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PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS.

FOR some time past our American contemporaries have devoted considerable attention to the subject of Public Installations, but so far as our memory serves us the question has not been noticed on this side of the Atlantic, nor should we have deemed it desirable to refer to it now had it not been stated, in the columns of some of the American papers, on the authority of a brother of some standing, that public installations are practised in England. We must admit we are but imperfectly acquainted with the mode of procedure at these public installations, and it may be that our remarks are based on an erroneous view of the case, but we will take the common sense rendering of the term, and assume that a public installation is the performance of the ceremony of installation in the presence of outsiders as well as of Masons—in the presence indeed of any one who chooses to attend, armed perhaps with a regular invitation. We should not have thought it necessary to inform English Masons that such a course is impossible in England, that it would be in direct violation of the laws of our Grand Lodge, or that the members of any Lodge allowing such a display would be severely penalised, but the statement to which we refer, made on the authority of "an English Mason," proves that there is an idea prevalent in the minds of some contrary to the generally accepted view.

Our American brethren have taunted English Masons with being fond of display, while we, on our side, have accused them of carrying on their Masonry—especially some of the higher degrees—almost entirely for the purpose of ostentation. In one of our earliest numbers we referred to this subject, and if our opinions are now slightly modified to what they were then, it is because our American brethren—or some of them—have taken steps to infuse a little practical Masonry into their Masonic actions. We will not quarrel with our cousins for saying that English brethren are the more addicted to public displays of Masonry, as we look upon the question as almost too absurd for argument. We will take any of the American Masonic publications, and compare their reports of Masonic displays with the law of England, which forbids any public assemblage of Freemasons, except perhaps the attendance of brethren at Church in some Provincial town, or the wearing of Masonic regalia at a brother's funeral, at the laying of a Foundation stone, or at a Masonic Festival. In all these cases no part of the Lodge work must be conducted outside the limits of a tyled Lodge, much less performed in public, and we must certainly express our surprise that any English Mason could have stated otherwise. We most flatly contradict his statement, and challenge him to produce evidence in support or confirmation of it.

We are at a loss to understand on what basis public installations could be tolerated, unless it be, as the *Keystone* puts it, as "Shows for vanity's sake," but there are few brethren in this country who would care to recommend it on such grounds, much less attempt to practise it, even if it were not specially prohibited by the Constitutions of the Order. What would become of our secrecy if one of the most important ceremonies of the year were performed in public? Would it be possible to prevent non Masons who attended such gatherings from learning many of the secrets of Freemasonry, or could we,

in face of such innovation, keep those who desired it from forcing their way into meetings other than those of installation. We think not, but our American friends may reply we are wrong, and bring for their proof the action of their own brethren, many of whom believe in these public installations, and, as far as we know, practise them.

It may be that the "English Mason" who assures our contemporary that public installations are practised in this country simply refers to the semi-public—and we must impress on our readers that they are only semi-public—entertainments which follow our installations; but if he does he has a very clumsy method of expressing himself, as a consideration of the case will prove. If we are to continue the system of following our meetings by banquets, it will always be necessary to have a number of outsiders present in the same room as the members of the Lodge, during the actual serving of the repast, for it would hardly be possible—and certainly not politic—to compel every caterer to initiate the whole of his staff simply for the purpose of attending on brethren at Masonic dinners. But what do these non-Masons learn of Freemasonry during their short sojourn in our midst? They may perhaps discover that the Master, and the Senior and Junior Wardens are fixtures at various points of the compass, they may learn the title by which brethren address the Officers of the Lodge, and their fellow members, but any knowledge of actual use to them they will be unable to acquire during the progress of a Masonic banquet, and immediately the banquet is over the Tyler assumes command of the door, and rigorously excludes all but regularly initiated Masons. The Tyler is as cautious during the time the toasts are given to exclude outsiders as he is during the performance of work in the Lodge, and the brethren are as careful to keep themselves from prying eyes then as during any other part of their proceedings. The toasts are not infrequently followed by a song, and although uninitiated vocalists are sometimes engaged, the same care to abstain from Masonry in their presence is practised as at the banquet, and nothing that would warrant the appellation "public installation" transpires in their presence. Besides all this, we fail to associate the "Masonic toast" with actual Freemasonry, any more than we do the Masonic banquet. Both are associated with Masonic gatherings, but really form no part of ancient Freemasonry, the practice of the ceremonies of which is only permissible within the limits of a properly tyled Lodge. We shall be pleased to hear from our "English Mason, Bro. Geo. S. White," as to when and where an English installation was performed in public, but we doubt if he can enlighten us?

GRAVE ERROR.

MASONs who read the current Masonic news, and who care about and observe what is transpiring, must be aware that an agitation which was begun several years ago, having for its object a revolution of existing Masonic relations by the ultimate overthrow of all the so-called "higher degrees," has ever since been carefully nursed with cumulative force by talented Masons in the various Grand Jurisdictions of this country.

It was vastly accelerated, if not actually caused, by what is known as the Massachusetts departure, by which the Grand Lodge of that commonwealth, at her Quarterly

Communication in June 1882, overstepped the boundary of her legitimate jurisdiction, and not only assumed to pass on, but to discriminate between, the Masonic titles of bodies, of none of whose rites a Grand Lodge of Symbolic Masonry can have any knowledge, and whose legislation in the premises has not been, and cannot be, enforced without danger of rebellion.

Having since attracted kindred spirits all along the line, like an avalanche gathering force as it progresses, this centripetal speciousness seems to have crystallized, in Illinois, into a well-defined double policy, viz., First to sap the foundations of the objective system of degrees by the subtle means of inoculated speech and literature, calculated to prejudice the minds of Master Masons, and secondly, to finally wipe out what is left, by Grand Lodge interdiction "through the Masons of her obedience."

If this has not become apparent to any of the Masons of Illinois, they have not been on the alert, and for such it is certainly high time to man the tower; for it is the duty of every one to participate in and take his full share of the responsibilities of the Craft. As nothing can be gained by concealment on the one hand, or ignorance on the other, let us have light.

To this end it will be profitable to examine pertinent contributions to the Masonic press, pro and con, past and present; and I would advise every one who has not already done so, to explore with care the last report of the committee on correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Having taken exceptions, on the same grounds, to the report of the same author as committee on correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, at its last convocation, I have been reminded that I misapprehended his position upon this question; that instead of being connected with this crusade, he, in common with other eminent brothers high in rank, both in this and other states, holds, "that the Grand Lodge should pass on the legitimacy of Symbolic Masonry only, and leave all others degrees and orders alone." In short, to "let each Grand Body look strictly after its own business."

A careful examination of the report to the Grand Lodge will show that the eminent brother, contrary to the usual course and to precedent, surrendered important parts thereof to other learned and influential brethren to treat upon this question, one of whom was the able editor and publisher of this excellent journal, and two others of the most gifted Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, only one of whom, however, actually availed himself of the opportunity.

If it be discovered and pointed out that any but Bro. Brown of the *Voice of Masonry* took the ground above described and urged as that of the amiable brother of the committee and his ally, I will be only too glad to acknowledge my error, and humbly beg the brethren's pardon. I have found no peg uncovered whereon it was possible to hang ingenious sophism, first in proof of the assertion that nothing beyond the Lodge is entitled to the Masonic name, except in so far as their membership is composed exclusively of Masons; and second, in support of the theory of annihilation by edict, as indicated hereinbefore.

Somehow, I am unable to perceive, that the way to let these other Masonic Bodies alone, is to set their house on fire, and ask them to co-operate in putting it out, by feeding the flames with oil.

I am very willing to acknowledge, also that my powers of discernment are not very acute, because I have been utterly unsuccessful in finding a solution of the reasons for all this "fuss and feathers," and for these alliances of the powerful and influential intellects, and for all this inoculated literature sent out broadcast among the Lodges on the principle that that is the *modus operandi* of passing on the legitimacy of Symbolic Masonry only, and of letting all other degrees and orders alone.

It may be, however, that my obtuse mind is incompetent to grasp the right construction of some of the passages involved, like the following: "It will be asked if a Grand Lodge has not supervision over all the Masonry within its borders? It certainly has: it can, and should, as we think, prohibit the employment of its rituals by an association of men, notwithstanding such association embraces Masons exclusively. It can interdict the Chapter Council, Commandery, or bodies of the Scottish Rite, from assuming any function of the Lodge, either directly or indirectly. We hope the reader will keep the foregoing

in mind, for the day, if it comes, when the Lodge will demand its own. * * * The practice of employing the esoteric rituals, signs, grips, words and symbols of the Lodge is indefensible usurpation and groundwork of error and contention. * * *

The Grand Lodge has been too long remiss in duty, in not interdicting those of their obediences from practising its rituals in other associations of Masons. * * *

When, therefore, something claiming to be Masonry crops out in bodies which the Grand Lodge has not created, it is certain that either such bodies are teaching as Masonry something that is not Masonry, or that it is time for Masons who desire to be loyal to those solemnly assumed engagements from which no Mason, or association of Masons, can absolve them, to ask themselves whether as members of such bodies they are making an unwarrantable use of the name, symbols, esoteric rituals, or modes of recognition of the Craft. Upon an affirmative answer to this question rests the right and duty, and in the fact that their membership is composed of the Masons of its obedience, lies the power of the Grand Lodge to deal with the problem of pseudo Masonry."

I do sincerely hope others will see what I fail to comprehend, that the foregoing is evidence of a peaceable desire to let such Masonic bodies alone, and that the Grand Lodge is to confine itself to Symbolic Masonry only. Some of these utterances seem to be puerile, and others as containing specious sophistry, but through them all peeps the germ of a mischievous error, to which I will recur hereafter. Speaking for the Chapter here, as one of the bodies in question, it would seem from these quotations, as if it all at once was unduly encroaching upon the rights and prerogatives of the Lodge, or was making other use of things appertaining to Symbolic Masonry, upon which it is founded, and of which the main part of its degrees is an integral part, the evidence for which can be furnished in a tyled Lodge or Chapter, than has been permitted for a century and a half without any complaint whatever.

The author of the last quotation will be recognized by its ear-marks as the same distinguished and able, but shifting brother who seems to command an infinite resource of "tests," between which he is hovering, like the Irishman's flea, as occasion demands. His first, it will be remembered, was "The Ancient Charges of a Freemason, as the inexorable and unchangeable organic standard, by which all that is claimed as Freemasonry must stand or fall," but when he was challenged to point out therein the definition of our present triplex system of degrees of the Lodge, which he could not do, he abandoned it without formal declaration, however, so as to still leave it available for repetition, on the principle presumably, that an "oft-told tale" must be true, and constructed "three essentials," which he abandoned in turn, and in like manner as his "organic" flatulency, when the main one of the three was exposed as a mutilation of the first great landmark of our Institution, entitled "God and Religion," which is not only indivisible, but the printed part used must be construed by the primary and greatest of all.

If not puerile, how inconsistent is the statement that the Grand Lodge can "interdict the Chapter, Council, &c., from assuming any functions of the Lodge, either directly or indirectly." While it is true, and while that undoubted power and prerogative of the Grand Lodge has ever been not only acknowledged but vigorously supported by the class of Masons referred to, it is superfluous to throw the gauntlet until they or any of them undertake to do so, or until there is some reasonable probability that they will so interfere. The functions of a Lodge are, to make its own by-laws, consistent with the general laws of Masonry, and to see them duly executed; to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, in a regular and constitutional manner, with business incidental thereto, and to the general management of a subordinate. Which of these functions has the Chapter assumed? Or, which is it likely to assume?

Turning to the report in question, and to the review of Massachusetts, we find lengthy quotations, on the Royal Arch degree, from Bro. Mackey, to be in answer to the following question by the author of the review, "Now what are the facts relating to the origin of the degree in question, and its subsequent relation to the Fraternity?" But most of them, as well as other statements, have been pronounced erroneous by celebrated historians of our time, among whom is the distinguished and well known Bro.

William J. Hughan, of Torquay, England, whose thorough exploration among the resources of the past has recently resulted in a most valuable book, entitled "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry;" which the reviewing brother well knew, for he says: "We are aware of the fact that distinguished authors reject the theories of Brother Mackey, but when it can be made plain that the 'word' was lost, and subsequently found in an organization that did not exist in 1717, and in a degree fabricated after the establishment of the first Grand Lodge, then we will review the conclusions of the author quoted."

According to the external evidence, solely relied on by this distinguished brother and his compeers, and by which he arrives at the above conclusion, the Master Mason's Degree, as we now have it, was also fabricated since 1717 and after the establishment of what they call the "first" Grand Lodge; but aside from that fact the pertinent question arises, Why was the mass of Mackey's statements referred to printed *as facts*, in the face not only of Bro. Hughan's history, but of averments of other equally reliable and distinguished historians of the Craft? The only answer apparent to any unprejudiced mind is the same that will occur to any one at all conversant with the esoteric symbolism of the Masonic system, after perusing his comment on the following: "This degree (Royal Arch) is indescribably more august, and sublime and important than all which precede it, and is the summit and perfection of Ancient Masonry. It impresses on our minds a belief of the being and existence of a supreme Deity without the beginning of days or end of years, and reminds us of the reverence due His holy name. It also brings to mind many essentials of the Craft, which were for the space of four hundred and seventy years buried in darkness, and without a knowledge of which the Mason's character cannot be complete. * * * This section furnishes us with many interesting particulars relative to the state of the Fraternity during and since the reign of King Solomon."

"This, brethren, is the class of food with which the masses of the Fraternity have been served from time out of mind, and it is not, therefore, surprising that Masons not particularly instructed in foundation stones, should accept as orthodox, whimsical assertions, so boldly set forth, because of the absence of a bold, truthful popular literature, so necessary to dispel impositions upon credulity."

The only answer, I say, to this and the preceding paragraph must be: Because it was intended that the inoculation therein, thus insidiously administered, should be all the more affective. If there is any other reply, it must be additional and to the effect that somebody, who should know better, betrays a most deplorable oblivion of the art and science of Masonry; which at the same time, however, affords a most rational solution to the animus of the crusade, both by him and his associates, who all seem to suffer more or less from the same malady.

In this connection it would be interesting to hear the learned brother explain the meaning of his education in "foundation stones." Those that I have been instructed in are the fundamental and primary truths, supporting all correct systems, and my correct system of Geometry, in which Masonry was founded, includes the holy Royal Arch, of which Bro. Hughan testifies in concluding his aforementioned history, thusly: "In conclusion, we cannot do better than quote the words of Dr. Hopkins in his well known 'Lectures on Freemasonry,' respecting the Royal Arch: 'I would urge every one (having made himself acquainted with our ordinary Craft ceremonies, and having undergone the necessary probation) to proceed to that sublime and exalted degree, by which alone his cravings for Masonic lore can be satisfied, his doubts explained, and the completeness of the system be fully developed.'"

And Past Grand Master H. P. H. Bromwell, one of the most amiable and modest of men, but of prodigious ability, who has made Masonry the study of a lifetime, and who (I say it with due reflection and conscious of what it means) knows more about it than any man now living, said in a recent letter to the writer: "You know the explorations I have been engaged in during the last twenty-eight years concerning the geometry of the Lodge and its work, and particularly to discover and verify the most ancient G.: O.: W.:, and on that subject I feel sure I can give some facts, but the means of their full explanation and verification can only be used in a proper

place. The Royal Arch Degree, if its tradition be true, is a degree worthy of all care and praise, and if the same be only a fabrication, for the purpose of forming the Masonic matter into an interesting and impressive degree, it is still invested with secrets of the greatest matter known to the Craft; but it holds it in a broken vessel, nevertheless in a condition to be repaired; and whether repaired or not, still indispensable for the verification of the true ancient word. There are several degrees claiming the ancient word, but they contain nothing of the sort. Those that fabricated them did not even know what is meant by the G.: O.: W.: They supposed it to be a word in *some language*, and that it might be *any* particular word having a certain prescribed meaning; not knowing that there can be but *one* such word, and that it must be omnific as to all human language, as the triangle is omnific as to all geometry. That word was once in the Royal Arch (Royal Ark) degree, but so mispronounced that it was no longer the same. The heling (haling) words are still there, but that is not the only place; both the G.: O.: W.: and its heling words are in the body of the Lodge by t. t. t., and there is not a Master Mason who has not pronounced them or heard them as often as he has been present at the conferring of that wonderful degree, unless he was deaf or inattentive.

"It has been always understood that the Royal Arch degree was anciently conferred, not by the Past Masters, but by the Master Masons in possession of it, under the warrant of the Master of a Lodge, and only on Master Masons of long standing and high character. If this be true, as it seems to be, it is a most significant fact, in proof of the truth of one part of the legend, as well as of that of the Master Mason."

Of the Mark Master Bro. Bromwell discourses thus: "It has so much the simplicity and ring of the Ancient Craft, and deals in such Masonic matters that many skilful Masters believe it to be the ancient closing ceremony of the Fellow Craft Lodge. Although this cannot be verified, I think it highly probable. It is a beautiful degree."

Lest any one should be misled into the belief that the distinguished Past Grand Master is a "high degree champion," let them be undeceived by the following quotation from another letter recently received; but it is but just to say that the position therein defined, which is also mine, is not new. He has expressed the same opinion many times before, and for many years past, viz., In the matter of so-called 'higher degrees' I have long noticed the increasing evils which are being wrought among the Craft, the prevailing habits and usages in regard to them. In the first place there are no higher degrees. The three degrees of the Lodge are all. If any alleged degree has any Masonic value, it is because it has preserved some matter of Masonic Craft, which, by the carelessness and ignorance of Lodges, has been suffered to go to loss. Outside of this they are only beautiful or sublime ceremonies, which draw their symbols and teachings from the great storehouse of the Lodge, but which is also the case with most of the swarm of degrees of all modern orders. like Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and of this and that. More than three thousand degrees, listed as Masonic, have been invented and worked in Europe and in this country during the last century and a half, all professing to have some wonderful Masonic secrets to impart. Wherever they have flourished most, Ancient Craft Masonry has gone into demoralisation. In most of Europe the Lodges of Masonry are mixed up with every sort of Rites, and are really in no sense what ancient Masonic Lodges were. Grand Master Robbins did a grand good thing when he refused to recognise one of those pseudo Grand Bodies, which called itself the 'Grand Orient of Spain,' and which is a new offspring from the spawn of continental innovations. Now, here is the mischief of the whole set, as things are managed; all the so-called higher degrees are believed by the outside world, and by all ignorant Masons, to be actually *higher*, and much more, they all have stupendous titles and flourish of feathers and finery, and make as much noise as if they were chief in Masonry; consequently the Lodges are besieged with petitions for initiation by everybody who wants to get where he can appear on the outside of a horse, bedizened with shoulder-straps, plumes and swords, &c.; and half of the work of the Lodge now is, to confer Masonic degrees on chaps who merely use the Lodge as a necessary entrance way to the 'higher' degrees. They rush through in six months,

ignorant of everything of Masonry, and so remain; like the fly on the coach wheel, they think the whole concern is made to carry them. They actually think they have a right to appear in a Masonic procession without invitation, and all such stuff. The consequence is, the Lodges get more and more impoverished from year to year, more ignorant and inefficient. I do not know where it is all to end. Such an excrescence on the body of Masonry must affect it as in all other cases, by actually obliterating the entire science and art of the Craft—*more than half of which has been lost within the last fifty years.*"

What is the remedy? Not in the course of our leaders, who being "blind are leading the blind" in an attempt to tear down the genuine and the false alike, and who, if possible, after successfully levelling everything down to the end of the Master's degree, to be logical, must keep on weeding out that which has been perverted and corrupted, until there will not be enough left to weep over. Not in the revolutionary tendency to unduly centralise tyrannical power in the Grand Lodge, to the detriment of the Lodges and of the individual freedom and rights of the Mason, which cannot be invaded with impunity. This might be done in Russia, but cannot be done in this free country. The Mason is "free" because truth and light make him "free," and he who allows himself to be enslaved or restricted in his personal freedom is unworthy of the other, and rightfully suffers the consequences. But the proposed Grand Lodge interdiction implies the exercise of such a central despotic power, which would be, as was the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, an unwarranted invasion of individual rights, because the power, being inherent in the individual only, could not be delegated by the Lodges of which it is composed, and which it represents collectively, hence is incompetent.

A Grand Lodge is sovereign as to others in its territorial jurisdiction, and not over the individual consciences and personal rights of the members of the Craft, who are under certain obligations, for the violation of which alone they are responsible, but which do not bind them to conform to and abide by laws and edicts, void, if issued through incompetent authority.

Representing the moral universe, where reigns silence and peace, it cannot make war upon the atoms in its composition. It represents the whole body of the Craft as one man, the Grand Master being the head and the Grand Wardens the arms; hence, though it has disciplinary power over itself—that is, to subdue the passions—it cannot restrict the natural motion of the members and limbs of the body without destroying the harmony of the work.

Its powers are constitutional after all, and it must be governed in the exercise of its functions by constitutional Masonic law. Herein lies the solution of the "germ" of the mischievous error" in the utterances quoted from the Grand Lodge report, and the "specious sophism" therein lies in the hint to strike down the bodies assailed, by *subtle* and *insidious* means, which course is altogether beneath the lofty dignity of a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and contrary to all principles of amity and justice.

If any of them are invading in any way the lawful prerogatives or the lawful jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge she has the undoubted power to declare them clandestine, and her members must and will cheerfully obey; but it must be remembered, in all cases, that prudence, as one of the four cardinal virtues, stands before that of justice.

The true remedy is education; study of the science, art and object of Masonry by the leaders in this crusade; by the Masters and Wardens and by the Craft. Any one, even superficially conversant with the outlines of the geometry of the Lodge, must coincide with and feel the justice of Bro. Bromwell's lamentation about the loss, perversions and corruptions. Only when a better knowledge shall have been attained, so that we may be the better able to discern the genuine from that which is spurious or false, will it be time to talk of striking down the "pseudo Masonry," in Chapters and other bodies. Education and diffusion of intelligence among the Craft, high and low, rich and poor, are absolutely necessary to restoration of the purity of Ancient Craft Masonry, and are at the same time the antidote to the noxious craze of "high degreeism."—*Voice of Masonry.*

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of this old Lodge, one of the most prosperous amongst the "so-called Jewish Lodges" in London, was held on Tuesday, 26th ult., at Cannon-street Hotel, when a large gathering of the members and visitors assembled, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. E. H. Norden. When it is considered that the members of the Israel Lodge have not only for many years consistently supported the various Masonic Charities, but have also built up a Benevolent Fund of their own, now happily amounting to over £1,000, some idea may be formed of the stamina and vitality of a body of Masons, who have the true principles of the Brotherhood at heart. And thus the whole of the proceedings on Tuesday were characterised by an amount of satisfaction and unanimity such as is not frequently witnessed. Bro. Norden was supported by Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg P.M. 1502 S.W. and W.M. elect, with a full complement of the Officers and members, the company numbering about 150 in all. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Edgar Bowyer P.G.Std.B., H. Garrod G.P., James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, E. R. Adams P.P.G.C. Lincolnshire, S. Jacobs P.P.G.D. Herts, Geo. Kenning P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, J. Chapman P.M. 194, C. Norrington P.M. 619, S. Boas W.M. 185, J. W. Dewsnap W.M. 188, N. J. Valentine W.M. 1017, H. W. Casperd W.M. 1668, W. Mundy 1839, G. A. Potter W.M. 1964, W. Tear 1765, H. Friedlander 446, Belsham 733 Melbourne, J. Hart 193, A. Myers 1552, Collard 95, Larner W.M. 858, Bockenham 1962, D. M. Davis W.M. elect 1017, T. Fraine 1438, H. Gabriel 1445, S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, H. Massey P.M. 619, J. Myers 188, Rev. S. J. Roco Ch. 188, H. Van Starhen 188, J. Moore 548, Allen P.M. 733, G. Moss 1017, Leon Herts, La Bien Aime Amsterdam, D. J. Collins 193, and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of a subsequent Lodge of Emergency, having been read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund was submitted, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £986 18s 8d. One joining member was admitted, and five candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Bro. Henochsberg was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. by his predecessor in office, Bro. E. H. Norden, whose working was in every respect most admirably carried out. The newly-installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. E. H. Norden I.P.M., Solomon Jacobs S.W., R. J. Paton J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, Rev. M. Haines Chap., J. B. Da Mesquita S.D., W. Hunter J.D., Joseph Da Silva P.M. D.C., M. Bromet Asst. D.C., T. Hart I.G., S. Schmere and J. Litchfield Stewards, Rawles Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the Immediate Past Master Bro. Norden, on the reverse side of which was the inscription:—

Presented to Bro. E. H. NORDEN P.M.
By the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205,
In recognition of his valuable services as Worshipful Master,
For the year ending 26th January 1886.

In addition to this, and to still farther mark the esteem in which Bro. Norden was held, and his popularity in the Lodge, a Past Master's collar and jewel were also presented to him by his Officers, with their heartiest good wishes. On the jewel was inscribed:—

Presented to W. Bro. E. H. NORDEN P.M.
By the Officers of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205,
As a mark of esteem, on his vacating the chair,
26th January 1886.

The gifts were suitably acknowledged by the recipient, and after the transaction of some routine business the brethren sat down to an admirably-served banquet, prepared under the direction of Bro. M. Silver, whose attendance is always looked for at our Jewish Lodges. At dessert the usual loyal toasts were honoured, but before entering on the business of the evening the Worshipful Master expressed regret that Mr. Frederick Paton, who had engaged to undertake the direction of the musical arrangements of the evening, had the day before unfortunately broken a bloodvessel, and was unable to attend. But they had one or two volunteers, who had arranged with their worthy J.W. to sing during the evening, and he hoped, under the circumstances, the company would extend to their friends their kind indulgence. The toast of the Queen and the Craft and of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was enthusiastically received; and in giving the Grand Officers the Worshipful Master briefly observed that they were the right men in the right place. They were honoured by the presence of four of them to-night, and he associated with the toast the name of Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. and J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson said with regard to the Lords Carnarvon and Lathom he need scarcely say a single word. The Grand Officers deserved all honour, both as men and as Masons. He regarded it as a great privilege to be called upon to return thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Lewis Thomas also responded, and in the course of his remarks observed that he could not say this was the first time he had been present at the meetings of the good old Lodge of Israel. For many years he had been the guest of their excellent Secretary, Bro. Hogard, and each time he came to this Lodge he felt a greater endearment towards the brethren and their proceedings. Only last night he was present at the consecration of a new Lodge, which ceremony was carried out with great splendour—the Drury Lane Lodge. The Immediate Past Master then rose; from the first time since leaving the chair he took the gavel in his hand, and they would all know it was for the purpose of proposing the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. They all knew the working of Bro. Henochsberg, and it would be superfluous on his part to dilate upon his many

admirable qualities. He had performed the duties of Mastership in another Lodge, and had brought to London such a reputation that it would be useless for him (the speaker) to say anything further. The Worshipful Master met with a cordial reception in rising to thank them for the hearty reception they had given to the toast, so eloquently given by their Immediate Past Master; he did so most sincerely. He deeply appreciated the enthusiastic manner with which the mention of his name had been received by the brethren, he should endeavour, to the best of his ability, to carry out the duties of the office to their satisfaction, and if he did so, he was sure it would be to his own gratification. He had now a very important toast to propose, though in the Lodge of Israel it required very few words to evoke the enthusiasm which the brethren would give to it. He asked them to join with him in drinking to the health of their Visitors. Bro. Bowyer thanked the Worshipful Master very heartily for the kind manner in which he had coupled his name with the toast, and the company for the heartiness with which they had received it. He could assure them he had been so often amongst them during the last eight or ten years that he scarcely regarded himself as a Visitor. He thanked them for the bountiful hospitality they had placed before their guests. Bro. Boas, as one of the rulers of a sister Lodge, said it was a great honour to be called upon to respond to this toast. This was one of his first visits to the Lodge of Israel, and he had been delighted with what he had seen, and should endeavour to come amongst them as often as possible. Bro. Dawsnap could add but little to what had been said by previous speakers. It had given him the greatest possible pleasure to see the working in the Lodge, and also to partake of the hospitality that had followed. Bros. Chapman, Adams, and Valentine also replied to the toast, as also did Bros. Casperd, W.M. of the Samson Lodge, and Isaac Davis, in response to calls from the brethren. The W.M. then rose and said, if there was one toast more important than another it was that of the Immediate Past Master. No doubt they had heard with a great amount of pleasure the beautiful manner in which Bro. Norden had rendered the installation ceremony that evening; during his Masonic career he had never seen it more admirably carried out. The Immediate Past Master acknowledged the kind support he had received from the brethren of the Lodge, without which he should not have been able to go on with his work in a manner satisfactory to the Lodge and gratifying to himself. It was to them he owed any credit he might have gained for good working. He expressed his unabated interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and said he should endeavour to do in the future as he had in the past. The W.M., in proposing the Masonic Charities, said he was sorry that Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had been obliged to leave, as he was in hopes that they would have had from him a speech on the advantages of the Masonic Institutions. He should ask Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M. to respond. Bro. Cohen said a rather difficult task devolved upon him, and he regretted that many of the brethren had left, inasmuch as he had a great desire to realise the "ambition" which had been alluded to by their W.M. Under no circumstances did they accept donations for their Benevolent Fund from Visitors, because it was the pride of the members of the Lodge of Israel that this Fund should be devoted to themselves only, so that they could not, and would not, accept any subscriptions from brethren who did not belong to the Lodge. But he appealed to those who did belong to it, and especially the younger members, to give that assistance to the Fund to which the W.M. had so fittingly alluded. Year by year they had increased this Fund, until now they had very nearly reached the proverbial four figures. He depended upon the brethren that night to make up the £13 or £14 still required to that end. It had been said of the wise King Solomon that he taught,—"Cast your bread upon the waters, and it shall be seen after many days," and nothing gave zest to his (the speaker's) appeal so much as to know that they were doing good to those who should come after them. He did not ask them even for the price of the banquet they had enjoyed that night, but he asked all, and especially those who had not been prompted to give to this Fund at all, to assist him on this occasion. Then he should be able to leave that hall with the buoyancy and *bon homie* that had been depicted by the W.M. Let them hope this fund would never be required by any of those present, but what a satisfaction it would be to them and to the world at large who were Masons to know that to those who needed they could give without stint and without diffidence. The appeal was then sent round, and later in the evening Bro. Hogard (Secretary) announced that the magic figures they had had before them for so many years had at last been reached. They had that night received one of the largest sums ever collected on an installation night, namely, a total of £15 17s, which exceeded by about £3 the figures aimed at by the President of the Fund. The W.M., in proposing the next toast, said the Past Masters of the Lodge of Israel had made such a name for themselves that the toast needed no words from him to ensure for it an enthusiastic reception. That night they had a glorious array of Past Masters, but this was not in consequence of the installation meeting, for at all the gatherings of the Lodge the Past Masters met in goodly numbers. He had never yet, in his Masonic experience, seen the principles of brotherly love more fully extended in his own case, though he came as a comparative stranger amongst them. He was taken by the hand, and assisted in every possible way, and he could not forget the kindness they had shown him. He coupled with the toast the names of P.M.'s Letour and S. Harris, who suitably responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, whose ability and efficiency had been well tried and proved. Bro. A. M. Cohen responded as Treasurer, and hoped the Lodge would continue to be as prosperous as it was at the present time, and had been for some time past, though he recollected the time, many years ago, when it was not so. The W.M. had alluded to the fact of his having been connected with the Lodge over forty years; during the whole of that period he had never been absent more than half a dozen times. In his younger days he came from all parts of the country to attend his Lodge, and although he could

not expect the G.A.O.T.U. to spare him much longer, at his advanced age, yet he hoped as long as he continued their Treasurer he should not only receive, but deserve, the encomiums that had been showered upon him. Bro. Hogard having thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, said during the time he had been a member of this Lodge he had endeavoured to fulfil the various duties that had devolved upon him to the best of his ability. They were probably aware that the duties of the Secretary did not begin or end with entering the portals of the Lodge. There were many things which occurred when they were not meeting, and it had been his pleasure, as well as his duty, to attend to every detail connected with the Lodge. He was proud to see the high position which the Lodge had now attained, and with a list of five candidates for initiation at the next meeting he felt assured that the Lodge would go on and prosper, at all events under the presidency of their present Worshipful Master. The Lodge had not only a large Benevolent Fund of its own, but it year by year supported the great Masonic Charities, of which they were all so proud. It had been said that times were bad, but with one exception last year realised the largest subscription ever given to the Masonic Charities, which, including the amount given by the Board of Benevolence, reached the enormous total of over £54,000. The brethren were certainly numerous, but for any body of men to have done such work in one single year spoke volumes for the way in which the brethren supported the various Charities connected with the Order. He was sure that the Masonic virtue inculcated in their hearts at their initiation, namely, Charity, received at the hands of Masons generally a large and significant support. He reminded the brethren that he was a Steward for the Boys' School at the next Festival, and hoped at their next meeting to say something on that subject. But at this late hour he would merely content himself by again reiterating his sincere and hearty thanks for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for the confidence the W.M. had reposed in him by again appointing him as Secretary of the good old Lodge of Israel. The officers of the Lodge having severally responded to the compliment paid them, the proceedings were closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening a choice selection of music was given by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Alice Bocquet, and Mr. Joseph Hay, Fro. Warren Tear presiding ably at the pianoforte.

HOPE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 214.

ON Thursday, the 28th January, the annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, when there was a full attendance of members and a number of visitors. The principal business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Quennell S.W., and this ceremony was ably performed jointly by the outgoing W.M., Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry, and Bro. George Cooper P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G. Supt. of Works. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Frank Landon S.W., F. B. Page J.W., Rev. W. J. Skilton P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, George Cooper P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Treas., A. Wright P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary, H. G. Hobson S.D., J. C. Goode J.D., W. W. Brown P.M. P.P.G.O. D.C. and Organist, H. Wallis I.G., Maller Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Imbert-Terry for his great services to the Lodge during his year of office, the W.M. rose and remarked that he should commence the duties of the chair with a very pleasing one, viz., to present to Bro. Imbert-Terry a small token of the esteem and respect in which he was held by them all. It was but a small token as regards its intrinsic value, but when he said it was the first time within the memory of the oldest member that a P.M.'s jewel had been given to the retiring W.M. he thought it would bear a special value in the eyes of their I.P.M. The members of the Lodge need not be reminded of the eminent services Brother Imbert-Terry had rendered to the Hope and Unity Lodge. Whether as regarded the excellency of his working, his personal courtesy, or his princely hospitality, he had laid such a claim upon their regard as would not soon be effaced from their memories. He trusted that Bro. Imbert-Terry would live many years to wear the jewel he now placed upon his breast, and that the Lodge would long have the benefit of his presence and assistance. Bro. Imbert-Terry said this presentation had taken him quite by surprise. He had taken a great interest in the Hope and Unity Lodge, and the only reward he had looked forward to had been to merit their esteem and regard. His year of office had been to him a most happy one, and he thanked them one and all for the way they had supported him, and for the great kindness and courtesy he had received from them all, without a single exception. He should prize greatly the handsome jewel they had just given him; and he trusted he should still be able to do something for the benefit of Lodge No. 214. The brethren afterwards dined together, a sumptuous banquet being well served by Mrs. Mason, the hostess. Among the brethren present at the meeting, besides those already mentioned, were:—Bros. Matier, T. J. Ralling P.M. P.G. Sec., Rev. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C., Cobb P.M. 51 P.P.G.S. of W., Lewin W.M. 1543 P.M. 276 P.P.G.S. of W., Grimes W.M. 51, Sathery P.M. 276 P.G.D., Colonel Newton (Essex Rifles), Rev. Stewart, Meggy 276, Eve, Rev. Quennell, &c.; and the following members of 214:—Bros. Joseph Earle P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. C. Earle P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Tebbut P.M., Colonel Burgess P.M., A. W. Wallis P.M., Morice, Morant, Hobson, H. Wallis, Hendrie, &c.

STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

THE installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Brother James Glanville. He was supported by Bros. J. T. Wright S.W., T. R. Hinks J.W., T.

Hinks P.M. Treasurer, J. Nixon P.M. Secretary, W. Gorrie S.D., W. Eckersall J.D., H. Lynn I.G., F. C. Woolmer D.C.; Past Masters J. Addington, H. Marfleet, W. J. Cattermole, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. J. Voisey P.M. 1963, H. Vickery P.M. 1475, J. J. Brinton I.P.M. 1329, J. D. Rose P.M. 73, R. J. Nishart W.M. 1789, P. A. Nairne P.M. 176, W. H. Glyn Smith 1691, C. James 1963, J. Bunker 1158, J. Tasker 73, J. R. Banch 172, J. Humphrey 55, R. W. Robinson 879, C. A. White 1777, J. Justice 79, W. Leonard 1777, T. Lane 186, and F. J. Loughlin 1365. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. T. Wright was presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was afterwards duly carried out by Bro. Marfleet. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. J. Glanville I.P.M., T. R. Hinks S.W., W. Gorrie J.W., T. Hinks Treasurer, J. Nixon Secretary, W. Eckersall S.D., H. Lynn J.D. The ancient charges were delivered in admirable manner by the Installing Master. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Alfred C. Brown, who had been proposed by Bro. Gorrie S.D., and seconded by the then W.M., Bro. Glanville; and the voting being unanimously in favour, he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privilege of the Order. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Glanville on his retirement from the chair, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Lodge during his term of office. At the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of a *récherché* banquet, provided in Bro. Clemow's usual excellent style, when the loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., congratulated the brethren upon having the right man in the right place. He had watched Bro. Wright through the various offices he had filled, and could only say he had devoted his best attention to the duties attaching to each. He had done his best for the interests of the Lodge in the past, and having regard to that fact they might look forward to his doing so in the future. He wished his successor every happiness and prosperity during his year of office, and hoped his installation into the chair might be the commencement of a new and successful era in the history of the Stability Lodge. In conclusion he expressed his conviction that all the brethren would unite in the endeavour amply to sustain the prestige of the Lodge, and to verify its title for stability and usefulness. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, took this opportunity of thanking the brethren for having conferred upon him the honour of electing him to the chair of the Stability Lodge. It would be his constant endeavour to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a manner as should conduce to its continued prosperity, and he trusted that at the end of his year of office he might have given them satisfaction. He then proposed the health of the Initiate, and in doing so said it was not often in the Stability Lodge the newly-installed Master had the opportunity of admitting an initiate, and he regarded it as a privilege for which he was indebted to Bro. Glanville. He could only remind his brother initiate that if he remained true to the principles he had espoused that night he would have no reason to regret having united himself with the ancient and honourable institution of Freemasonry. Bro. A. C. Brown, after the E.A.'s song had been sung, returned thanks for having been admitted into the Lodge. He had been told that Masons were a goodly company, but his informant had only told him half. The impressive ceremony he had witnessed would ever be uppermost in his memory, and he should strive earnestly to carry out the promises he had made, and to benefit by the sublime principles of which he had seen the initiatory stages that evening. In proposing the Visitors, the Worshipful Master said one of the leading principles of Freemasonry was hospitality, and they prided themselves upon that virtue. He was very pleased to see so many visitors present on this occasion, and he assured them of a most hearty and cordial welcome. He especially thanked Bros. Rose and Voisey for having assisted him in preparing for the work of the chair. Bro. Brinton, whose name was associated with the toast, thanked the Worshipful Master most heartily for the cordial terms in which he had welcomed the Visitors, and said Bro. Wright was on the high road to progression in the science of Masonry. He hoped and anticipated that the Worshipful Master would have a year of uninterrupted prosperity, and that he would be supported by an able body of Officers. It was incumbent upon every Officer to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the duties, and if they worked well together they might look confidently forward to the recompense of reward. Bros. Voisey and Nairn also responded to the toast. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Installing Officer, and said he was deeply indebted to Bro. Marfleet for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day. He hoped he might be spared for many years to discharge his duties as efficiently as he had then done. Bro. Marfleet having acknowledged the toast, in a few happily-chosen sentences, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, in doing which he paid a high tribute to the zeal and assiduity displayed during the year by Bro. Granville, whose excellent example he should endeavour to emulate. It had been a great pleasure to present to their Immediate Past Master a jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, and he was only echoing the sentiments of every brother present when he wished that Bro. Glanville might live for many years to wear it, in remembrance of his very successful and happy year in connection with the Stability Lodge. The Immediate Past Master returned thanks, and expressed his unabated interest in the welfare of the Lodge. He thanked the brethren for their recognition of the small services he had been able to render, and promised that in the future he should do, as he had done in the past, all he could to promote its prosperity. The W.M. afterwards proposed the health of the Past Masters, and of the Treasurer and Secretary, paying well-deserved compliments to each as to the manner in which the affairs of the Lodge were administered, and the oasts having been duly responded to, the list was fittingly concluded by the Tyler. The enjoyment of the evening was materially enhanced by singing and recitations, amongst those who spe-

cially contributed to the programme being Bros. Voisey, Leonard, and White.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE annual Festival was held on Tuesday, 19th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when there was a numerous gathering. Bros. M. J. Withers Prov. G.J.D. W.M. presided, supported by his Officers. There were also present—P.M.'s S. Wheeler, C. Stephens, C. Oades, R. Bradley Prov. Grand Secretary, C. Smith, F. J. Ferguson, J. Egginton, J. Weightman, &c. Visitors—Bros. G. W. Webb W.M. 2043, Captain W. Golding P.M. 1899, R. C. Prickett W.M. 1101, H. Arrowsmith W.M. 1566, R. C. Hurley P.M. 1101, E. Margrett P.M. 1101, F. Marsh W.M. 1895, E. J. Blackwell P.M. 1101, R. Griggs W.M. elect 228, J. Greenaway Secretary 1101, W. J. Martin 414, H. Creed J.W. 1101, Charles Slaughter I.G. 1101, F. Brown 1101, C. F. Simmons 694, Walter Blackwell 1101, A. T. Morling 948, Rev. J. D. Danlop 561, J. W. Noble 1643, Rev. G. K. Faulkner 592, J. Doverill jun. 1894, W. A. Simmons 1895. The ordinary business having been gone through, a Board of Installed Masters was opened with full ceremonial, P.M.'s Charles Stephens and R. C. Mount occupying the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs. The retiring W.M., Bro. Withers, installed as his successor the J.W., Bro. Blackwell, who had been unanimously elected at the previous Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. M. J. Withers I.P.M., D. H. Witherington S.W., J. W. Martin J.W., Rev. Canon N. T. Garry Chaplain, R. C. Mount P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, C. G. Hawkes S.D., W. Sherwood J.D., J. H. Walters I.G., J. T. Dodd D.C., J. C. B. Tibbutt, C. T. Rayner and J. R. Hayward Stewards, R. Dowsett P.M. 1101 Almoner, W. Hemmings Tyler. The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren. Bro. Withers expressed his hearty thanks for the honour conferred. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414,
Presented to Bro. M. J. WITHERS, P.M. Prov. J.G.D.,
As a token of esteem. January 1886.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to banquet, at the Great Western Hotel. The usual prefatory toasts having been received with full honours, the health of the newly-installed Master was proposed by the I.P.M., and was cordially received and appropriately acknowledged. The other toasts included the I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Lodge of Union, proposed by the W.M.; the Masonic Charities, by Bro. Stephens; the Visitors, by Bro. Smith; the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Greyfriars and Kendrick Lodges, by Bro. Mount; the Initiates, by Bro. Oades; the Wardens, Secretary, and other Officers, by the W.M. The musical part of the programme was carried out by Bros. Blackwell, Knill, Millar, Bonny, Galt, and Martin, under the direction of Bro. Hayward P.G.O. The portrait of the late Bro. W. W. Moxhay P.M. Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, who had for many years acted as Installing Master to the Lodge of Union 414, and the Greyfriars Lodge 1101, was placed on the wall of the reception room, and was generally considered to be an excellent likeness.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on 14th ultimo, Bro. J. O. Bieling in the chair, supported by Bros. Bryant S.W., Tongue J.W., Gordon S.D., Apsey J.D., Turner I.G., Rantz D.C., P.M.'s Jackson, Jagielski, Ebner, Paas, Lancaster Secretary and Nowakowski Treasurer. The business of the evening commenced by the ballot, for Mr. Henry Birkbeck. This proving to be unanimously in his favour, he was duly initiated. Bro. Wm. Taylor was then passed, both ceremonies being worked in perfect manner. The report of the Committee on the portrait of the late Bro. Lord Dudley Stuart P.G.W. P.M. was read, and it was resolved that it should be cleaned and restored before the next meeting. Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren retired to the banquet room. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Corri Jackson proposed the health of the W.M., calling attention to the able manner in which the ceremonies had been worked by him. This was responded to by the W.M., who concluded his remarks by calling attention to the toast of the initiate, saying that the name of Birkbeck had always been held in the highest honour by the Polish National Lodge, as the name of one of its founders; they were glad to receive amongst them one of his relations. The initiate thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to endeavour to make himself efficient. The Visitors were honoured, and the brethren separated at an early hour. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. Walter Snodin W.M. 157, W. Saegert P.M. 548, Alford P.M. 228, E. W. Allen P.M. 173, J. Tatlock W.M. 142, F. H. Atkins P.M. 890.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, at Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Brother J. Lambert Payne, the retiring Worshipful Master, Bros. Arthur Ferrar S.W. and W.M. elect, Rudolf Polak J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., A. B. Oiley J.D., W. Beasley I.G., J. H. Rich D.C., W. Wright and W. Simpson Stewards, E. Frisby Organist, Marsh Tyler; Past Masters Smyth, Brasted, Lorkin, Dignam. The Visitors included Bros. Raikes P.P.G.C. Dorset, Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex, White Pentucket, Lower Massachusetts, U.S.A., Darnell 1769, Grace 73, Sutton 73, Wilson 1155, Clark 1897, Woodman 1950, McLarin 1805, Larter

1602, Hoit 856, Cottebrune P.G.P., Finnister 901, Gooding 1329, Isaacs 1624, Guys 395, Pascoe 27, Storr 765, Forge 1693, Britten 860, Lea 1897, Smither 193, Warton 1986, Daniels 300, Dynoso 1853, Rose 1607, Burrage 1115, Enright, Gascoyne 395, and others. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, and after the ordinary routine business had been transacted, the report of the Audit Committee—which showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial position—was received and adopted. Brother Arthur Ferrar was then presented for the benefit of installation, and a board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted the installation ceremony was ably carried out by Brother Payne, whose working was much admired. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly installed Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary honours, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Payne I.P.M., Polak S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., Brand P.M. Treasurer, Lee P.M. Sec., Olley S.D., Beasley J.D., Rich I.G., Wright D.C., Frisby Organist, Simpson and Robinson Stewards, Marsh Tyler. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Henry J. Allardyce, who had been nominated by Bro. Frisby and seconded by Brother Rich. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Allardyce was initiated by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony in perfect manner. At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Brother Clemow, in a style which well sustained the character of this old and popular City hotel. After the loyal toasts, the Immediate Past Master rose. He had the honour and privilege of proposing the next toast; he was sure the brethren would all join with him in drinking the health of their newly-installed Worshipful Master. He was very pleased indeed to see Brother Arthur Ferrar in that honourable position. They had worked shoulder to shoulder together for many years, and Brother Ferrar was eminently deserving the honour the brethren had conferred upon him. They had seen the creditable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening; and no doubt at their next meetings he would work the other two degrees in equally satisfactory manner. The toast having been received with enthusiasm, the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren sincerely for the high compliment they had paid him. He could only assure them that if they gave him the opportunity of working he would strive to the utmost of his ability to give them satisfaction. Brother Oakley having recited the humorous composition, "Mrs. Caudle on Freemasonry," the Worshipful Master proposed the Initiate, in doing which he said it had afforded him much pleasure to have initiated Brother Allardyce into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. He hoped the time would come when Brother Allardyce would occupy the position which he now filled, and that he would prove a credit to the Craft and to this Lodge in particular. Brother Allardyce thanked them for the kind reception they had given to the toast, but he reminded them of the old adage, "Take the will for the deed." After the kindness with which he had been admitted into this honourable Institution, he was perfectly at a loss to express the intensity of his feelings. He trusted that he might realise the hope expressed by the Worshipful Master. For the Visitors Brother White was first called upon to respond; in doing so he said he felt peculiar pleasure that the United States of America had been mentioned in connection with the toast. He was sure they would not deem it egotistical of him when he said he was proud to answer for that toast, for assuredly no mother was prouder of her son or daughter than England was proud of his country. He further wished to thank them for the extreme hospitality they had tendered to a representative of the United States. Brother Raikes, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which its representatives had been received that evening. He assured them that he had never seen the work of the day surpassed in any of the thirteen Lodges in the Province of Dorset which he had the pleasure of visiting occasionally. He sincerely hoped that the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. might rest upon all their undertakings. He thanked them also on behalf of the Faith and Unanimity Lodge, No. 417, which was his mother Lodge; and in speaking of that Lodge he was reminded of a certain young lady to whom five gentlemen made a proposal of marriage. In her perplexity and dilemma, she went to the captain of the ship on which she was a passenger, and asked his advice. The captain replied that if she came on deck next morning, and jumped overboard he would challenge the suitors to save her, and the one who did so should be accepted. It was a beautiful morning, with the sun shining brightly, as she stood with the five suitors around, and as she jumped overboard four of them sprang after her, and brought her safely back to the ship. Then she was equally puzzled, and said to the captain, "What am I to do? they are all so wet." "Take the dry one," said the captain, meaning himself, and he certainly had the pleasantest position of the whole five. He thought he could not do better than follow the captain's example in responding to this toast, and let the other Visitors speak for themselves. Bro. Woodman W.M. 1950, said having been initiated in this Lodge it gave him very great pleasure to see Bro. Ferrar occupying the chair; it proved that study and assiduity had brought their own reward. He hoped Bro. Ferrar's year would be crowned with every possible success. Bros. Forge, Hoit, McLaren, Darrell, and Walters also responded. Each speaking in complimentary terms of the excellent working they had witnessed in the Lodge-room, and of the abundant hospitality that had been extended to the visitors. The W.M. in proposing the Past Masters, said he was pleased to see seven or eight of them present that evening, though he regretted that Bro. Chapman was still very ill. He spoke of the valuable counsel and assistance given by the Past Masters to the W.M., and said a very pleasant duty now devolved upon him in connection with the toast. That was to present Bro. Payne, their I.P.M., with a splendid jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the Lodge as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. The jewel was a very handsome one, having on the bar the name of the Lodge, with the Coat of Arms of Prince Arthur, and on the reverse side was the inscription, "Presented by the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, to Bro. John

Lambert Payne P.M., in recognition of his valuable services as Worshipful Master. 28th January, 1886." Bro. Payne, in responding, said he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and this mark of their favour showed that his efforts had been appreciated. Bros. Smyth and Brasted also suitably returned thanks. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, paying each a high compliment. Bro. Brand thanked the brethren for the confidence they reposed in him as their Treasurer. He was gratified at the excellent balance sheet which he had been able to present to them. He had proposed that a certain portion of the benevolent fund in the hands of the Treasurer should be invested, and this proposal had been accepted in good spirit by the Audit board. Bro. Lee, as Secretary, said he would not enlarge upon the financial aspect of the Lodge, beyond this—that, although the money was to be placed in the bank in the names of the W.M. for the time being, with the Treasurer and Secretary, at the same time it was to be understood that it would not be withdrawn except by resolution of the Lodge. They would quite agree with him, as father of the Lodge, that he was justified in congratulating himself upon its continued prosperity. The W.M. then proposed the Officers, who responded, and the Tyler brought to a close a very enjoyable and happy evening.

MASONIC BALL AT FOLKESTONE.

DURING the past year Masonry in Folkestone has made rapid strides, and one of the greatest (in a public manner) was the idea of a Masonic ball on a scale never before attempted in Folkestone. After much anticipation, great worry, and deep anxiety on the part of the Stewards and Committee, the ball, which took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., must certainly have given satisfaction to those gentlemen, as it did to all who had the pleasure of being present. The gentlemen who devoted their time to the carrying out of the preliminary arrangements as the Committee were Bros. S. Joseph W.M., G. L. Hart I.P.M., H. Stock P.M., F. Klatt P.M. P.Z., W. L. Earnshaw P.M., J. Sherwood P.M., William Francis P.M., A. H. Holbein P.M., J. Kennett P.M. P.Z., W. Cessford H., E. Hire J., A. Petts S.W., A. J. Crane J.W., G. Spurgeon, Jas. Hart, J. Sherwood jun., F. Hall, J. Aldridge, and H. Waite, and they certainly did all in their power to enhance the pleasure of the evening. But the success was more immediately due to Bros. J. Kennett, Secretary, J. Hart and J. Sherwood jun. The ball was held at the Pavilion Hotel, and the room used for dancing was the splendid saloon of the Hotel, whilst the apartments on either side were utilised as refreshment and lounge rooms. The ball room was very prettily decorated, by Mr. E. Harris, with Masonic banners and emblems and national flags, whilst the dance band of Mr. J. R. C. Roberts, conducted by Bro. H. S. Roberts Organist, was necessarily the principal feature in the evening's enjoyment. The floral decorations were effectively carried out by Mr. J. Amos. Bros. Spurgeon and Waite, who catered for the guests, could not have done so in a better manner, and their arrangements for the comfort of those present were most considerate. It would be superfluous to congratulate the gentlemen who acted as Ball Stewards, Bros. J. Hart J.W., H. Waite J.D., J. Sherwood jun. and Saunders. Dancing was carried on with great zest until nearly five o'clock a.m., when the guests dispersed. The following is a list of those present:—Bros. S. Joseph W.M. 558 and Mrs. Joseph, Mr. W. S. Joseph, Bro. A. Petts S.W. 558, Bro. Jas. Kennett P.M. 558 and Mrs. Kennett, Bro. F. Klatt P.M. 558, Bro. Jas. Hart 558 and Mrs. Hart, Bro. G. L. Hart P.M. 558, Bro. W. Kennett J.W. 1436, Mrs. W. Kennett, Bro. G. Peden 125 and Mrs. Peden, Bro. Ed. Hire P.M. 125, Bro. R. Goulder, Miss Goulden, Mr. and Mrs. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. T. Edwards, Bro. T. H. English 558 and Mrs. T. H. English, Mrs. J. English and Miss English, Bro. Elliott P.M. 125 and Mrs. Elliott, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Salter, Bro. G. Spurgeon 558 and Mrs. Spurgeon, Bro. H. Waite 558 Mrs. H. Waite and Miss Forder, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pope, Bro. Shaw W.M. 125 and Mrs. Shaw Mr. and Mrs. G. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Medhurst, Mr. Pepper, Miss Heywood, Mr. G. Hills, Miss D. Hills, Miss Major, Miss Jenner, Miss Foster, Mr. Joseph Foster, Miss Saunders, Miss Poppe, Miss Woodman, Miss Farley, Bro. Frederick Francis 558, Miss Court, Bro. W. Griffin 558, Miss Marks, Bro. Cole 558, Miss Gorham, Bro. J. N. Rogers 558, Miss Rogers, Bro. J. Eldridge 558, Miss Gosling, Mrs. Hatherall, Mr. Urban, Miss Paine, Bro. G. F. Taylor 558, Bro. W. Saunders 558, Bro. C. Saunders 558, Mr. and Misses Smith (2), Mr. G. Spriggett, Mr. S. S. May, Bro. J. Sherwood jun. 558, Bro. Cameron 125, Mr. C. Bee, Bro. H. Clements 558, Bro. A. J. Crane J.W. 558, Bro. W. Worsell 558 and Mrs. Worsell, Miss Dormer, Bro. W. Cessford P.M. 139 and Miss Cessford, Miss Grant, the Misses Simpson (3), Bro. W. Mitchell, Bro. R. Philpott P.M. 107 and Mrs. Philpott, Mr. G. Smith, Miss Smith, Bro. H. Mercer 125.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Comps. Rev. C. J. Martyn as Z, Col. Addison Potter as H., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as J., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., and a numerous assembly of Companions. The minutes having been confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was adopted, after which the revised Royal Arch Regulations were settled, and Grand Chapter was closed.

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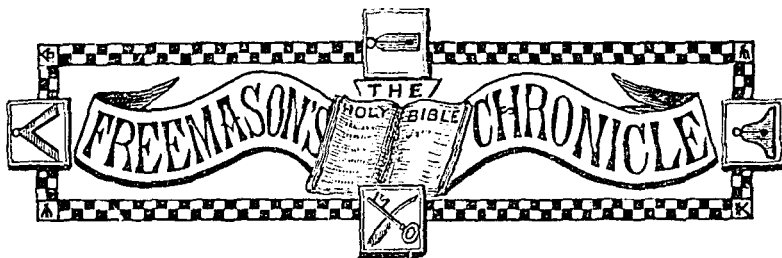
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CHINA.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE, No. 428, S.C.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on 17th December, when the Officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, as follows:—Bros. T. S. Sonthey W.M., C. J. Holland I.P.M., T. Pemberton D.M., J. Bunnerman S.M., E. D. Meldrum S.W., L. F. Gowing J.W., A. Olsen Treasurer, W. Youngson Secretary, J. Gould S.D., A. Laidrich J.D., J. W. Mielenhausen I.G., J. Kinghorn D.C., F. A. A. Kofod and H. Freudenthal Stewards, C. Merritt Tyler. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Thorne P.D.G.M. Northern China, E.C., with whom were the following Officers of the District Grand Lodge:—Bros. T. W. Kingsmill, L. Moore, E. P. Lalcaea, O. Middleton, H. Evans, R. D. Starkey, A. M. A. Evans, A. Johnsford, J. Morris, G. B. Fentum and J. M. Cory, Rev. F. R. Smith, G. M. Hart, R. W. Astill and J. S. Ezekiel. There were also present Bros. C. H. Dallas District Grand Master of Japan, J. G. Thirkell, C. M. Donaldson, W. Birt, G. L. Skinner, H. M. Perkins, and a large number of members of the Lodge and Visitors. In all over sixty brethren were present. At the completion of the ceremony of installation, the retiring Officers resumed their chairs, and an address and jewel of the Lodge, having a suitable inscription engraved on the clasp, were presented to Bro. Thorne on behalf of the Scottish Freemasons of Shanghai. Bro. Donaldson said:—Right Worshipful Brother Thorne, the Committee appointed by this Lodge to draw out and present you with an Address on behalf of the Scottish Craft, on the occasion of your resigning the distinguished office of District Grand Master for Northern China under the English Constitution, have delegated to me, as the Founder of the Lodge and their Senior Past Master, the latter part of their duty, and a very pleasant one it is to me, the more so indeed as the Lodge Cosmopolitan came of age this evening, having completed its twenty-one years of work when the ceremony of installation began. Yes, R.W. Sir and Brethren, twenty-one years ago, on behalf of this Lodge, I had the honour of proposing the first Prov. Grand Master of China, Bro. Rawson, and the then Worshipful Master of the Northern Lodge, Bro. Gould, as honorary members, and now I have again the honour of presenting another District Grand Master, also a Past Master of the Northern Lodge, with an address on the beginning of her (so to speak) manhood; and this document is expressive of the high opinion entertained by us of the very valuable services you have rendered to the Craft at large, more especially in the northern parts of this vast empire. Although it only bears about sixty signatures, these repre-

sent several members of the Lodge—and many others of our brethren under the Scotch Constitution—who are at present absent from Shanghai; and whilst fully endorsing everything that is contained in the address of our English Brethren, we think, as an honorary member of this Lodge for nearly twenty years, and having regard to the very cordial assistance you have always so freely and cheerfully rendered us when required, something more was due to you than the mere appending our names to the document I have alluded to. Therefore, to verify our name "Cosmopolitan," and our motto "Home Everywhere," the present proceedings were unanimously adopted. I could add a deal on behalf of the Lodge, and still more on my own account, as during our Masonic intercourse of considerably over a quarter of a century, we have, I dare to say, always worked most harmoniously together; but I will not further detain the brethren with these old stories, as many may think, and some may even say, that things have changed since then. Therefore, with this preface, I will call on Bro. Gowing, our Secretary, to read the address itself. The Secretary then read the address, as follows:

CORNELIUS THORNE, Esq.,

Past District Grand Master of Northern China, E.C.

DEAR SIR AND RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—When, after many years of constant and unsparing labours on behalf of Freemasonry, you announced your intention of retiring from the high office which you had filled with such distinguished credit as District Grand Master of English Freemasons in Northern China, the announcement created a deep feeling of regret, not only among English Masons, but among the members of the Craft of every other Constitution represented in China. To the lasting benefits which you have conferred on English Freemasonry in the Far East, the brethren lately under your own jurisdiction have testified in the warmest terms; and we, the undersigned members of the Lodge Cosmopolitan and others working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, now desire to express to you the high regard and esteem in which you are held amongst us, and our grateful remembrance of the favours which you have conferred upon us. Nearly twenty years ago the members of the Lodge Cosmopolitan showed their appreciation of the services which you had already rendered to the Craft by electing you an honorary member of their body; and situated as we are, having no Provincial Grand Lodge in China, it has always been a great advantage to us to have your long experience and sound judgment in Masonic matters placed, as they have been, so ungrudgingly at our service. Before the establishment of the District Grand Lodge you more than once acted as our Installing Master; and since then you have never missed one occasion of attending with your Officers and installing the various Masters of our Lodge as they succeeded one another. By your readiness to assist Masons of every Constitution and nationality—thus carrying out to the uttermost the great principle of the universality of the Science of Freemasonry—you have, as a Mason, proved yourself Cosmopolitan in the truest sense of the word; and we, members of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, beg your acceptance of a Lodge jewel as a visible mark of our grateful esteem. It is our earnest prayer that you may long be spared to continue the good work on behalf of Freemasonry and of your fellow men, to which you have devoted so large a portion of your life.

We are, Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother,

Yours faithfully,

(Fifty-six signatures were appended).

Bro. Donaldson—This document, my R.W. Brother, I have now the greatest pleasure in handing to you, and also the jewel referred to therein, well knowing you will place more value on it than it is intrinsically worth; wishing you, on behalf of the whole Scottish Craft, health and happiness during such length of days as may be allotted to you, and on behalf of the Committee every prosperity, wherever you be; and may our Father in Heaven have you at all times in His holy keeping. Bro. Thorne, in reply, said—Bro. Donaldson, R.W. Sir, Bro. Wardens, and Brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge: I feel great difficulty in finding words to express myself, in returning you thanks for this further proof of your kindness towards me, in presenting me with this beautiful address and handsome jewel. You have been pleased to bear testimony to my zeal for our Order. I feel I scarcely deserve such kindness, for I am aware how inadequately I have performed the various Masonic duties which have fallen to my lot. Still, Brethren, I have in some measure tried to carry out the principles of the Craft, and to follow the precepts inculcated by the jewel worn by our J.D., the trowel, which teaches us to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection. In the address you refer to the fact that over twenty years ago I was elected an honorary member of this Lodge. This was not for any service I had then rendered to it, for when I left Shanghai, in March 1864, the warrant for its working had not arrived; and I therefore felt more fully this mark of the esteem of my Scotch brethren who had honoured me in so signal a manner. You allude to me as a Cosmopolitan Mason. Is not this the character which every Mason should strive to obtain and to be proud of? Do we not boast that Freemasonry extends its branches over the whole habitable surface of the globe? And that being so, are we not as Freemasons bound to carry our principles with us wherever we go, so as to set an example to all mankind as well as to our brethren of moral and religious rectitude? Brethren, we are all too apt to fail in this respect; but when such notice is taken of us as you have been pleased to take of me this evening, it makes us feel more fully our own shortcomings, while at the same time it teaches us that the affection of our brethren causes them to overlook many of our failings, and should therefore strengthen us to persevere in the paths of rectitude. To my younger brethren in the Craft I venture to say—remember our lives and actions are carefully noted by those around us, and that as Freemasons we are bound to act up to the precepts taught in our Lodges; and by doing so we may be the means of causing others to follow in our steps, and thereby increase the happiness of those with whom we are connected, or with whom we may come in contact. Brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, I thank you most warmly

for this address, and also for the jewel which accompanies it. I shall feel proud to wear this jewel whenever I have an opportunity of so doing; it will remind me of the many pleasant Masonic meetings I have taken part in with my brethren at Shanghai, and of the kindness I have received at their hands. I do not think I shall be leaving China for some time to come, and it will be my pleasure in the future, as in the past, to render service to this Lodge and its members. May the teaching of this Lodge be the means of bringing many into the right path, so that at the termination of this, our mortal existence, we may be found ready to enter into that rest prepared by the Great Architect of the Universe for all who trust in His word and walk in the way of His commandments. R.W. Sir, and brethren all, accept my heartfelt thanks. Bro. Pemberton, on behalf of the Lodge, then presented a testimonial and address to Brother C. M. Donaldson, the Senior Past Master and founder of the Lodge, in commemoration of the constant services which he had rendered to the brethren; and Bro. Donaldson warmly returned thanks. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren supped together under the presidency of the newly installed Master, convivialities being kept up till a late hour.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109.

ON Saturday, the 23rd ultimo, a new Masonic Lodge was consecrated at Heaton Moor, near Manchester, in the large hall of the Conservative Club. This Lodge is an offshoot of the Wolseley Lodge, six out of the seven petitioners being subscribing members of 1993, and it is said to be intended to conduct it on temperance principles. The brethren of the Provinces of East and West Lancashire had a general invitation to attend the consecration, and as a result a numerous company of brethren assembled to witness the ceremony. Bro. W. Goodacre P.G.S., acting for the D.P.G.M., was the Consecrating Officer; he performed the task in an able, eloquent and masterly style. The following brethren (founders) were appointed to their respective Offices:—Hopewell P.M. P.D.G.D.C. Bombay W.M., Harris W.M. 1993 I.P.M., Webster S.W., Burton J.W., Thompson Treasurer, Cole Secretary, Wells S.D., Rev. R. W. Buckley Chaplain, Bromley P.M. D.C., Broadbent J.D., Berra I.G., Litton and Coxell Stewards, N. Jones Tyler. Many candidates were proposed for initiation and joining, and after the usual hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the new Master, Lodge was closed, and the brethren formed in procession, and marched to the lively strains of the Barnes Home Band, to St. Paul's Church, where a choral service was performed by the choir, and an address delivered by the rector, Bro. Rev. R. W. Buckley, D.D., Chaplain. The proceeds of a collection, made at the close of the service, is to be devoted to providing a stained glass window in commemoration of the consecration of the new Lodge. A banquet was held in the evening, and was all that could be desired. Bro. W. Harris, in proposing Success to the Prince Edward Lodge, said one or two attempts had been previously made to found a Lodge on the Moor, but from various causes the endeavours were not successful. The Prince Edward Lodge, whose existence had been inaugurated that day under such favourable auspices, was now an accomplished fact, and this regally named Lodge would, he trusted, have a great, useful, and honourable career. Such must be the inevitable result if those who from time to time constituted the component parts were honourable, worthy and true Craftsmen. The desire to maintain its now bright and untarnished escutcheon was surely a work worthy of emulation by every one of its members. He took Ancient Freemasonry to mean, amongst many other beautiful allegorical teachings and ennobling tenets, a moral institution, inculcating primarily self architecture, self completion, removing the knobs and excrescences of our moral character, and making in them a more complete and polished manhood—more susceptible to every generous impulse of our common humanity—more ready to perform any kindly act to our brother man, and more charitable to all in word and deed. Who amongst them could estimate the possibilities for good emanating from the establishment of this Lodge? Might the young Craft, so ably and efficiently launched that day, be continued in her course by the guiding hand of the G.A.O.T.U., and might the work thus begun in His name be continued to His glory, and established in them by obedience to His Divine precepts. Several other toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2135.

THE constitution and consecration of this Lodge took place on the 29th ult., at the Lodge-rooms, Charlotte-street, Hull. The ceremony was most solemn and impressive, and was performed by Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell Past Senior Grand Deacon Eng. and Deputy Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, assisted by Bros. M. C. Peck P.G. Secretary, Walter Reynolds P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Geo. Wilson P.P.G. Deacon, H. Forder P.M. P.G.J.D., and a large attendance of the brethren of other Lodges in Hull and district. On the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. T. T. Davis was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. W. Reynolds P.M. P.G. Treasurer; and afterwards the following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. P. C. Whitfield P.M. Acting I.P.M., J. Mackail S.W., R. W. Moll J.W., W. Gillet P.M. Treasurer and Lecture Master, F. W. Maggarr Secretary, W. Hakes Chaplain, F. Vivian S.D., G. W. Greenwood J.D., Vessey King Organist, J. Charlesworth D.C., J. W. Sewell Steward, W. Hickling I.G., J. Burdall Tyler. About 70 brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet in the Humber Lodge, Osborne Street, kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. J. D. O'Donoghue, W.M. of the Humber. During the evening Miss Empringham and Mrs. Buxter entertained the company with a number of popular songs and duets, the duties of the pianist being kindly undertaken by Bro. Vessey King.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, when Bro. J. Corbett was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Lodge having been opened in regular form and the minutes confirmed, the business of the day was proceeded with. This comprised the consideration of a notice of motion by Brother H. Povey P.M. D.C.:—"That a jewel of the usual value be presented to the W.M., Brother W. Cook, on his retirement from the chair, and that the inscription be such as the Lodge shall determine." This was carried, and then Bro. J. F. Fletcher was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Mr. Robert John Bart White was balloted for, for initiation, on the proposition of Bro. H. Roberts, seconded by Bro. J. Corbett W.M. elect. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and then Brother J. Corbett was installed as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The following brethren were appointed Officers for the year:—Bro. William Cook I.P.M., L. V. Walker S.W., E. Y. Jolliffe J.W., E. F. Storr P.M. Treasurer, J. P. Collings P.M. Secretary, W. R. Brooks S.D., H. Savidge J.D., W. J. Charles I.G., H. H. Knill Organist, H. Povey P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. R. Taylor and Harrington Bailly Stewards, J. Parkinson Tyler. Mr. White was then initiated, the ceremony being conducted by the newly-installed Master. On the Proposition of Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge for Masonic charity, to be placed on the list of the W.M. Some formal business having been transacted the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet; after which the customary toasts were honoured. The Queen and the Craft was the first on the list, and was followed by the National Anthem. In speaking to the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. referred to the undoubted popularity of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was a man beloved by all classes of the community; it would be a surprise to the world if anything arose to dim the lustre of his fame. The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon was made the subject of a separate toast; next came the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, with which was associated the name of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke the Grand Secretary of England, who in reply referred to the traditions of the Neptune Lodge, which embodied a wide and comprehensive period in Masonic history. Any reference made to the Grand Officers by such a Lodge was worthy of especial recognition. Brother Colonel Clerke referred to the masterly way in which the work had been performed by the Installing Master, likewise to the ability displayed by the present W.M., and cordially thanked Bro. Corbett for the way in which he had referred to the brethren comprised in the toast. Bro. Cook proposed the health of the W.M. As the speaker who had just sat down had said, the brethren had already had an opportunity of judging of the Worshipful Master's qualifications for office. He had performed the ceremony of initiation in such a manner that every member of the Lodge must have been thoroughly satisfied. He (Bro. Cook) had infinite pleasure in calling on the brethren to drink a toast in honour of their Worshipful Master. Bro. Corbett, after expressing his thanks to Bro. Cook and the brethren for the toast, assured them that their happiness and comfort should be his first study. He should endeavour to carry out the ritual in a manner that should sustain the prestige the Lodge had always enjoyed. He was much gratified at the success which had attended their present meeting, and assured them he would do his best to maintain the good feeling already existing in the Lodge. He trusted the year might pass pleasantly for all. Bro. Corbett now proceeded to propose the health of the Immediate Past Master. It must have been intensely gratifying to the members generally, and it was particularly so to him, to hear the eulogistic remarks made by their esteemed Grand Secretary in regard to the working of Bro. Cook. He had no hesitation in saying that his efforts to promote the comfort of the brethren during the past year had secured for him the lasting esteem of the members. Bro. Cook having made suitable reply, the W.M. proposed the health of the initiate, to whom he tendered a cordial welcome. In response Bro. White said that till the end of his days he would strive to keep the insignia with which he had been invested in a state of purity. For the visitors several responded, but as time was getting short brevity was the rule; with one exception, where a brother, unwisely we think, went somewhat out of his course to urge on those present the desirability of securing larger premises for our Grand Lodge quarters. The general impression was, however, that the occasion was scarcely a fitting one for the expression of such views. Bro. Henry Povey (the Installing Master of the day) replied on behalf of the Past Masters, and then the W.M., in a most exhaustive speech, proposed the Masonic Charities. He detailed what was being done by the three Institutions, and referred to the part taken by the Neptune Lodge in the establishment, both of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. Brother Terry in response gave some very interesting statistics, fully acknowledging the constant and consistent support given by the Neptune Lodge. After specially thanking the Lodge for its vote of ten guineas and the Worshipful Master for his promise of a similar amount, he humorously explained that sound practical evidence had for many years been shown that the brethren of the Old Neptune Lodge were fervent in their belief as to the benefits derivable from the Institution with which he was most intimately associated. He detailed the heavy responsibilities entailed on the executive of the Charity, and pleaded eloquently on behalf of the immediate objects of his care and solicitude. The Treasurer and Secretary were next toasted, and brief responses were made both by Bro. Storr (Treasurer) and Bro. Collings (Secretary). Shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given. Among the Visitors were Bros. Pile P.M. 1892, Crapper, Stedman W.M. 172, Cross 1319, Consens 227, E. Anderson jun. 715, Wright 1364, Fitzgerald 1364, Burkitt 930, Kenning P.M. 1657, Willey 9, King 186, Hampfer 1679,

Stone 1261. The following is the programme of songs, &c., which were capitally rendered by the artistes named. Brother Dr. J. F. Haskins presided at the piano-forte, and to him great credit is due for the musical arrangements, which gave most unbounded satisfaction to all assembled. Grace, "For these and all Thy Mercies," Tallis; National Anthem, "God Save the Queen." Dr. J. Bull—Solo by Miss Effie Chapuy, R.A.M.; Trio, "This Magic Wove Scarf" J. Barnett—Miss Chapuy and Messrs. Cassidy and D'Alton; Song, "I fear no foe," Piesenti—Mr. Curtis D'Alton; Song, "Bid me good-bye," Tosti—Miss Effie Chapuy; Duet, "Maying," Miss M. H. Smith—Miss Chapuy and Mr. T. Cassidy; Song, "Linger awhile, my dearest," J. F. Haskins—Mr. T. Cassidy; Song, "Esmeralda," Levey—Miss Effie Chapuy; Song, "Father O'Flynn," Stanford—Mr. Curtis D'Alton; Solo Violin, "L'Elisir d'Amore," Thirlwall—Bro. H. Savidge, J.D.; Solo Pianoforte, Bro. Henry W. Peck; Song, "Good-bye," Tosti—Mr. T. Cassidy; Song, "The Demon King," Marks—Mr. Curtis D'Alton; Duet, "Excelsior," Balfe—Messrs. Cassidy and D'Alton.

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. The following were present:—Brittain Prov. G. Junior Warden Herts W.M., W. K. Hopkin Prov. G. Sword Bearer S.W., D. Schmidt J.W., R. Fisher Young P.M. Sec., P.M.'s Charles Allen, J. G. Yolland, J. Enerby, J. Lowthin, W. Lewis S.D., B. Gotto D.C., G. F. Kempson A.D.C. H. Holmes Prov. G.A. Sec. Herts, T. S. Carter P.P.J.G.W. Herts, J. E. Cussans P.P.G.S.W. Herts, R. W. Goddard P.M. 65 Tyler, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Morris 403, Trvon 1950, Kilsby 1702, Tabernacle 1238, Haskins 1364, Mickley 449, Parrott 1479, Roberts 1185, Triune 1642, Hunt 194, Hawkins 25, Hudson 1708, Duncville 1479, W. M. Morgan jun., &c. The Lodge having been regularly opened, and the minutes confirmed, the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Hopkin the W.M. elect, who will act as Steward at the approaching festival. Bro. Hopkin was then presented and regularly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After being saluted in the three degrees, he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Schmidt S.W., Lewis J.W., Hayward Edwards P.M. Treasurer, Fisher Young P.M. Secretary, Durham S.D., Martin J.D., Grav P.M. D.C., Kempson A.D.C., Gotto I.G., De Bury and Baxter Stewards, Goddard P.M. Tyler. Brother Brittain the Installing Master then completed the ceremony with the customary addresses, delivering them in an able manner. Brother Hayward Edwards was appointed as the representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Audit Committee, and Brother Young the representative to the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association. The Trustees and Officers of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he had a very pleasing duty to perform—to present his predecessor with the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge. Bro. Brittain had performed the work of the chair during the past year in the most gratifying manner. If it had not been his good fortune to have any candidates come forward for initiation he had had other duties to carry out, equally, if not more, onerous. During the twelve months the Gladsmuir Lodge had lost two of its Past Masters, and the representation of the Lodge at the funerals of those two brethren had been arranged and properly carried out by the Worshipful Master. Then they had been honoured by a visit from the Provincial Grand Lodge, an event which naturally entailed a great amount of labour for Brother Brittain. He had attended to all these matters in a satisfactory manner, and in other ways had advanced the reputation of the Lodge. In presenting the Past Master's jewel he trusted that Bro. Brittain would long be a conspicuous member of the Lodge, and that he would have good health for many years to come. Bro. Brittain suitably acknowledged the presentation, and the name of a candidate for initiation having been given in, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards assembled at banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hopkin. The usual toasts were given at the conclusion of the repast. The Worshipful Master said the first toast in all assemblies of Englishmen, and especially of Masons, was the health of Her Majesty the Queen. He was sure those present would honour the toast to the best of their ability, as loyalty was a prominent feature among Freemasons. It was a source of regret that Her Majesty did not so frequently show herself as her people desired, still, no doubt she had reasons for not doing so. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was proposed. His Royal Highness was a true and hearty Mason, as was evidenced by the interest he took in its ceremonies and in its welfare generally. In proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past the W.M. said that from what he had seen at Grand Lodge he was convinced that Freemasonry was conducted as it ought to be. The way in which the work of the Craft was there arranged was worth the while of any one eligible to attend to witness. The next toast was the health of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master. Many of those present had seen the way in which the Provincial Grand Master carried out the ceremonies of the Order. He was perfect in every part of the work. At the recent consecration of the Dacre Lodge he had amply proved this, the way in which the ceremonies were there carried out being a treat to behold. Bro. Halsey took great interest in the Gladsmuir Lodge, and, as they had heard in the Lodge, would have accepted their invitation to be present that day but for a prior engagement. He had shown the high opinion he held of the Gladsmuir Lodge by appointing four of its members to Provincial office for the current year. In proposing the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Officers, the Worshipful Master expressed his regret at the absence of the Deputy, who he fully anticipated would have been among them that day. They were honoured however by the presence of Bro. Dr. Mickley, the

S.W. of the Province, and by other Provincial Officers. Bro. Mickley, in responding, regretted that the absence of the Deputy had thrown the response to the toast on him, but more especially did he regret his absence, as it was caused by ill health. The Deputy of the Province might well be termed the right man in the right place. He proved his aptitude for the office on every possible occasion, and attended to his work as far as he was able. Bro. Mickley concluded by expressing his thanks on behalf of the others comprised in the toast, after which Bro. Brittain proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It fell to his lot to propose the health of a most esteemed brother, who he had that evening had the pleasure of installing in the chair of the Gladsmuir Lodge. Bro. Hopkin had been most attentive to his duties, and had risen to his high office amid the good wishes of his fellow members, who felt the greatest pleasure in seeing him in the chair and who trusted he might have a successful and prosperous year of office. In response, Bro. Hopkin assured the brethren he hardly felt able to reply to the very kind way in which he had been received by those present. The position he then occupied in the Lodge was far beyond what he had ever expected. It would be his constant endeavour to keep up the standard of merit of the Gladsmuir Lodge, and if possible add to the high reputation it already enjoyed. He next proposed the toast of the Installing Master. Those who had witnessed the ceremony of the day must have been gratified at the able way in which the Immediate Past Master had performed it. The manner in which Bro. Brittain had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during the past year was worthy of imitation, for he had been most attentive to every duty which he was called upon to fulfil. He was a most enthusiastic brother, having the interests of Freemasonry at heart. No one could be more anxious to see the work of the Order properly carried out. Bro. Brittain tendered his thanks. He had that day made his maiden attempt at the installation ceremony, and he was very pleased to know he had done it to the satisfaction of those around him. He assured them he knew it much better out of the Lodge than he had appeared to know it in the Lodge, but that he supposed was usually the case. He considered that his year of office had been an eventful one for the Gladsmuir Lodge. First they had been threatened with being forced to find other quarters, but happily a removal had not been necessary. Then they had had the misfortune to lose two of their Past Masters, and last, though not least, they had unexpectedly had the opportunity of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge, in which matter they had given satisfaction to all the brethren in the district. With all this to attend to he had unfortunately had no actual work—so far as the ceremonies of Masonry were concerned—but the Lodge had maintained its reputation by what it had done. He had been able to attend regularly in the past, and assured the brethren that if it was any way possible they would always see the jewel they had just presented to him at their meetings with him behind it. The toast of the Visitors was next given. Bro. Kilsby replied. He, and he felt he might also say, all the Visitors, had so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that night that they would be anxious to come again. The work in the Lodge had been a treat, and the hospitality of the brethren such as to prove how pleased they were to see guests among them. Bro. Yonens (Melbourne) also replied. He was much indebted to the Worshipful Master and the brethren for the hearty reception accorded him that day. Although not as regular an attendant at Lodge meetings as he could desire he had the interests of the Craft thoroughly at heart. He had had some experience of Freemasonry at the Antipodes, where it was very strong. Only the previous week he had read of the consecration of a new Lodge in New Zealand, and it had started with seventy-nine members. He could also speak strongly of the true Masonic spirit of the Australian and New Zealand brethren. During his travels he had been shipwrecked, and was on that occasion entertained by a brother Mason, who took him in and treated him as only a true Mason could do. He should not readily forget the kindness with which the Visitors had that night been received in the Gladsmuir Lodge. The W.M. next gave the Past Masters. The brethren who had passed the chair of the Lodge were Masons who could be looked up to and revered. The Lodge might at all times be sure of their support and their encouragement. It would be his endeavour to follow in their footsteps. Bro. Yolland tendered thanks for the hearty reception of the toast, assuring the Lodge that the services of the Past Masters would always be at the disposal of the brethren. Brother Brittain also replied, and the Worshipful Master then proposed the Masonic Charities. No one, he felt, was more to be pitied than he who, in the battle of life, had fallen into distress. It was the purpose of Freemasonry to help those who were unfortunate, and he trusted the Gladsmuir Lodge would do its best to support the brethren and others who were forced to appeal for assistance. Last year had seen the largest amount contributed for Masonic benevolence ever known, and that entailed grave responsibilities. Were the brethren to consider that as a last dying effort? Were they to cease activity and be content with less?—No. They must so act as to prevent a falling off, even if they were not able to increase the total year by year. He had undertaken the duties of Steward for the Old People, and appealed for the warmest support from the brethren on behalf of those who were unable to appeal for themselves. Bro. Cassans replied in a forcible speech. There were some who looked upon Freemasonry as consisting of but two things—buffoonery and gluttony, but those who were initiated knew this was not true—the aim of every brother was to relieve the wants of others so far as lay in his power. Bro. Cassans referred to some instances which had come under his observation in which Masonic charity had been fully exemplified, and in other ways urged the brethren to do what they could. As a result we are pleased to say several amounts were added to the Worshipful Master's list. The Officers of the Lodge having been toasted, and a reply having been given, the Tyler was summoned, and he concluded the proceedings in the customary manner. Several of the members of the Lodge and visitors were prevented from attending by the inclemency of the weather. Bro. Dr. Haskins presided at the piano.

"OUR CHILDREN" AT THE PANTOMIME.

AS was shadowed forth at the consecration of the Drury Lane Lodge on Monday night, the enthusiasm of Bro. Augustus Harris is not confined merely to his confidés within the Lodge, but is also extended to the children who are maintained, clothed, and educated in our Institutions at Wood Green and Battersea Rise. His kindly invitation to the little ones of both sexes who are the peculiar care of the Craft, to witness a representation of *Aladdin*, was received with great rejoicing at both Schools, and the proprietor of the "National Theatre" has reaped the reward of his well-merited intentions by the scene that was witnessed in his unparalleled resort on Friday of last week. The girls left Battersea early in the afternoon in thirteen well-appointed conveyances, supplied by Mr. Thomas Tilling, the "prince of jobmasters," of Peckham, and elsewhere, and arrived at the theatre soon after two o'clock, where they were received by the genial proprietor, his brother Mr. Charles Harris, Bro. J. Fleming the Treasurer, Bro. A. M. Broadley Secretary, and others, including Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Frank Richardson, and Robert Grey. They were under the superintendence of Miss Davis, the head mistress, who was assisted by Miss Kernott and Miss Hammond; and all looked cheerful and well as they filed into the corridor of the theatre, evidently bent on enjoyment. The boys, accompanied by their esteemed head master the Rev. Dr. Morris, travelled by rail from Wood Green to Farringdon Street Station, and marched thence in procession to Drury Lane. On their arrival at the theatre they were conducted to the seats specially allotted them in the pit, and as the lads recognised their cheery-faced "sisters" in the balcony, they set up such a cheer as has seldom been heard to reverberate through the walls of "Old Drury." It is scarcely necessary to say that the exciting incidents of the Arabian Nights' story, so familiar to every school boy and girl, were heartily enjoyed, and that the fun of the after burlesque was appreciated. The children enjoyed Pantomime as children always do, and their ringing laughter was most refreshing. All that could be done for their enjoyment was done, and when the transformation scenes had been wonderingly admired, and the antics of clown and pantaloons laughed at, the little ones filed out into the corridor, where they were regaled with rich cakes, oranges, and buns, generously given by Bro. Lord Londesborough, the Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge. His lordship occupied a seat in the stalls during the performance, and seemed heartily to enjoy the ebullition of pleasure evinced by the children. The "distribution" of the good things was superintended by Mr. Gibbon, who discharged this labour of love with the utmost readiness, and the little ones were loud in their praise of the cakes supplied by Messrs. Bazzard, of 197 Oxford Street, and still more for the delectable entertainment to which they had been treated through the kind hospitality of Bro. Augustus Harris.

In reference to the late Sir Walter Burrell, Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, it may be said he was an excellent worker himself, and strove by every means in his power to induce the Masters in his Province to perfect themselves. A good old custom was that of his,—to invite the Masters annually to a pic-nic at his seat at East Grinstead, and all who have occupied the W.M.'s chair can testify to the enjoyable nature of these Masonic gatherings. Nothing was left undone that would conduce to the comfort of his guests, even to the sending of carriages for their conveyance both morning and evening from and to the railway station. He visited the Lodges in his Province, and by his universal cheerfulness and kindness won the hearts of every brother therein.

Truth says of him:

Another good landlord and zealous agriculturist has passed away in Sir Walter Burrell, who had represented the defunct borough of Shoreham in Parliament for the last ten years, during which period he supported the Tory leaders "with silence and solicitude." He was very popular in Sussex among all classes, and was the head of one of the oldest families in the county. He was very kind and charitable to his poor neighbours, and did everything in his power to improve their condition and to make them happy. Sir Walter was an enthusiastic supporter of all the local cricket clubs, and he took great interest in the Volunteers. He was one of the leading Freemasons of Sussex. His father, Sir Percy Burrell, sat for Shoreham for fifty-six years, and was "father of the House" when he died in 1862.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 6th February 1886:—

Monday—Caxton Lodge, Urban Chapter, Lodge of Unions, Zephyr Ball. Tuesday—Albion Lodge, Royal York Lodge, Third London Rifle Volunteer Ball. Wednesday—City of London Lodge Ball, Grand Chapter Club. Thursday—St. Andrew's Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday—Second City of London Volunteer Ball, Royal Kensington Lodge, Odd Volumes, Thistle Lodge. Saturday—City and West End Soirée, London Wheelers' Cinderella, Phoenix Chapter.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
112—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1153—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horus Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
40—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
292—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
557—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
559—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hunts
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1471—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1522—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Florissant, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Tavern, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Jeppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
168—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. 3

211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stearny (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
831—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
880—Emblematic, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1441—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henly, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Procadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Scorial, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
181—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
408—North ern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
593—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheekheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffords Fire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Leominster
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1445—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1500—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, St. Mark's Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
751—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1304—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Algate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Lucknow, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Putney, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Victoria-road, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 9. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1908—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon-street, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.L.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheekham-street, Rochdale
149—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
291—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith

666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1061—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)

1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Bromston, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 343—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1195—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burpett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Road, E., at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Cannon-street, W. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
239—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1500—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
R.A. 251—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Haverfordwest
R.A. 461—Hwlford, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Altonshot
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 3 (In)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cannon-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
756—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 3. (In)
730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Lubbrook Hall, Nottin Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2003—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-road, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Pav., Leadenhall St.
M.M. —Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Clugwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Ave and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolse.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
602—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Clarno, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1037—Beaumont, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Loughton Bazaar
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

109—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
195—Cerey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 3 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Albert, Triangle, Hockley, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Concession, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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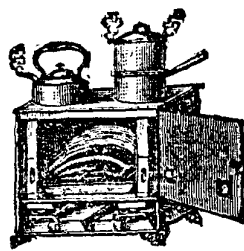
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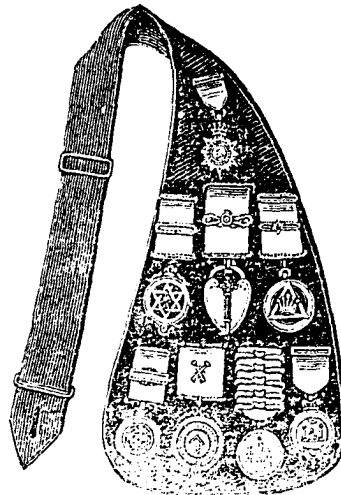
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