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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE very large additions which have been made during the past few years to the number of annuities dispensed by this Institution has placed it in the foremost rank among the Charities of England, while the extent of its munificence has acquired for it such a reputation as has brought credit to the brethren who established it, to those who have raised it to its present greatness, and, above all, to those who maintain it by their contributions. To each and all of these brethren the thanks of the Craft are due, and are frequently given, while, in addition, the supporters of the Charity have won the thanks—aye, and blessings also—of the many aged brethren and widows who have been relieved through its funds in the declining years of their life. We trust the day is far distant when it will become necessary to in any way curtail the operations of this truly noble Institution, but as we have invariably pointed out, whenever an increase in its sphere of operations has been proposed or carried out, extension not only means increased responsibilities for the time being, but also increased expenditure year by year so long as it is desired to maintain the extension. We say, so long as it is desired to maintain the extension, but who is there, with the true spirit of Masonry in his breast, who does not desire to maintain, and even extend the benefits which this Institution bestows on aged brethren and the widows of deceased Freemasons?

With every desire, however, to extend the operations of the Institution there is another, and a greater object to be achieved—to raise the funds necessary to carry the Charity out on its present basis; and although this difficulty has been nobly mastered in the past, there can be no gainsaying the fact that at the present time there is a prospect, if not a probability, of its mastering every effort which the brethren of England can put forward on behalf of the Institution, and those who are seeking admission to its benefits. The receipts of the year are largely dependent on the result of the Annual Festival held on behalf of the Institution, and the receipts of that Festival are in turn largely dependent on the number of Stewards who take part in it. This year the number of the latter is terribly short of the total of last year, and it may therefore be expected that the total amount realised by the Board of Stewards will also be a long way short, although at present there are no means of forming an estimate one way or the other. All we can do is to argue by inference, and unfortunately there is very little need to take an extravagantly gloomy view of the case to make it apparent that a great falling off must result from this year's Festival as compared with what was announced last February. At the Festival of 1885 the total announced showed an average of about £53 per Steward, and at the present time there are sixty-seven Stewards less than at the corresponding period of last year. It is but fair then to imagine that the year's total may show a falling off of upwards of three thousand five hundred pounds, indeed that it must do so unless this year's Stewards are able to do much better than their brothers were able to last year, and so raise the average. But is there anything which can for one moment induce us to hope that this year's lists will be individually larger than

last year's? we fear not. Rather may we look for a falling-off, for everything at the present time points to a diminution in the flow of benevolence rather than to an increase. Business has been bad for some time; appears to be getting worse, and presents the gloomiest of prospects for the future. How, then, can we expect increased benevolence? There may be a willingness to give more; we believe there always is whenever more is needed; but without the means to carry the wish into execution the best of desires are unavailing, and meanwhile those who are the worst off cannot find that little help which moderate prosperity, at ordinary times even, would place it in the power of their fellows to bestow. What can be done to help them, or where shall we look for relief for the many whose past services to the Craft have given them a claim on every Mason of to-day, for relief as far as their circumstances in life permit? We can only look to the Craft at large, and appeal to every brother to help his local Steward to the best of his ability, and thereby endeavour to make the Festival of the present year as great a success as any which have preceded it.

At the present time there are one hundred and twenty-nine candidates seeking admission to the benefits of the Benevolent Institution, while at the same time there are but eighteen vacancies which can be divided among that large number of applicants; add to this the six deferred annuities which the Institution is able to afford, and we have one hundred and five candidates for whom absolutely nothing can be done. No doubt every one of these old people has been looking forward to the week which is now closing for many months past, for most of them must have been aware that it was on Wednesday that the Committee had to decide on the number of vacancies to be filled at the coming election. It was in the power of the Committee to decide on an extension or a curtailment of the number of annuitants, or simply to decide on filling the vacancies caused by death during the past twelve months. They adopted the latter course, but not without making a strong effort to meet the increasing calls on the Charity by at least a small increase in the number of beneficiaires. Wiser counsels, however, prevailed, and in face of the facts we have just referred to in connection with the approaching Festival, the Committee decided to simply continue as they had been doing the past year. We approve of their decision, but we regret the circumstances which have made that decision necessary. All we can hope for now is, that the Festival may prove a surprise—that a much larger amount may be announced than is expected, and that, in consequence, it may be found possible to increase the number of vacancies previous to the election.

We have said that the number of candidates is one hundred and twenty-nine. Of these, fifty-eight are seeking the benefits of the Male, and seventy-one those of the Female Fund. There are but twelve vacancies for the aged brethren to fill, and only six available for the widows. Add to these the three deferred annuities in each case, and we have the total of what can this year be done for those who, in their decline of life, are compelled to seek the help of their brother Masons, or the brethren of their deceased husbands. Can a more forcible appeal for help be made than the bare announcement of these figures, coupled with the assurance that as much is being done with the funds at disposal as is possible to be done? and that anything further the Masons of England may find it in their power to give will be faithfully and zealously applied

for the relief of those who are unable to relieve themselves.

An opinion has been gaining ground for some time past that for a Steward to be of much service he must secure a tolerably large list. Nothing is further from the facts of the case. Large totals are of course desirable, but if we cannot have large ones let us have medium ones, or even small ones. If a brother can only secure one or two amounts in addition to his own, let him not despair on that account; if he cannot secure even one amount to support his own donation, let him not keep back. His efforts in the cause must do good, and will without doubt bear fruit some day, while his example will lead others to follow in his footsteps, perhaps to meet with greater success from friends than he was able to secure from his. If once it becomes the rule for brethren to give up Stewardships because they cannot at first command a number of contributions outside their own, the whole system of Stewardship will speedily come to an end, while it is only after setting a good example, and then trying what can be done that brethren secure large totals. In face of the present outlook we urgently implore all who are able to lend a hand on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and endeavour to make its Festival—to be held this month—so great a success as to allow of an increase in the number of vacancies being declared before the next election.

ALBERT PIKE'S "MASONIC ORIGINS."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

A REFORMER of religion, science, or politics, is very apt to be assailed by those whose cherished faith he is endeavouring to destroy, and such is also the case in Masonry: thus Bro. Krause was persecuted unto death by his contemporaries in Germany because he differed with them about something. Bro. Dalcho was deposed by two of his associates from Sovereignty of the A. and A. Rite because he knew more than they did. Bro. Findel is still detested by American Templars and other high degrees because he exploded their fallacies, and we all remember what a hue and cry was raised against Bro. Gould because he disproved Wren's connection with Freemasonry. The opponents to free inquiry can be divided into several classes. First, are those who believe in "the wisdom of our ancestors." They are opposed to innovation, simply because it is new. These are mentally mere crystalized fossils, and are impervious to reason. Second, are the luminaries, who have acquired a high reputation as Masonic authorities. These, as a rule, will fight to the last for every old absurdity, even after they are convinced that it is an absurdity. Here, however, we have a high degreeer who frankly acknowledges that the legends of all our Rites and Degrees are mere fictions.

I have here, seemingly, a bran new pamphlet, minus, however, the names of the author and publisher—it is headed "Masonic Origins," at the end of which is the well-known cross of a S.G.C. of the A. and A. Rite, and I have reason to believe that Bro. Albert Pike is its author. I have made up my mind long ago that Bro. Pike was not Masonically orthodox, as far as Masonic traditions are concerned, and verily believe that the few concessions which Mackey, in the latter part of his life, made to reason and common sense, were mainly due to Pike's influence. But be that as it may, Bro. Pike has come out with a confession of faith, and his motives, as well as his reasoning thereupon, seem to me very curious.

Bro. Pike seems to regard the Masonic degree manufacturing business from a political economy standpoint, viz., supply and demand. It seems to be his opinion that when Masons first began to hanker after Christian Masonry, that the degree inventor was perfectly right in making the hankers believe that De Molay and the Knights Templars were Masons, that he was in possession of the Templars' mysteries, &c., and that for a certain sum he could transform them into genuine Knights Templars. After our Christian became Templarised, the degree manufacturer found that high titles were appreciated among our brethren; and here again the degree inventor was perfectly justified in making that class believe that he had received from Berlin or Paris a series of ancient Rites and degrees overflowing with Masonic light, and that the possessors of those Rites will be called Emperors of the East and West,

Princes of Jerusalem, Princes of the Royal Secret. In short, the Rite will confer upon a Mason more titles than any King, Emperor, or Potentate ever had. And of course the ambitious brethren rush into the newly-invented concern, and imagine themselves to be very high in Masonry.

Now, as a rule, the hankers for more and more light, never can find time to read anything, but some of the infected with the high degree fever seem to have got old of some old Masonic history, wherein they learned that old father Adam was a Mason. Thereupon they began to inquire as to what had become of the Adamite ritual, &c. And here again, the degree inventor was justified in persuading those zealous seekers for "more light" that somebody from Egypt, Timbuctoo, or elsewhere, had empowered him to confer a series of degrees, covering the whole period from the days of Adam to those of Solomon. And it is amusing to read the writings of these high degree luminaries, boasting that four or five thousand years ago their Masonic degrees were deemed to have been ancient. Bro. Pike not only approves of the Masonic degree inventing business, but he also lays down the law that the inventor of a degree or rite has a right to be Grand Nabob thereof for life, that he may sell his right to another, and that whichever way the Nabobship was acquired the members of the concern are bound to obey the Nabob's dictum.

Here is a strange perversion of ideas, viz., because *supply and demand*, in legitimate business transactions, is all right, therefore, when a Masonic simpleton hankers after *ancient Degrees*, the Degree manufacturer may palm off upon him his new-made Degrees for old ones. Now, if a man sells an old coin, manuscript, &c., for a high price, and guarantees it to be old, and it is afterwards discovered that the seller himself had manufactured it, he is taken up and punished as an impostor; hence, I can see no reason why the seller of old Masonic degrees may not also be punished as an impostor. The truth, however, is the craze for more degrees is now so great that our Masons will rush into any kind of humbug, knowing it to be such. Bro. Pike's motive, however, for coming out with the truth, is simply to convince the reader that as far as truth is concerned one rite is just as good as another, he says:

"The primary or earliest rite of Freemasonry was the Symbolic, commonly known as Blue Masonry, consisting at first of either one or two degrees, to which afterwards a third was added. When the first or second degree was invented, or by whom, or how, is not known. It is only known that until about a certain date there were no degrees, and that it was some time after the first two were invented and used, that the third degree was adopted. The three were invented in succession, and came into use before there were other organisations than that of Blue Masonry." Again.

"Every one knows that no such a history, charges, and regulations, had come from Italy (meaning Anderson's Constitutions, &c.), that the charges were not extracted from 'Ancient Records' of Lodges beyond Seas. . . . that the whole account of the Constitutions adopted by the Grand Lodge at York, of which Prince Edwin was Grand Master, and the adoption of the Constitutions in the times of Henry VI. and of Edward IV. was fabulous.

"But being drawn out by Anderson, they were adopted by the Grand Lodge, and by that became obligatory, being in no wise vitiated by the false statements as to the antiquity of the sources from which they were derived, any more than the laws of Numa Pompilius, because, to give them greater sanctity, he pretended that they were dictated to him by the Nymph Egeria."

Now it is my humble opinion that if the laws of Numa had been ridiculous or unjust, and were only obeyed because the Nymph Egeria was believed to have dictated them, that the moment the Romans discovered that the Nymph did not dictate them, they had a perfect right to discard them.

After our author has had his say about Blue Masonry, he skims over the origin of a dozen or more other Masonries. It seems that the A. and A. Rite historians claimed that nine Commissioners assembled at either Berlin or Bordeaux (they do not seem to know which) in 1762. Thereupon Bro. Pike says:

"Whether there was such an assembly; whether, if there was, it met in 1762, who the Commissioners were, how appointed and empowered, and how, when, and by what Body these Regulations were adopted, nothing whatever is, or has been, known." Again,

"The Templar degree made its appearance in England,

brought it is supposed from France, and worked in England as the first of seven degrees, of which the seventh was the Kadosh. All these were given in the Blue Lodge.

"In Scotland, one Lodge would sell to another, for a pound or two, the right to confer the Templar degree. In England the Lodges conferred it, and afterwards the Dermott Grand Lodge chartered an Encampment at Manchester, composed of artisans, which conferred the Templar degree for seven and sixpence. Then Dunckerley took possession of it, assumed to be its Chief, and made it an Order, with a new organisation. Who knows anything about the origin of that degree, by whom, and when, and where, it was invented and first worked? No man on earth! It is supposed to have originated in France, but no one knows that, nor has any one ever seen a French ritual of a Templar degree like ours, or like the English degree, nor is such a degree spoken of as ever having existed in France by any French Masonic writer.

"And those who had possession of the Templar degree in New England made the Red Cross degree out of two degrees of the Rite of Perfection, and organised it and the Templar degree into another Rite, with Encampments, Commanderies, &c. And who knows anything in regard to the origin of the two degrees out of which the Red Cross was made? No one! When, how, or by whom they were made, no one knows.

"I shall not criticise Bro. Pike's statements about the Templar degree being the first of seven in Dunckerley's Rite, &c. But I must say that, notwithstanding no one knows as to where and when the Templar degree was invented, I have not any doubt that France was the birth-place of Masonic Templarism. In the 5th volume of Bro. Gould's history I find as follows:

"In France, however, some [who pretended to be] Scots Lodges appear to have very early manufactured new degrees, connecting these very [so-called] distinguished Scots Masons with the Knights Templars, and thus giving rise to a subsequent flood of Templarism."

On page 92 he says:

"At this distance of time it would be impossible to define their precise teaching. This impossibility is not caused by the absence of rituals, of which any number exist, but by their diversity. One chief idea, however, runs through all—the discovery in a vault, by Scottish Crusaders, of the long lost and ineffable word. Also that in this search they had to work with the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other. The epoch referred to is, however, that of the Crusaders, not of Zerubbabel (or the second Temple)."

"The concluding part of the last paragraph furnishes the germ of Royal Arch Masonry, that is, the hint of "the sword in one hand, &c., probably suggested to the English ritual tinker to place the origin of the R.A. to the time of Zerubbabel. There were not only all kinds of Templar degrees in the last century, but R.A. degrees also, varied. For instance, several years ago I got hold of a French copy of a R.A. ritual, which was brought to New York from Hayti by Count de Laurent, in 1832. I had it translated into English, and two brothers of the 33rd degree assured me that there was some Scottish criticism in it. A very similar French ritual of the R.A. degree was brought from Hayti about the beginning of this century to New Orleans, which was translated by Bro. Pike. Whether this R.A. ritual, formed of the original Rite of Perfection before the Charlestonians swamped those degrees into their A. and A. Rite, I know not; but be that as it may, that French ritual placed the origin of the R.A. to the time of the Emperor Titus, or after the destruction of the last Temple, when some zealous Masons discovered a vault, and in it they found the lost word. The English ritual tinker changed its origin to the time of Zerubbabel, when not only the lost word was discovered, but the Pentateuch was also then discovered, and he also Christianised it, with the Triple Tau, and quotations from the Gospel of St. John. Here in America we have another kind of the R.A. ritual. But the A. and A. Rites knock the wind out of all R.A. rituals. According to them, the word has never been lost since the days of Solomon, and hence it was not found either since Solomon's time.

Now, the Templar degree was probably changed and altered as many times as the R.A. degree was. We have seen that the French Masons have somehow Masonized the Crusaders, but in a Protestant country like England the whole scheme of the Crusades was regarded as part and parcel of Catholic superstition. In short, the English

Protestant had no sympathy for the Knights Templars. Hence it was deemed necessary by the degree tinker to turn De Molay and the Templars into Masons, and that means the Protestant flame of hatred was fanned against a Pope and a Catholic King, and great sympathy was engendered for our murdered ancient Masonic Knights Templars. Admitting, therefore, that the Protestant Templar ritual was not brought from France, yet there can be no doubt that some kinds of French Templar rituals were brought from France, which were swamped in England, and again in America.

And now for one more paragraph from Bro. Pike's pamphlet.

"Fortunately (says Bro. P.) it is no longer considered necessary to resort to fiction, impudent and ridiculous, to support the claim to the legitimacy of any degree or Rite of Freemasonry. Nothing in religion, or history, or mythology has ever equalled the riotous exuberance of fiction in which the earlier Masonic writers in England revelled in regard to Blue Symbolic Masonry, and multitudes religiously believe those impudent fictions yet. These sufficed at the time when they were invented, but they are unnecessary and exploded now."

Into what a jumble of inconsistency has Freemasonry been plunged? Thus, on one side we are told that

"Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every Masonic virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught at our initiation, &c."

While, on the other hand, the most prominent and most widely known American Masonic luminary frankly admits that we have all along been humbugged; he points out no remedy for ridding Masonry of what he calls "impudent fictions," but, on the contrary, he not only approves of retaining those fictions, but makes the existing fictions an excuse for justifying the invention of more and more rites and degrees, which are of course to be based on new humbugging fictions. In short, after viewing Bro. Pike's notions from every side, I must come to the conclusion that expediency is the highest point of Bro. Pike's Masonic morality.

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WHERE THE SECRET IS.

IF Masonry were nothing more than seems to be supposed by many Masonic writers and orators, innovations might well be considered of little consequence. It could not matter to the Fraternity whether or not a particular part of a certain ceremony were performed in precisely the manner to which our grandfathers were accustomed, provided something should be done which would appear well in the eyes of the initiate and comport with the dignity of an ancient and honourable association. It is true there is a lurking belief in the minds of even the most inattentive and negligent members of the Lodge, that there is something secret or mystic involved in some particular parts of the work, which would be of importance if any one could ascertain what it is, and the portion in which it is fossilized being a part of the secret, all agree that the work should be kept intact as far as possible, in order to preserve whatever possibility there may be of its recovery. This belief passes by tradition, and is insisted on continually as being a necessary article of faith, but no one seems to suppose that there is the least chance or hope of ever discovering what those secret, or rather lost, knowledges are, which have been so effectually hidden in the work.

While the Craft go on thus from year to year, without any attempt to find out what, if anything, is concealed in the Lodge, and without using any of the means at hand for that purpose, the knowledge of what is in the Lodge itself decreases, while all other knowledge increases, and consequently indifference and neglect more and more prevail. While this has been going on during the last thirty-five years, more than six hundred thousand men in the United States, belonging to every station in life, have been admitted to all the rites and benefits of Masonry as now practised, and to the knowledge of the "mysteries" of the Lodge, so far as they may have been able to find out what they are in the best way they could.

Having exhausted the little fund of information still existing in the Lodge which serves somewhat to sharpen their curiosity, those who have some inclination to investi-

gate the supposed science and philosophy of the Institution of which they have heard a great deal, look about for other sources of information. Of these, or what are supposed to be such, they find two. One is the abundant supply of Masonic writings of all sorts, and the other is the so-called "high degrees." If they inquire of any one of those Masons whom they have seen occupying a conspicuous position among the Orders which are "away up" in Masonry, and who wears strange and highly enigmatical jewelry attached to his watch chain, they are assured at once that the only source of knowledge is to be found in the superior "Capital," "Cryptic," "Templar" or "Ineffable" grades, as the case may be, to which the jewel and "gold mounted" philosopher has attained. They further learn that they cannot extract much, if anything, from "the first three degrees," or if more properly spoken, "the first three degree," or, as more likely they will be termed, "the inferior degrees," or, as they have been recently designated in the allocution of an "Eminent Grand Commander," the "subordinate and appendant degrees."

The inquirer, never noticing that such informants have themselves nothing whatever in the shape of Masonic knowledge to communicate, which concerns "the inferior degrees," beyond what he has been able to pick up from the other members who are Master Masons—never stopping to inquire why it is, if they are in possession of such superior illumination, that they cannot explain to him either the steps "*Dieu garde*," signs, positions, ambulations, words, floors, geometric figures, or the meanings of the implements actually used, or the characters or names of those who use them in the most important and solemn parts of the work, concludes that he ought to have some more degrees. He inquires the terms on which they may be obtained, and particularly how long he must wait before he can be "put through," and, to see what can be found in the meantime in books, he takes up one of the Masonic cyclopædias. He finds it filled with illustrations. He receives his first impressions from the larger and full page engravings, which of course must be considered of more Masonic importance than the small figures, scattered here and there in the body of the text. Perhaps the first which arrests his attention is the half page illustration in Mackey's Cyclopædia, showing "the Arms of Freemasonry," and the figure containing the cherubim, ark, lion, ox, man and eagle, &c., and from the text he learns that this last is the Arms of the Grand Lodge of England. He inquires if any representations of this exists about the Lodge, and finds that such a thing was never heard of in "the blue Lodge," as it is now called, but finally discovers that it is only to be found in the Chapter, where it is a prominent representation. This shows him that the Chapter is a far more exalted body than the Lodge. He goes on, and before he gets through the book he finds eight full page illustrations of degree chambers, and fifty-three smaller engravings appertaining to Scottish Rite and Templar degrees, two full page and seventeen lesser engravings of Chapter matters, four of the Eastern Star, one full page illustration (ancient trestle board) and three small figures for the benefit of the Lodge of "Ancient Craft Masonry." As to the reading matter, it appears largely devoted to the magnifying of the so-called "high degrees."

The effect of all this is twofold; first, to direct his attention to the Orders which have grown up among the Craft, as being the only accessible sources of knowledge in Masonic mysteries and lore, and secondly, and still more unfortunately for Masonry, to divert his attention from the Lodge, and from any attempt to explore what it contains; and thus thousands of scholarly men who could and would have long ago brought many things to light in the Lodge, for the benefit of the Craft, after trying the Chapter, and perhaps some other organization, and finding nothing there which they had expected, nor any reason why there should be, have dropped the whole subject of Masonic research, and have taken little or no interest in the Lodge or any of the Orders outside of it.

The effect of all this is to sap and undermine the Lodge, and lower the esteem in which Masonry is held throughout the Fraternity. And the evil is one which tends at all times to propagate and increase itself. In proportion as "high degrees" are multiplied and find votaries, the newly entered in the Lodge have their attention diverted from what is to be found therein by proper observation and examination, and in like proportion loss of truly Masonic modes, and habits of thought prevail, and innovations and confusion are brought in.

At this time more than a hundred degrees, constituting over half a dozen rites, are claiming attention, each organization assuming that it has something valuable to impart; some from one source and some from another; while most of the time many of them are occupied with internal uproar over the authenticity of pretended documents purporting to have been issued by some self-assumed authority, as though it could make any difference in the value of their establishment, whether the original pronouncements were forged or not. Preposterous legends and astounding titles, with all the other "modern improvements" necessary to a high degree outfit, can be fabricated now with as little expense as at any former time, and made genuine, if that is any object, without difficulty. While all this is going on, some of the Grand Lodges are organizing Schools of Instruction, not schools to ascertain or teach what Masonry is and what it contains, but to teach the ritual. This is all well; the ritual is about all that is left to teach; and that is in a mutilated condition for want of knowing what the ritual is about. By all means let the ritual be taught until every Lodge shall have somebody in its ranks who can confer a Masonic degree with decency and dignity. But the way to preserve the ritual is to teach the Craft what it means. As soon as a Lodge can be made to understand what the work contains, they will be able to remember and recollect the form of it, and more than this, to correct former blunders, which now they cannot do, for they have no criterion to which they can resort.

It is because of the condition of things in the Lodges that Masonic writers appear to have so little idea of the character of Masonry. All the causes now at work to lower the character of the Craft Lodge, and inflate the "high degree" balloon, have not been without effect. The withdrawal of attention from the exploration of Masonry, where it can be found in the body of the *only* Lodge designed and constructed to contain it, and which alone *can* contain it, has left the most of our writers where the other members are, with no idea of Masonry other than a collection of ceremonies which excel those of other societies which claim what they call degrees. They do not understand that Masonry teaches anything of *its own*, nor that everything in the Lodge, and its work from beginning to end, is an indispensable part of the system. If they knew this some of them would go to work in the investigation of it. The belief mentioned above that there is something hidden in the complex of the work, though extremely vague and unsatisfactory, would prompt some research, if it were not for two hindrances. The first is a conviction that whatever it may have been once, the secret lore of the Craft has become hopelessly lost, for it is the common idea that it was committed to memory and tradition, and as it has passed from memory it is beyond recovery, except by something like a miracle. The second cause is, that they do not know that Masonry has for its object the demonstration and illustration of the divine order in the universe, in its three degrees, and that this was not left to memory or tradition, but to geometry and its kindred sciences, and the known physical structure and mental and moral constitution of man, and the physical structure of the universe, and other known truths and facts, by means of all which the entire system is so inwrought in the work, from beginning to end, that such parts as may be lost may be restored, as long as the knowledge of geometry and the other sciences involved, together with some considerable portion of the work, may remain.

It is for want of being informed on this subject that Masonry is so commonly regarded as a mere system of teaching by aid of symbols and oral instruction, and that whatever sublime truths were incorporated in it originally, the mode of setting them forth depended on memory and tradition, as well as on that which remains. This is, doubtless, the principal reason why so many are carried away by the notion of high degrees, and why great results from that source are expected: they supposing that if any hidden lore is ever to be revealed, it must be found in some memory of ancient knowledge preserved in some of those degrees by oral tradition or legend; they not being in a condition to reflect that if nothing can be found and verified in the Lodge itself "founded in geometry" it will be idle to seek for it in councils and divers other bodies which have nothing to do with order or geometry, but muster all the miscellaneous ceremonies they can to compose a rite, any two or ten degrees of which might change

places with each other and all be as well arranged for most purposes as ever before. This is why we hear so much about the mythology and mysteries of the ancients, and about symbols and symbolism, as though these things taken by themselves amount to anything, or are more than every and all ritualistic societies are continually uttering. In this respect the "high degrees," and all other secret societies, are all on a level, and they can surpass the Craft Lodge, for they have more room for that sort of furniture or baggage as it might be called, which only serves to hide emptiness. If men really believe that there is anything not generally understood, which can be found in the Lodge, why do not they drop the ancient mysteries and symbolism hobbies and do more in stirring up the cobwebs in the Lodge? The Lodge is the only mystery which has come down to us; why not cultivate that a little, and give those which have so long ago "gone hence" a little rest in their supulchres?—*Voice of Masonry.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THIS old and flourishing Lodge, which in spite of the many vicissitudes through which it passed in years gone by, is now in a more prosperous condition than ever since its foundation, held its installation meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday last, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Withers P.M. D.C. He was supported by Bros. H. Martin S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, E. Thring J.W., Charles Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Past Masters W. W. Morgan, F. J. Hentsch, Usher Back, James Linsdell, T. H. Lavers, John Waters, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. H. Dean P.P.G. Deacon Dorset, A. Hart, J. Corkhill 701, Hardy 201, Glennv 530, Jennings 1580, Stevens P.M. 1627, Lockett 1436, Brock I.P.M. 145, Cross 586, Probert, Cant P.M. 1816, Everett 1507, F. Everett 1602, Collings Organist 1693, and others. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. Alfred Withers P.M., officiating in the room of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. T. H. Peirce, who had been summoned to Germany on important business, and the usual preliminaries having been observed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles James Dawson, proposed by Bro. H. Martin, and seconded by Bro. Percy J. Burr, and for Captain George Caleb Challen, whose sponsors were the same. Bro. H. Martin was then presented for the benefit of installation, and having assented to the responsibilities of office, a band of Installed Masters was constituted, and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably carried out by Bro. Withers, who executed his work to the admiration and satisfaction of all present. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Master was saluted with full honours, and he invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Peirce (named as) Immediate Past Master, Thring S.W., Dickson J.W., Greenwood P.M. Treasurer, Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Bennett S.D., Aires J.D., Linfield I.G., Green P.M. Steward, Withers P.M. D.C., Banks Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by the Installing Master with his accustomed ability, while those to the Wardens and Brethren were given by Brother Radcliffe P.M. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, showing that the Worshipful Master commences his year under the most favourable auspices, so far as the financial condition of the Lodge is concerned, there being a balance in hand of over £63. The report was unanimously received and adopted, and sums of ten guineas each were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and to the Royal Masonic Girls' School. Mr. Dawson and Capt. Challen were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working of the new Master being such as to produce a most favourable impression as to his capabilities for the office to which he had been elected. The usual Past Master's jewel had been voted to the retiring Worshipful Master, but in consequence of his unavoidable absence the presentation was postponed until the next meeting of the Lodge. At the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, which as is usual at this first class establishment was admirably served. At dessert, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed from the chair and enthusiastically received. The W.M. in proposing the Queen and the Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, spoke of the interest they manifested in the affairs of the Order; and next gave the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. The Grand Officers were not merely ornamental but working Masons, and they had an admirable specimen of them present that evening in the person of their excellent Treasurer Bro. Charles Greenwood P.P.G.S.W. Sarrey. By the manner in which they received the toast let them show how highly they appreciated his services, not only as a Grand Officer, but also in his more intimate connection with the St. Michael's Lodge. The toast was received with every demonstration of welcome, and Brother Greenwood in the course of a brief reply, alluded to the deep and abiding interest which the Officers of Grand Lodge took in all matters appertaining to the Craft. It was a very proud moment to him when he was appointed a Grand Officer, and he thanked the brethren most sincerely for the manner in which they had expressed their appreciation of the honour that had been conferred upon him. Brother William W. Morgan Past Master, in the unavoidable absence of the

Immediate Past Master, Brother Peirce, proposed the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master, and in doing so observed that Bro. Martin was an enthusiastic member of his Lodge, and from the day he entered it he had gathered around him a circle of appreciative friends. All who knew the efforts he had put forth to advance the interests of the Lodge felt proud of the position that Bro. Martin had been called upon to occupy, and would wish for him a most happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was received with special enthusiasm, and in response Bro. Martin thanked the brethren most heartily for the way in which the mention of his name had been welcomed by all present. Since he had been a member of this Lodge he had found in it many men whom he was proud to number as his best friends, and it would be his constant endeavour during his year of office to deserve their confidence and esteem. He hoped that the interests of the Lodge would not suffer at his hands, and again he thanked them most sincerely for the great honour which had been conferred upon him, and promised that he should do all in his power to sustain the position which the St. Michael's Lodge had so long enjoyed. He then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Initiates. He could scarcely tell them the pleasure it afforded him to propose two of his personal friends as members of this Lodge. He had known them intimately for many years, and considered them eminently fit and proper persons to become members of the Masonic Fraternity. He had every confidence that they would become worthy members of the St. Michael's Lodge. Bro. Dawson thanked the brethren sincerely for having admitted him as a member of their honourable institution. It was a proud moment in his life to see the light of Freemasonry, and he should do his utmost to prove himself, as the Worshipful Master had hoped, a worthy and useful member of the Lodge. Bro. Capt. Challen also suitably responded, and said his initiatory night in Freemasonry would never be effaced from his memory. He was deeply impressed by the ceremony he had witnessed that day, and esteemed it a great privilege to have been admitted into the mysteries of the Craft. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of the Visitors, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see so goodly an array on the present occasion, and he assured each and all of them of a most hearty and cordial welcome. He trusted this might not be the last occasion on which they should meet, and if only the Visitors were as pleased as the members of the Lodge were satisfied to see them, he (the speaker) should be most gratified. Bro. W. H. Dean P.P.G.D. Dorset thanked the Worshipful Master most sincerely for the manner in which he had proposed the health of the Visitors. It had been an extreme pleasure to him to have attended this Lodge, for he had heard a great deal of the St. Michael's, and he had been perfectly charmed with the work that he had witnessed that day. He considered the various ceremonies had been performed in a highly creditable manner, and having had the pleasure of visiting many Lodges he considered the St. Michael's working to be, in his humble judgment, perfect. With regard to the installation ceremony, it was everything that could be desired, and he thanked them for the very great pleasure which their invitation had afforded him, and for the hearty reception which had been accorded to the Visitors generally. Bros. Brock, Stevens, S. Glennv, Hart, Jennings, and F. Everett also responded, each paying a deserved tribute to the St. Michael's Lodge for the excellence of its working and the abundant hospitality it extended to the Visitors. The W.M. in proposing the Past Masters, congratulated the Lodge upon the noble array they had of veterans who came regularly amongst them and took an active interest in the Lodge. He referred with gratitude to the assistance he had received from Past Masters Greenwood, Back, Withers, Morgan, and Radcliffe; all were most able and zealous Past Masters, and he hoped they might long be spared to see the Lodge prosper in the future as it had done in the past. Brother A. Green returned thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed, and said in this old Lodge the members one and all endeavoured cheerfully to perform their duty and to advance the prosperity of the Lodge. It was a great pleasure to him to see one of his children occupying the chair, and he looked upon Brother Martin as one of their greatest lights in the Lodge. The W.M. in proposing the Masonic Charities spoke of the pride and interest which had always been manifested in the Masonic Institutions by the members of the St. Michael's Lodge. They did not go through the world without meeting with people who sneered at Freemasonry, but Masons were always able to point with pride to their Charities, which exercised so vast and beneficent an influence over those for whose benefit they were designed. There was nothing in the world to be compared with them. He regretted the absence of Bro. Terry, the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but he had been summoned elsewhere, in connection with important duties in his Mother Lodge, otherwise he would have been present to-night to plead the claims of the Charity with which he was most intimately connected. He reminded the brethren that he had decided to go up as a Steward at the next Festival for the Old People, and he trusted the brethren would enable him to take up a list which should be a credit to the St. Michael's Lodge. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan who, in the absence of Bro. Terry, said he felt it an honour to speak on behalf of the Masonic Charities. In the words of the song they had just heard so beautifully rendered—"There's no place like home;" but amongst the members of the Craft there were some who scarcely recognised what home was, in their decline of life. Here Masonry slipped in and provided home and comforts for many who in the evening of life had been overtaken by adversity. At the present moment they had on the funds of the Benevolent Institution—for which their Worshipful Master had accepted a Stewardship—over 200 widows, who each received £32 a year, and over 190 old Masons who in their day had done good suit and service to the Craft, and who were now each in receipt of an annuity of £10 per annum. But, however prosperous the members of the Lodge might now appear to be, there was a dark side to every picture, and none of them knew how soon they too might be overtaken with similar misfortune. They were now all smiling and happy together, and giving liberally of

their means towards the Charities, and he earnestly appealed to them to make every effort to continue that support which the St. Michael's Lodge had consistently accorded hitherto to the Institutions. Bro. Greenwood, their esteemed Treasurer, was going up as a Steward for the Girls' School, at the Festival over which Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.M. for Surrey, had kindly consented to preside. Now, Bro. Brownrigg was well known to the members of this Lodge; had visited them on a previous occasion; moreover, he was a Mason beloved by every brother in his Province. All would doubtless support Bro. Greenwood, who was a Past Provincial G.S. Warden of Surrey, and had served as Provincial Grand Secretary there for many years. Such was the esteem in which he was held, that he (the speaker) felt the brethren would support his list to the best of their ability. Bro. Morgan then reminded the brethren they had one old member of their Lodge on the Funds of the Benevolent Institution, who in his day had subscribed as liberally as any of those now present were doing to the funds of the Institutions, and even now an appeal was being made on behalf of another brother for the benefits of the same Charity. These were the dark sides to the picture to which he had alluded, and he pointed to the possibility of each or any of them some day coming under the bitter sting of adversity. The Girls' Institution at the present time maintained, clothed, and educated 237 pupils, whilst 240 boys were similarly cared for at Wood Green. Brother Martin the Worshipful Master had already told them he should represent the Lodge as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he (the speaker) had just received an intimation that Brother C. Greenwood jun. was to act as Steward for the Boys' School. It was very gratifying to be able to have these three active brethren to represent the St. Michael's Lodge at the forthcoming Festivals, and he had no doubt whatever that each would be well supported. In conclusion Bro. Morgan delivered an earnest appeal on behalf of the Institutions generally. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he said they could not place too high a value upon the services of Bro. Chas. Greenwood as Treasurer of the Lodge for many years. Had not always found the position of the Lodge so prosperous as it was at the present time. There had been times when there were no funds in the Lodge, whereas now there was happily a balance in hand. With regard to their Secretary, who was also an initiate in this Lodge, he ably discharges his duties, in whatever capacity he is called upon to act, and his services were fully recognised by every member of the Lodge. Bro. Greenwood, after thanking the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, said he felt proud of the position he filled as Treasurer of the St. Michael's Lodge. During the many years he had filled that office he had seen the Lodge in prosperity and adversity, but he had never seen it more flourishing than he was happy to report it was at the present time. At one period he might have been justified in asking the brethren for security for any advance that he was compelled to make on behalf of the Lodge. Now things were changed, and the members might be justified in asking him for security as their custodian. He trusted he might be spared many years to come amongst them, and he should only be too pleased to act as their Treasurer so long as confidence was reposed in him as at present. Bro. W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary also responded in suitable terms, and compliments having been passed to the Officers, and acknowledged, the official list was closed by the Tyler. The proceedings of the evening were diversified by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. J. A. Collings, assisted by Madame Ernst, Madame Panline Featherby-Capel, Bros. John Probert and Henry Cross, a judiciously selected programme contributing materially to the enjoyment of the numerous company of guests.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 923.

AT the monthly communication of this Lodge on Monday, the 1st inst., at Petersfield, the following Officers were installed:—Bros. W. Smoker W.M., E. Navler I.P.M., R. Pocock S.W., C. Wells J.W., W. B. Edgeler P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Treas., T. Caparn Sec., G. Pearson S.D., F. Duddy J.D., M. P. Creedon P.M. D. of C., H. H. Atkinson-Grimsbaw Asst. D. of C., J. J. Bettle Organist, H. V. Hann I.G., R. H. Jacks and T. J. Crcmack Stewards, C. Knight Tyler. The members afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the large room of the Red Lion Hotel, where an excellent spread was provided by Host Pay. There were several visiting brethren present, including Bros. Edgar Goble P.G.S., J. Palmer S.W. W.M. elect 2068, F. Sanders W.M. 342, and others. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was concluded at seven o'clock.

STRANGWAYS LODGE, No. 1219.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, King-street, Manchester, when the company numbered about fifty members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. W. Appleby, the retiring Worshipful Master. Lodge having been opened in form, Bro. Willis was presented as W.M. elect, and he was subsequently installed in the chair by Bro. W. T. Schofield P.M. He invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. W. Appleby I.P.M., Henry R. Slatter S.W., W. B. Russell J.W., W. T. Schofield P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Dawson P.M. Assistant P.G.D.C. Secretary, W. Williams S.D., Robert Hughes J.D., Charles J. Schofield P.M. D.C., R. D. Callison I.G., J. W. Callison, Donald A. Murray, and John L. Savage Stewards; P. H. Nicholls Tyler. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and after the transaction of some routine business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. The Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured,

after which the W.M. gave the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. G. Mellor, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. Bros. Dawson P.M. and Andrews P.M. each acknowledged the toast, in suitable terms. Bro. Andrews then gave the newly-installed Worshipful Master of the Strangeways Lodge, the toast being enthusiastically received, and responded to by Bro. Willis, whose admirable working and the interest he has evinced in the welfare of the Lodge have been abundantly recognised by all the brethren. Brother Dawson next proposed the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, and after making reference to the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office, presented him, on behalf of the brethren, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered. The toast and jewel was acknowledged by Bro. Appleby, after which the W.M. welcomed the Visiting Brethren, and Bro. Schofield proposed the Masonic Charities, for which toast Bro. Andrews replied. The health of the Officers having been given and duly responded to, the toast of the Installing Master was honoured, and acknowledged by Bro. Schofield, the list being concluded by the Tyler. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing and recitations, amongst those who contributed being Bros. Owles, Jupp, North, Greenwood, Howell, Hinde, and others. A most agreeable evening was passed.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 4th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, when there were present Bros. H. Baber W.M., W. H. Ransom S.W., C. Tarry J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, Hugh M. Hobbs Secretary, F. T. Ridpath S.D., J. Kilvington J.D., W. Horton D.C., W. Best Steward, Wm. Lane Tyler, F. C. Pascall P.M.; Bros. C. Daniel P.M. 69, Fleming, Horsnail, Chamberlain, S. Clark, Mason, Wilson, Dr. Klein, Potter, Greenfield, Blogg, Griffin, Shakespeare, Phelps, J. Clarke. Visitors—Bros. J. D. Langton W.M. 2096, Byron H. Ridge P.M. 1463 P.P.G.A.D.C. Surrey, Maitland, H. Dicker W.M. 1470, W. Pile P.M. 1892, W. G. Oates 2096, F. Webster 47. After the business of the Lodge had been completed, which consisted of initiating Mr. Phillips into Freemasonry and passing Bro. Wilson, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. During the evening the interesting ceremony took place of presenting to the Lodge the portrait of Bro. Wm. Foulsham P.M. Treas. P.P.J.W. Northumberland 30°. On unveiling the portrait the W.M., in complimentary terms, referred to the great service rendered to the Lodge by Brother Foulsham, and then called on the Secretary to read the following address:—

Worshipful Sir,—We, the undersigned members of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, of Free and Accepted Masons, have long desired that a lasting memento of yourself should be possessed by the Lodge and handed down to posterity. You having been the principal Founder of the Lodge and its first W.M., we are confident that your name will ever be mentioned in the Lodge with the same regard and affection it has always received from those who esteem you for your talents as a Mason and your qualities as a man, but we are anxious that when time with us shall be no more, the brethren may still have a lasting reminder of the distinguished brother who did so much, with unflinching zeal, for the Old England Lodge, and to whom it owes its very existence. With this object in view we have had a portrait of yourself painted, which we now beg to present to the Lodge. And we pray the Great Architect of the Universe that you may long be spared, in health and strength, to witness the continued prosperity of the Lodge in which you have always taken so great an interest, and to give the brethren your valuable advice and assistance. Bro. Foulsham returned thanks in suitable terms, and assured the brethren that he should always do everything in his power to promote the prosperity of this the fifth Lodge that he had been the means of founding during his long Masonic career. The Visitors expressed the pleasure it had been to them to be present on this interesting occasion, and the meeting concluded with the Tyler's toast. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. M. H. Dicker W.M. and Bros. Shakespeare, Kilvington, Ridpath and Griffin.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THIS young and flourishing Lodge held an emergency meeting at the Café Royal, Air Street, Regent Street, W., for the purpose of passing, raising, and initiating candidates. The chair was taken at 5:30 punctually by the W.M. Bro. H. W. Gasperd, assisted by Bros. R. A. Kingsbury S.W., F. B. Fuld J.W., D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, J. T. Miller S.D., J. Lancaster J.D., J. Levy I.G., H. Moss Steward, I. Quinsey I.P.M., H. Aarons P.M., C. Ochse P.M.; Bros. A. H. Marks, Joseph Von Praagh, Charles Benjamin, Isaac Kool, F. G. Brown, and several other members. Visitors—Bros. G. Santh, Kilwinning 19, F. Scholfield 1178, J. Wynman 188. The ordinary business having been gone through, Bro. Von Praagh was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. Kool, Benjamin, and Marks were passed, and Mr. Alfred Foster Gasperd (brother of the W.M.), Mr. Phillip Albert Hahn, and Mr. John Nash were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. All the ceremonies were conducted by the W.M. in a most creditable, praiseworthy, and impressive manner. It was proposed and seconded that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of Bro. P.M. Lovey; this was unanimously agreed to. In token of respect to the memory of this brother the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Several candidates were proposed and seconded; they will be balloted for at the next meeting. Other business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed with the hearty good wishes of the visitors. The brethren then proceeded to partake of a sumptuous banquet. After full

honours had been given to the toasts of the Queen and the Craft and the Royal Family, the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiates; by the strict attention they had paid to the ceremonies that evening there was no doubt they would prove themselves worthy Masons. The W.M. also remarked that as a young Master he appreciated the privilege of initiating his own brother. He trusted he might prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. In reply, the first initiate—Bro. A. F. Gasperd—sincerely thanked the brethren for the kindness of their reception. He congratulated himself on being initiated by his own brother. He would do his best to gain that friendship and brotherly love that his brother had already secured. Bros. Hahn and Nash also made suitable replies. Bro. Loewenstark, as the first W.M. of this Lodge, was pleased to propose the health of the W.M.; might his future career be as successful as on that evening. The W.M. in responding said that it required some amount of moral courage to essay the responsibilities of the chair; but thanks to his Wardens and Deacons the work had gone smoothly along. He hoped that each of them would occupy the chair, and that there would be plenty of work to do for him as well as for them. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Past Masters, and as the time was short he would associate the Officers with the toast. Bro. Aarons P.M. responded in his usual eloquent manner; he was followed by Bro. Loeweustark P.M. Bro. Kingsbury S.W. then spoke in most admirable terms of the departed brother whose loss the Lodge was now mourning. The health of the Visitors was the next toast, and after several had replied the Worshipful Master proposed prosperity to the Press, coupled with the name of Bro. Wynman, as representative of the *Freemason's Chronicle*, who acknowledged the compliment. Bros. Benjamin Moss and others favoured the company with songs during the evening. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

BRIXTON LODGE, No. 1949.

THE installation meeting of this young, but sound and flourishing Lodge, was held on Saturday evening last, at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, when there was a goodly muster of brethren and Visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Baldwin, Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex, the retiring Worshipful Master. He was supported on the occasion by Bros. W. E. Farrington I.P.M., C. G. S. Kipling S.W., R. Poore J.W. and W.M. elect, W. Kirkland P.M. Treasurer, Henry Lovegrove P.M. Secretary, C. Axford S.D., E. Newby J.D., A. Albert I.G., R. Evans D.C., A. Jones Steward, T. Poore P.M. 1720, J. D. Sprague, C. J. Dore, W. R. Palmer, R. Potter Tyler, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Stevens P.M. 1426, Crank 1669, Phillips 1986, Powles 1907, Watts, Moses 1201, Lucas 1521, Butler 243, Mills, Guest, Wallis, Smith 857, Lee, Tarr, Mayer 1693, Vernon 1101, &c. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, the minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was then opened for Mr. J. Bott, who had been proposed by Bro. Poore, and seconded by the Worshipful Master, and for Bro. Isaac White, whose sponsors were Bro. Kirkland and the W.M. elect. In each instance the voting was unanimously in favour, and the two candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master, whose working was eminently satisfactory. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial condition, was then submitted and approved, and Lodge having been advanced to the second degree, Bro. R. Poore was presented for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the impressive ceremony was duly performed by the retiring Master, in a manner that afforded a considerable amount of gratification to all present. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Henry Baldwin I.P.M., Day S.W., Axford J.W., Kirkland P.M. Treasurer, Lovegrove P.M. Secretary, Newby S.D., Albert J.D., Read P.M. Organist, Evans I.G., Jones D.C., Dore Almoner, Sprague and Palmer Stewards, Potter P.M. Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered with elocutionary effect by Bro. T. Poore P.M., father of the Worshipful Master, and subsequently a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. Baldwin, in recognition of the able and zealous manner in which he had filled the chair during the past year, and of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge. On the reverse side of the jewel was the inscription:

Presented to Bro. Henry Baldwin P.M., P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, as a mark of esteem for his efficiency as Worshipful Master and installing his successor in the chair of K.S., February 6th, 1886. Brixton Lodge, No. 1949.

The compliment was duly acknowledged by the Immediate Past Master, who thanked the brethren for the gift, and the kindly motives by which it had been prompted, and assured them of his continued efforts to sustain and increase the welfare of the Brixton Lodge. After the transaction of some other business, Lodge was closed amidst hearty good wishes, and the brethren adjourned for the banquet, which was served in sumptuous style by Mr. Inglis, of Bell-yard, Temple Bar, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the company elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, expressed his intention of being brief with the remarks he might feel called upon to make in connection with the toasts, in consequence of the work having been somewhat protracted. He was sure, however, that the toast which always came first upon their list on occasions like the present would be received with loyal enthusiasm. He next proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, in doing which he said they had much to be proud of as a body of men in having such a ruler to preside over the Craft. His Royal Highness was a good man and Mason, and took a most active interest in all that appertained to Freemasonry. The toast was cordially re-

ceived, and was followed by that of the R.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The Immediate Past Master then assumed the gavel, and in felicitous terms proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, in doing which he said that was the toast par excellence of the evening. They could imagine what pleasure it afforded him to see Bro. Poore in the honourable position he now occupied, seeing that he was the first initiate of the Brixton Lodge, and which he entered as a Lewis by special privilege granted to him by Grand Lodge. He felt that Bro. Poore did great credit to his father in Freemasonry, and that during his year of office he would do credit to the Lodge and give every satisfaction to the brethren generally. From what they had seen of his working, they could look forward with confidence that the affairs of the Brixton Lodge would be ably and zealously administered by their newly-installed Worshipful Master, however much might be thrust upon him. He congratulated the brethren upon the wisdom of their choice, and expressed his belief that he would do the work to the credit of himself and satisfaction of the Lodge. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren sincerely for their very great kindness in electing him to the chair of the Brixton Lodge. He should endeavour to deserve the kindly wishes which had been expressed towards him, and he assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to discharge his duties with fervency and zeal, and to uphold the excellent character for working that had already been gained by the Lodge. He trusted that success might attend his year of office, and that the harmony and good feeling which now subsisted amongst the whole of the brethren might long continue to prevail. He then proposed the Initiates, and in doing so observed that it was with much pleasure he witnessed the introduction of two such worthy brethren as Bros. Bott and White. Whilst they were pleased to see an infusion of fresh blood into the Lodge, it was an additional satisfaction to find men of such excellence coming amongst them. The initiates responded briefly, both returning thanks for their admission into the ancient and honourable Institution, and expressing their hope that they should become worthy members of the Craft. The Worshipful Master next gave the Installing Master and Immediate Past Master, Bro. Baldwin, to whom he said the utmost credit was due for the manner in which he had discharged his onerous and difficult duties that day. He did not think the installation ceremony could be better or more efficiently carried out than it had been by Bro. Baldwin on that occasion—a remark that was cordially endorsed by the brethren present. He had fulfilled the duties of the chair during his year of office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge, and he (the speaker) should try and emulate the excellent example which had been set before him by his predecessor. The Immediate Past Master thanked the brethren sincerely for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and assured them he was deeply sensible of the kind terms in which it had been proposed by their excellent Worshipful Master. It had afforded him much pleasure to see Bro. Poore work up to the chair, and it was doubly pleasing to him to instal him into that position that day. Many brethren had asked him how it was that Bro. Poore had come forward so rapidly, having entered the Lodge as a Lewis, but the reason lay in the fact that he was possessed of foresight and discernment in Freemasonry; and he was sure the same qualities would enable him in the future to make still further advances in the art. He (the speaker) should have great pleasure in assisting their Worshipful Master in the government of the Lodge, and hoped he might live many years to carry on the work he had so well begun. Bros. Powles of the Selwyn Lodge, Lucas of the Royal Leopold, and James Stevens P.M. 1426 severally responded for the Visitors, the latter paying a high tribute to the Masonic qualifications of the W.M. and his respected father, whom he was delighted to meet on this auspicious occasion. Bro. T. Poore also responded, in a few happily-chosen sentences, expressing confidence in the skill and assiduity of his son, who now occupied the honourable position of being Master of the Lodge, and a hope that, at the expiration of his year of office, he would instal his successor. The health of the Past Masters came next, and Bro. Lovegrove acknowledged the compliment paid them in graceful terms, and subsequently the Officers were proposed, and response given, the list being brought to a fitting close by the Tyler. During the evening some excellent singing and recitations varied the speeches, and the *réunion* was one of a most enjoyable description.

The Centennial of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, was celebrated at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., this (Friday) evening. The meeting was a most successful one, and was attended by 101 members of the Lodge and 113 visitors.

The Queen's (Westminster) Lodge of Instruction is held at 79 Ebury Street, S.W., on Wednesday evenings, at 7.45. Bro. G. Coop S.W. 141, 1612, Secretary 2021, S.N. 1604, is the Preceptor; Bro. C. P. Bellerby 1612, J.W. 2021, Chapter 1601, is the Secretary; and Brother C. Kempton P.M. 1287 the Treasurer. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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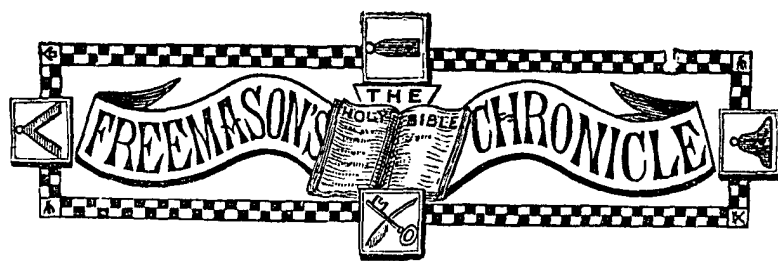
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE
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THIS Grand Chapter was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at Basingstoke. Among those present were:—Companions W. W. B. Beach, M.P., J. E. Le Feuvre, E. Goble, Lord John Taylour, I. Hall, R. J. Rastrick, W. Rix, P. H. Emanuel, S. I. Hitching, T. Gowers, Irons, W. Smith, W. Bowyer, S. J. Tilling, J. Wallingford, J. Dew, E. Nepean, W. M. Outridge, A. A. Headley, W. H. Jacob, William Miller, J. Robertson, J. Horton, Berry, A. Algar, J. Waters, R. Glasspool, J. W. Gieve, A. Portsmouth, G. Lear, F. Newman, G. Payne, J. Puntis, J. Brickwood, W. Dart, J. Scott Ramsey, F. W. Thoyts, C. F. Simmons, W. Parsons, and H. J. Thatcher. The Officers appointed were:—

Comp. Le Feuvre	.	.	.	H.
F. Thoyts	.	.	.	J.
E. Goble	.	.	.	S.E.
J. Cole	.	.	.	S.N.
Lord J. Taylour	.	.	.	Principal Sojourner
J. H. Askham	.	.	.	1st Assist. Sojourner
W. H. Jacob	.	.	.	2nd Assist. Sojourner
R. J. Rastrick	.	.	.	Treasurer
W. M. Outridge	.	.	.	Registrar
W. Dart	.	.	.	Sword Bearer
W. Berry	.	.	.	Standard Bearer
W. Waters	.	.	.	Director of Ceremonies
R. W. Downing	.	.	.	Organist.

The sum of thirty guineas was voted towards the three Masonic Charities.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE Companions held their meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on 1st inst. Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z., J. Da Silva H., J. W. Dewanap J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., A. Henochsberg M.E.Z., L. Lazarus P.Z., H. P. Isaac P.Z., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, S. M. Lazarus P.Z., H. J. Phillips P.S., J. Wynman, H. Van Staverv, Rev. M. Haines, J. Lichtenfeld, L. Kool, J. Meyer, S. Genese, M. Muuday, M. Franks, Joseph Davis, S. Jewell, and several others. Chapter was

opened in form, and after the minutes had been confirmed, it was resolved that the bye-laws should be revised. Comps. Joseph Davis, S. Jewell, and T. Meyer were elected to do this. It was proposed by Comp. Henochsberg, and seconded by Comp. L. Lazarus, that a jewel should be presented to Comp. Emanuel, for his admirable services as S.E.; this was unanimously agreed to and duly acknowledged. The following Officers were invested for the year:—Comps. J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., L. Meyers S.N., H. G. Phillips P.S., Gurdley 1st A.S., Liebmann 2nd A.S. After business the Chapter was closed, and a sumptuous banquet was provided, when the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were proposed and responded to. The next meeting will take place on the last Monday in March.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THE annual election meeting of this strong Chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe Street, York, on the 27th ultimo. Amongst those present were Comps. Whytehead P.Z. M.E.Z., Rooke H., Sykes Rymer J., Todd P.Z. Treasurer, Purnell as S.E., Foster S.N., Kirby P.S., Simpson Z. 1611, and about twenty-five other Companions and Visitors. Brother Atkinson, an accepted candidate, was exalted by the M.E.Z., after which the election of Officers took place, with the following result:—Comps. Rooke M.E.Z., Sykes Rymer H., Kirby J., Todd P.Z. Treasurer, Garbutt S.E., Border S.N., and Fairbairn P.S. After the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper under the presidency of the M.E.Z., when the usual toast were honoured, the health of the newly elected Officers was drank, and some excellent songs were given.

CONSECRATION OF THE EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 1042.

A LARGE gathering of Royal Arch Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Thursday, 28th ult., to assist in the consecration of the Excelsior Chapter 1042. Although the Excelsior Lodge has just celebrated its twenty-first anniversary, unavoidable circumstances prevented a Chapter being attached heretofore. At the request of the M.E. Grand Supt. of West Yorks, Comp. T. W. Tew, the ceremony was performed by E. Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z. 304 P.P.G.H., and in the presence of the following Companions:—Comps. J. Barker P.Z. 258 as Prov. G.H., W. Gankroger P.Z. 61 Prov. G.J., Henry Smith P.Z. 302 Prov. G.S.E., A. Williamson 289 as Prov. S.N., W. F. Tomlinson P.Z. 304 Prov. G. Prin. Soj., A. Austin P.Z. 306 Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj., W. W. Macvay P.Z. 495 Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj., G. Marshall P.Z. 521 Prov. G. Treas., Rev. W. C. Lukis P.Z. 839 as Chaplain, R. Williamson 521 as Prov. G. Reg., J. B. Hargreaves Z. 304 as Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. Watson P.Z. 304 as Prov. G. Standard Bearer, H. G. E. Green J. 154 as Prov. G.D.C., F. Carr 289 as Prov. G. Org., W. T. Beanland P.Z. 1462 Prov. G. Steward, J. W. Turner P.Z. 521, J. Dodson P.Z. 289, E. Lee 265, J. Lee P.Z. 290, W. J. Beck 289 P.P.G.S., R. Craig P.Z. 304 P.P.G.A.S., W. F. Smithson P.Z. 289, A. Williamson 289, S. S. Young 304, R. Abbott 304, together with Companions Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z. 304, S. Stead P.Z. 289, Thos. Tyers 306, W. M. Tyers 306, Heathwaite 304, Henry Cowborough 304, W. Bingham 304, W. Flockton 304, Culverley 304, the Founders, and many others. The Petition and Warrant of Constitution having been read, E. Comp. Charles Mason, as acting Prov. Grand Superintendent, read the following address:—Allow me, in the first place, to congratulate "Excelsior" that, as a farther way of celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the consecration of their Lodge, they have wisely decided to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached thereto, and also that they have resolved to ask our worthy Companion Dr. Smyth to be their first Principal. I congratulate you heartily, Companions, upon your choice. When we consider the great services of Dr. Smyth, how, before many of those now present were born, he was fighting our battles for us, defending our Order against the attacks of our opponents, one and all may rejoice to see him about to occupy the position to which he is about to be installed. It is not often that a new Chapter has the opportunity of having a Companion to preside over it who can look back to a Masonic career extending over forty years. The words "to survive the wreck of mighty empires and to resist the destroying hand of time," are familiar to all of us, but do we thoroughly realise their meaning? I will not stay to discuss the vexed question of antiquity, yet even glancing over the last two or three hundred years, what do we find? Our Order steadily pursuing its way. We see the rise and fall of nations, we see great changes taking place, one kingdom absorbing several; in our own land what great social changes have taken place, and are still taking place, yet our Order remaineth the same. Without we have strife and bitterness; religious and political discussions and hearthburnings, these we leave behind; we step past the portals of our Lodges and Chapters, we find harmony; we leave doubts and disputations, we find brotherly love; without all is ringing with the sound of war, within all is peace. Go abroad; we find in our own Empire of India, where we are gradually overthrowing the rulers of that vast country, that Masonry has existed there from ancient days. Your own First Principal nominate, Dr. Smyth, relates when a friend of his (Colonel Abercrombie, of the Bengal Artillery) was visiting Mattra, an ancient city thirty-six miles from Agra, in 1853, his carriage was stopped, and calling him aside, he was asked if he was not a member of a "Gadu Ghar," a House of Enchantment, as the natives styled Masonic Lodges. On replying in the affirmative, to his astonishment the Hindoo saluted him as an Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, informing him that his countrymen from time immemorial had kept up the knowledge of the three degrees, but nothing beyond them. "You," he proceeded to say, "profess to have something more, of which we are ignorant." We find the Sheiks of Arabia extending the right hand of friendship to a foreigner, because

he is a Mason. We find the Kaffirs of Africa in possession of an ancient ritual, but only one degree, handed down to them from time immemorial. When our countrymen are driven out by stress of circumstances or love of adventure, we find the Order already in the land of their choice to greet them. What is this mysterious bond of union and of friendship? What is it that knits all men together in this great bond of Brotherhood? Is it the love of eating and drinking? I trow not. Nay, it is something higher and nobler; something of a loftier character; it is the dignity, the grandeur of our Order, founded on the sublime basis of virtue, nay, even on the sacred name of the Great God himself, the Ruler and Governor of all. This is why that, amidst all the great changes going on around us, our Order can "resist the destroying hand of time," has afforded consolation to many in the time that is past, and we trust to many in years to come. Comp. Mason concluded by giving a short explanation of the Royal Arch jewel. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Consecrating Principal being ably assisted by E. Comp. Rev. W. C. Lukis, acting as Chaplain, E. Comp. Green, acting as Prov. G.D.C., and Bro. Carr acting as Organist, the whole being rendered in an able and impressive manner. The three Principals nominate, Comps. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z. Z., S. Stead P.Z. H., and Thos. Tyers J., were then installed into their respective chairs, the ceremony being curtailed, owing to the Companions having all previously occupied similar chairs in other Chapters. The M.E.Z. then invested Comp. W.M. Tyers as S.E., Heathwaite as S.N., Cowborough as Treasurer, Bingham as P.S., Flockton and Culverley as A.S., Barrand Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Consecrating Companion, and several brethren proposed for exaltation, after which the Chapter was closed. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where refreshment was served.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

ON the 2nd instant, the installation meeting of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when the Principals for the year were installed in their chairs, the ceremonies being performed by Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. Prov. G.H. The following are the present Officers:—Comps. Simpson P.Z. M.E.Z., Millington H., Blenkin J., Kay S.E., Chanman S.N., Rev. R. Blakeney Treasurer, Brown P.S., Whytehead P.Z. D.C., and Pearson Janitor. There were also present Comps. Padel P.Z., Sellar P.Z., and several other members and visitors. There were three names of candidates on the summons; but none were able to be present, and therefore, after an explanation of the pedestals, &c., by Comp. Whytehead, and the report of the Auditors, which showed a handsome balance in hand, the Chapter was closed, and the members retired to supper, and spent a pleasant evening under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

The regular monthly Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. Among those present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, L. Ruff, Stephen Richardson, George Cooper, G. P. Gillard, Edgar Bowyer, G. Haldane, Controller S. G. Blake, J. L. Mather, J. Moon, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., F. Adlard, J. G. Stevens, T. Hastings Miller, A. E. Gladwell, T. Cubitt P.G.P., Charles Belton, W. Maple, A. F. Godson, Richard Eve, and F. Binckes P.G. Stwd. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee and Quarterly Court read for information, the reports of the Audit and Finance Committee were submitted and accepted. The Committee approved of one of the Boys elected in October last being educated out of the School, and agreed that the usual allowance should be paid on his behalf; they then considered the petitions of four boys, whose names were directed to be placed on the list of candidates for the October election.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. Murris, Howard, Wilson, Newton, Bolton, Bulmer, Daniell, Freeman, Webb, Dr. Hogg, Cubitt, Jas. Willing jun., and James Terry Secretary. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of two male annuitants, and also one of the female candidates (Mrs. Scott). The Warden's report was read. The Committee next considered the question of vacancies to be filled at the election in May, when it was shown that there were twelve male and six female annuitants available; these with the deferred candidates on each fund, would make the numbers to be elected fifteen men and nine widows, from approved lists of fifty-eight of the former, and seventy-one of the latter. After other business, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman.

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THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Official Calendar of the Craft, issued by the Grand Lodge for the present year, I again find the following recorded amongst the "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry:" "Bro William Preston of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the illustrations of Masonry, bequeathed amongst other Masonic gifts £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture." For some years these lectures were regularly delivered in the different degrees, and were very intently listened to, the last time I believe the lecture was delivered by Bro. Henry George Warren of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 178, and some other Lodges, but that was many years ago, and since then nothing has been heard of it. I think, therefore, it would be interesting to the Craft in general, and to old Masons in particular, to know how it is that this legacy to posterity, given by so distinguished a brother, has been allowed to lapse, and further, as the £300 Consols must in the past years have accumulated a large amount of interest, what has become of it, by whom it is received, and to what purpose, if any, it is applied. I certainly am of opinion that some explanation ought to be given by whoever is able to supply it, as to the reason why the lecture is not now given, and who are the recipients of the interest accruing upon the Stock invested for the purpose. I am not aware whether payment was ever made to those brethren by whom the lecture was delivered, most assuredly I feel certain that Bro. Warren would have felt insulted if payment had been offered to him for such a service, and that being so some information ought to be afforded how and to what purpose the interest of the money is applied.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

1st February 1886.

P.M.

APPEAL FOR EMPLOYMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Might I kindly solicit your aid in appealing, through the columns of your paper, to such of the Brethren as are employers of labour, with the view of possibly obtaining some kind of employment quickly. I am now in very straitened circumstances, and to make matters worse my wife is near her confinement. I would not mind in the least how subordinate the position, or even if it should be a temporary one, if only I could succeed in obtaining something to do quickly—to tide over my present difficulties. If you can, through the medium of the Chronicle, assist me in any way to gratify this wish, believe me I shall be extremely thankful.

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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a frequent attendant at Masonic meetings, I should like to ask you who is responsible for the hats, coats, and umbrellas which are deposited by brethren during the holding of a meeting? There is usually some qualified person "somewhere about," whose duty it is to take care of these articles; but I, and doubtless many others, have an unfortunate experience of the manner in which they perform their duties. They are no doubt called away to attend to other matters, and in their absence there is no knowing what may happen. I do not say that brethren wilfully upset the order in which things have been left, or that the good intentions of those who re-arrange the different articles, "so as to put them all on view," is capable of a different construction, but I do object to find everything moved from the place in which it was left, especially when it does not "come right in the end." Some months since I was present at a meeting where "during our temporary absence" everything had been upset by a brother, as I was told, who had mislaid his apron case). I lost my umbrella on that occasion, and although it has since been restored to me, I do not think that lessens the evil of which I complain. Some weeks after the loss of my umbrella my hat came to grief—the second time during my Masonic experience—and it was only after a long search that I was enabled to discover my property. The hats had gone wrong on this occasion, so I heard it said, as the result—would you believe it?—of a brother's idea of a joke being to mix up the head gear of the brethren at the banquet. This accusation of practical joking was made in the presence of the brother implicated, and as he made no attempt to contradict the statement, it was I suppose correct. I was within an easy distance of home on this latter occasion, and so did not lose anything beyond my time and temper in searching for my property, but who would have been responsible had it been otherwise?

Yours fraternally,

AN ANTI-JOKER.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Haymarket.—"A Woman of the World" is the title of a three act comedy by Mr. B. C. Stephenson (author of "Impulse"), that was presented to the public here, on Thursday afternoon, the 4th instant. Although received by those present with every sign of encouragement, we fear the same result will not be achieved if the piece is submitted to the test of being placed in the evening bill. Undoubtedly, the work contains some clever dialogue, some humorously drawn characters, and some amusing incidents, yet it does not contain sufficient novelty, nor will it evoke sympathetic interest enough to secure the favour of the general public. "A Woman of the World" is founded on the German play "Der Probepfeil," by Oscar Blumenthal, but Mr. Stephenson will scarcely be recompensed for the pains he has taken in its adaptation. A widow—"the woman of the world"—has made up her mind to marry a certain Sir Godfrey Chalmers, a youthful guardsman, he at the same time having become infatuated with her. But—the old story—all goes not smoothly; Godfrey's uncle, Dudley Chalmers, has set his heart on a match between his nephew and Beatrice Norton, the daughter of a friend. This young lady, who is musical, is attracted by a German adventurer, named Slowitz, who desires to secure her hand on account of her reputed wealth. A Mrs. Manderville, to further ends of her own, encourages and assists this scoundrel in his design; but in the end Slowitz is proved to be an impostor, by Dudley Chalmers, who opens the eyes of Beatrice and Godfrey to the true state of their hearts. The construction, however, is clumsy. At the opening of the piece everybody can see how it will end, and but little sympathy is shown when the happy termination is brought about. With regard to the artistes engaged, first honours must be given to Mr. Beerbohm Tree, whose humorous caricature of a foreign musical impostor was a grand piece of acting, which is well worth seeing a second time. Mr. Tree was well supported by Mr. Charles Brookfield, as Dudley Chalmers; a man whose surliness overlies sound common sense, confirmed by experience. Mr. H. Kemble gave a capital piece of character acting as Mr. Norton, while Mr. Gilbert Farguhar, as the old-fashioned dandy, Percy Buddington, acquitted himself well. Mr. Arthur Elwood was earnest as Sir Godfrey Chalmers. Miss Helen Barry's style hardly enabled her to do justice to the part of Mrs. Manderville, notwithstanding that she acted with plenty of "go." Miss Helen Forsyth was delightful as Beatrice; her ingenuous charm and freshness winning for her the appreciation of the audience. The other parts were fairly filled; Mr. F. Gerard (Mr. Lindley Smart), Mr. U. Winter (Mr. Alfred Moffatt), Mr. Arthur Darwin (Mr. Washington Mivarts), Mr. Ulick Winter (Melton), Mr. West (Bibury), Miss Mand Merrill (Miss Gushman), Miss Gertrude Tempest (Miss Martingale), Miss Steele (Mrs. Templeton), Miss Tempest (Pauline). Special praise must be awarded to Mr. Edward Hastings for the excellent way in which he "stage-managed" the piece.

Vaudeville.—We are not surprised that Mr. Derrick's comedy "Piebrians," which was produced here on the 13th ult., should have proved unsuited to the public taste, or that it should have been withdrawn after a short run. As we said, in noticing its production, there was nothing in the piece to win for it anything like success, and the action of the management in withdrawing it has proved the correctness of our verdict. It has been replaced by "Confusion," an eccentric comedy by the same author, which has already achieved a reputation,—it having been represented more than four hundred and fifty times previous to its present revival. "Confusion" is well worth seeing, and will no doubt prove successful for some time to come. Most of the characters are filled by the same artistes who portrayed them during its former run, while those who are new give valuable assistance. Miss Kate Rorke plays the part of the misunderstood wife with that grace and skill that has always made her famous. Miss Millett, one of the best engoués we have on the stage, realises the character of Violet with pretty effect. Miss Larkin and Miss Kate Phillips did all that was required of them; while Mr. Glenny, as the perplexed and much-wronged husband, portrayed the character with an earnestness that at times made us wish we could see him in a more serious part. Mr. Charles Groves, as Blizzard, appeared to revel in the comicalities set down for him; and last, but by no means least, Mr. Frederick Thorne threw an amount of serious woe into his face that would have been creditable to Robson in his palmiest days.

Toole's.—The long talked of travestie on "Faust," by Mr. F. C. Burnand, has been presented to the general public, but, so far, with a result that may be described as disappointing. Why Mr. Toole should have ventured to produce so whimsical and clever a piece before it was fully rehearsed no one can conceive. The scenery, on too ambitious a scale for so small a theatre, did not work properly. This may have been attributable to too much having been attempted in imitation of that at the Lyceum—in the shape of steam clouds, electric effects, and Mephistophelean marvels. However, Mr. Toole has plenty of material to work upon, and when all goes smoothly no doubt success will be achieved. The travestie is full of lively jokes and witty puns, but they frequently seem to miss fire. The style in which Mr. Toole represents Mephistopheles puts us in mind of a pantomime; he uses a harlequin's wand to perform his tricks. One of the best features in the piece is Mr. Toole's excellent imitation of Mr. Sims Reeves; he manages to take off the popular tenor much more successfully than he does his friend Irving. Miss Marie Linden, as Margaret, imitates Miss Helen Terry wonderfully; she reproduces the voice and gesture of that popular actress with great success. Mr. E. D. Ward is a capital Faust; his imitations of Mr. Irving's peculiarities being very good. One of the hits of the piece is Mr. George Shelton's impersonation of Margaret's mother (name not known), this clever artist is indeed exceedingly funny. Mr. W. Branton could not elicit much humour from the part of Constable Valentine, although he laboured assiduously. The music consists chiefly of music hall tunes and snatches from Gounod's opera.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A VERY full meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Savourgate, York. In the absence of the W.M., through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and there were also present Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., I.P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, William Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., J. Kay Secretary, T. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., W. Stephenson I.G., P. Pearson, J. Mennell, W. T. Nance, J. E. Wilkinson, and about 20 other brethren. A ballot was taken for a candidate, and two accepted candidates were initiated by the acting W.M., the Charge being given by the S.W. On the motion of Bro. Dyson, the sum of £25 was voted from the Lodge funds to the Proprietary Fund. Bro. Padel presented to the Lodge Library the fifth volume of Gould's "History of Freemasonry," and Bro. Whytehead also presented six Masonic works, and for these votes of thanks were accorded. The name of a candidate was proposed and seconded, and the Lodge was closed. A smoking concert was afterwards held in the smoke room, when songs and recitations were given by Bros. Mennell, Thackray, Sir F. Milner, T. B. Whytehead, and others, and a thoroughly friendly evening was enjoyed by the members and their numerous visitors.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

A NUMEROUS and highly representative gathering of members of the Mason Craft took place at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 4th inst., on the occasion of the installation, as Worshipful Master, of Bro. Alford Greenham S.W., who had been unanimously elected to succeed Bro. John Bailey in the chair. The ceremony of installation was performed, in a skilful and impressive manner, by Bro. F. Newman P.M. P.P.G.S.W., and afterwards Bro. Greenham appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Bailey I.P.M., William Judd S.W., Frank Rayner J.W., Rev. George Avery Chaplain, Francis Cooper P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Lewis Colenutt Secretary, Charles H. Moorman S.D., Arthur F. Swayne J.D., William Deeks D.C., John W. Cantlow I.G., John B. Middleton Organist, Francis Cooper P.M. S.S., William Thompson J.S., William J. Mew Tyler. The Worshipful Master then presented to Bro. Newman, in the name of the members of the Lodge, a handsome timepiece, of novel construction, being in the form of a lighthouse with revolving light, the clock face and aneroid barometer coming into view alternately. The W.M., in the course of an eloquent speech, said the future history of the Chine Lodge would ever be associated with the name of Bro. Newman. He referred to his efforts in connection with the Masonic Hall, which would ever remain as a memento of his Masonic generosity. In the early days of the Lodge he worked unceasingly on its behalf, and for two years filled the chair. They did not select a Masonic jewel for presentation, as Bro. Newman already possessed one from the Chine Lodge, and they would remember that when it was resolved to present it Bro. Dr. Dabbs, with his accustomed generosity, insisted on bearing the whole cost of it, and thus to acknowledge the valuable aid rendered to him during his year of office by Bro. Newman. The presentation was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Newman. Before the Lodge was closed several new members were proposed. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Daish's Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was served under the supervision of Mrs. Tizard. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the number of brethren present was so large that several were accommodated in an adjoining room. Bro. General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, Past Grand Warden of England, in responding to the toast of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Officers of Grand Lodge, complimented the W.M. on the marked ability he had shown in carrying out his duties that day. He had visited many Lodges in the Island, but he must admit that the Chine Lodge had the most convenient building he had seen for holding a Lodge meeting, and this he attributed to the fact that it had been designed by Bro. Newman. Bro. A. R. Holbrook P.M. proposed the P.G. Master Bro. Beach, M.P., the D.P.G.M. Bro. Le Fenve, and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, to which Bros. Faulkner P.P.G.S.W. and F. Cooper P.G.S. replied. The health of the W.M. was given in eulogistic terms by Bro. Dr. Dabbs, the senior Past Master of the Lodge, and was received with acclamation. Several toasts followed, and the proceedings were interspersed by some capital vocal selections.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No 147.—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Present:—Bros. Penrose W.M., Prior S.W., Dandridge J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Mansfield S.D., Thomas J.D., Miller I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, Greener, Catt, Walters. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Greener candidate. Lodge was then called off; on resuming it was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Catt personating the candidate. Bro. Prior S.W. was elected Wor. Master for the ensuing Thursday, and all business being ended Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall Street, City, on Wednesday, 3rd inst. Bros. Saint W.M., Hunter S.W., Gildersleve J.W., Davey D., Belchamber P., Murrell I.G., Pitt Secretary, Cubitt, D. Moss, H. Moss, King, Lashbrook, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Moss candidate. Bro. D. Moss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moss also rehearsed the fifth section in the form of a lecture, which gave great pleasure and instruction to the brethren. Bro. H. Moss 1668, W. Hunter 205, and Murrell 193, were elected

members. Bro. Hunter was elected Worshipful Master for next meeting. All labour ended Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday, at 7 o'clock.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on the 8th inst. Present:—Bros. Dixie W.M., Hancock S.W., Fluck J.W., Ware S.D., Kirk J.D., Keogh I.G., Weeden acting Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary, and several other brethren. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White acting as candidate. Bro. White answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. The first, second, and third sections of the first lecture were then worked. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for Monday next, and the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 355.—The usual weekly meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Friday, 4th inst. The V.W. Grand Secretary Bro. F. Binckes P.G.W., in his usual able manner, rehearsed the ceremony of consecration, he being ably assisted as D.C. by Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. Old Kent Lodge (T.I.) and supported by the whole of the Officers and members of the parent Lodge, and a great number of brethren from other Lodges. Nine brethren were proposed and elected as members, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Secretary, the meeting was adjourned until Friday, 19th inst., at seven o'clock, when the W.M. of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 4, will preside as W.M., supported by the Officers of that Lodge in their respective chairs. After labour came refreshment, which was provided in faultless style by Messrs. Weyers and Cole, at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury-square, and was heartily enjoyed by the brethren (to the number of 25) who participated. In consequence of the slight indisposition of Bro. Mather Preceptor, the chair was taken by Bro. Binckes, the two Wardens of the parent Lodge supporting him as Vice-Presidents, and after spending a very happy time, under the genial presidency of the Grand Secretary, the meeting dissolved. We observed present to support Bro. Binckes Bros. J. L. Mather P.M. Old Kent (T.I.) Preceptor, D. P. Cama W.M. Percy Lodge, C. Pulman P.G.I.G. P.M. 139, J. T. Briggs W.M. Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, J. D. Birkin W.M. 284, A. G. Fidler S.W. 284, Graham P.M. 284, Carter P.M. 139; W. M. Stiles S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., G. Gregory M.O., W. Dickey S.D., Mordey Reg. of Marks, A. H. Scurrah J.D., G. Dickinson D.C., M. J. Rowley I.G., F. W. Haddlesstone Organist, all of 355; S. H. Parkhouse S.D. 211, S. P. Carterson M.O. 234, H. J. Davis I.G. 357, J. W. Beeglymer 223, T. C. Edmonds S.D. 139, G. Emblin S.D. 239, C. J. B. Knightley Secretary 355.

To-day (Saturday) has been appointed for the private view of the Spring Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 15th instant.

"The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1886" is the title of a new Masonic lecture, which Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. announces as ready for delivery in Master Masons' Lodges and Lodges of Instruction.

In Memoriam.

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BRO. JOHN BEAUFOY ALFRED MOORE.

It was with very great regret that we received the intelligence of the demise of Bro. John Beaufoy Alfred Moore, for many years the esteemed proprietor of Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, one of the most historical hotels in Fleet Street. This event occurred on Friday, the 5th instant. Brother Moore was in the full enjoyment of health on the preceding Wednesday, but on returning home that evening he was taken suddenly ill in a cab, and expired about half past one o'clock on the Friday. Bro. Moore was only 65 years of age, and his sudden removal has caused a profound sense of sorrow amongst a wide circle of friends, especially the habitués of "the Cheese," the famous resort in years gone by of Boswell, Johnson, and a host of other celebrities in literature and art. Brother Moore was a member of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, and manifested considerable interest in the Craft and its doings. The funeral cortège left Maida Vale at eleven o'clock on Thursday forenoon, and proceeded to St. Mark's Church, where the burial service was read by Canon Duckworth. The coffin was literally buried in wreaths and crosses, sent by loving hands as a last tribute of respect and affection. From Maida Vale the funeral procession wended its way to Brompton Cemetery, which was reached at half-past twelve o'clock, and here the impressive rites of the Church of England were concluded in the presence of a large circle of sorrowing spectators.

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, 13th FEBRUARY.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manche-ter, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In.)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, 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
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Blouy 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.)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 231—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.
- 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1990—Hampshire Lodge, Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1609—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
- R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square
- 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Guthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.

- 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Goob, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legion, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.
- R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster
R.A. 1281—Brent, Masonic Hall, Tottenham
M.M. 9—Fortesque, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rayl
R.C. 23—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Cedonia Hotel, Southampton-buys, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

- 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Bancroft, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
178—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Corner-street Hotel
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
534—Yarborough, Green Dragon Tavern, Brighton (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1330—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1341—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hunsay Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleonor, Trocaire, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dalhousie and East Brixton, at 9. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvements, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1348—Ebony, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1385—Clayton, White Hart Tavern, Clanton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abley, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferry and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bate, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1008—Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sharncliffe.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 116 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Roslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleonor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden

- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 761—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
20—United Mariners, The Lizard, 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.)
110—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
171—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, St. Mark's Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)
335—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst.)
619—Beacon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
729—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Lambeth-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
822—Whittington, Red Lion, Cannon-street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1285—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.30 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gile-gall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 165 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1597—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 9 (Inst.)
1634—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In.)
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Islington, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Loughborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)

1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Cornwall, Tower Hall, Shoreditch
 R.C. 41—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 88—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Present, Lancashire
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Ridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
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 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall Westgate, Shipley
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 756—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 818—Roya, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Rockliffe Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Briehouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Rumsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Sloughwaite
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1797—Southdown, Hurlpieroint, Sussex
 1971—A drish t Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Alershot
 1983—Mowdack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barnath, N. Wales

R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
 R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
 R.A. 137—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersen Rise, at 4
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitution, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 163—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Marcel ester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7. (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Phensant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 9. (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burpet Counts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 9. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8. (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 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.)
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 9. (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 507—United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Ben Accord, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Cornwall, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 93—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Daybury
 269—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyme
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Park, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Greenhill, St. Helens
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, 29 Bolton-street, Bolton
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Cliverton, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttrover
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 636—Orlo, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Bagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1511—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Deane House, Linlithgow
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Uxbridge, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Chesham
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 97—Street Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 M.M.—Canyages, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

Regulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 5—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Bruce, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King-street, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Arms Hotel, Chancery Hall, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 736—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 749—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Leamington. (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, Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1294—Royal Stanard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Chancery, at 8. (In)
 1385—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clanton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1780—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Portland-road, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moor's Tavern, Fish-street Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
 K.T. 43—Keme's Tente, 33 Golden Square, W.
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagen and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 401—Royal Forest, Park to Unity Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chiswick, Public Hall, Station Road, Uxbridge, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holnrich
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Davizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penrith
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Winborne
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 123—Callen er, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 19
 195—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Church Street, S.W., at 7. (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor and Jolly Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
 Sino Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. 347—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

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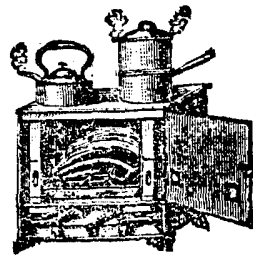
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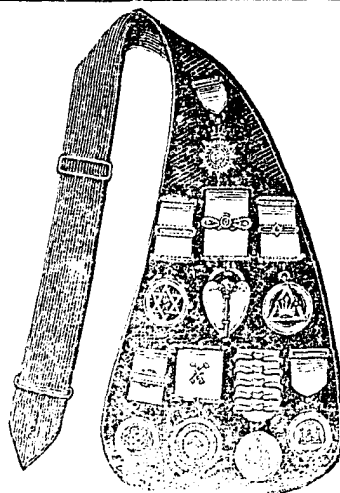
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