was made by one who had been initiated there at least 30 years ago, who after paying a nominal subscription for five years seceded, though he subsequently joined another Lodge, to which he was a regular subscriber for twenty years or more. This brother had evidently been an active Mason, and ostensibly had done good suit and service to the Craft, otherwise on being overtaken by reverses he would not, on petition, have been relieved by one of the largest grants it is in the power of the Board of Benevolence to bestow. That fact alone was ample evidence that the brother in question had worked himself up into a position of considerable standing. Since his reverses he has been elected on the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and his total income at the present time is the annuity which he receives from that Charity. But again he is hard pressed, and being faced with serious demands upon his resources, he finds the means placed at his disposal by the bounty of the Craft

totally inadequate to meet his requirements; he therefore comes back to the Lodge which he has not entered for years, and asks the brethren to recommend his petition to the Board. As a matter of course, a considerable amount of discussion arose on the question, in the course of which details of the facts, as stated now, were elicited. Then the case was argued, how far the Lodge was justified in supporting such a claim? To ignore it altogether would appear, and would probably be, cruel; but in answer to the argument as to why the applicant did not go to the Lodge to which he had regularly subscribed for upwards of twenty years? the reply was that his necessities were urgent, and that the Lodge in question was not then in session, so that he was obliged to fall back upon the one with which he had so distant an association. Again, the question arose, how were the brethren to act in such a matter? And upon this we should like, and we invite, the opinions and advice of any of our correspondents who are competent to speak upon the bearings of such a case. At another Lodge which we recently visited, the widow of a brother who was initiated in it five years ago appealed for assistance. It did not come out in evidence whether or not he became a full-fledged Mason, but it was quite clear that he was not an enthusiast, inasmuch as he had only paid half-a-year's subscription with his initiation fee, and then lapsed altogether his connection with the Order. The Lodge to which we now particularly refer is proverbial for its charitable proclivities, and here again the question arose—though it was not dictated by any spirit of stern economy—whether or not the brethren were justified in voting, out of funds furnished by the consistent supporters of the Lodge for a specific purpose, money in relief to such an appeal. The brother who proposed it stated his case very fairly and impartially, and urged that as they had established a Benevolent Fund for the relief of distress generally, it was quite within the province of the Lodge—nay, its bounden duty—to meet the case of a deserving widow, even under the most exceptional circumstances. The result was that a small sum was voted to the widow who applied. We express no opinion as to the decision of the brethren, though whether the grant was prompted by sheer generosity rather than by judicious consideration of the functions of the Lodge, or justice to the general body of subscribing members, is open to question. We too frequently find that remarks on the "unbounded charity" of the Masonic Fraternity, and the principles of universal benevolence, come from young and inexperienced Masons, who, burning with the enthusiasm which their admission into the Order naturally inspires, would "rush in" where others, of greater knowledge of the whole bearings of the matter, would "fear to tread." To relieve every stranger at the gate who might present himself, as really or apparently needy, would break the back of any Institution, however sound, so far as its legitimate scope is concerned, and indiscriminate bounty would open the door to all sorts of imposture and deceit. In the instance to which last reference was made, the sum of five guineas was proposed to be given from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, and in our view the members exercised a very wise discretion when they decided that a less amount was sufficient to meet the exigencies of the case before them. It must be clear to all who have had any lengthened experience with these matters that many men join our Lodges with the view of how much they can "get out of them." We have often pointed out the extreme and urgent desirability of caution

in recommending candidates for admission into Freemasonry; and we cannot do better than refer to the keynote struck by the Grand Secretary of England, a few nights ago, at the consecration of the Drury Lane Lodge, which was so splendidly inaugurated under the auspices of Bro. Augustus Harris, the enterprising and eminently successful proprietor of Drury Lane Theatre. On that brilliant occasion, when there were so many Grand and Provincial Grand Officers present, Colonel Shadwell Clerke gave vent to sentiments on this subject which will be endorsed by every right-thinking member of the Fraternity. He said, in as many words, that the most extreme caution was necessary as to the recommendation of aspirants for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, for when a popular Lodge was started there was always a large number of candidates who wanted to rush into it. In concluding his words of admonition, the Grand Secretary gave as his text, the lessons from which we trust will be pondered and acted upon by all who might read his timely observations. He said, "I warn this Lodge, as I have warned others, to be very careful in this respect, and to 'hasten slowly,' for the more difficult it is to join a Lodge, the better class of members there will be in the long run." This is a point we have always consistently urged, and the force of the argument will be readily conceded by all who have watched the progress of Freemasonry during the past few years. It is not always, however, that the indiscriminate admission of candidates is confined to young Lodges who have a promising and popular career before them. In how many Lodges where, perhaps from lax administration, or the machinations of partizans, do we find that the legitimate roll of members has become "small by degrees and beautifully less," often to such an extent that initiates are eagerly sought after, in order to sustain breath within the body of the Lodge, and to save it from a condition of pulmonary consumption? A knowledge of these facts fully justifies us in the expression of the views with which we open this article, feeling assured that, as the records of our benevolent funds confirm, there are many men induced—we were almost about to say, encouraged—to join the ranks of Freemasonry who should never have become Masons. Before a man is proposed in any Lodge it should be absolutely ascertained why and wherefore he is prompted in the wish to take that important step in life; and in the present day, when the demands upon our Charitable Institutions are so heavy, it becomes more and more imperative that the strictest caution should be exercised with regard to adding to the strength of our Lodges. Not only do we find that many are admitted, only to strut their "brief hour upon the stage" of Masonic life, and then to fall back on the bounty of the Order, owing to their inability to fulfil responsibilities which they might know they were incapable of before entering; but there is even greater danger in the number of men who, though well-to-do, and perfectly free from any apprehension that they will become burdens upon the Craft, are to be found struggling to enter our Lodges for purposes entirely of their own. Thus we see too many class Lodges springing into existence, into which men who are aiming at positions, political and otherwise, are desirous of "rushing in." It will be an evil day when the political element usurps a prominent place in Freemasonry, or when it is tolerated in the slightest degree; and to see men who are aspiring to popularity, on the School Board, in the Vestry, or in Town Councils, eagerly anxious to make Freemasonry a royal road to the achievement of their ambitious desires is to our mind a tendency which should receive a prompt and decisive check at the hands of all true friends of our Order. We trust, therefore, that not only the new Lodge which the Grand Secretary addressed so practically and fraternally on Monday, and which promises so brilliant a career, but all other sections of the Craft will put into practice the caution which is implied in the terse but significant words bequeathed to all of them, and they are, to "hasten slowly."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of saving suffering when any one is afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st October 1885 to the 19th January 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter -	102	1	11	Disbursements during the quarter -	402	19	9
„ Unappropriated Account -	188	8	10	Balance -	43	5	2
Subsequent Receipts -	340	16	6	„ Unappropriated Account -	185	2	4
	£631	7	3		£631	7	3

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Abel Penfold as Z., Robert James Warren as H., John Aillud as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, North Woolwich, to be called the Henley Chapter, and to meet at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, in the county of Kent.

2nd. From Companions Nathaniel Merridew as Z., Herbert Standing as H., Frederic La Coque Thorne as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Leamington, to be called the Guy's Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Leamington, in the county of Warwick.

3rd. From Companions the Rev. Charles J. Martyn as Z., Joseph Francis Hills as H., Frederick Wheeler as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, to be called the Martyn Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury, in the county of Suffolk.

4th. From Companions Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott as Z., Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis, M.P., as H., Alderman Sir Robert Nicholas Fowler, Bart., M.P., as J., and nineteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, London, to be called the Grand Master's Chapter, and to meet at Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, Hull, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882. This memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th January 1886.

To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Royal Arch Regulations—with Amendments received since the Quarterly Convocation.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Dean M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.N., Edmonds P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a complete and creditable manner. R.A. Masons should visit this Chapter of Improvement, and prepare themselves for the various officers in their Chapters.

The admission of fifteen boys, elected in October last to the advantages of the Preparatory School at Wood Green, took place on Friday last, and we congratulate the Craft upon the inauguration of the new premises. There was only a formal and unostentatious ceremony, but we trust that, now the new building has been completed, and that provision has been made for the reception of one hundred scholars, the necessary funds, which are the *summum bonum* of success in the matter, will be forthcoming, and, should there be sufficient applications, the School may be worked at its full strength at no distant date.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, City, when Brother Frederick Joseph Dellow was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. Brother Thomas Francis Harvey W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by his Officers and a goodly number of members and visitors. Having confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting Brother Harvey proceeded to pass Brother Butcher to the second degree. Another brother who was expected to seek similar advancement, and another who is awaiting his third degree, were unfortunately prevented from being present, so that the next ceremony before the Lodge was the installation of Worshipful Master. Brother Dellow S.W. was presented, and duly obligated by the Worshipful Master, who then resigned his chair in favour of Brother A. H. Brown P.M. who inducted the Worshipful Master elect into the chair of the Lodge with marked ability. In due course the following were appointed the Officers of the Lodge for the year:—Bros. Cant S.W., Blain J.W., Lacey P.M. Treasurer, Webb P.M. Secretary, Wiles S.D., Richardson J.D., Seddon P.M. Organist, Higgs I.G., Magee D.C., Miller Steward, and Very Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. Brother J. S. Fraser offered his services as Steward at the next Festival for the Girls' Institution, which were accepted, and ten guineas was voted in aid of his list. The death was announced of Brother Milburn, whose widow was in most distressed circumstances. This brother was initiated in the year 1879, but had only paid half a year's subscription to the Lodge, after which period his association with Freemasonry lapsed. However, considering the distressed circumstances in which the widow was placed, the brethren voted her the sum of three guineas. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. rose and addressed the Lodge on the question of Brother John Newton's retirement from official duties as Secretary. Brother Newton, to the regret of every member of the Lodge, had felt it incumbent upon him, having regard to his other duties, to adopt this course, but it was gratifying to know that the Lodge was in an eminently sound financial position, and this was mainly attributable to the energy and zeal that Brother Newton had thrown into his work during the 18 years he had conducted the business of the Lodge as its Secretary. It was arranged that a Secretary's jewel, of modest and unpretentious character, should be provided at the expense of the Lodge, for presentation to Brother Newton, and which he trusted that Brother would feel much gratification in wearing. He had retired from active duty in the Lodge in full vigour, and he had promised to give every assistance that was in his power to his successor. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Captain T. F. Harvey on his retirement from the chair, and after the transaction of some other business, the members and their Visitors partook of an excellent banquet, supplied under the direction of Brother J. Marcham. In giving the loyal toasts the Worshipful Master referred to the successful period during which Her Majesty had governed; her reign had only been exceeded by three monarchs of this country. The Prince of Wales was in every sense of the word a courteous gentleman, and it was a gratifying proof of his interest in Freemasonry that his eldest son, Prince Edward, had been initiated into the Craft. The Immediate Past Master in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said he felt he might congratulate the Lodge upon having so popular a man and Mason as Brother Dellow to rule over the Sincerity Lodge for the ensuing year. The toast was received with applause, and Brother Dellow, after returning thanks for the honour they had done him, said he had a difficult task in responding to the toast, inasmuch as more had been placed to his credit than he deserved. After the many able Masters who had gone before him, he feared he should not be able to acquit himself so well as he might desire, but he would strive. In proposing the toast of the Immediate Past Master he said there could be but one opinion,—that Brother Harvey had fulfilled his duties to the utmost satisfaction of the brethren. He trusted their esteemed Immediate Past Master might be spared many years to aid the Lodge by his council, experience, and advice. Brother Harvey suitably returned thanks for the kindness with which the mention of his name had been received; he assured the brethren the jewel with which he had been presented would be prized as long as he lived. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Past Masters, whom he designated the backbone of the Lodge. He was pleased to see so large a muster present that evening, no less than eleven having put in an appearance, and he associated with the toast the name of Brother John Newton, who for so many years had been connected with the Lodge as its Secretary, and had discharged the duties of that onerous position with fidelity, fervency, and zeal. Bro. John Newton in response, said the Past Masters, from the oldest to the youngest, took a deep interest in the affairs of the Lodge, and were gratified at the position it now held. He sketched his somewhat lengthy career in connection with the Sincerity Lodge; he remembered, 25 years ago, when he was initiated by Bro. Bulmer, who was now present. He had never regretted that step, for during his connection with Freemasonry he had made many friends, who had helped him forward, and in due course he attained the exalted position of Master of the Lodge. At the close of his year of office the question arose as to who should instal his successor. There were two aspirants for this honour, and as to adjudicate between the rival claimants would involve grave responsibility, he decided to take the duty upon himself. He was proud to know this inaugurated a new era, and he was able to say that the Lodge of Sincerity had never since had occasion to go outside its doors for the services of an installing officer. He again returned thanks for their kindness to him during his long association with the Lodge and trusted he might live many years to assist in its advance-

ment and prosperity. The W.M. then welcomed the Visitors, on whose behalf Bros. Mansfield, Tickle, Cock, Scott, Berry, Morgan, and others replied, and in due course the proceedings were closed in a befitting manner by the Tyler. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, under the direction of Madame Couch. Amongst the Visitors present were:—Bros. Brittain S.D. 1278, Cock W.M. 1597, Scott 933, Tonlmin 1593, Knott 177, Mansfield P.M. 21 P.G.S., Tickle 1702 P.P.G.R. Middlesex, T. H. Spiller 49, C. H. Spiller 49, Brown 1364, Allard 1421, Morgan I.P.M. 211.

EAST MEDINA LODGE, No. 175.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, on Wednesday, the 20th instant. The following Officers and members of the Lodge were present:—Bros. J. L. Stobbs P.G. Steward W.M., Tenison Smith I.P.M., H. E. Matthews S.W., H. Durrant J.W., Francis Newman P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, Charles Carter Secretary, O. B. Gabell S.D., Henry Davis J.D., B. J. Marvieu D.C., W. Andrews I.G., W. H. Long Steward, Miah Willis Tyler, Gen. the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe P.M. P.P.G.S.W. (P.P.G.J.W. England), G. H. Pack P.M. P.P.G.J.D., James Lowe P.M., Ernest Groves P.M., E. G. Stroud, A. Drausfield, John I. Barton, and Alfred Dashwood. Among the Visitors were Bros. John McQueen W.M. 11; H. C. Manners W.M. G. A. Marsell P.M. P.P.G.D., and Robert Cullingford I.G., all of 35; A. J. Simmons 74; J. G. Garnham W.M., S. Wheeler P.M. P.G.J.D., H. M. Wavell S.D., and G. A. Brannon I.G., all of 151; John W. Gieve I.P.M. 309; F. Topham Jones W.M., A. Scott P.M., T. H. Petherick P.M., and F. Trueman, all of 551; Lord John H. Taylour W.M. P.P.G.W. New South Wales, W. Menzies P.M., and W. Hammond Riddell J.D., all of 698, J. C. Hopwood S.D. 1457, H. H. Durrant 1697, James Connor P.M. Sec. 1869; A. Greenham S.W., and W. T. Swarne, both of 1884. As private business had prevented the Senior Warden, Bro. Matthews, from undertaking the duties of office during the ensuing year, Bro. H. Durrant J.W. had been unanimously elected Worshipful Master, and having been presented by the I.P.M., Bro. Stobbs, the ceremony of installing him in the chair was most impressively performed by Brother Francis Newman P.M. P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Matthews S.W., Carter J.W., Newman Treasurer, Gabell Secretary, Davis S.D., Andrews J.D., Smith D.C., Ellery Organist, Long I.G., Dansfield, Stroud, and Keet Stewards, Willis Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge in recognition of the able manner in which the duties of the chair had been carried out during the past year, was presented to Brother Stobbs by Brother Newman, who gave appropriate expression to the appreciation in which Brother Stobbs' services were held. The manner in which the remaining business of the day, which included a raising, was carried out, testified the wisdom of the choice the Lodge had made, and was a striking proof of the excellence of the training and the capabilities of the Worshipful Master and his Officers. After the Lodge was closed most of those present adjourned to Yelf's Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. Pack, in that excellent style for which he has an established reputation. Grace, after meat having been said, due honour was done to the toasts of the Queen and Craft, the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. In reply to the latter toast, Gen. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe Past G.J.W. thanked the Worshipful Master for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. He said all who had had the privilege of being associated with the Grand Master the Prince of Wales in Masonic work could testify to the attention His Royal Highness gave to the duties of his office, and the urbanity which characterised his connection with his subordinate officers, on whom his good example had an excellent effect. The Worshipful Master proposed in an appropriate manner the toast of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. He coupled with the toast the name of Brother Francis Newman P.P.G.S.W. Brother Newman, in responding to the toast, eulogised the services rendered to the Craft by the Provincial Grand Master, Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who devoted a great deal of time to his duties, and had only been absent from one meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge since he had held the office. It was a source of great gratification to the brethren at Ryde that Brother Le Feuvre, who had so distinguished himself by the exemplary way in which he had carried out the arduous duties of Prov. Grand Secretary, should have been raised to the well earned dignity of Deputy Provincial Grand Master at a Provincial Lodge held there in the course of last year. From his knowledge of the present Provincial Officers, Bro. Newman said he could assure his hearers they had a sincere desire to carry out their duties in a proper manner. The I.P.M., Bro. Stobbs, said it was with particular pleasure he availed himself of the privilege he had to propose the health of the W.M. He had watched with interest the able manner in which Bro. Durrant had performed the duties appertaining to the various offices he had already held in the Lodge, and he saw he was resolved to be thorough in all he undertook. This was an earnest of the manner in which the more important duties now devolving on him would be carried out. The W.M. briefly returned thanks, and expressed a hope that, though a young Mason, he should be able to perform his duties in a proper manner. The W.M. in proposing the Masonic Charities, alluded to the several institutions by means of which the stream of Masonic charity was effectively directed, and said that though the relief of distress was the duty of all men, it was a duty especially incumbent on Masons, whose secret was "the art of doing good." Bro. Groves, whose name had been coupled with the toast, said the East Medina Lodge was determined to do something substantial this year for one of the three leading Masonic

Charitable Institutions. He was going up as Steward for the Boys' School, and hoped to be able to take a good round sum with him. He should be glad to be entrusted with contributions from any other Lodge in the Island that was not sending up a steward of its own. A collection which was then made at the table amounted to £3. Bro. Tenison Smith proposed the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Stobbs, to whom he paid a high compliment for the manner in which he had filled the Master's chair during the past year, especially referring to the inconvenience to which he had put himself on several occasions when he had come a long distance solely in order to be present at Lodge. Bro. Stobbs expressed his thanks for the cordial reception they had given to the flattering terms of the toast, and said he had been induced to take charge of the ship 12 months ago, when the opportunity was offered him, from the knowledge he had of the excellence of the crew with which it was manned. He felt much indebted to his Officers for the help they had given him; their ready co-operation had made any efforts on his part a pleasure. His only source of regret was that his Senior Warden had not felt himself well enough to follow him in the chair, but they all felt assured they possessed a most worthy substitute in Bro. Durrant. Bro. Gen. the Hon. J. G. S. Calthorpe proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Newman, and spoke in complimentary terms of the admirable and impressive manner in which that day's ceremony had been performed. No brother in the neighbourhood could compare in knowledge of the Craft with Bro. Newman, to whom the speaker said he was himself indebted for his initiation into Masonry, and he cordially and sincerely wished him long life and happiness. Bro. Newman expressed his thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received, and said he certainly felt it an honour to have initiated into that Lodge a brother who was so soon after made an Officer of Grand Lodge. It was a great pleasure to himself to be present at an installation, and in none was he more pleased to take part than that of the East Medina Lodge. There had been 31 installations in that Lodge since he had been a member of it, and at only two had he failed to be present, once when he was snowbound, and once when he was detained at Winchester on a law case. Bro. Pack proposed the Visitors, to whom in the name of the brethren of East Medina Lodge he extended a hearty welcome in cordial and appropriate terms. It was with great pleasure they had noted in their Lodge that day the presence of every W.M. in the Island. The compliment was replied to, and the hospitality of the brethren of the East Medina Lodge was warmly acknowledged, by Bros. McQueen 11, Garnham 151, Topham Jones 551, Gieve 309, Lord John Taylour 698, Simmons 74, and G. A. Brannon 151 for Bros. Manners 35 and Hopwood 1457, who had been compelled to leave by train. In proposing the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. said the Lodge had just reason to congratulate itself on the large number of Past Masters who continued to take an active interest in the work of the Lodge; and to the attention and trouble they bestowed on the Lodge of Instruction was attributable in a very great degree the excellence of the working on which the Officers had been complimented that day. The Lodge was especially indebted to Bros. Newman, Groves, and Lowe, in this respect. Brother Lowe, in response, said he had not of late attended the Lodge of Instruction so regularly as formerly, but he was at all times ready to assist when required. He could endorse all that had been said in favour of a Lodge of Instruction, and could assure the younger members it was the only way to gain a proper knowledge of the work. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was proposed by Brother Mervin in a brief and appropriate speech. The toast was responded to by Brother Matthews S.W., who said he hoped his engagements and health would permit him to go on to the chair next year. Bros. Carter, Gabell, Andrews, Long, Tenison Smith, Dransfield, Stroud, and Keel also responded. The Tyler's toast having been honoured, Brother Dudley Watkins proposed the host and hostess, speaking in high terms of the admirable manner in which they had provided for the comfort of their guests. The toast was warmly drunk and appropriately acknowledged. During the evening a capital programme of music and recitations was gone through by the following:—Bros. Dudley Watkins, Gieve, Petherick, Topham Jones, Gabell, Conner, Ellery, and McQueen. Bro. Dudley Watkins also gave a clever ventriloquial performance.

MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 179.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their annual installation on Thursday, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, the following Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge being present: W. F. Hughes W.M., J. Ellwood S.W., G. Westman J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, Jas. Kew P.M. Secretary, Walter Dickeson P.M., H. A. Lovett P.M., L. Dettmer P.M., A. E. Hughes S.D., F. J. Hughes Steward, H. Brinkmann D.C., J. Herbert Kew Assistant D.C., J. W. Cain and W. G. Baker Musical Directors. The usual routine business having been disposed of Bro. Ungar was raised, and Bro. Bryant was passed, after which Bro. Ellwood was presented as Worshipful Master elect, and duly installed into the chair of the Lodge. He appointed the following as his Officers: C. G. Westman S.W., A. Hughes J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, J. Kew P.M. Secretary, C. Mulvey S.D., J. Gittens J.D., H. Brinkmann I.G., F. Hughes Assistant Secretary, J. H. Kew D.C., W. Baker Assistant D.C., W. Dickeson P.M. Steward, J. Cain and J. Bromley Musical Directors, Whiting P.M. Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony Messrs. Thomas Simkins, Charles Edward Oscar Walker, James Watts and William James were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the newly-installed Master. A Joining member was elected and formally welcomed as a member of the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, who, in a few words expressed the pleasure he and the other brethren of the Lodge experienced in welcoming their new member. Auditors for the Benevolent Fund having been appointed it was announced that after the next meeting of the Lodge a Soirée would be held, at which ladies would be welcomed. The sum of ten guineas

was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who will act as Steward at the coming Festival of that Institution, and, after the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured. The health of the Queen having been enthusiastically drunk, the W.M. proposed the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This toast, he said, was sure of as hearty a welcome as had been accorded to the previous one. The brethren all knew the great interest His Royal Highness took in the welfare of the Craft. Anything he could do for its welfare he was only too willing to perform. He could not of course be present at all the meetings where he would be welcomed, or where he would like to be, but as far as possible he did everything needed for the welfare of Freemasonry. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, were next toasted. The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other brethren comprised in this toast, one and all, took a great interest in Freemasonry. It would indeed be a hard task for the Grand Master were it not for the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M., who well and worthily perform many of the duties which would, without them, devolve on the head of the Order. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Hughes, next assumed the gavel. The special toast he had to propose that night was a most important one—indeed no other proposed or to be proposed that evening was of so important a character to the members of the Manchester Lodge, it being that of the present Worshipful Master. It was gratifying to the members of the Lodge to know that the brother who had that night been installed as Master was capable of carrying out the duties attached to the office in a manner creditable to himself and the members of the Lodge generally. He felt he could not say sufficient in praise of Bro. Ellwood, but would call on the brethren to drink to his very good health, long life and prosperity. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. As the proposer of the toast had said, he should do all that lay in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge. He trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to carry out the work of his office as ably as the members might desire it carried out, and that when the time for his retirement came round the brethren would be able to say he had done his duty. He remembered that on the night of his initiation in the Manchester Lodge, when Bro. Lovett occupied the chair, he had said that from his brief experience of Freemasonry it would be his desire to rise to the office of Master. He had never lost sight of that ambition, and now that he had risen to the dignity of ruler he could but heartily thank the brethren for the way in which they had elected him to the post, and for the hearty reception they had accorded him on the first occasion he had presided over the Lodge. He next proposed the health of his predecessor, Bro. Hughes, the Installing Master of the evening. Bro. Hughes had performed the ceremony of installation most creditably, and had shown his ability in the other work required of him during his term of office. In having so able a brother sitting on his left the Worshipful Master felt he should at all times be sure of any assistance he might require, and there were times when the best of them needed a little prompting. He had much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Hughes the very handsome emblem for past services which had been voted to him by the members of the Lodge. He felt that Bro. Hughes had eminently deserved the honour conferred on him, and in presenting the jewel he hoped he might be spared to wear it out. Bro. Hughes tendered his thanks for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, for its hearty reception, and for the handsome jewel which had just been presented him. It was a great gratification to him to know that his year of office had ended so satisfactorily as it appeared to have done, and that the brethren were satisfied with what he had done as Master of the Manchester Lodge. He trusted the Lodge would continue in its present state of efficiency. Much of the success of a Lodge depended on the Worshipful Master, but still more on the way in which the brethren rallied round their ruler. Wishing prosperity for the Lodge, he again thanked the brethren for their many kindnesses to him. The Master next proposed the toast of the initiates. Without initiates a Lodge would soon go down, but such was hardly to be expected in the case of the Manchester if they went on as they had begun their present year, when they had the pleasure of welcoming four initiates among them. The Master felt sure the Manchester Lodge would never suffer from a lack of new members, for although it was not possible for those in it to ask outsiders to join, yet they had many friends who were anxious to be admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry, and who were well acquainted with the high standing of the Manchester Lodge. He heartily welcomed the four brethren who had been initiated that night. Bro. Simkins having returned his thanks, said he felt very proud to be admitted a member of the Manchester Lodge. He should at all times be pleased to be among the brethren, and do what he could to advance the welfare of Freemasonry. Bro. Walker thanked the brethren for the heartiness of the reception they had accorded him. He trusted that in his after life he might do all that lay in his power to advance the interests and welfare of the Craft. Bro. Watts also thanked the brethren. He trusted he might follow in the footsteps of the Worshipful Master, and attain to the highest position in the Lodge. Bro. James felt the brethren had conferred a great honour on him that night. He hoped and trusted that he might long be spared to be among them, and that he might so act as to become a thoroughly good Mason. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and to this several brethren responded. Bro. Goodchild had been especially delighted to see the way in which the ceremonies had been worked in the Lodge. Bro. Garratt was pleased to have been present. The installation ceremony had been most ably worked—in a manner which any body of Masons might well be proud of. He felt that the Manchester Lodge would lose none of its lustre under the rule of its present Master, but that it would progress during the current year as it had done in the past. He was sorry he had not been able to visit the Lodge as often as he had been invited.

After the pleasant hours he had spent there that day he should endeavour not to lose any opportunity he might have of visiting them. Bro. Marsh followed. It was very interesting to see the retiring Master of a Lodge instal his successor, and to perform the ceremony as ably as had Bro. Hughes that day. The manner in which the present Master had performed the work he had had to do since his installation was also most creditable, and augured well for the Manchester Lodge. Bro. Marsh referred to the Stewardship of the Worshipful Master for the Benevolent Institution, and forcibly urged the brethren to do their utmost on behalf of the Old People. Bro. Smith added his thanks, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the Lodge in so prosperous a condition. Many of his friends were associated with it, and he felt special interest in its welfare. Bro. Morgan also replied. While thanking the brethren for their hearty reception, he regretted the cause which brought him to the Manchester Lodge, in place of the late Bro. Levy, who had so long represented the Masonic Press at the meetings of this Lodge. He concluded by hoping the Worshipful Master might have a prosperous year of office, and the Lodge a successful future. The toast of the Past Masters was next given, Bro. Hughes returning his sincere thanks, and hoping the Past Masters deserved the many kind things which were said in their favour. They were always willing to help the Master or any of the members in any way that lay in their power. No task was too hard for them to attempt, but in the Manchester Lodge they had little or nothing to do, as the brethren who were elected as its rulers were such apt workers as to need no help in the different ceremonies. He was pleased to see Bro. Ellwood in the chair, for although they had been accustomed to good rulers in the Manchester Lodge, he felt the present head would excel his predecessors. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was a very deserving one—the Masonic Charities. He was pleased to say the Manchester Lodge and its members were always ready and willing to support the Institutions of the Order. Bro. P.M. Hopekirk replied. The charity of Freemasons reflected great credit on the Order. It was the benevolence of the brethren which allowed the evening's enjoyment to bear the morning's reflection. Bro. Hopekirk made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Institutions, asking each of the brethren to do their utmost in support of the list of the Worshipful Master for the coming Festival. None of them knew the amount of good they might do if they worked zealously on behalf of the Charities—for those who were in distress and unable to plead for themselves. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted. The Worshipful Master felt sure the same cordial reception would be given to this toast as had been accorded to those which had preceded it. The brethren he had appointed to office were efficient, and would do their best to perform the work required of them to the satisfaction of all; he knew they would help him, and he hoped that together they would be able to manage the Lodge successfully. Bro. Westman was very pleased the Worshipful Master had appointed him to so important a post, and he trusted that he might discharge the duties attached to it as much to the satisfaction of the brethren as he had that of Junior Warden, filled by him last year. His ambition was to assume the chair as soon as possible, and he hoped he might merit the approval of the brethren when he was eligible for it. Brother Hughes also replied, expressing his thanks. Bro. Kew Secretary followed. It was, he thought, well-known that his desire was to help any of the members of the Manchester Lodge and to do anything in his power to advance its interests. Other of the Officers having responded, the Tyler's toast was given and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. Nathaniel Goodchild P.M. 704, J. Weston P.M. 1602, E. W. Scattergood W.M. 753, James Thorn 957, J. Lawrence 1788, J. Judge 829, G. Moy 1744, G. A. Garratt P.M. 704, Charles H. Thomas 1696, C. Peters 575, J. J. Marsh P.P.G.S.B. Middx., G. H. Wood 1572, A. Woolsey 228, G. A. Stewart 1634, T. C. Pratt 957, Joseph Lichtenfeld 205, J. W. Smith W.M. 1744, H. Slyman P.M. 753 1637 W.M. 1900, W. T. P. Montgomery S.W. 1705, W. Sitch 1257, W. Holland 141, A. Giddings W.M. elect 1446, G. W. Marsden jun. W.M. 1329, Cecil Collard 8, H. T. Underwood 780, Harry Ellis 525, and others.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Friday, the 15th inst., when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The W.M. elect Bro. F. S. Hancock S.W. was duly installed, the ceremony, at the request of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Bush, being performed by Bro. Wm. Knott P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Wilts. The newly-installed Master afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. T. C. Hopkins S.W., W. L. Tacker J.W., W. Nott P.M. Treasurer, H. I. Ward P.M. Secretary, H. J. Johnson S.D., N. I. Beale P.M. 936 J.D., W. H. Burt P.M. D.C., F. Sloper I.G., H. Howse P.M., W. Cooper and B. W. Crees Stewards, C. R. Barnes Tyler. The Officers on investment were severally addressed on their responsibilities by the W.M., who to the Treasurer expressed his regret that he (Bro. Nott) had felt compelled to resign the more active duties of the office of Secretary, which he had filled for the past sixteen years, though the Lodge would still have the benefit of his assistance to the new Secretary, Bro. Ward. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. In addition to those members already mentioned there were present Bros. T. H. Chandler P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Wilts and J. A. Randell P.M., whilst amongst the Visitors were Bros. A. J. Beaven P.M. 1271 P.P.G.P. Wilts, Jas. Leaker P.M. 135, W. Wilson W.M. elect 906 P.P.G.D.C. Somerset, T. S. Hill P.M. 632, J. H. Foley W.M. elect 632, T. E. Wilton J.W. 41, H. Applegate J.D. 632, Jas. Pocock 632, G. L. Palmer 632, J. G. Wilton I.G. 41, &c. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the customary annual banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro. Beale, at the Bear Hotel.

DOBIE LODGE, No. 889.

HIGH festival was held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, on the 20th instant, when over fifty brethren—members and visitors—assembled in Lodge to assist at the installation of Bro. Weaver as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The outgoing Master, Bro. Tisley, installed his successor with an exactitude and expression which called forth the highest praise from Bro. Case P.G.D. P.M. of No. 1, and Bro. Smales, a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Yorkshire. The W.M., who is a P.M. of the Lily Lodge, 820, appointed as his Officers:—Bros. Chapman S.W., W. Drewett S.D. 1638 J.W., Long P.M. Treasurer, Squire P.M. Secretary, F. Porter S.D., George Wall J.D., J. H. Jarvis I.G., John Drewett S.W. 1638 D.C. After labour a *récherché* banquet was provided by Bro. W. H. Sharp, at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, and the usual list of toasts was gone through. Bros. Hodges, Drewett, Honeywell, Coppinger, and others contributed music, which rendered the proceedings most enjoyable. The Dobie Lodge has voted fifty guineas during the past year to the three Masonic Charities, and has relieved a distressed member.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith, the Worshipful Master of the past year. He was supported by W. M. Stiles I.P.M., James C. Smith S.W. W.M. elect, H. Dickey Secretary, W. Jaques S.D., W. H. Barling J.D., R. Ross D.C., C. Holland I.G., G. Mordey Organist, E. Perry Steward, H. Verdin Asst. Steward, W. A. Scourrah Asst. Secretary, H. Koester Tyler, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Charles Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer England, Frederick Biuckes Past Grand Steward, Henry Stiles P.M. 1732, C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, T. E. Bathard P.M. 1287, E. J. Day Org. 1681, T. J. Spencer I.P.M. 73, Francis Izart 27, A. W. Fenner P.M. 1693, 1227, James Thorn 957, Alfred Woodliffe 87, J. Howman S.W. 1381, T. Clark P.M. 1178, M. Christian W.M. 860, G. W. Thompson 169, E. Ayling P.M. 975, J. Mason P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, A. Cook 1366, E. Donaldson Treasurer 1763, Thomas Markland P.M. 144, M. J. Green 1987, W. S. Fann S.W. 538, R. W. Fraser A.D.C. 1507, W. Fountain, G. Emblin S.D. 147, A. H. Scourrah 2048, W. Lewis Baker 1, R. C. Luker P.M. 435, C. G. Taylor 1319, Joseph Greenway D.C. 1310, Chas. A. Wilkes S.W. 858, G. H. Tournay 1541, J. Harrington 754, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, A. R. Taylor J.W. 144, T. Chapman 1922, John W. Hare Stwd. 1987, T. C. Edmonds J.W. 1507, R. Andrews 35, F. Martin P.M. 252, A. G. Fidler W.M. 754, G. W. Mitchell W.M. 615, W. Thomas 1853, J. D. Simmonds 72, A. Bryant P.M. 1237, Lewis Solomon P.M. 1732, T. G. W. Gwyer I.P.M. 1288, D. T. Davies 72 P.M., Surridge 2048, W. Procter S.W. 1288, P. J. Cook P.M. 913, E. J. Sadgrove 2047, W. W. Lee 1897, John Paul J.D. 1287, B. Kauffmann J.W. 1732, G. R. Bolton S.W. 1314, J. J. Michael P.M. 1107, G. Garrett P.M. 1366, W. F. Hughes P.M. 179, A. D. Faulkner, James Hemmings S.D. 1287, Paul Storr 811, J. W. Cain, M.D., 179, G. W. Meacock 752, A. Sumner S.W. 177, M. J. Rowley 1507, G. Dickinson S.D. 1861, J. Irvine S.D. 862, M. Bellary 1237, A. H. Sandle W.M. 1599, W. H. Wadham 1642, H. Sillis A.D.C. 957, Charles Dodd 1194, Edwin Storr I.P.M. 167, and others. The usual formalities having been observed, the report of the Audit Committee was received, after which Bro. J. C. Smith was installed as W.M., his predecessor in the chair performing the ceremony with marked ability. The following brethren were appointed as the new Officers:—Bros. Dickey S.W., Jaques J.W., Willing P.M. Treasurer, W. A. Scourrah Secretary, Barling S.D., Holland J.D., Ross I.G., Mordey and Verdin Stewards, H. E. Price Organist, Knightley Assistant Secretary, Koester Tyler. Previous to the closing of the Lodge the retiring Worshipful Master was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which bore the following inscriptions:—

On the obverse:—

No. 1744,
ROYAL SAVOY LODGE,
Founder
(Septimus).
Presented to

Bro. J. W. SMITH P.M.,
by the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744,

as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. 1885-6.

After the conclusion of the business, the brethren repaired to the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was served, and an enjoyable evening spent. About one hundred and fifty members and visitors sat down. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual toasts were given from the chair. The Worshipful Master said that in all grades of society the toast of the Queen was always received with enthusiasm, but he felt sure it was never more thoroughly welcomed than when proposed at a Masonic meeting. Not only was the Queen beloved by Freemasons, as the mother of their Grand Master, she was also a zealous supporter of the noble Charities associated with the Order. He had pleasure in submitting her health, coupled with success to the Craft. In proposing the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he felt it was hardly necessary for him to dilate on the many good qualities of the Most Wor. Grand Master. Were he to attempt to do so, he could only repeat what was already known to those around him. The Masonic brethren were very pleased at having so distinguished a personage as the heir to the throne at their head, and respected him both for what he did to advance the interests of the Order and for his enthusiasm on behalf of the Charities. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was the next toast. The brethren would take an especial delight in drinking to the health of the two noblemen at the head of this toast. In the absence of the Grand Master, whose duties were so numerous as to prevent his

attendance at Masonic meetings as often as was desirable it was most gratifying the brethren had two such Masons as the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom to preside. With such men as the Grand Officers of England at the head of affairs Masons might rest satisfied that everything that was possible to advance the interests of Freemasonry would be done. The Worshipful Master had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer, to whom he extended a hearty welcome. Bro. Greenwood tendered his thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers of England. The many kind things said of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were richly deserved. He felt that under the rule of such Masons the Order must prosper. He was personally gratified at being present, and regretted other engagements had prevented his seeing the retiring Master instal his successor. One of the proudest things a Lodge could wish for was to have brethren in the chair who were able to perform all the ceremonies required of them, finishing up their term of office by installing their successor. He was pleased to know the Royal Savoy Lodge had had such men at its head, and felt the brother placed in the chair that day would be no exception to the rule. The way in which he had invested his Officers showed he was capable of performing his duties. The Immediate Past Master gave the next toast. After the twelve months which had just passed he had no doubt the brethren had heard enough of his voice, but he had especial pleasure in addressing them on that occasion, it being his duty to propose the health of their Worshipful Master, Bro. J. C. Smith. The brethren were all aware of his abilities, of his knowledge of the ritual, and of his power of command; they could therefore form a fair opinion of what might be expected during his occupancy of the chair. He felt sure they all wished the Worshipful Master a good year of office, and trusted he might have health and strength for many years to come. The W.M. returned his very sincere thanks for the hearty reception the brethren had given the toast of his health, and assured them he had never known a prouder time in his life than then, when he presided for the first time as Master of his mother Lodge—the Royal Savoy. He was especially pleased in being the first initiate of the Lodge who had attained to the chair. Those who knew him, knew the interest he had taken in the Craft; he would carry out the duties of the office to the best of his ability. It would be his constant desire to emulate the example set by those who had preceded him; all of them would, he was sure, assist him to the best of their ability. He felt flattered that on his entry into the chair that evening he carried with him the good will and the good feeling of every brother who knew him, this was evidenced by the very large number of guests who were present to do him honour. In conclusion he assured those present that during his year of office he should strive to give them the best of entertainments, both in the Lodge, at the banquet table, and at the Lodge of Instruction. He next proposed the health of the Installing Master, and the other Past Masters of the Lodge. In speaking of the Immediate Past Master he felt it was a matter of great gratification to have to propose the health of so worthy a Mason as Bro. John Smith. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and had thrown untiring energy into his efforts on its behalf. The way in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office and retired from the chair was a subject for congratulation among the members, and all who had witnessed his working. Not only had he ably performed the ceremonies of the year, but had that night installed his successor in a most able manner. The W.M. regretted the absence of so many of the Past Masters, but felt that in the two then present—Bro. Smith and Bro. Stiles—they had really representative Past Masters of the Lodge, men of whom any body of Masons might justly be proud. Bro. Smith I.P.M. returned his thanks for the toast, and for the very great kindness which had been shown him during the past twelve months. He had endeavoured to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and was pleased to hear so satisfactory a report on his working as had been given that night. He highly valued the jewel the brethren had been pleased to present him—it would be zealously preserved during his life-time, and, he felt sure, handed down after his death to his children. Bro. Stiles followed. He was very pleased to see the Lodge in so flourishing a condition. Seven years ago they had started with eight founders, now they had between one hundred and twenty and one hundred and thirty members, and if among that number there were some who were rather noisy, it was because they felt the importance of the Lodge. It was a good old-fashioned fraternal Lodge, where brethren met each other as they met in the outer world. They were indeed a contented band of brothers, united for the purpose of adding to each other's enjoyment and relieving the wants of those in distress. The Lodge was noted for its joviality, in evidence of which he might refer to the two balls which had been held in connection with it, and at each of which close on three hundred brethren and ladies had been present. The Lodge was really a factor in Freemasonry, and as such he hoped it would long continue to prosper. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Visitors. This toast was sure of a hearty reception whenever proposed in a Masonic Lodge, but nowhere more heartily than at the Royal Savoy. Bro. Binckes replied. As a Visitor it might at first sight appear an onerous task, surrounded with tremendous responsibility, to undertake to reply on behalf of the numerous visitors then present, but really it appeared to him that the visitors had nothing to find fault with and nothing to complain of. They had been most heartily received and royally entertained. He felt such a meeting as the present one was nothing without some show of enthusiasm. He always had been, and was, fond of enthusiasm on such occasions, and hoped the Royal Savoy Lodge would always possess it, for without it they could never continue the good work which had been carried on by its members during the seven years the Lodge had been in existence. The brethren of the Royal Savoy Lodge seemed to delight in inviting to their meetings as many guests as they could, and the visitors were always pleased to accept the invitation. He was pleased to see such hearty hospitality, for it invariably went hand in hand with another virtue—that of Mercy. He trusted that the year of office of the Worshipful Master

might be one of success, and that the destinies of the Lodge might never be entrusted to one less capable of directing them than he. If such were the case Bro. Binckes felt there was a long career of success in store for the Lodge, and in conclusion felt that he and his brother visitors could not do better than endorse that sentiment with the time-honoured Masonic formula—So mote it be. Bros. Fidler, Christian, Gorrings, Garratt, Baker, and others also replied, after which the Worshipful Master proposed the Charities, which toast was acknowledged by Bro. John Mason. Bro. Stiles announced that the list of Bro. Willing, as a Steward at the next Festival on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, who will represent the Royal Savoy Lodge and the Metropolitan Chapter, already amounted to £93 7s 6d, there was, however, plenty of room for an extension of that total. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, and to this Bro. Scurrah responded. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He thanked the Worshipful Master for the appointment he had received that day, and assured them all he should do his best to assist in the work of the Lodge, during his term of office. The officers of the Lodge were next toasted. During the time the Master had been a member of the Lodge the question of the officers had been a strong point with him. Even when he was but a lay member he felt that the success of the Lodge mainly depended on the Officers, and with that view he had endeavoured to induce members of the Craft to visit Lodges of Instruction. His endeavours to acquire a knowledge of the ceremonies of Freemasonry had resulted in his attaining the summit of his ambition—the chair of his Lodge. He had always hoped that should such fortune attend him he might be surrounded with a zealous body of officers. He had such officers, and he felt sure they would do their best to support him. Referring to the appointment of Bro. Dickey to the post of Senior Warden, the Worshipful Master said that some years back Bro. Dickey had stood aside from the regular stream of promotion, and had undertaken the onerous duties of Secretary. He had discharged those duties for some time in most exemplary fashion, and by his kindness of manner had endeared himself to every member of the Royal Savoy Lodge. He had now attained his proper place in the Lodge—occupying the office of Senior Warden, and would, it was hoped, ultimately rise to the dignity of Master. Bros. Dickey and Jaques having suitably acknowledged the toast, Bro. Barling, the S.D., followed. During his term of office he should use his best endeavours to do his duty, and so act that, should he ever be chosen by the brethren to fill the office of Worshipful Master he might be as well prepared for it as the present ruler of their Lodge. Bro. Ross I.G. felt very proud of his position. It was one which many members of the Lodge would feel it an honour to occupy. He should strive his uttermost to give them satisfaction, and if he was behindhand at any time he hoped the brethren would excuse him, and at the same time help him out of his difficulties. Bro. Price felt that the Office to which he had been appointed was the first step towards the acquisition of greater honours, although the prospect of his rising to the position of Master was at present a very remote one. It would be his endeavour to fulfil the duties of his office as they should be carried out, and he hoped he should meet with success. Business engagements had prevented his regular attendance in the past, but he trusted that in future he should be able to be among the members of the Lodge at each of its meetings. The Tyler was then summoned, and he concluded the proceedings in the usual way. Several brethren contributed songs, &c., during the evening, thereby adding to the enjoyment of the meeting.

STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE sixteenth annual meeting of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association was held on the 21st inst., at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke, when Bro. Frank James (Walsall) P.D.P.G.M. presided, and there was a good attendance of brethren, representing most Lodges in the Province of Staffordshire. The fifteenth annual report was presented by Bro. T. Mount Humphries, which showed that the amount of subscriptions contributed to the Association by the various Lodges amounted to £779 17s 7d, and a sum of £753 18s had been sent direct to London from the Province of Staffordshire. The following brethren have given in their names as Stewards for the Festivals of 1886:—Bro. W. H. Bailey P.M. 624 for Benevolent Festival on the 21th February; Brothers W. Vernon P.M. 456, R. Tooth P.M. 637, and W. Randle W.M. 482 for the Girls' School Festival, 19th May; Bro. Percy Evershed P.M. 624 and F. J. Turley P.M. 1792 for the Boys' School Festival, in June. In moving the adoption of the report, the President said the report had been carefully considered that morning by the Committee, and was one which every one would consider was of a very high and congratulatory character, when they considered that the Association had only been in existence something like 16 years. When it first commenced the Association was started with a subscription of £5 5s only, but singular progress had been made, and they now had a subscription list of over £800 a-year which was collected for the purpose of carrying on the work of this Association. That could not be otherwise than satisfactory throughout. He did not mean to say that £5 5s was the only sum contributed by the brethren of Staffordshire, because individual subscriptions were given direct to the various Masonic Charitable Institutions, but the subscription of £5 5s was the beginning of an organisation which had worked so much good, and so effectively for the purpose of securing the interest of Staffordshire in connection with the Masonic Institutions. He had always held that loyalty to these institutions was a great point, and he would impress on all brethren of Staffordshire loyalty, because, as had been said in the report, year by year the difficulty of securing the election of any candidate became greater and greater. However, there was the fact that since the establishment of this institution the Province of Staffordshire had never put its hand to

any good work for the purpose of getting elected a candidate, whether to the Boys', Girls', or Benevolent Institution, without effecting its object. Having succeeded on all these occasions, they might take credit for those successes from the simple fact that the organisation, which was formed for the purpose, had accomplished its object. The President said perhaps the poorest Lodge in the province had from necessity to make the largest application for benefits, but he hoped that those Lodges receiving benefits would endeavour to do all they could, and use every effort they could, to recompense the Association, to show that they were actually grateful for the benefits conferred upon them. In connection with the subscriptions, whether considered as to the A or B fund, they were a matter for congratulation. He thought the brethren of the different Lodges would see that the longer the Association existed, the greater the necessity for their holding together, and uniting in loyal support to the institution of which they were members. He then most cordially moved the adoption of the report. Bro. J. F. Pepper seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried. Bro. Pepper then moved the re-election of Bro. Frank James as president for the ensuing year. He said Bro. James had shown a great interest in the work of the Association, and since his election to the office he had not missed a single meeting. Bro. A. G. Price seconded, and said that the Province of Staffordshire was deeply indebted to Bro. James for his great exertions in the work of the Association. The motion was carried unanimously. In acknowledging his re-election, Bro. James thanked the brethren heartily for the vote of confidence they had passed in him. While he cordially accepted the office for the present year he did desire distinctly to give them intimation that at the expiration of this year he should like to retire. Yes, he could assure them that he had so many engagements of a public and private character that he must ask them to seriously consider before that time next year, and endeavour to find some brother to occupy the position he now held. For a period of ten years, ever since the lamented death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, he had been president of the Association, and it was true that he had never been absent from one of the meetings, either general or committee, but it was absolutely impossible that he could continue to occupy the position of president of the Masonic Charitable Association of Staffordshire after this year. The brethren of the South, for a considerable period, had done honourable work, and no doubt honourable work would continue to be done by them, and he hoped some one from the North would undertake the duties he now cordially accepted. Bro. Bodenham, who was prevented from being present through illness, was re-elected a Vice-President of the Association, along with Bro. W. H. Bailey 624. Bro. Bayliss was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Humphries Secretary, and Bros. Humphries and Turner were appointed Managers of elections, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bayliss for his services in the past. Bros. Joyce and Woodhouse were re-elected Auditors. A discussion took place on a communication that had been received from Bros. Greatbach (Hanley), and Turner (Longton), with regard to the expenditure at the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Greatbach said he had carefully compared the cost of educating the boys at institutions similar to that of the Masonic Institution for Boys in London, and he was firmly convinced that the cost of maintenance at the latter institution was excessive. The cost for educating each boy was £45 11s. whereas at other institutions, such as the Commercial Travellers', the Yorkshire Society, the Licensed Victuallers' Society, and the Clerks' and Warehousemen's Society, all being institutions similar in character, and on all fours with the Masonic Institution for Boys, the cost was much less. He contended that the statistics which he now read proved that the cost per boy per annum ought not to exceed £35, and if the cost was reduced to that amount the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would provide for 13 where only 10 now receive the benefits of the Institution. The matter ought to be taken in hand, and something done to reform the expenditure of the institution. He concluded by moving, "That a presentment be made from the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire, that the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association is of opinion that the expenditure at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is excessive and injudiciously applied, and that it is desirable for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire to petition H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., as President of the Institution, to authorize the appointment of an independent Committee to investigate and report to the M.W.G.M. what alterations are necessary to render the said Institution more extensively useful." The President expressed his hearty sympathy with the remarks made by Bro. Greatbach. This was no new matter by any means. For years passed he, from his position, had been preaching the same doctrine, that they were not getting, as Masons, the larger amount of benefits for the enormous sums of money which they annually contributed to those Institutions. When they considered the contributions of brethren in support of the three institutions amounted to over £50,000 a year, there was very considerable room for doing an enormous amount of good, and the only question that had been present to his mind had been, did that £50,000 a year do that amount of good, and was that amount of discretion exercised over the funds which there ought to be? Over and over again he had brought forward to this Association comparative figures of the cost of education at different institutions, and there had always been this fact noticed that the Masonic Institutions had been largely and grossly in excess of any other similar charitable institutions. Bro. Turner (Longton) seconded the proposition of Bro. Greatbach, and corroborated the remarks of the latter, but after some discussion, on the suggestion of Bro. Bayliss, the proposition was withdrawn, and Bro. Bayliss moved and Hamshaw seconded a resolution to the effect that a committee be nominated to consider the whole question, which was carried. The next annual meeting is to be held at Lichfield.

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Our Warrior Princes. The Four Edwards, and the War of the Roses. By Roscoe Mongan, B.A. London: Dean and Son, 160A Fleet-street, E.C.

Undecorated Heroes. By Philip H. Hemyng, late R.N. London: Dean and Son, 160A Fleet-street, E.C.

Of all the tempting dishes of interest and information that can be spread before the boys of Britain, those which savour of adventure and "accidents by flood and field," are ever the most acceptable, and this fact has evidently been recognised by the firm of publishers named, in their issue of the "Deeds of Daring Library." In the first named volume is given an historical record of many of the internecine battles that are emblazoned on the scroll of English annals, the main accidents of which are graphically described, and in a style of diction which the rising generation love, because they can easily comprehend it. The four Edwards include, of course, the conqueror of Wales and Scotland, the victor on the field of Cressy, the chivalrous "Black Prince," the hero of Poitiers; the valiant Edward IV., and the chequered fortunes of the Wars of the Roses. These are all presented in an attractive form, and will not only prove interesting and entertaining to boys, but will serve also as an extremely useful guide to the important study of English history. The work bristles with martial episodes which have left their mark upon the national eschelon, and they are clothed with such facile skill that they cannot prove otherwise than attractive to the intelligent youthful readers to whom they are addressed. The little work is plentifully embellished with engravings and maps, the former including the famous collapse of Stirling Bridge, the murder of Rutland by Clifford, the sanguinary combat between French and English cavalry in the Somme; the charge of French cavalry, led by Marshals Andreghen and Clermont, and their overthrow by the English archers at Poitiers; the Black Prince's march through Roncesvalles; Stanley presenting to the Duke of Richmond the Crown of Richard III., which had been found in a bush in the battle-field of Bosworth; and many others. The work is dedicated to Lieut.-Col. F. M. Wardrop, of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, whose splendid reconnaissance with "the Daring Five" during the Sudan campaign will be remembered by the merest tyro in the modern history of English warfare. The second work under our consideration is of a more varied description, but is nevertheless brimful of exciting and interesting episode and adventure. The author gives as his *raison d'être* for the work that in the present day we have the Victoria Cross for naval and military heroes, the Albert medal for civilian heroes, and the Royal Humane Society's medal for those who exhibit their heroism in saving life from drowning; while every little engagement that in former days would scarcely have been noticed in the *Gazette* is now rewarded by a medal or a bar. But that magnificent bull-dog courage which is so typical of the true Briton, and which, when united with the necessary presence of mind, produces the hero *par excellence*, is often unnoticed and unrewarded, and of these the author has collected and put into handy form a series of instances of undaunted bravery and presence of mind, with the threefold object of amusing his elder readers, ending them with a spirit of emulation, and rescuing the names of a few undecorated heroes from undeserved oblivion. There are capitally written stories of adventure on land and sea, and these are well illustrated by original engravings by H. Leask. Both these works are well got up and calculated to amuse, and instruct our youth, without any of the pernicious sentimentalism which unfortunately permeates so much of the literature for boys which emanates from the cheap press of the present day.

Another of those popular entertainments provided during the season for the pupils of our Boys' School, at Wood Green, will be given this (Saturday) evening, when the entertainers will be the Carolina Minstrels, who have distinguished themselves at our Institutions on many former occasions.

This week has again been an exceptionally busy one in Masonic circles. The consecration of the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2019; Lodge of Israel, 205, installation; the Lodge of Union, 414, installation; the Neptune Lodge, 22, installation; Polish National Lodge, 554; and several other meetings are deferred until our next issue.

DEATHS.

BURRELL.—On the 24th inst., Bro. Sir WALTER W. BURRELL, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex.

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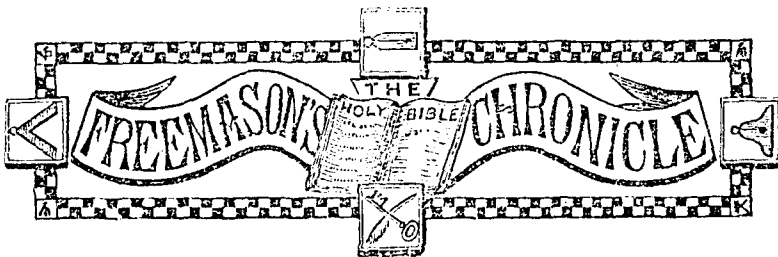
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CONSECRATION OF THE DRURY LANE LODGE,
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ONE of the most important events of the week in connection with Masonry in London, and indeed throughout the country, namely the consecration of a new Lodge, intended especially for the dramatic profession and those associated with it in the higher walks of literature, music, and art, was celebrated on Monday, when the Drury Lane Lodge was inaugurated under the most splendid auspices at Freemasons' Hall. It is well known in the Craft that this "new departure," which has excited so wide an interest in Masonic circles, was initiated by Bro. Augustus Harris, the popular and successful proprietor of Drury Lane Theatre; and, judging from the magnificent start made, the Lodge, which has been named after that historical and national theatre, bids fair to rise rapidly in the firmament of Masonic light. Its "local habitation" will be within the precincts of Drury Lane, where a special temple is to be fitted up in the most elaborate and luxurious style; and there can be little doubt that this section of the Masonic Craft will prove one of the most useful and influential in the whole of the Fraternity. The founders of the Lodge are Bro. Lord Londesborough P.G.S.W., who has been installed as its first Master, Bro. Augustus Harris as its Senior Warden, Bros. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor General, Junior Warden, H. Neville P.M., A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. of Malta Secretary, Bros. Charles Warner, Thomas Thorne, Henry Pettitt, and R. C. Woodville, Lieut-Col. H. H. Kitchener, J. S. Fleming (Treas.), Sir Edward A. Inglefield, C.B., and J. H. Clynds. A brilliant and distinguished company of guests assembled at the Consecration ceremony, Grand Lodge and most of the Provinces being represented by prominent Officers; and the aspect of the hall, when filled by so large a gathering of Masons, was picturesque in the extreme. Amongst those present were: Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Gen. Laurie the G.M. of Nova Scotia, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Capt. N. Phillips, Frank Richardson, Gen. Studholme Browning, the Earl of Onslow, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Thomas Fenn, J. H. Matthews, J. C. Parkinson, Robert Grey, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Alderman Staples), Sheriff Clarke, Dr. W. H. Russell, Captain H. V. Pirie, T. H. Bolton, M.P., K. R. Murchison, Joseph Isaacs, A. Bloxam, Col. Honeywood, L. L. Wynne, W. A. Hart, Bradshaw Browne, Deputy George Sims, W. Sidney, Col. Robert Douglas, Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Gen. Sir Seymour Blane, Alderman Isaacs, Dr. Robson Roose, T. Burnside, C. F. Matier, A. O. Tagart, Dr. Ramsey, H. Hacker, P. Wallis, F. MacNeill, Marshall, Lionel Brongh, Dr. Alfred Cooper, Trevor Powell, W. B. Williamson, P. Saillard, H. Wright, R. Berridge, J. S. Cumberland, J. L. Mather, J. R. Stacey, James Willing, Herbert Campbell, J. Sawyer, David James, Dr. Morrell-Mackenzie, Sir F. Bolton, Consul-Gen. Waller, W. B. Kingston, H. C. Richards, H. Standing, G. Keating, C. H. Driver, J. H. Carter, James Willing jun., Alfred Gibbons, J. New York, J. L.

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Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes as S.W., Robert Grey P.G.D. J.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. Director of Ceremonies, and J. H. Matthews P.G. Standard Bearer I.G. Apologies for non-attendance were read from his Grace the Duke of Abercorn G.M. designate of Ireland, Earl of Rosslyn P.G.M. of Scotland, Viscount Wolsley, Earl of Limerick, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Lord Robartes, Earl of Jersey, Marquis of Hertford, Sir Albert Woods, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and many others, most of their letters conveying hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the new Lodge. Having opened in the three degrees, the hymn, "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid," was sung, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Dr. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., who was ably assisted by Bros. J. Hodges, W. Sexton (altos), G. T. Lawler sen., T. Lawler jun., E. J. Bell (basses). After solemn rites, the brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the Director of Ceremonies read the petition and warrant; and after the brethren had signified their approval in Masonic form of the Officers named therein, an eloquent oration on the principles of the Institution was delivered by the Chaplain, the Rev. C. J. Martyn. He dwelt upon the cardinal principles upon which Freemasonry is founded, and hoped that prosperity might attend the new Lodge. Might Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, in conjunction with Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice ever actuate their minds and subdue their passions, and might these "three grand principles," and these "four cardinal virtues" ever be practised by them all, and be transmitted through their Lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," was then sung, and the invocation given; after which the Chaplain read 2 Chronicles xi. 1-6, which was followed by the hymn "Supreme Grand Master! God of Power!" Lodge board was then uncovered, and the consecrating Officer strewed corn, the emblem of plenty; poured wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; oil, the emblem of unity, and sprinkled salt. Having done this he dedicated the Lodge, the brethren joining in the anthem, "Glory be to God on high." The Chaplain took the censor three times round the Lodge (solemn music being performed during his progress), and halted in the East, when the anthem, "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works," having been chanted, the presiding Officer duly constituted the Lodge, and the final benediction was pronounced. Lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and Lord Lonsborough was duly installed into the chair, the ceremony being performed in masterly style by Col. Shadwell Clerke. The newly-installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, appointed and invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. H. Neville to act as I.P.M., Augustus Harris S.W., Sir John Gorst J.W., A. M. Broadley Secretary, Sir Edmund A. Inglefield S.D., Henry Pettitt J.D., Charles Warner I.G., J. Fleming (Treasurer of Drury Lane Theatre) Treasurer, R. E. Goddard Tyler. Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke and the Officers who had assisted him in the Consecration ceremony were then unanimously elected hon members of the Lodge, for which the Grand Secretary briefly returned thanks. Bro. General Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia was also elected an hon member, and acknowledged the compliment paid him. The following brethren were proposed as joining members:—Bros. Lord Suffield P.G.W. Prov. G.M. Norfolk, Thomas Tew P.G.D. P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Sir John Monckton P.G.W. Past President Board of General Purposes, Joseph C. Parkinson P.G.D. of England P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex, Wilhelm Ganz P.G. Organist, Major A. G. Dickson, M.P., 1150, J. Tynte Agg-Gardner, M.P., 82, Colonel Hughes Hallett, M.P., 255, Dr. Morell-Mackenzie 28, Thomas Henry Bolton, M.P., 704, Charles Wyndham 36 (S.C.), Robson Roose, M.D., 63 840, Col. Robert Douglas 1615, A. Cooper, M.D., P.G. Steward 252 P.M. 1591, William Howard Russell, D.C.L., 319 Malta 1068 Cairo, Herbert Edward Story (Herbert Campbell) 667, C. J. Phipps, F.S.A. P.M. 41 P.G. Supt. of Works Somerset, Charles Dickens P.M. 960, Lord A. Paget 33, Charles Coote 1319, Captain H. V. Pirie, 5th Lancers, 1118, Lionel Brough 1319, James Fernandez 1319, Alfred Gibbons 96, Thomas Clarke, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, 1827, and Major Hyman Josephs, 3rd M.A.V. After the usual congratulations had been exchanged, the proceedings closed. The brethren assembled at a magnificent banquet, under the presidency of the W.M. Lord Lonsborough, when the loyal toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General, proposed the health of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, who was called on to respond, said there was an old adage that "we should never halloo until we are out of the wood." Doubtless this originally applied to fox-hunting; he was in the position of a fox who had been obliged to break cover. He had not expected to be called upon to respond, he had forgotten for the moment that for thirty-one years he had been a Grand Officer. However, he had been rattled out of cover, and was sure he had the sympathy of all the Grand Officers, Past and Present. It was always a pleasure to aid and support a new Lodge, and such an addition as this to the roll of Lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England must

be a satisfaction to them all. He and the Grand Officers wished the new Lodge every prosperity. Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, C.B. then proposed the Sister Grand Lodges, with reference to which toast he said, lately he had become acquainted with General Laurie, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia, upon whom he should call to respond. Brother General Laurie stood in the same position in Canada as the Prince of Wales did in this country with regard to Freemasonry. He was worthy of that high and honourable position. The duties of the Grand Lodge there were carried out with the utmost integrity, and in every relation in life General Laurie was deserving of that cordial reception which he (the speaker) was perfectly sure would be accorded to him that evening. After suitable response had been made, Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke proposed the health of the W.M., Lord Lonsborough, in introducing which toast he said he was about to make an entirely novel remark. He was going to say he was about to propose "the toast of the evening." Had it been so, it had never been to him so gratifying as on the present occasion, when all the members of the Drury Lane Lodge welcomed as its first Master the noble brother who now occupied the chair. They were all aware, and he was sure they were all deeply grieved at the knowledge, that his lordship had recently been the victim of a sad accident. Such, however, had been his lordship's indomitable perseverance, fortitude and pluck that he had now nearly recovered from its effects, so that he was present amongst them as their Worshipful Master. Lord Lonsborough had earned the gratitude of all good Masons. He had done long and useful service to the Craft. He had been a Mason over 30 years, and for upwards of a quarter of a century had occupied the distinguished position of Past Grand Senior Warden of England. During that time he had occupied the chairs of no less than three Lodges; moreover, he had taken a great personal interest in matters theatrical. Therefore it was only fit and proper that when this eminently successful Lodge was started the Founders should select so good and worthy a brother to preside over them. The brethren would join with him in welcoming Lord Lonsborough that night in the chair, and in wishing him a speedy and happy recovery. Lord Lonsborough W.M., in a brief response, thanked the brethren for the kind and flattering reception they had accorded him. He was deeply touched with their consideration, in that he knew they had foregone what was to the majority of those present a pleasure, viz., that of smoking, on account of his present affliction. He thanked the Grand Officers present and the brethren for starting this new Lodge so well; he thought the members of the Drury Lane Lodge would combine to carry it to a successful issue. It would be impossible they could have a Lodge to contain all the members of the dramatic profession, for that would require as large a hall as that which many of the brethren attended at the installation of the Prince of Wales. They must be satisfied to have a section of the dramatic profession within the Lodge, and of those who were attached to that profession in various ways. Of both these sections they had a good representative assemblage that evening, and he congratulated them upon the fact. Bro. Henry Neville, in proposing the health of the Consecrating Officer and his Assistants, felt sure he was expressing the sentiments of the brethren present when he said never had they been so impressed with the rendering of the consecration ceremony as they had been that day. He was very proud to have the pleasure of being one of the Founders of this Lodge. There were only two pleasures in a man's life, one of which was in looking back upon work well done, and in looking to the future. After he had passed the chair he looked back with the greatest pleasure in the world upon the kind and brotherly love he had received at the hands of all the brethren. The Drury Lane Lodge had no past history upon which they could look back, but they could anticipate for it a glorious future. They could look forward with faith, hope, and pride; faith in the admirable teaching of their Worshipful Master and his Wardens; hope, that they might all entertain the purest principles of Masonic feeling; and pride, that many good and honourable names would be inscribed upon the roll of the Lodge. Brother Colonel Shadwell Clerke thanked the proposer of the toast for the kindly terms in which it had been couched. Such a compliment from Bro. Neville was very gratifying indeed; he could assure the brethren he felt exceeding pleasure in being permitted to take part in the ceremony. He was always too glad to do whatever he possibly could to further the interests of the Order, and he tendered his hearty thanks to every brother who had assisted him that day. Especially he thanked the Rev. Bro. Martyn, their excellent Chaplain, Bro. Frank Richardson, who had so ably discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Matthews, who acted as Inner Guard. Being supported by an unusually able body of men, he thought that between them they had done the work fairly well; and this was a matter of satisfaction to him, because in the Drury Lane Lodge they had taken what might be called a new departure. It would number on its roll a grand assemblage of "all sorts and conditions of men," from north, south, east and west. He congratulated them upon the result of the evening, and as he had mentioned in the consecrating room, he predicted for the new Lodge a triumphant success. He hoped, however, that it would be careful, as all other Lodges should be, in not taking all into it who desired to join. He felt always bound to say a few words on this subject, for when a popular Lodge was started there were always a large number of candidates willing to rush in. They read in the papers of the advantage likely to accrue from connection with such a Lodge, and were most anxious to join it. But he warned this Lodge, as he had done others, to be careful—to "hasten slowly," for the more difficult it was to join a Lodge the better class of members there would be in the long run. He thanked them all exceedingly, particularly the Brother who proposed this toast, for the kindness with which they had received the mention of his name. Bro. A. M. Broadley, on rising to propose the Visitors, was received with every demonstration of welcome. He said, in endeavouring to emulate the excellent example which had been set to them by their Worshipful Master, he was afraid he should not be able to do justice to the extraordinary list which was recorded on the first Visitors' pages of the Drury Lane Lodge. Still to-night he thought some

excuse might be made for him if he expressed that feeling which was experienced particularly by the members of the dramatic profession. They could easily appreciate the anxiety with which Bro. Augustus Harris felt on a "first night," and the trepidation of an actor who first spoke to them in a new capacity. During the past seven years it had been his frequent opportunity to tell them of some of his work in sunnier climes, but he now stood before them on the boards of the Drury Lane Lodge, to propose a toast to which he had often answered in days gone by; and he did so with some feelings of pride, for a more representative assembly of Visitors never graced the launching of a Masonic ship. They had the pleasure of numbering in their midst the Consul General of America (Bro. Waller), whilst General Lammie was there to represent the Colonial Grand Lodges. Representatives were present from the Upper House of the British legislature; and their list contained the names of seven or eight members of Parliament. He ventured to say to those who had left for more tempestuous scenes that they would not there feel the placid unanimity which characterised the first meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge. It was a matter of congratulation that two of them at least had stuck to their guns, for he believed the Solicitor-General was still in his place amongst them, and that the honourable member for Dover preferred Masonry to the regions of controversial politics. There also remained amongst them the gallant Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, C.B., who was their Senior Warden, to represent the Navy; for the Army they had General Studholme Brownrigg and other gallant officers; for the medical profession Dr. A. Cooper and others. Amongst that able and valuable body of men the legal profession, were not only the Solicitor-General, but Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., besides representatives from every other possible sphere of tragedy and comedy, whose names were "household words" wherever the English language was spoken. He had only to mention the names of Lionel Brough, Augustus Harris, Henry Pettitt,—men known to every one in the room. Literature was represented by Dr. W. H. Russell and Joseph Parkinson; the corporate dignitaries of the City of London were represented by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. It was a great honour to have such celebrities to visit the Drury Lane Lodge, and there were other names which brought him back to sunnier climes, and to an atmosphere eminently preferable to that which they had, within the last few days, experienced outside. There were brethren present who first saw Masonic light in Malta, which was the half-way house to the Mediterranean, amongst these was Dr. W. H. Russell, who was initiated there at the instance of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and who was made a Fellow Craft in the ancient City of Cairo. He only hoped that the eminent *littérateur* had returned to find the charms of the third degree under the auspices of the Drury Lane Lodge, a Lodge which could arrange such a meeting as this, to say nothing of the many brethren who came from nearly every county in England, representatives of the great Masonic Charities, and other spheres of life. They might say the greatest success had attended the first meeting. If they all desired to see the prosperity of the Lodge, they could not do better than take heed to the advice which had been tendered to them by Col. Shadwell Clerke. In drinking to this toast they were drinking to the health of men who would ever be associated with the traditions of the Drury Lane Lodge, and he intended to couple with it three names, each of which had a certain significance; the first was Bro. Philbrick Grand Registrar of England, Consul General Waller, who represented America, and their veteran friend Dr. W. H. Russell. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., in the course of his observations, said that the founders of this Lodge had exercised the true Masonic axiom—hospitality. If he might speak on behalf of his brother Visitors he would say that this promised to be a strongly representative Lodge, supplying a want which had been long felt, and which would be a welcome addition to the Masonic Lodges already in existence; that it had a great career before it, the results of this evening attested; he wished the newly-consecrated Lodge a long career of prosperity. Consul General Waller also responded in eloquent terms, and was followed by Dr. W. H. Russell, who hoped the young fledgling they had just seen hatched would shortly plume its wings and soar into the higher regions of Masonic life. Bro. Joseph Parkinson, in the absence of Bro. Edmund Yates, proposed Prosperity to the Drury Lane Lodge. He said in the speeches they had heard so eloquently delivered they had seen the ground entirely cut from under his feet, and he asked whether it would be possible for him to add anything to the incense that had been passed on the Drury Lane Lodge? They had been told of the high qualities of the Worshipful Master, to which he sincerely desired to add his humble testimony. He asked them now to drink to the successful future of the Drury Lane Lodge, on the ground of what in a great measure had brought them together that night, viz., a sympathy with an intellectual calling, and the great traditions which the name of Drury Lane inspired. He referred to the long line of brilliant dramatic successes that had hovered around the career of Bro. Augustus Harris. He looked forward in the hope that the prosperity which they anticipated for this Lodge would be equal to that which he had achieved at the Drury Lane Theatre. He trusted that the associations of a high lineage of dramatic genius, combined with Masonic experience, would grow into a harmonious whole. It had been brought before the dramatic profession that Shakespeare himself was a Freemason, and if so, where could his spirit look down more happily than upon the Drury Lane Lodge? He thanked Bro. Harris for the spirit in which he had brought forward this Lodge and assured him on behalf of the company that when in the fulness of time he filled the chair, they would all have the same pleasure of supporting him on his installation night. Brother Augustus Harris in reply observed that Brother Parkinson had told them that the ground had been slowly and deliberately cut from beneath him, and that there remained nothing more to be said. Still, he called upon him to say something more, which he thought was rather a paradox. Bro. Parkinson had told them a great deal about the morality of the Lodge; this he should have great pleasure in reporting to Mrs. Harris. But when he reached home and

informed her of all their virtues he should endeavour to make her satisfied that they came here for the purpose of drinking to their wives' healths especially. With regard to this Lodge would they allow him to thank them, as Senior Warden, for the way in which they had assembled that evening, and for the kind way in which they had expressed their hearty good wishes for its prosperity. He went into the Drury Lane Theatre seven years ago, as young in theatrical matters as he was in Masonry, but he hoped to advance in Masonry in the same way that he had advanced in the theatrical profession. In conclusion he thanked them all for their presence that evening. The Worshipful Master then vacated the chair amidst the hearty congratulations of the brethren, leaving the presidency in the hands of Bro. H. Neville. Brother Lord Onslow then gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he said they had seen in the production of the Drury Lane Lodge traces of that lavish and magnificent entertainment which they were accustomed to look for at the Pantomimes at Drury Lane Theatre. Referring to the Baddeloy Festival, celebrated there on Twelfth Night, he contrasted the difference in that Festival in the present day, under their generous Senior Warden, to those times when it was asked how far the bequest of £3 per annum would go in cakes and wine? Of their Junior Warden it might be said that he was not only eminently learned in the law, but he had also achieved a great Parliamentary reputation, and his name would go down to posterity as having, with three other gentlemen, formed a new and separate party in Parliament. Their Senior Deacon, Sir E. Inglefield, had been all over the world, and probably he had seen as much of the world as any person or thing, excepting that mysterious patrimony which he carried in his pocket, his father's watch. With respect to Bro. Pettitt there was no one in the ranks of Masonry who was better acquainted with Human Nature. As to their excellent Secretary, Bro. Broadley, his sympathies were wide and extended to every class and to every creed. He could not bear to see any one down-trodden, and would even rather take part with those who rebelled than those who would leave them in the lurch. With regard to Bro. Fleming it would be impossible to form a Lodge equal to this without him as Treasurer, and as much of Freemasonry consisted in eating and drinking, he knew no one more competent to speak on the subject of "Drink" than Bro. Warner. Bro. Sir J. Gorst, responding for the Officers, said they would do their best to deserve the kindly remarks that had been made respecting them; and next year, when they would probably see Bro. Augustus Harris installed into the chair, if it were possible to repeat any of the kind things that had been said that night, it would be most satisfactory. He hoped, so far as the Officers were concerned, they would work in the true spirit of Masonry, and that the interests of the Lodge would not suffer at their hands. Bro. Chas. Dickens briefly proposed the Masonic Charities, in doing which he said the great Institutions were the very life-blood of the Craft. Such a toast needed but few words from him to recommend it to the acceptance of any body of Masons. He wished to remind them, however, that Bro. Broadley was going up for the fifth time as a Steward for the Boys' School, and he hoped they would send him up this time with a list which should be a best on record. Another matter deserved notice, and it was that on Friday next, at Drury Lane Theatre, there would be such an assembly of the Boys and Girls of the Masonic Institutions as had never before been witnessed. By the kindness of their Senior Warden, Bro. Harris, room had been found for them on that afternoon in the theatre where for many weeks past room of any kind had been lacking, and he was told on excellent authority that the W.M. would not be unknown in connection with those cheering words to children, "buns and oranges." He concluded by observing that wherever charity was known, Masonry was one of its most earnest and substantial supporters. Bro. F. Blackes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in the course of his response, did not hesitate to say he felt it a very great and proud privilege, in the presence of so many members and visitors of this Lodge, to respond on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. It was very gratifying that his name had been associated with this toast, and he would endeavour to follow the example of the speakers of the evening in being as brief as possible in the remarks which it would be his pleasure and duty to utter. There might be some difference of opinion as to how this toast should be treated on an occasion like the present, but after listening to the Chaplain during the consecration of the Lodge, there was no brother who would not support the Masonic Institutions. Allusion had been made to the fact that on Friday next upwards of 500 objects of their care would be entertained by a moving spirit of the Drury Lane Lodge, who would be assisted by his lordship, the W.M., and other members, and enabled to enjoy that magnificent sight which had never been surpassed, if ever equalled, by any spectacular effort in the past. They had heard much of "the wonderful lamp," and let them hope there might be many sacred lights burning in the cause of Masonic Charity. When he told them that at the next Festival of the Boys' Institution one of those sacred lamps would be held by their esteemed Bro. Broadley, to whose merits such valuable and deserved testimony had been paid, he felt sure that lamp would not be held in vain, but that the brethren would fill it with oil that would make it burn with brilliancy such as should never fail. He asked the brethren to bear in mind that there was a vast amount of distress which could only look to its legitimate sources of relief; and he appealed to them, therefore, to afford all the support they could to the three Masonic Institutions, which were for the maintenance of the old and decayed brethren and their widows, and the maintenance and education of the young of both sexes. The proceedings, which had been of a highly interesting and enjoyable character throughout, were brought to a fitting close by the Tyler.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London or Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2114.

THE consecration of this Lodge, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the second week in the new year, created an unusual amount of interest in Masonic circles, and attracted a more influential assembly of the leaders than any which has been witnessed for a long time in this city. The novel feature of the Prudence is that it will be conducted on Temperance principles—that is to say, no intoxicating liquors will be allowed to be consumed at refreshment by members of the Lodge. A similar regulation is a conspicuous feature of the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, Manchester, consecrated by the distinguished General after whom it is named some two years ago, and the success which has attended its existence fully warrants the Liverpool brethren in following the example set them by Manchester Freemasons. The Wolseley Lodge now numbers about 100 members; and judging from the success which marked the inauguration of the Prudence, it is certain that its existence will be one of continued prosperity. Several enthusiastic Freemasons are closely identified with its inauguration and interests, and the first meeting was in every respect of a most hopeful and promising character. About 100 brethren were present to witness the impressive ceremony, amongst these being Bros. Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P. Abercorn Lodge, 251, Ireland, W. Goodacre P.G. Sec. acting P.G.M., E. Pierpoint P.G.J.W., J. D. Murray P.G.D.C., R. Washington P.P.G.S.D., J. B. Mackenzie P.P.G.S.D., Harold Wyatt P.G. Asst. Secretary, W. C. Erwin P.P.G. Asst. Secretary, Rev. H. G. Vernon P.P.G.C., Rev. R. F. Leslie P.G.C., R. Foote P.G. Treas., J. H. Barrow P.G.S.D., J. Beesley P.G.S.D., George Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C., R. Cain P.G. Steward, R. Williams P.G.S.B., John Cobham P.G.S.D., G. Morgan P.G.J.D., T. Whitehead P.G.S., John Duncan jun. P.P.G.D.C., J. T. Callow P.P.G.T., H. S. Lacy P.P.C.D.C., T. Salter P.P.G.S.D., Robert Martin P.P.G.T., John Whalley P.P.G.D.C., Maurice Hart P.P.G.D. of C., H. Williams P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Ripley P.P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Smythe P.M. 93 Belfast, S. Haynes P.M. 1547, R. White W.M. 241, J. Platt W.M. 1473, W. H. Hignett W.M. 1547, T. H. W. Walker W.M. 1678, H. Darbyshire P.M. 1993, D. Edwards P.M. 1993 (one of the Founders, and first Masters of the Wolseley Lodge, Manchester), R. G. Bradley W.M. 249, J. Hosken P.M. 675, John Brotherton I.P.M. 241, R. Harley P.M. 1475, R. R. Martin P.M. 1094. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Goodacre P.P.G.R. P.G. Secretary, acting as Consecrating Officer, supported by Bros. R. Pierpoint P.G.J.W. acting S.W., J. T. Callow P.P.G.T. acting J.W., J. H. Barrow P.G.S.D. acting P.G. Secretary, J. D. Murray P.G.D.C. acting D.C., and M. Hart P.P.G.D. of C. acting I.G. The acting Prov. G.M., Bro. Goodacre, on opening the Lodge, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, after which the P.G.C., Rev. R. Leslie, offered up prayer. The Founders of the Lodge were then ranged in order, as follows:—Bros. J. Duncan jun. P.P.G.D.C. 1547, Robert Foote P.G.Tr. 1505; H. J. Nicholls 2042, R. Ripley P.P.G.A.D.C. 1547, Malcolm Guthrie J.W. 1547, H. G. Isaacs 1547. The acting P.G. Secretary read the petition and warrant, and the brethren approved the same, after which an oration was delivered by the P.P.G.C., Bro. A. G. Vernon, as follows:—

Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren,—On the dedication of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 2114, I have been requested to address a few observations suitable to the interesting occasion. There is always, no doubt, a feeling of solemnity attached to the meetings of the brethren, even when the business that calls them together is of the most ordinary nature, for no degree exempts us from that serious obligation which is the glory of our Craft at all times, and under all circumstances, at the opening of a Lodge solemnly to invoke the presence and countenance of the Great Architect of the World. But to-day we are called together for a purpose so august and sacred that all levity and carelessness must be utterly impossible, while in pursuance of dedicating this Lodge to His service who, as the Great Master Builder, has originated the principles upon which our Masonic Order professes to be founded. And first, as to principles, which are the foundations of any Order, our principles are that our members should be mutually beneficial to each other, and instruments for the good of Society, which, in the scriptural phrase, is “to be of one mind, having compassion one for another, and to love as brethren.” Wherever there is a brother like ourselves, the offspring of one common stock, partaker of the same nature and sharer of the same hope—so in numberless instances it has proved itself to be—it has gained for the wandering traveller kindness in an inhospitable and savage clime; it has quelled the violence of the pirate by sea; it has, in the various and distinct nations which diversify the map of the world, discovered everywhere an object for the display of that beneficence which each brother owes to his fellow. Looking back to the pages of ancient history, we trace, even in the records of the sacred volume, the origin of our Order. The pedigree of our Society is both ancient and honourable, for virtue is virtue, whether it be ancient or modern, whether it dazzle from the throne, or glimmer from the hut, and having stood the lapse of ages, and the storm of opposition, proves itself erected upon a good and sound foundation. The principles of our Masonic Order are derived from Him who is the Maker and Builder of the Temple of the World. The Great Master of all, in whose presence alone we seek to be approved, and to whom, as on all occasions, so now much more especially, we dedicate this Lodge. But presuming that with due investigation as to character and worth, the ranks of our Order be enlarged and strengthened, and with honourable fidelity our principles be preserved and practised, “that Masonry and Brotherly Love ought to go hand in hand.” Let me entreat you then, brethren, diligently to search the Volume of the Sacred Law for the secrets of our Art; and while you seek to pry into the covenant, the signs and tokens which subsisted and were communicated between the Kings of Judah and of Tyre, O may the spirit of the widow's son be in you, filling you with a knowledge of the points on which they all turned,

even wisdom to design, strength to execute, and the beauties of holiness to adorn. Remember that the same pages contain an inestimable pearl of great price, and that they only are wise and good who make that pearl their own. Gain this, and you thus lay hold on the right pillar, both of solid fame and spiritual wealth, whereby you shall be established; and then you may safely rest upon the left, a still higher column in our scientific line, for in that you will find strength. Whether the Lodge meets on the high mountains of worldly grandeur, and is beheld from afar; on the lowest vale of obscurity, and noticed but by few—whether you hew on the tops of Lebanon, or work in distinguished offices near the sanctum sanctorum, or, with the sons of Levi, serve at the Altar—be zealous in the discharge of all the duties demanded of you—nor faint, though it fall to your lot to labour in the plains of Jordan. May we be found workmen that need not be ashamed, and in reliance on the integrity of our Great Master Builder, and on the title we derive from Him, may we humbly but confidently hope that a blessing will descend from the Most High upon our labours, and our meetings, and that from associating together as brethren in unity here, may we meet again as brethren in bliss hereafter. So mote it be.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, acting Provincial Grand Master, then proceeded with the ceremony of Consecration, in a most masterly and impressive manner, to the admiration of every brother present—the elocution was indeed a masterpiece—in the usual form, with corn, oil, wine, and salt, the Provincial Grand Chaplain giving the appropriate passages from Holy Writ. At the conclusion, Bro. John Duncan jun. was presented to the Consecrating Officer for installation by Brothers Murray and Ripley, and worthily installed as the first Worshipful Master. The following Officers were afterwards invested:—Bros. R. Foote S.W., H. J. Nicholls J.W., Dr. F. J. Bailey Treasurer (by proxy), H. G. Isaacs J.D.; W. H. Ball was elected Tyler. The following are the other Officers, who will be invested at the first regular meeting of the Lodge:—Bros. J. M. Smythe I.P.M., R. Ripley D.C., Simon Jude Secretary, George Williams S.D., J. G. Langley I.G., B. E. Bailey, J. P. Elson, and J. Bain Stewards. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and nearly forty joining members were nominated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Goodacre. The brethren afterwards dined together in the large banquetting room, where they were well cared for by Bro. Casey, the house steward. The music during the Consecration was by the late Bro. J. Skeaf P.P.G.O., the anthem being by Bro. J. P. Bryan P.P.G.O., and both these and the after dinner music were effectively given by Bros. J. Busfield, W. Lewis, W. H. Quayle, — Woosley, C. Burchall, J. Queen, J. Eddington, J. Quayle, H. J. Nicholls, J. G. Forsyth; Bro. J. P. Bryan P.P.G.O. officiated at the organ.

In Memoriam.

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SIR W. W. BURRELL, BART.

ONE of the most popular and respected Provincial Grand Masters of English Freemasonry has departed this life, in the person of Sir Walter William Burrell, Bart., Grand Master of Sussex. Sir Walter died on Sunday last, the 24th instant.

BRO. JAMES SOMERVILLE TELFER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the decease of an esteemed member of our staff, Bro. James Somerville Telfer, who had been associated with us for the last fifteen months. In that brief period he had gained the goodwill and esteem of his confrères and the readers of this journal. Our deceased brother succumbed to consumption, on Sunday last, after a long and trying illness, and his remains will be interred in Kensal Green Cemetery this day (Saturday). Bro. Telfer had travelled considerably, and his experiences in Japan and elsewhere had secured for him a knowledge of the world which made him a very genial and pleasant companion. In his special province—that of dramatic critic—he had gained confidence by his impartial judgment upon the works brought under his notice, and the news of his decease will be received with regret by a wide circle of friends. On behalf of the staff of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE we tender his relations our deep sympathy in the loss they, in conjunction with ourselves, have sustained.

The V.W. Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, Past Grand Warden, has kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of consecration at the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Friday, 5th February, at six o'clock precisely. After the ceremony, a dinner will be provided at the Metropolitan Hotel, South Place, Finsbury Square, E.C. Tickets, 4s 6d each, may be obtained of Bro. W. M. Stiles, Sec., 23 Vernon Street, West Kensington, W.

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, 30th JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 188—Perey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1766—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Fxoise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 60—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Jopna, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 519—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 9 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1891—Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
 2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zealand-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstable
 538—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 581—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 582—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Exbridge. (Instruction)
 595—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 631—St. George, Masonic H. H. Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 641—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 678—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 682—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 699—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
 697—St. Cybil, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Guthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 650—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Frie dship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1069—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1392—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1443—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1793—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 312—Bräanna, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 166—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Jopna, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 820—City of London, 4 Royal Oak, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 60—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1—Albion, City of London, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1510—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-30aer, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Mas nic Hall, Nenth.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 731—Londeshorough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Portescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Loughton Buzzard
 960—Buta, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

- 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Boothle, 146 Berry-street, Boothle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussax Street, Rhyf
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
 R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
 R.A. 1611—Phoraceum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 20—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.31. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 9. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwick Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Home, Shelton Street, Regents Park, 9 (Inst.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 867—Whittington, Red Lion, Portico-cour, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londeshorough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st. at 9 (Instruction.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 M.M.—Grand Masters, St. Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moria, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 527—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Ty
 417—Faith and Unity, Masonic Hall, Darchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 614—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 833—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Mulling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Mulling, Kent
 1985—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1691—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwrick
 1206—Cinqe Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1271—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1325—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan

1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King's Street, Halifax
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Wales, Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2012—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1218—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

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

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 9 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burpetts Cottages, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1336—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1351—St. Clement Dances, 265 Strand
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Meddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N. at 9 (Instruction)
 1614—Convent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1626—Treadgear, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Creston, Wheatshen Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2128—United Northern Counties, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

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

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, E'land
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Footle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 9. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shereham
 2013—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
 2050—St. Trinius, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 312—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 R.A. 496—Mount Edgecombe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Arlewick, Openshaw, Man
 R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire

M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, St. Paul's

FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 151 Fenchurch-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 Constitution Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Wandsworth, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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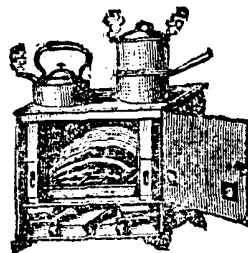
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