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FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, which has at its head the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, had 1114 members on the registers of its twenty-four Lodges at the time of the issue of the Calendar and Directory for the Province for the present year, distributed as follows:—

No.	Lodge	Meeting at	Members
51	Angel	Colchester	114
160	True Friendship	Rochford	49
214	Hope and Unity	Brentwood	36
276	Good Fellowship	Chelmsford	41
433	Hope	Brightlingsea	72
453	Chigwell	Chingford	30
650	Star in the East	Harwich	91
697	United	Colchester	93
1000	Priory	Southend	74
1024	St. Peter	Maldon	54
1280	Walden	Saffron Walden	18
1312	St. Mary	Bocking	31
1343	St. John	Grays	41
1437	Liberty of Havering	Romford	29
1457	Bagshaw	Loughton	34
1543	Roslyn	Dunmow	23
1734	Trinity	Rayleigh	34
1799	Arnold	Walton on Naze	47
1817	St. Andrew's	Shoeburyness	42
1977	Blackwater	Maldon	59
2005	Brooke	Chingford	18
2006	Tilbury	Grays	26
2063	St. Osyth's Priory	Clacton-on-Sea	46
2077	Epping	Epping	12

These figures show an average of nearly fifty members for each Lodge, and when we consider the number of Lodges in the Province, this is unquestionably a large average. The Province has the advantage of being near the Metropolis, and two or three of its Lodges may be said to really consist of London men, who, as in many other parts, combine Freemasonry with pleasure, to the extent of holding their meetings where they can enjoy a few hours' change among the green fields, as a break in the monotony of every day life in the Great City. The Masonry they practise is no worse on this account, as any one paying a visit to Essex, or looking to what is done by the several Lodges in the Province for the course of charity, could easily prove; indeed, we feel we may refer to Essex as a Province whose actions are worthy of imitation by others. There are some of the best Masons of the kingdom enrolled among its members, as well as some of the warmest supporters of the Masonic Institutions; there is therefore little cause for surprise that it should be to the front among its fellows.

In Royal Arch Masonry Essex is somewhat behind. Its Provincial Grand Chapter was constituted in 1883, and now has for its Superintendent Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar England. The Provincial Calendar gives a list of four subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 112, distributed as follows:

No.	Chapter	Meeting at	Members
51	Patriotic	Colchester	40
214	Hope and Unity	Chingford	23
276	Essex	Chelmsford	23
1000	Priory	Southend	26

This, considering the proportions of the Craft degree in the county, is but a poor show, but doubtless the brethren of Essex are acting as they think best in confining nearly the whole of their attention to the three degrees of Craft

Masonry, and so long as they attend to those as they are now doing there will be no cause for accusing them of being behind in their support of the Craft.

Mark Masonry is worked in Essex in three Lodges, the Constantine, No. 145, meeting at Colchester (51 members); the Beaconsfield, No. 205, meeting at Walthamstow (11 members); and the Chelmer Lodge, No. 342, meeting at Chelmsford (27 members). These three Lodges are included in the Mark Province of East Anglia, which comprises the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridge, and which is under the Provincial Mastership of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker P.G.M.M.M.

The Charity work of the Province is entrusted to a Committee, consisting of the Provincial grand Master and his Deputy, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary and four other Officers—three past and one present (the senior of whom retires each year at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, when a present Provincial Officer is elected in his stead). All Essex Vice-Patrons or Vice Presidents of either of the three great Masonic Charities, and one member from each Lodge in the Province, elected annually on the day of installation of the Worshipful Master. The co-operation of members of the Province is invited on the subject of votes for the Charities, and brethren are requested to send their proxies to the Provincial Grand Secretary, in order that they may be polled, exchanged or lent, on behalf of the County. We do not know to what extent the brethren have united their powers, but Essex has been able to do exceedingly well at many of the elections of the past, and this can only be done where united action is adopted. The Calendar for the year concludes with a list of subscribers to the Institutions, showing the number of votes held by each. From this we gather the following summary,

Votes held by	Boys	Girls	Male	Female	Total
Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M. & Prov. G.L.	47	53	35	21	156
Private Lodges	91	77	64	68	303
Chapters	7	8	10	6	31
Individual Subscribers	500	445	306	352	1603
	648	583	415	447	2093

In conclusion, we can but express a hope that the Province of Essex may continue to flourish, and that the brethren who comprise it may long maintain the reputation it at present enjoys.

THIS IS MASONRY.

An oration before the Grand Lodge of California, 14th October 1885, by Rev. William A. Knighten, Grand Orator.

THE duty of this hour is the honest reflection of this body upon the principles underlying our noble Order, the objects for which we maintain its institutions, and a glance at the hopes we entertain for its future.

First.—To be a Mason, a man must have a desire to hear, and see, and know some truths hidden from the view of other men; to find a mystery of value to the heart and mind unknown before.

Second.—That desire must be intelligently directed. The surroundings of a Mason must be able to enlighten and develop the manly qualities of the man.

Third.—To be a Mason, man must be a temple. In him must live, as active agencies, all the highest mental and moral qualities. He must be able to love, to obey, and to be truthful. These are eternal principles. Time and the grave can never touch them.

Fourth.—A man must be progressive. If we have a dogma, this is it. We accept the great doctrine of Masonic evolution, and advocate a special order of advancement. We move along all the lines of usefulness that God has ordained in all His laws. Each individual must march with his elbow touching a brother, and with his eyes expectantly fixed upon the sublime work of self conquest.

Masonry has not lost her high ambitions. New stars are nightly beaming down upon her "wise men," and new gifts are coming to the birth of her new and mighty truths.

Some have thought us fogies and have declared our mission ended, but the fields of higher usefulness and destiny still open up before us. Along the path of centuries Masonry has been the friend of progress. It opened the secret vaults of Hiram of Tyre, and gave a field for his genius, wealth, and ambition, making his name immortal by associating it with Hiram Abif and our Grand Master, King Solomon, and the Temple of his God. It took the Queen of Sheba and the royal caravans of the East, and stood them before his temple, that they might witness the glory of its architecture and the wisdom that planned it. It has ever gathered about its altars the noblest and best of souls.

The friends of Masonry have been the benefactors of the race. They have championed every cause dear to the poor, the ignorant, and the oppressed, and have many times fought the battles of human liberty against the votaries of superstition and tyranny. They have been the friends of learning. Art, science, and literature have often lit their torches at our altar fires. They have always borne aloft the banner of religious liberty. From age to age the light of divine truth has been shining upon her altars; and, with consistent and steady march, she has taught the world the great lessons of liberal thought. Not a religious institution, we have guarded the word of God more closely than our traditions, and have preserved its golden pages beneath our heads and hid its teachings in our hearts.

It is said that Alexander had the Iliad of Homer bound in gold and placed nightly beneath his pillow. So do we with this eternal word. He read of Trojan heroes and their struggles with the Greeks. We read of the victories of truth and the stately marches of its friends. This word greets the eyes first opened into the realms of true Masonic life. Masonry has no creed, but all creeds may bow around its common altar. In the deep and far-reaching plans of God for the moral and spiritual uplifting of the human mind, Masonry seems to have been one among His divine purposes, plainly indicated on the great trestle-board of time.

When this nation struggled for its rights among the greater powers around it, Masons stood by their open Bibles with their unlifted swords. Washington and Lafayette were bound by its sacred ties, and lived and died as the noblest types of manhood in this or any other age. It has not alone manifested its power in the defence of right upon the field of battle, but, during the pursuits of peace, it has fostered every interest of mankind. The plans of this Fraternity are intended for the world to-day, and for the ages yet unborn. It reaches across all lines of race, colour, and clime, and touches the industries, the commerce, the arts, the learning, and the social and national relations of all countries. It has helped to subjugate and control error, and has aided in the enlightenment of ignorance. It embraces in its teachings the wisdom and experience of Solomon, the ardent love of John the Evangelist, and the integrity and patriotism of Washington. It strives to restrain all personal prejudices, control all warring passions, and bring out into clear and beautiful review the highest, noblest and best of moral jewels in the soul. It is an arm of protection about virtue, and a sword and shield about virginity. It has for its aim the eternal uplifting and approximation of man to an ideal higher than nature has yet produced—a manhood after the will, and subject to the perfect government of God. It means to apply the square of its principles to the rough asblars of humanity, and, with the chisel of wisdom and genius, bring a polished, shining stone into that ever living,

imperishable building of God—that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The world is full of ruined enterprises. Cities, theories, creeds, statutes, and even nations have passed away. It is said that time proves all things. It has tested many of man's inventions, and they have melted in the crucible of its touch, like the enemies of the Hebrew children in the furnace of their own construction. The errors of Pharaoh were washed with him from his chariot in the billows of the sea. The ruins of Troy are the monuments that tell of the lust of Paris. The dust of the desert has drifted across the heathen temples of Thebes and Palmyra, and the mighty walls of Nineveh have long since slept unnoticed save by the excavator who digs amid her ruins. The mythology of Greece has come down from the Olympian heights, and the ephemeral thrones of their visionary deities have been buried for centuries from the belief of men.

So the world moves on, with grander marches up the heights of reason, faith and hope, toward the higher goal of God's higher purposes in its creation. Errors still grow old and dusty, and are laid away in the vaults along the wayside of the years. The wrong assumptions of our enemies, their egotistical anathemas, and their evil prophecies, have marched back with the long procession of the fossiliferous departed. Human progress has stood beside these sepulchres and inquired the causes. Down from the echoing corridors of history has come the true response—man's ignorance and sin. Error in man's moral temple weakened its structure. Decay and change crumbled it away. Blind reason sought the realms of faith and found its grave in the deep, dark wilderness of superstition. Masonry has stood beside them all in the calmness of delightful contemplation.

I seem, my brethren, to be standing in the vestibule of some great temple. It is grand in all its vast proportions. The architecture is superb. Its foundations are deeply laid. Every stone has passed the plumb and square of some master mind. Every column has been turned and polished for its royal stand in the processions of its long and spacious halls. Every arch stands richly inlaid with keys and cappings firmly bound. The cornice is gilded. Its domes rise high above the ruins of man's other plans, and gold-tipped spires lift their shining heads from dizzy heights, and first salute the rising of the sun. I stand beside its altars, and seem to see its burning tapers and the rising incense. I hear the voice of prayer. This, my brethren, is Masonry.

I hear the tread of increasing multitudes as the years go by. The wisest and best of each successive generation come and go. One is a kingly form. He comes from the throne, and with majestic tread ascends the stairs and takes the place of honour in the East. Here is another. He is the master workman and the widow's son. Famed in the hearts of kings for genius above his age, he takes his place as counsellor to the king. Hiram Abif and Solomon are here. Now comes the third, a man of Tyre, gorgeous in the gold that glitters in his crown and sparkles on the border of his kingly robe. Here is one standing by the lighted tapers. He is looking at the measurement of ethereal walls, and counting the multitudes along the shores of eternal streams. He hears the music of the upper worlds, and looks upon the temples of the shining hills. This is John the Evangelist.

Years have passed. Now comes a man with the tools of all the Craft. He toils amid the labourers of his age, and leaves his monuments in shapely domes and marble columns till a kingdom repeats his praises. This, my brethren, is Sir Christopher Wren, the great London architect. There is silence for a time. Then comes a form—tall, graceful, and with an imperial glance. He takes his stand near the East. He has just sheathed the sword. He now pauses near the altar, then he passes down the halls. This, my brethren, is the Father of his Country. There are multitudes like these whose feet have walked these holy isles. Franklin, Garfield, Starr King and Thomas Guard have passed the open door, and rest their weary feet beneath the green acacia. Noble deeds have borne aloft the banner of our Order, and unveiled characters have stood about our altars like stars above us in the night of human life.

This temple is composed of eternal elements.—A true Mason is one at heart. Here is the throne of Speculative Masonry—the real seat of Masonic life. It carries into a man's soul the priceless jewel of friendship, and brings

from his inner life the flowings of its pure and living fountains. It is no argument against Masonry that the covenant unites only those who take it. This is true of all human organizations. The bond is world-wide and its tenure for ever, and the heart of every true Mason beats responsive to humanity's call, while, with the mystic trowel, his hand is ever ready to spread the cement of Friendship and Brotherly love. We have a key to the arches of this temple that never shall be shaken by the storms and changes of time. It is charity. Deeply inlaid with jewelled tears of gratitude, and embalmed in our Masonic covenant, it sheds the lustre of its brilliance upon the world. Speak it not to your left hand, but let the angels tell your deeds of love, where the incense of true devotion rises for ever from the altars of our spiritual temple—where God, our Supreme Grand Master, for ever presides. Where is it seen? Where is its earthly whisper heard? Where is the quiet tread of its footfall? Go, angel of inquiry, to the bedside of the sick, and place your ear upon the pillow of the dying. Go, angel, to the distressed widow and fatherless children. Go to the grave of the loved one and there see the light of this holy virtue shining from the windows of the soul. Where there is sorrow to need sympathy, where there is need to call for relief, where there is wrong to be made right, and where there is darkness to be made light, there let the beams of this divine sun fall from our Order for ever and for ever.

Washington Irving says that "Dionysius, the tyrant, conscious of the disaffection and enmity of his subjects, became suspicious and distrustful even of the courtiers that surrounded him. He had a cave near his palace arranged in the form of an ear. He then caused them to be placed therein, while he would station himself in a secret place and listen. He could hear the faintest whisper." Love needs no such safeguards. It hears and tells only truth. This is true Masonic greatness. Here is a secret tie stronger than death—a Gordian knot that no impetuous Alexander has yet been born to cut. This is the sacred fire, like that of the temple service, that will never expire; and this, my brethren, is a secret reason why Masonry will never die.

Masonry has no secrets that can injure the world. All its secrets as an Order tend to promote the universal good. It is said that an Emperor once built a palace of glass, that all might see him in his private life, and that he placed it on a hill, to allay the suspicions of his subjects. We do not need these outward displays. We take the simplest of the heart's expressions of secret faith. This is an essential element of our strength. How quietly the heart can trust its friends—how strongly it can hold its forces upon the soul! There is no miracle in the universe grander than the silent influences of the soul of man. Atoms, worlds, stars, suns, and constellations are swung in their grand harmonious circles, and have been kept in their most sublime and orderly marches, night and day, since "the morning stars first sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Faith is more subtle. It enters the deep places of thought and searches the hidden realms of mind for the solution of eternal problems. It reaches the depths of the past and peers into the mysterious and unfathomed future for the purposes of its life. It takes hold of the present and its wonderful hopes and relationships, and gathers the fragments of earth's broken urn, and lights the fires of eternal affection anew in the world of spirits far beyond the stars. Thus, my brethren, we are as a family in the world, looking for security of the earthly and present good of all mankind, and also waiting for the opening of the eternal doors, when the immortal Tyler shall let us enter upon a grander life.

We need frequently to look at qualities.—Forms of the ritual and the externals of the profession do not fill the requirements of Masonic life. We must look higher than all our symbols for the true import of our Masonic obligation. We must search the motives. They must be laid upon the conscience and be measured by the highest sense of duty. Any candidate for these honours, at these sacred altars, should first desire to be a better man; better innately; better in every high and manly resolution; better in every relationship to the brethren of the Craft; better in every aim as a part of the moral structure to which you belong and of which we form a part. Bound more intimately than any other human society, we must all be honoured in the success of one, or pained and injured by the failures of one. We are to be a building.

Motives to moral excellence should always be growing

stronger. Our moral qualities are the true centres of our highest strength. There must be fidelity to the cause. The noblest of the Craft have been shining out this highest virtue upon the shrine of Masonry down to the present day. The first lesson of this brotherhood gathers its force from a character illustrious by fidelity. Death for a principle. Death for the protection of truth, innocence, and love. Here gathers the other moral excellencies, as stars in groups.

The strength of the human will is involved.—What words of mystic power in the "I will," "I do," "I am" of Masonry. No terms of equal force are found in all the grasp of human thought. The reason, the emotions, the conscience, have left the destiny of society at the feet of this supreme authority, and have waited for its assent. In the consciousness of an abiding conviction, we have placed ourselves upon this border-land of infinity and asserted our will of devotion and consecration to this sublime Order. The greatest care of Masons should ever be to strengthen this, man's noblest gift. Enforced by all the faculties of the mind and body, let it carry in its divine supremacy all power in the resistance of evil. Morally stand firm. This will is up beside the throne of Freemasonry. In fact, it presides here over every virtue we are called upon to defend or reveal, and it stands by the eternal throne, in the inner temple of the universe. The great object of this institution is to make strong men. While we may help the weak, it is also intended to raise the standard of character higher than the mere fancy of illiterate and corrupt, or dissipated and flattering society.

What grander mission than that of the strong arm, thinking brain, and increasing wealth, guided by a broad plan, a keen eye, and a high determination to help the helpless and comfort the comfortless! What better method than organised thought and heart and will! Cromwell was right, when he found the gold and silver images of saints standing in the church, to command them to be made into coins and distributed to the poor. The work of all the Craft is toward this one divine achievement. The return of necessity is the common expectation of all generations. The consecrations of the strong are the remedies that God has prepared for that certain day or hour. Fountains are falling from the clouds and creeping from the edges of eternal snows, to pour in cataracts down to the bedsides of the suffering; but there must be somewhere a friendly hand to give a "cup of cold water to one of these." Times of darkness, like prowling enemies, sometimes come to the threshold and fling their long deep shadows across our loved ones and our homes, but the attentive ear must hear the sighs, the faithful breast must beat with sympathy, and, with fleet foot and rapid wing and angel purpose, come to smile away our gloom.

So the young, brave and strong, led the aged and trembling King Solomon up the stairs of "three, five and seven." So in the recruiting ranks of this illustrious Grand Lodge of California. The gallery of bright and noble faces will increase in numbers out by the stairway. New faces will be seen, and other feet will walk these sacred halls. They will move along the great highways of the future to bear the burdens and meet the responsibilities of the Order, and to imitate the virtues of those who have gone before.

Brethren, look at the uprisings of opportunity. Every step taken in the rapid development of the State, every advance in her material resources, in her commercial relationships, in her mental and moral progress, brings some new possibility to the Craft. New charters, new halls, new initiates, and new necessities are coming rapidly up together. Let us, then, go out from this our annual convocation with higher resolves for the work of the coming year. With our attachments all made stronger, our hopes more firmly knit about the sublime destinies of the future, and our memories refreshed with the treasured glories of our illustrious departed; let us go to the places of our labour in the temples of the Craft.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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Old Warrants (L).

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"Athol," No. 323 from 1801, No. 410 from 1814, No. 282 from 1832, and No. 232 from A.D. 1863. (Vide Hughan's "Masonic Register," 1878).

ZETLAND, Gr. M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and Loving Brethren.



Seal.

Mr, THOMAS DUNDAS, Earl of Zetland, Baron Dundas,
Of Zetland in the County of Perth, &c., &c.,

Grand Master,

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

Send Greeting:

Whereas, it appears by the Records of our GRAND LODGE that on the 4th day of March 1801, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorizing and empowering them and their lawful successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the City of Calcutta in the East Indies, and which was accordingly opened and is now holden under the Title or denomination of

"The Marine Lodge."

And was then registered in our Grand Lodge No. 282. Books No. 323, but by the alteration of numbers consequent on the Union of the two Fraternities on the 27th December 1813 became No. 410 and by the general alteration or closing up of numbers in the year 1832 became and is now registered in our Grand Lodge Books No. 282.

And whereas it hath been represented to us by our trusty and well beloved Brethren JOHN CHAUNCE the Master of the said Lodge, JOHN GRAY S.W., CHARLES MCAFEE J.W., FREDERICK G. SIDDONS P.M., BENJAMIN W. LAZARUS P.M. JOHN J. L. HOFF P.M. and others the Members thereof that the said Warrant hath by time and other circumstances become defaced and illegible, and they being desirous that the Lodge should continue to be holden in a regular and constitutional manner have prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation.

Now know ye that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of their request and of the confidence reposed in the said Brethren do hereby grant this Our Warrant of Confirmation authorizing them and their regular successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Calcutta aforesaid on such days and at such times as shall to the Brethren appear necessary and be regulated by their By-Laws duly made in conformity with the general Laws of the Craft, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World and further at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren. We do declare the said JOHN CHAUNCE to be the Master of the said Lodge, the said JOHN GRAY to be the Senior Warden, and the said CHARLES MCAFEE to be the Junior Warden, for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed. Strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden of a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his Office. And we do require you the said JOHN CHAUNCE to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all other which may from time to time be made by Our Grand Lodge, transmitted by us or Our Successors, Grand Masters, or by Our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors, Grand Masters or to the Right Honorable CHARLES ANDERSON WORSLEY PELHAM LORD WORSLEY, &c., &c., &c., Our Deputy Grand Master or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a List of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this Our Warrant shall continue in force for so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said JOHN CHAUNCE are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in future of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge a London, this 4th July A.D. 5846, J.M. 1846.

By command of the M.W. GRAND MASTER,

WORSLEY, D. G. M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE,

Gr. S.

[True copy of warrant under which Lodge Marine, No. 232, E.C., is at present working. Copied by Brother P. C. Dutt P.M. 234, P.D.G.D.C. Bengal.—Ed. F.C.]

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 14th April, when there were present Bros. R. C. Prickett W.M., J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., R. Dowsett P.M. acting S.W., H. Creed J.W., B. W. Bennett acting S.D., W. Hickie J.D., Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, W. Cordrey acting I.G., F. Brown acting D.C., P.M. E. Margrett; also Bros. Kemp, Tegg, Sherwin, Smallwood, Parkes, E. W. Ridley, and S. Knight. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. nominated Bro. J. T. Stransom as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. W. Hickie then brought forward his motion that it is desirable greater facilities be afforded to the brethren for perfecting themselves in Masonic ritual, and explained his views in support of the motion; he considered that a Committee should be appointed to arrange the best means of carrying the same into effect, and that the Permanent Committee be called on to consider the question. This was seconded by Bro. H. Creed J.W., who stated the object of Brother Hickie was to create a greater interest in the working of the business of the Lodge, and that the members should feel they have every opportunity afforded them to perfect themselves in the ritual. Carried. Bro. Creed J.W., proposed, on behalf of Bro. P.M. Pulley, that a Committee be formed for the purpose of furthering the election of Bro. P.M. Freeman's son into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the Committee should consist of the Permanent Committee, and that they meet next Wednesday at seven o'clock. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried. Bro. Bennett proposed, and Bro. Hickie seconded, a gentleman as a candidate for initiation. The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

THERE was a goodly muster of members and Visitors at the annual meeting of this young but prosperous Lodge, held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday afternoon, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. A. Scurrah. Just at this season of the year, when Nature is donning its summer livery, a trip into the country is most enjoyable, especially when pleasure is combined with duties of an equally congenial character. Thus the prettily-situated rendezvous at Harrow has become a favourite resort of the brethren of "ye mystic tie," several Lodges having been attracted to this locality. Saturday was an ideal "May-day," i.e., whilst the sun was above the "golden West," and the neatly-kept lawn of the Railway Hotel furnished ample means of recreation for those who sought mental and physical exercise upon the greensward. The accessibility of Harrow from town brought several City friends, and when Lodge was opened, soon after three o'clock, the room was comfortably filled. The W.M. was supported by Bros. C. J. Axford S.W., P. Cheek J.W., C. P. McKay P.M. 720 Secretary, R. M. Surridge S.D., W. H. Burgess J. D., Harry Webb I.G., S. Reece, and A. H. Scurrah Stewards; John Read P.M. 720 Organist, W. M. Stiles P.M. (honorary), Jas. Very Tyler, A. W. Wace, H. W. Parker, E. J. Sadgrove, W. D. Dickenson, J. Dolling, E. R. Clunn, J. Measor (Vice-President of the Girls' School), H. T. Gurner, J. Stubbings, F. C. Joseph, A. W. Gerrard, W. H. Maguire, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Jenner W.M. 1964, Edwin Storr P.M. 179, A. J. Fidler W.M. 754, J. V. Baggi, J. Trongi, and J. J. Churchill 776, C. J. Knightley 1744, C. Smith 1328, T. R. Chamley 141, H. Dickey S.W. 1744, H. F. Sheppard 701, H. Sillis 957, and others. Lodge was opened with the regular formalities, when, the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was advanced to the third, and Bros. H. Thornton Gurner and J. Trongi, of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, were raised to the sublime degree (the latter by request of Bro. Lovegrove P.M. and Treasurer), the ceremony being most admirably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. W. R. Nelson, of Milton Street, E.C., who had been proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Bro. R. M. Surridge; Mr. Nelson Barry, of Gresham Street, E.C., whose sponsors were the same; Mr. J. W. Ryder, of Crouch End, nominated by Bro. W. H. Burgess, and seconded by Bro. C. Stevens; and Mr. T. A. Nixon, proposed by Bro. Burgess, and seconded by Bro. H. Webb. All were unanimously elected, and Messrs. Nelson, Nixon, and Ryder, being in attendance, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Advancing to the second degree, Bro. Charles Stevens was passed, all the ceremonies being performed in such a manner as to reflect the highest credit on the abilities of the W.M. and the working of the Lodge generally. The brethren proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, their choice falling unanimously on Bro. C. J. Axford, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the preceding twelve months. Bro. H. Lovegrove P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treas., and Bro. James Very Tyler. In consequence of the delay on the part of the other candidates for raising (Bros. Hugh Maguire and J. Stubbings), it was found impossible to get through with the formidable agenda in time to enable the brethren to enjoy comfortably "refreshment after labour;" and the W.M. considerably deferred these ceremonies to an emergency meeting, the date of which will be duly intimated. Bros. Joseph, Parker, and Clunn were appointed as the Audit Committee for the ensuing year. Hearty good wishes were interchanged, and Lodge was closed in due form. It should be mentioned that the musical portions of the ceremonies were efficiently rendered by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. J. Read P.M. 720. Notwithstanding that the company made their appearance at the banquet-table more than a hour later than they had been expected, an excellent repast was spread by Bro. Hamlin, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests were eminently satis-

factory. The amenities of the evening were sustained in most lively fashion, the Initiates coming in for a reception that is characteristic of the Henry Levander Lodge. The W.M., in proposing "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the Craft," coupled with it the names of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, Earl Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. Owing to the limited time at the disposal of the brethren, he refrained from making any lengthened remarks in connection with the toast, merely observing that the affairs of Grand Lodge were admirably administered by the rulers of the Craft. He then gave the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present. He believed no more worthy Masons or courteous gentlemen existed than those whom he had named, nor were there any who had Freemasonry more thoroughly at heart in the Province of Middlesex. All the Grand Officers had done their duty thoroughly to the Province, and done it admirably well. They had been that evening favoured by the presence of two Provincial Grand Officers, though one of them—their worthy Senior Warden and W.M. elect—had been obliged to leave early. The other, Brother A. G. Fidler, was well known and highly esteemed. He had not known Bro. Fidler for a very long time, but had learned to respect him greatly. He was a quiet, unobtrusive, courteous brother, thoroughly up in the Ritual of Freemasonry, and all that pertained to it. Bro. Fidler, in acknowledging the toast, felt extremely grateful for the kind way in which it had been proposed and received by the brethren; he was sure their excellent Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy highly appreciated the reception which was invariably accorded to their names on occasions like the present. Individually, he thanked them for having associated him with the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, who were all animated with the best wishes for the success of the Henry Levander Lodge. Bro. C. P. McKay P.M. Secretary then assumed the gavel, and in proposing the health of the W.M., said Bro. Scourrah had admirably discharged the arduous duties pertaining to his genial work; in fact, he had accomplished that which no other W.M. had done in this Lodge, and what he feared no other W.M. could possibly achieve. He had been amongst the Charities, high and low, and had taken, he believed, the greatest amount from this Province that had been sent up for many years—about £140 or £150 more than any other Steward had been able to present upon his lists. Therefore, they had in their W.M. a brother who loved Freemasonry from first to last, and who intended to stand by it. He trusted Bro. Scourrah would stand by the Henry Levander Lodge after he had vacated the chair he now filled so worthily. He had shown that affability, that genial, hardworking style which the brethren were hunting for; and now they had so good a man it was their desire to keep him as long as they could. After he had passed the chair, he was one of those active, genial brethren that they would be most anxious to keep amongst them. They would drink to the health of their esteemed W.M. with all good feeling, and he hoped that at some future time they would be able to swell the amounts taken by him to the Charities, even more than they had done in the past. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and in responding, Bro. Scourrah W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily for the compliment they had paid him. He did not know that he could say anything new, or more than he had said on former occasions. He had already told them that the welfare of the Henry Levander Lodge was very dear to his heart, in consequence of his being one of its founders, and he was quite sure that interest would be sustained by him as long as his life should last. He could not let this opportunity pass without thanking all the Officers and brethren of the Lodge for the very kind manner they had acted towards him during the past year; for the way in which the Officers had assisted him in the work he had been called upon to do; and for the generosity and kindness with which every member of the Lodge had treated him. He felt it especially due to them to say this, being the last regular meeting over which he should preside as their W.M., and he would take the opportunity of tendering his very best and most grateful thanks to them for the kind manner in which all the Officers had upheld him in the duties which he had been called upon to perform. As he had said before, he had taken a great and deep interest in Freemasonry, and all that pertained to it. He honoured and admired the principles of the Craft, and held that they were not perfect Masons until they had gone into the Royal Arch. He therefore felt it a duty incumbent upon him to do something to form a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with this Lodge, so that each member of it, if they wished, could be introduced into a Chapter belonging to their own Lodge. He might say that, with the assistance of his dear old friend Bro. Stiles, he had been enabled to accomplish that object, and the matter was to be brought up at the Supreme Grand Council on the following Wednesday evening. He believed, from a communication he had received from that Council, the petition would be granted, and that they would have a Charter of Constitution for a Royal Arch Chapter. Perhaps to some this might seem a small matter, but he thought if they were as thoroughly conversant with Freemasonry as himself, and some other of the brethren around that board, they would feel it was a great privilege to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached to this their mother Lodge. He hoped that many of them—all, in fact, when they were eligible—would become Royal Arch Masons in their own Chapter. Referring to their Senior Warden, who had been compelled to leave them, he should have liked to have proposed his health in the ordinary way as the W.M. elect. It was done on the spur of the moment, as Bro. Axford was leaving the room, and they could not now do anything further; but he must be permitted to say that the brother who had been elected to the chair that day was eminently deserving of the honour. He was a thorough gentleman and a worthy Mason, and it would be within the remembrance of many that at this time last year Bro. Axford, in the most generous and Masonic manner, gave up his right,

as S.W. of the Lodge, to be elected W.M., in order that he (the speaker), as J.W., might be elected to that proud position. He took it as a very great privilege, and mark of respect on Bro. Axford's part, that he should have done this, and he would always remain in his memory as a good friend and brother, who acted in the most noble way towards himself. In the future he should, in return, do everything he possibly could to uphold Bro. Axford during his year of office, and as long as they lived and belonged to this Lodge, it would be his pride and privilege to afford him every assistance, and to show his gratitude to, and friendship for, the brother who so nobly manifested his friendship towards himself. He would simply add that, as he had done in the past, so he would endeavour in the future, to do all he could to further the interests of the Henry Levander Lodge, whether as I.P.M., one of the Past Masters, or in whatever office he might hold. It would ever be his pleasure and delight to uphold, and, if possible, to increase, the prestige of this Lodge. The next toast was a very important one; indeed, he might say it was the "toast of the evening," and that was the health of the Initiates. They all knew that in every society or institution, as years rolled on, that institution decreased in numbers, from various causes; many were taken away to foreign parts, others might be removed to the Grand Lodge above, and the members might be reduced to comparatively few. Therefore, it was necessary, in every institution, the membership should be kept up by the infusion of "fresh blood." If so in respect of any other community, how necessary was it in a Masonic body. This Lodge had only been in existence some two years, and, of course, when it commenced their roll was a short one. Gradually it increased, one by one, and two by two, until they arrived at a very fair number. This year he thought he was not wrong in saying he had had the pleasure of initiating eighteen members; and he was not only pleased at the fact that they had been so enabled to increase the numbers of the Lodge, but he believed they had not diminished the quality of it. All the new members brought in were thoroughly worthy and good men, and were proud additions to the strength of the Henry Levander Lodge. If he could say this with regard to those who had gone before, the remark applied equally to the three brethren who had been initiated to-day; they were thoroughly good, solid, genuine additions to the strength of the Lodge. He hoped they would prove by experience genuine Masons, and that they would never have cause to regret having been initiated in this Lodge. The toast having been heartily received, Bro. W. R. Nelson said, after the very interesting song to which they had just listened, from Bro. Joseph, the thought struck him that he and his brother initiates found themselves in a much happier position than did Joseph of old, seeing that they had more brethren. He thanked them for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and hoped he might verify the anticipations of their W.M. by becoming a worthy member of the Fraternity. Bro. J. W. Ryder also briefly returned thanks. This was his maiden attempt at public speaking, but he was pleased that he had an opportunity of returning thanks on such an occasion for a toast that had been so cordially received. He was very much pleased that he had come amongst them, and hoped that they would have no cause to regret having admitted him into their ranks. He should do all he could to acquire a knowledge of the Masonic art, and to increase and multiply the brethren of his Lodge, and he hoped in time to become a useful member of the Craft. The W.M. then gave a hearty welcome to the Visitors. They all knew that in every Lodge Visitors were welcome, and the Henry Levander was not backward in this respect. They were at all times delighted to see Visitors, and the more they had the better they liked it. For a night like this, not being an installation, he thought they had a goodly array, and, in the name of the Lodge, he stretched out the right hand of fellowship to them, saying how very pleased he was to see them, and hoping to have their presence on many a future occasion. He then enumerated the several brethren from other Lodges, and extolled their individual merits. Bro. Edwin Storr was much indebted for the kind way in which the brethren had received him. It was a pleasure to him to visit this Lodge, because he had the happy acquaintance and friendship of many of its members. Although it was not a very old Lodge, yet it showed admirable form, and set a bright example to those whose charter was much older. More especially, the members had characterised themselves by the indefatigable way in which they attended to the working, for which they were to be highly commended. He felt sure the members and future Officers would never be ashamed of the Lodge, or any lack of good working in it. He also thanked them for the very kind invitation they had given him, and the hearty reception they had accorded to the Visitors. He acknowledged the assistance given him by the W.M. and others when they met in the City, as they often did on Monday evenings, and trusted all the brethren would strive to make Freemasonry something more than a name. Their object was not to meet together merely for conviviality, but to try and do good, and to cement the bond of friendship between man and man. That he believed to be the very essence of Masonry. They heard a great deal about Charity, but if they acted truly and honourably towards each other Charity must necessarily come of itself. He was all the more pleased with his association with the members of this Lodge because he believed they tried to act up to the true principles of Masonry that he had indicated. He then mentioned the case of a widow for whom the brethren of his Lodge were endeavouring to secure the benefits of the "Old People's Home" at Croydon. Her late husband had been for forty-three years a subscriber to Grand Lodge, and she was now in the workhouse. Even if the brethren did not succeed in getting her into the Benevolent Institution, they would pension her out, so that she might pass the remainder of her days in comparative comfort. This intimation was received with prolonged applause. Bro. Dickey also responded. Having known this Lodge since its consecration, it was a pleasure to see how it had grown in numbers and influence, especially under the presidency of their present W.M. He congratulated them upon their working, and said no Lodge in London,

or in the Province of Middlesex, could do better. Bro. Knightley felt great pleasure in attending this Lodge, especially as their W.M. was one of his oldest friends; and Bro. H. Jenner complimented the brethren upon the quality, as well as the quantity, of the work done that day, and certainly they had had a lot of it. He should take back with him a very good report of the Lodge and its members to the various inhabitants of Harrow who happened to be Masons; and he should not be surprised if at some future time he brought with him a large contingent from the neighbourhood. Bro. Sheppard wished the Lodge God speed with their Royal Arch Chapter, and promised to do all he could to assist in it. He referred to Bro. Storr's efforts to get a widow into the Croydon Institution, and said if every brother would take Brother Terry's advice, and pay their guineas into the funds, it would be a great charity to those poor Masons and widows who were in need of it. He should carry away with him very pleasant reminiscences of his visit to Harrow that day. Time was now announced for the last returning train to town, and the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge, were simply proposed and acknowledged, the Tyler closing the proceedings in due form. Bros. Joseph, Reece, and other brethren varied the speeches of the evening with some excellent songs, and altogether a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

A MOST interesting meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th May, at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Bro. George Sercombe W.M., W. S. Westcott S.W., W. T. Horking J.W., L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Treasurer, J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Secretary, W. King S.D., F. Wreford J.D., H. D. Collings D.C., John Hick A.D.C., John Newman O., John Good Steward, J. H. Evans I.G., Edward Radden J.S., W. H. Phillips Tyler, T. King I.P.M., W. Lemon P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain 109 1205 2025, J. Griffen P.M. P.J.G.D., R. Pengelley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. J. Mosey P.M. P.J.G.D., John Du Pre P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. Rosweare P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Cornwall, J. R. Lord P.M. Sec. P.G.D. 970 1255, F. Goodall P.M. Sec. P.P.G.O. 1550 954, E. G. Bird P.M. 1550, P. L. Pears P.M. and Secretary 1247, Charles Pike P.M., A. E. Lean P.M., Alfred Davis 48. Visitors—Bro. Jacques Wynman 188, and several other brethren. Lodge opened with solemn prayer; after each Officer in rotation J.W. to I.P.M. had answered the usual questions, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Griffen (brother to P.M. Griffen), who was unanimously elected and initiated; the working was solemnly and impressively performed. Bro. Lemon intimated to the W.M. that he would act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and trusted that the brethren would support him. It was proposed by Bro. L. D. Westcott, and seconded by Bro. Gover, that the sum of ten guineas be voted to Bro. Lemon; this was unanimously agreed to. Nothing else offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned for light refreshment. The Loyal toast was duly honoured. Bro. Mosey and others responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. W. T. Westcott proposed the health of the W.M., which was received in grand Masonic style. The W.M. replied; he was proud of his position in such a Lodge, where he had the assistance of such an able body of Officers. The next toast was the health of the P.M.'s, the Secretary, Treasurer, and other Officers. Bro. Griffen replied for the P.M.'s, and the S.W. for the other Officers. The Secretary proposed the health of the Initiate, in a pleasant manner and amidst roars of laughter. The Initiate's reply was short, but good. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors; he was pleased to see a representative (Bro. Wynman) from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE amongst them. Bro. Wynman thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hospitality, and for the courtesy they had shown him in proposing his health, in connection with prosperity to this journal. Altogether a very pleasant and social evening was spent.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE members held their regular meeting on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, when there were present Bro. Dewnap W.M., Wall S.W., Botibol acting as J.W., Gardner S.D., Lenzberg I.G., Dodson P.M. D. of C., Hart Asst. D. of C., Rocco Chaplain, Coombs Steward, Lyon Treasurer, Lazarus P.M. Secretary; also Bros. Martin I.P.M., Spiegel P.M. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. Bott P.M. 1839, Stokes W.M. 1839, Benabo 212, Levy 212, Young 1601, Ridler 214, Seigenberg 1629. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Seigenberg, a candidate for raising, was duly entrusted after he had answered the usual questions to the satisfaction of the brethren present. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Seigenberg was raised. In the course of routine work it was decided to strike off the list of members the names of two brethren who were in arrears with their subscriptions. Bro. Spiegel as senior V.P. proposed that the Bye-laws of the Joppa Benevolent Fund be revised; this was seconded by Bro. Gardner S.D., and carried. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till the first Monday in October. The brethren then partook of a banquet, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and prepared under the superintendence of Bro. Silver, according to Jewish ritual. Fifty-two brethren sat down, and enjoyed themselves in brotherly love. The usual toasts were proposed, and loyal responses given. The health of the P.M.'s and the Joppa Benevolent Fund having been proposed and respectively responded to, the Visitors were complimented, Bros. Stokes, Bott, Siegenberg, Benabo and Young replying. A capital vocal entertainment was provided by Mr. Van Noorden jun. Miss Mabel Fraser played a solo on the violin, and secured an enthusiastic encore.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

THERE was a large and brilliant gathering of West Yorkshire brethren at the usual monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Monday evening, 3rd inst., at Leeds. The Worshipful Master (Bro. A. W. Youngs) was surrounded by his Officers and a goodly number of the members, whilst R.W. Bro. Tew P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Bros. Smith D.P.G.M., and many Provincial Officers were on the dais, including Bros. Winn, Beck, Furness, Crowe. Each of the remaining seven Lodges in the town was represented, either by the W.M. or the principal Officers. Bro. Youngs raised Bro. Balfour, M.P., to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in a manner which won the admiration of all who heard him. Bro. Jacques P.M. rendered him useful assistance. Afterwards the R.W. P.G.M. initiated into the mysteries of Masonry Mr. T. Greenwood Teale and Mr. Herbert Spinks, in his usual impressive manner. These duties having been performed to the satisfaction and delight of the crowded Lodge-room, hearty good wishes were exchanged and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. Bro. A. Wood, the Steward, had meanwhile prepared a sumptuous banquet, and one of the most pleasant evenings yet spent in this Lodge was enjoyed. There was no lack either of speech or song, and right heartily were the good things appreciated.

AMHURST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Amhurst Arms Hotel, Riverside, near Sevenoaks, on 1st inst., when there was a satisfactory muster of members and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Master Bro. C. J. Craig. He was supported by Bros. E. S. Strange S.W., J. J. Birch J.W., R. Durnell P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, W. Sparrowhawk S.D., P. Hamner J.D., J. Hamlin D. of C., F. P. Lee and P. Durnell Stewards, A. H. Lee I.G., W. South Tyler; P.M.'s E. J. Dodd P.P.G.O., A. W. Duret, C. J. Dodd, T. J. Baker, C. E. Bach, W. E. Banks, &c. Amongst the Visitors were E. W. J. Hennah P.M. 40 P.P.G.O. Sussex, T. C. Newsom P.M. 1692 P.G.S.B., W. A. Dawson P.M. and A. Richards W.M. 1768 (members of the Board of General Purposes), W. C. Banks P.M. 1768, S. W. Shaw P.M. 709, J. Alrey P.M. 1678, Warner W.M. Medway, G. H. Eddis 228, J. Wynman 188, J. W. Boulter, T. P. Grayson 272, Cleave 874, Wing 1674, S. L. Green 1414, J. Hillhouse 225, W. H. Making 1278, Drewitt, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, the ballot was taken for Mr. Leonard Geo. Smith, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Mac Greagh, who were duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being perfectly performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. W. A. Duret then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Edwin Sydney Strange, the Senior Warden for the past year, for the benefit of installation. The very interesting ceremony was performed in admirable style, and after the newly-installed Worshipful Master had been greeted and saluted with the customary honours, he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. C. J. Craig I.P.M., J. J. Birch S.W., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., R. Durnell P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.P.G.O. Secretary, A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., P. S. Durnell D. of C., C. Hooker Asst. D. of C., A. Ross Organist, T. Baker W.S., W. Lloyd Asst. W.S., S. Hall Standard Bearer, W. South Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren and visitors dined together, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master being enthusiastically received. The Visitors paid the Lodge a high tribute of appreciation, both for its working and hospitality, the toast being replied to by Bro. E. W. J. Hennah and others. In connection with the Press, Bro. J. Wynman's name was associated, and he responded in suitable terms. The proceedings were varied by some capital music and singing, and a most agreeable evening was enjoyed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Baker Bros., the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Fluck W.M., Hancock S.W., Ware J.W., Collingridge Sec., Clark S.D., Richardson J.D., Clark I.G., and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for Monday next. The Percy Lodge of Instruction will rehearse the Fifteen Sections here on Monday, 17th inst. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—At the Wheatsheaf, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. Bros. Austin W.M., Sims S.W., Craggs J.W., Burton S.D., Cavers J.D., Jennings I.G., Davies Preceptor, Chalfont P.M. Sec., Spiegel P.M., Malony, Wood, and a fair attendance of the members. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Brother Malony offered himself as a candidate for passing, and answered the usual questions; Lodge was then opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing very carefully rehearsed. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed with such efficiency that those present, one and all, congratulated the W.M. most heartily.

On Thursday, 6th instant, Bro. Sims W.M., Burton S.W., Austin J.W., Jennings S.D., Perdu J.D., Malony I.G., Davis Preceptor, and a large number of brethren from neighbouring Lodges. After preliminaries, according to announcement Brother Spiegel P.M. gave a lecture on the "Origin of Freemasonry." The lecturer commenced, three generations before the Deluge, with Lamech, who, by his two wives, had four children, who were the originators of the sciences. Continuing to the Tower of Babel, the building of the first and second Temples, he explained how the workmen went to different parts of the world, and the sciences became generally known. He

ascribed to the days of Athelstan the time Masonry became known in England, where it was patronised by all monarchs, with two or three exceptions. After the historical part, the lecturer began with the old Rituals, and traced them through their various changes to Bros. Preston and Hemmings. The lecture was listened to with great interest, and all present expressed a wish that the lecturer might be induced to have the same printed, for the benefit of the Craft. Several brethren present invited Bro. Spiegel to their respective Lodges to deliver his interesting lecture. In two cases the invitation was accepted, and a cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Spiegel.

The installation meeting of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, was held at the Station Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, Brother W. R. Phillips being installed as Worshipful Master. A full report of the proceedings will be published in our next issue.

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We copy the following from our esteemed contemporary the *Keystone*, of Philadelphia:—

To the Editor of the Keystone.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On Monday evening, 29th March, about forty gentlemen met at Bro. Donaldson's, Broad and Filbert streets, for the purpose of presenting silver watches to the five sailors of the steamship *Lord Gough*, who, under command of Second Officer Roberts, rescued the Officers and crew of the American barque *Cleopatra*, on the 27th of December last, in mid-ocean.

The United States Government had previously recognized the services of the noble fellows by presenting the Captain and Second Officer with gold chronometers, while each of the crew received 25 dollars. The Humane Society of Massachusetts also added 15 dollars to each, and silver medals.

Bro. Captain Hughes, of the steamship *Lord Gough*, in the course of his remarks said, These men are entitled to all the credit which has been given them, and more. But, my dear friends, their bravery falls into insignificance when compared with the heroic conduct of the Captain of the wrecked barque, which, in my humble estimation, far surpasses the historic instances given by the gentleman who preceded me. It was a sublime display of Christian faith and moral courage, which should be inscribed in letters of gold upon the title page of history:

When we sighted the barque in distress, we instantly headed toward her. My request for volunteers was impulsively responded to, and immediate preparations were made to launch a boat. We hove-to when within a safe distance, but on looking toward the wreck we discovered her crew in the act of removing the signal of distress! We were astounded, and for the moment our efforts were relaxed—but the word was quickly given, and the eager crew threw all their strength upon the oars. Tossed and buffeted by the angry sea, the little boat reached the wreck in safety, rescued the fourteen survivors, and returned with her precious freight.

After congratulations had passed, I asked the Captain to explain his singular conduct in raising his flag.

We all believed that we were doomed, and no human power could save us! Therefore, to prevent any further sacrifice of human life, we requested you to desist in your efforts, and to go your way and leave us to our fate.

I noticed a tear trickling down the Captain's cheek as he concluded the peroration of the evening, while those who so loudly applauded were also visibly affected.

A surprise was prepared for First Officer Bro. Rontledge. Toward the close of the proceedings, Bro. Samuel Sidebotham stepped to the front, and in the name of the assembled company presented that gentleman with a beautiful Masonic Mark, as a memento of his efforts in the rescue at sea.

It is worthy of remark that on this occasion discipline was so far relaxed that captain and crew broke bread together at the same table.

During the course of the evening, remarks were made by Bros. Senator Cooper, J. Fletcher Budd, Esq., John Dornan, John Yard, Henry Taylor, "poet laureate," and others, while a glee club and brass band enlivened the occasion with appropriate selections.

Truly and fraternally,

W. B. REED.

A JUBILEE PUBLICATION.—The fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne is an event which will form one of the memorable epochs in the history of the English nation. In connection with the celebration of the Jubilee Messrs. Cassell and Company announce the publication, in monthly parts, of "The Life and Times of Queen Victoria," with a profusion of high-class illustrations. Part I. of this important work will be ready on 25th May. Each monthly part will contain sixty-four pages the size of *The Quiver*, with a handsome frontispiece. With the first part will be issued a large presentation plate, consisting of a beautiful engraving of the picture by Gourlay Steelle, R.S.A., entitled "A Cottage Bed-side at Osborne."

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The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. W. Roebuck, Grand Sword Bearer, Vice-Patron of the Institution. The minutes having been read and confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information, as also was the report of the Audit Committee. Four new petitions were taken into consideration, three of which were accepted, and the boys thereby rendered eligible for the October election, while the other was deferred. Four former pupils of the Institution were awarded grants of £5 each towards outfits, and the usual nominations were made for the House and Finance and Audit Committees, as follows:—House Committee—Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, A. F. Godson Deputy Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire, Henry W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, James Moon, J. Joyce Murray, William Paas, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Dudley Rolls, Charles Saunders, M.D., and Henry Venn. Finance and Audit Committee—Bros. C. E. Soppet, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, T. Cubitt P.G.P., T. Griffiths, G. P. Gillard, G. Cooper, H. S. Goodall, and S. Richardson, nominated by Bro. G. P. Britten; and Bro. W. H. Saunders, nominated by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards in connection with the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer having been voted to the chair, the Officers of the Board were elected, the following brethren being appointed:—Lieut.-Col. Hon. Sackville West P.G.W. President; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, H. B. Marshall (P.G. Treasurer), Edgar Bowyer (P.G. Standard Bearer), and J. L. Mather Hon. Presidents; A. F. Godson (Deputy Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire), and A. M. Broadley acting Presidents; C. F. Hogard Honorary Treasurer, and F. Binckes (Secretary of the Institution) Honorary Secretary. It was determined that the Festival should take place at Brighton. The Stewards' fee having been fixed at two guineas, and a Committee appointed to make the necessary musical arrangements, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote to the Chairman. The next meeting of the Board will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 7th June.

The installation meeting of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, will be held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday, the 10th inst., at four o'clock, when Bro. F. Seager Hunt will be installed as Worshipful Master. There are four candidates for passing and two for initiation coming forward at the meeting, so that a busy day may be expected.

The Dover Freemasons are having a Masonic temple erected near the General Post Office. The object is to enable the whole of the Lodges to meet under the same roof.

The Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185, meets every Friday evening, from 7.30 till 9.30, at the Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N.

We are sorry to see that one of the essentially "ladies' day" in connection with Freemasonry is likely to be shorn this year of its attractiveness. At the first meeting of the Board of Stewards of the coming Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, held on Thursday, at 8A Red Lion Square, it was decided to hold the Festival at the Holborn Restaurant, instead of at the Crystal Palace. The Stewards' fee was fixed at 42s, and Wednesday, the 28th July as the date of the Festival. Bro. Rev. A. H. Cummings was elected President of the Board, C. H. Driver Treasurer, and C. F. Matier Secretary.

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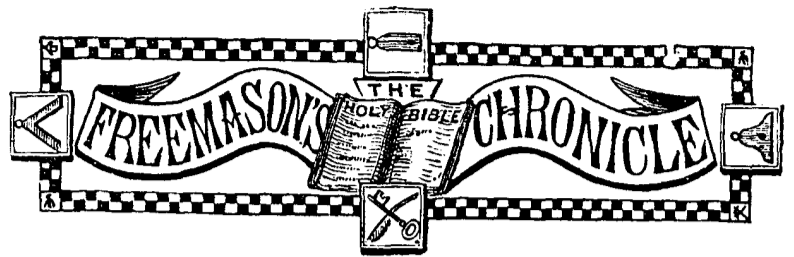
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BROTHER SIR HENRY EDWARDS, BART., C.B.,
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IN our last issue reference was briefly made to the departure from our ranks of one who for a long series of years had filled a high and important sphere in the Masonic Fraternity, as well as in those positions which naturally belong to a country gentleman and land-owner. Few men have taken a more active part in public affairs, and the life so usefully spent for, at any rate half a century, has closed amidst universal expressions of regret. Our deceased brother for more than forty years represented Yorkshire constituencies in the House of Commons, and the result of his labours forms no blank page on the Statute-book of the realm. As Justice of the Peace for his Division of the premier county, as foreman of the Grand Jury at the county assizes, as High Sheriff of Yorkshire, and in other capacities he was equally assiduous; whilst he was ever foremost in local and parochial matters, expending his time, money, and influence in the promotion and management of institutions calculated to promote some good and benevolent object. He was, moreover, the founder of the Second West Yorkshire Yeomanry Cavalry, of which he was appointed captain in 1843, and we are told by those who knew him best how highly his hearty, though costly, service had endeared him to that fine body of men. In all relations of life he was deservedly beloved, and his removal by the hand of Death has left a gap which it will not be easy to fill. We have often had occasion to refer to the great and useful part which our deceased brother took in the Craft, attending with zeal and discretion to the administration of the business of his Province, which comprises no fewer than sixty-nine Lodges. The records published in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE reveal how constant he was in his attendance, not merely at the meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge, but at many of the gatherings in various parts of the West Riding which came under his immediate surveillance; and perhaps nowhere will his genial presence be more sorely missed than at the gatherings of the "mystic tie," whereat his kindly words of counsel and encouragement so frequently fell on admiring and appreciative ears. Only about eighteen months ago the hon. baronet was compelled, through failing health, to resign his appointment as Prov. Grand Master, the first Mason on whom the Grand Master conferred that dignity; and his place has been supplied by the election to that high office of Bro. T. W. Tew, of Pontefract. The heartiness with which he entered into the duties of his Masonic profession was not less ardent than that which characterised his other positions of responsibility, and won for him the heartfelt and sincere admiration of the whole of the brethren, not only in his Province, but the Craft in general, amongst whom his name was as "a household word." Our beloved brother, who had been ailing for some time, passed peacefully away at his residence, Pye Nest, Halifax, on the 23rd ultimo, he being then in the seventy-fourth year of his age. Although it appears to have been his wish, and that of his family, that the obsequies should take as quiet and unostentatious a form as possible, it was only natural that those by whom he had been so long surrounded, and who had learned to appreciate his high and genuine qualities, should manifest a desire to pay a last tribute of affectionate respect to their lost friend, neighbour, and benefactor. Muffled peals were tolled from the churches on the morning of the funeral, whilst flags were flying at half-mast over all the public and other buildings in Halifax. All classes of the community seemed to evince a desire to show some tribute of respect to one who had lived and grown old amongst them; and there were not a few amongst those who had experienced the true Masonic maxim he ever practised, that Charity is twice blessed, both to him who gives and to him who receives. The procession was marshalled in the town about nine o'clock, the various contingents taking up positions on the road leading to Pye Nest, ready to fall into the places allotted to them. The Loyal Gregorean Society, the Halifax and Calder Agricultural Association, the Conservative Associations, the Mayor and Corporation, the Rifle and Artillery Volunteers, and the Yeomanry Cavalry, all took part in the *cortège*; whilst the brethren of the Province, who mustered in great force at the Masonic Hall, each wearing a sprig of acacia as a button-hole, formed a conspicuous feature in the mournful pageant. As the bier was borne by loving hands from the family mansion and placed upon the hearse, the band of the Second West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers played the Dead March in *Saul*, and the procession moved away in the direction of King Cross, amidst a throng of thousands of sympathetic spectators, who lined the way with heads uncovered for a considerable distance. All the shops were closed *en route*, and the windows of private houses had the blinds drawn in token of respect. After the *cortège* followed the friends and representatives of the public bodies in which Sir Henry had taken an active and life-long interest, the procession extending for half a mile or more. The Prov. Grand Lodge was represented as follows—Bros. T. W. Tew (Pontefract) R.W. Prov. G.M., Henry Smith (Bradford) W.D.P.G.M., Thos. Hill P.P.G.W. (Mayor of Bradford), J. R. Armytage (Bradford) P.P.G.W., B. Broughton (Bradford) P.P.G.W., J. Ambler (Bradford), Thos. H. Holmes (Bailldon), Herbert G. E. Green (Wakefield) Prov. G. Sec., John Wordsworth (Wakefield) P.P.J.W., Capt. H. Stansfeld (Wakefield), J. W. Monck-

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As the procession moved off in the direction of the cemetery the military bands played funeral marches, and the almost unbroken lines of spectators, the great length of the cortège, both military and civilian, all tended to show how general were the expressions of sorrow, and the varied character of the procession testified how worthily and voluntarily the late baronet had been associated with others in public institutions and organisations which have a prominent place in the history of this part of Yorkshire. The distance from Pye Nest to All Saints' Church is about two miles, and the procession occupied three-quarters of an hour in passing any given point. On reaching the Church each portion of the procession opened out and lined the sides of the road, the Yeomanry, hearse, and relatives passing forwards to the sacred edifice, followed by the other mourners. The Rev. Canon Pigou, vicar of Halifax; the Rev. J. H. Warneford, vicar of All Saints'; and the Rev. E. Snepp, vicar of St. Paul's, King Cross (where for many years the deceased baronet and his family had worshipped) met the coffin at the gates, and the Rev. J. H. Warneford repeated the opening sentences of the impressive burial service of the Church of England. The coffin was carried on the shoulders of eight men to the chancel, where it was placed in the centre, and the sweet perfume arising from the beautiful flowers in which it was enshrouded, particularly of the heliotrope, filled the sacred edifice. While the procession filed into the church, the organist, played the "Dead March" from *Saul*. A limited number of ladies and gentlemen had been admitted to the church before the arrival of the cortège; clergy occupied seats reserved for them in the chancel. The handsome little church was crowded to its utmost capacity, but, of course, a very large proportion of those who took part in the procession had to remain outside, including the military. The Rev. Canon Pigou read the 90th Psalm, the clergy giving the responses; and the lesson from 1st Cor. xv. was read by the Rev. J. H. Warneford. The Rev. E. Snepp, as vicar of the parish in which Sir Henry died, performed the actual ceremony of interment, the concluding portion of the burial service being undertaken by the Rev. Canon Pigou. The newly-made vault, which is situate at the south-westerly portion of the churchyard, was a pretty scene, having been tastefully decorated by Mr. Derricott, gardener at Pye Nest. At the bottom was a large cross of primroses and white arabis, whilst the sides were lined with leaves of the laurel, holly, and fir, relieved with bunches of double daffodils. The top and edges of the tomb were also lined with moss, upon which were placed bunches of primroses, wild daffodils, and blooms of the *rhododendron*. In the centre of the western side of the cavity was also a large cross, composed of double daffodils. The body was enclosed in a shell of stained pitch pine, with strong outer case of polished English oak, and the brass mountings were of an elaborate description. The plate bore the following inscription:

Sir Henry Edwards, Bart, C.B.,
of Pye Nest Yorkshire.
Born 20th July 1812.
Died 23rd April 1886.

After the service at the grave site had been concluded, floral tributes of affection were placed in the tomb by the members of the family of the deceased baronet; and afterwards, numerous wreaths, sprigs of acacia, and other floral offerings were deposited on the coffin by the Freemasons and other friends of the departed. During the rest of the day thousands availed themselves of the opportunity of viewing the grave. From all parts of the Kingdom wreaths and floral crosses were sent to Pye Nest, whilst many were deposited in the tomb by the mourners present. The brethren of the Province presented a wreath composed of four lilies, white camellias, and white roses, con-

taining within a circle and double triangle of violet cinerarias having the simple gardenia in the centre. Another, a wreath of acacia, was from the brethren of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, "in token of heartfelt sympathy with Lady Edwards and family." The eight Leeds Lodges also sent a wreath. The W.M., Officers, Past Masters, and brethren of the Aire and Calder Lodge (Goole) of Free and Accepted Masons sent a wreath of white flowers, having the initial "E." in blue hyacinths, "in token of sorrowing sympathy with Lady Edwards and family." Affectionate references were made to the decease of our esteemed brother at the West Riding Court on Saturday, and at the parish churches in various parts of the West Riding on Sunday, similar expressions being made at the Easter vestry meetings and the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. We understand that Bro. Wm. Day Keyworth jun., of London and Hull (the sculptor of the recumbent statue of the late Archdeacon Musgrave in the Halifax Parish Church), has taken a very successful cast of the features of the late Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. This was done shortly after death.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—Accustomed as Mr. Wilson Barrett must be to the intoxicating excitement of a triumphant "first night," even his well-trained nerves must have been strangely thrilled by the enthusiastic reception given to "Clito," the new tragedy of which he and Mr. Sydney Grundy are the happy parents. Those who had been present on the first nights of "The Lights o' London," "The Silver King," and "Claudian" might have supposed that the delight of the audience could rise to no higher crescendo, but all former welcomes were certainly outdone on Saturday last, when each descending act was followed by ever-increasing recalls. At the close of the exciting scene at the end of Act IV., the audience seemed determined to bring on Mr. Grundy, but he as resolutely refused to appear, preferring not to take his ovation until the whole of his elaborate work had been set forth. Then, as a blushing young nineteenth century centurian, he was led forward, as it were, by a graceful embodiment of the Fourth B.C., in the person of Mr. Wilson Barrett. The story of "Clito" is extremely simple and human; a story that might thrill the hearts of men and women, irrespective of its *mise-en-scène* or local colour. A young man of high ambition and generous heart is tricked into loving a worthless woman, and by this fatal infatuation finds hope, and life, and honour all hopelessly wrecked. Mr. Barrett gives a most sympathetic and manly portrait of the hero—graceful, and with that charm of personal beauty befitting a young Athenian. In his scenes of passion he rises to piercing eloquence—electrifying the house. Miss Eastlake, as Helle, the wicked enchantress, proved a startling revelation, even to those who have most believed in her powers. In her cynical triumph in evil, in the mockery of her laughter, there was a demoniac ring, though always the fascination of her loveliness gave a more poignant intention to her pitiless intent. Miss Eastlake paints the courtesan, not with the false sentiment of the Dame Aux Camelias, but with the unrelenting touch of the moralist who would show us the hateful thing hidden beneath the glamour of false beauty; she seizes the anticipations of the authors, and, fearlessly trusting herself to the guidance of tragic passion, she dares to give such a portrait of a lost soul glorying in evil as the stage has rarely seen. Then, when she has brought death and ruin on her dopes, and she must fly for her life, Miss Eastlake shows us how this mocking Messalina becomes as abject as she has been arrogant, and cringes at the feet of Clito for "life; only a little life." All the parts in the piece are adequately filled, but especially characteristic is the acting of Mr. Willard, as the reckless voluptuary, with silken draperies and jewelled hair. Only just now and again his delivery of the blank verse showed a tendency to colloquial carelessness, but he made of a small part a most important feature in the picture. Miss Carrie Cooze was charming in the small part of Clito's foster-sister. We may expect much from this young lady's sincerity and grace of method. The scenery is very fine, but not laboured to make lines in the advertisements. Each act has one scene, much to the advantage of the action, which thus smoothly passes without breaking the attention of the spectators by revolving scenery and the passes which go to destroy stage illusion. The pictures of Athenian interiors are exquisite in their artistic completeness. The burning incense, the falling fountains, the roses, and soft music of lutes, in Helle's chamber—this picture would alone repay a visit to the theatre. The acting, the mounting, the plot, the dialogue are all so admirable that we can only say it will doubtless be long before so good a play can be given us by a modern author.

The Royal Academy.—Every year the exhibition at Burlington House appears to deteriorate; the general verdict, endorsed even by the President himself is that this year the show is an exceptionally poor one. There is hardly a picture of any importance that would bear a prominent place in the French Salon, excepting those that have come thence. The really fine pictures may be counted on the fingers of one hand. Mr. Sargent's portrait of Mrs. Vickers and the group of the Misses Vickers, Mr. A. Moore's "Silver," Mr. Burne Jones's "The Depths of the Sea," M. Faucher's "Autour du Piano," about closes the list. But what is most lamentable is the evidence of poverty of ideas in the men who have already made their reputation. When the Academicians and Associates do not absolutely repeat themselves, they imitate each other. Mr. Herbert is of course well to the fore, but it is useless to complain of the decrepitude of this artist when comparatively young men—such as Messrs.

Long, Poynter, Brett—give us works which are not far preferable. Mr. Sargent really excels himself; every year he improves in delicacy, and he never loses his breadth. No. 195 is a full length portrait of a lady in grey, standing with a large white flower in her hand. It is admirable in every respect. In quality of painting the fresh brilliant colour, the clear hard drawing, the spirited and natural attitude of this portrait contrasts favourably with the rancid shadows, pasty lights, and flabby outlines of the portrait of Sir John Millais, for instance, by Mr. Frank Holl. We are told that mere quality of painting is not everything; that human interest is needed to make a fine picture, that without charm and personality all art is at an end, &c.; the *Spectator* especially lecturing in this strain. We are quite ready to grant all this, but surely the *Spectator* is begging the question when it applies its strictures to Mr. Sargent's work. There is as much grasp of character, refinement of expression, ease and charm of style in the portraits of the Misses Vickers as in anything that Sir John Millais ever painted, and as to "mere" quality, there is absolutely no comparison. It is absurd to assume that exquisite painting necessarily excludes human interest, or that a badly painted picture can possibly be a fine work of art. Moreover, bad painting is always rampant in the English Academy. We far prefer the pure English school of Turner, Constable, Walker, Hunt, and we may even include Burne Jones, to the mixture of all influences that we perceive on the walls of the Academy. Oily unpleasant quality of flesh painting is a blemish that is continually thrusting itself upon the eye of the critic. A sort of epidemic of jaundice seems to have broken out, and yearly is on the increase. Mr. Pettie especially delights in red shadows and yellow lights. His "Musician" is dying, apparently, of a bad bilious attack, the yellow shadows in the face being most alarming. The unfortunate elderly gentleman in the sequel to the "Marriage de Convenance" looks merely as if he were feeling the effects of too frequent application to the wine which his butler was pouring out two years ago. The same faults of over richness of colour in shadow we find in Mr. Seymour Lucas's "Peter the Great at Deptford," and in various other pictures. Taking the galleries in their order, Mr. Henry Moore justifies his election with two fine pictures,—*"A Breezy Morning,"* and *"The Harbour's Mouth."* Of his two others, *"The Sound of Isla"* appears to us rather hot and stale in colour. Mr. Knighton Warren gives us an agreeable surprise this year; he started as an imitator of that feeblest of painters Mr. Long, but now he comes out with an original solidly painted portrait of *"The Marquis Tseng."* He has not mitigated a shade of the brilliant uniform, and yet, unlike the ghastly garishness of Mr. Logsdail, the bright colours are only subordinate. Mr. Poynter has executed a portrait of the Marquis of Ripon that is truly amazing. The face is of the quality of a brass medallion, utterly without relief, and of a peculiarly hot orange colour. We pass over Mr. Long and his cats. Mr. Goodall has gone in for elaborate detail in *"Puritan and Cavalier,"* and *"Old Maid,"* but the painting is thin and feeble, as is most apparent in the chalky quality of the faces. Mr. E. Wyly Grier's *"Amateur"* is not at all amateurish, the picture being full of light, and the figure well drawn and unconventional. Mr. Albert Moore's *"Silver"* has much of his peculiar charm of tone, colour and scheme, and is rather an improvement on late years. Mr. Pettie is one of the cleverest and strongest of British artists, but the unfortunate defect of which we have spoken is always in the way. The portrait of Mr. Ritchie is no exception; and although it is vigorous and life-like, it is most unpleasant. M. Mouat London has a clever picture, with a quotation from Matthew Arnold; two shaggy Celtic youths carving flutes out of reeds. This picture is decidedly French in style, notwithstanding its English quotation. In the next Gallery, No. VI., there is some good painting in *"Domino,"* by Mr. Frank Bramley, but the use of the French flat brush is a little too obvious. Mr. John Collier is not at his best in the portraits of the daughters of William Reed, Esq. By far his richest portraits, it appears to us, are in the Grosvenor. *"Maenads,"* in Room VIII., is Academic, but uninteresting. Mr. W. H. Margetson, whose work we have not before noticed, has two portraits of some importance, of which we prefer *"The Squire's Daughter,"* which is rather in the style of Mr. Boughton. Mr. Logsdail's *"Preparation for the Procession"* is simply awful, in its frantic dottings of colour. Brilliant colour is very well in its way, but there should be some scheme or sanity. Here there is none. His other picture, a Venetian *"Al Fresco,"* is even more grotesque; being an out-of-door subject, the total absence of tone and atmosphere is enough to make one's eyes ache. It is a pity to see cleverness devoted to making colour scream like a fishwife. Mr. Reid's *"Shipwreck"* is very dramatic, and is of course a good work of art, as all his pictures are, but the treatment is rather ghastly, and there is a queer lurid light over the front of the picture that does not appear natural. *"Preparing for Christmas,"* an Irish interior, is a pleasant piece of tone and colour, by Mr. Helmick. In the next gallery a glance did not show us anything strikingly good. Mr. Seymour Lucas in *"Peter the Great"* is—Mr. Seymour Lucas; we need say no more; just as Mr. Marcus Stone also is—Mr. Marcus Stone, and Mr. Luko Fildes none other than himself. Perhaps repetition is better than imitation—we know not. To proceed. In Gallery No. VIII. is Mr. Sargent's *"The Misses Vickers,"* which we have mentioned before. Suffice it to say here, that it justifies the expectations of it which were aroused by its high position last year in the French Salon. Mr. Solomon J. Solomou, determined to make a frantic bid for Academic success, has thrown aside his realistic palette, and executed a large classical piece, *"Cassandra"* being torn from the altar by some Greek hero—(is it Ajax?) We cannot congratulate Mr. Solomon on his new departure. The movement of the figures is at once conventional and extravagant, the painting is not all that could be desired, and the tragedy is cheap; in fact, one might say, in the style of Dr. Johnson, that the picture is ill-conceived, ill-executed, and ill-hung. Mr. T. Lavery has two clever, broadly-painted effects, which should be noticed here. The gallery of cabinet pictures is not so interesting as last year, although Mr. Sidney Starr contributes a charming im-

pression of *"Finchley Road,"* and Mr. Toovey also shows real progress in *"The Nimble Penny"*—a study of a crowd round a Cheap Jack, which is London all over. Mr. L. Bernard Hall shows one of his small, clever portraits, and Miss Ellen Cooke's *"Roses"* appears to us the best of the ten versions of that much hackneyed subject in this gallery, even including Messrs. Fantin and Alma Tadema. In Gallery X. *"Twixt Power and Duty,"* by John Bowie, has all the faults of Mr. Pettie, with none of his strength. Mr. Colin Hunter comes out in a new branch in his portrait of Miss Alice Lyall, which we cannot consider a success, in spite of his subject. In Gallery XI., Mr. Herman G. Herkomer has a portrait of a grey-haired lady, *"Mrs. Stobart,"* which is quite worthy of Hubert C. Mr. Henry Moore's best picture, in our opinion, is in this room. Mr. Fantin seldom favours us with such an important work as his roomful of portraits in *"Autour du Piano,"* and we welcome it all the more. Usually he presents us with a rather hackneyed version of flowers, but when he does come out in portraiture he shows his great power. Altogether, we consider the exhibition a poor one—not because Mr. Herbert is exasperating, not because Mr. Long is ridiculous, not because Mr. Brett is extravagant, but because the newer men are disappointing by their absence or failure. Where is Mr. Gregory? What has become of Mr. Herkomer? What is the matter with Mr. Bartlett? Why, oh! why sky Mr. Lemon? Whither is Mr. Logsdail going? Why does Mr. Scholderer hide himself in the Water-colour Room? All these questions are harassing us. Even the assumption that the artists are neglecting the Academy and sending their best works to other galleries does not account for the feebleness of the whole. The general average is fair, but Art does not go by averages, but by individuals.

Saturday, the 15th inst., has been appointed for the Private View of the Summer Exhibition of the Nineteenth Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 17th inst.

Alhambra.—The programme provided by the management of this popular place of amusement for the Easter Holidays has resulted in an all-round success. Variety of every kind is the predominant feature, and, with the aid of an excellent band, a most enjoyable evening can now be spent here. The brothers James go through their acrobatic performance with infinite grace; while great fun is caused by Professor Wingfield's leaping dogs. The marvellous agility displayed by the two Arabs, Abachi and Mazos, is nightly received with rapturous applause; and, in fact, we have rarely seen a more clever performance. The Hanlon Voltas go through their entertainment upon the triple bars, while Nellie L'Estrange, Jenny Hill, Maud and Charlie Ross, Mlle. Pacra, and J. W. Rowley render good service in carrying out the programme. A special feature of the evening is Mr. Leo Stormont's rendering of the song *"The Shamrock and the Rose."* The successful ballets, *"Nina"* and *"Le Bivouac"* still meet with much favour. During the evening the band, under the direction of M. Cazaubon, gives three selections, the last, *"Souvenir de Belgrade,"* bringing a most successful entertainment to a close. The management announce that they will shortly produce *"Cupid,"* a new ballet divertissement, in which Signorina Besone will make her appearance.

The Dramatic Students.—The fourth performance by the members of this Society will take place at the Royalty Theatre (kindly lent for the occasion by Miss Kate Santley), on Thursday, the 13th day of May 1886, at 2.30, when will be produced the Rev. James White's drama, *"The King of the Commons."*

Bro. W. Waller, of 84 and 86 Tabernacle Street, E.C. (late of Drury Lane), has just issued the 20th edition of his catalogue of theatrical costumes and furnishings, which will be found interesting and useful to many who are fond of participating in histrionic entertainments, whether of the professional or amateur character. There are an increasing number of young people who adopt the rational and cultivated recreation of dramatic representations; and often they are at fault to find the means of securing those accessories which are indispensable to the production of their pieces. They cannot do better than seek the aid of Bro. Waller, who has received hundreds of testimonials from a satisfied *clientèle* as to the manner in which he has catered for them.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT FALKIRK.

ONE of the most imposing spectacles ever witnessed in Falkirk was the funeral of Bro. John Gillespie, which took place a few days since, with Masonic honours. The brethren were marshalled in the Town Hall, and from there they went to the house of the deceased, in Callender Road, in order of seniority, the youngest, No. 588, taking the lead, headed by the band of the Falkirk Ironworks, which played the *"Dead March in Saul."* The procession left Callender Road at two o'clock, and all along the streets the way was lined with spectators, and the shutters of all the shops were closed as a mark of respect. Arrived at the last resting-place, the coffin was borne by eight of the brethren of the deceased brother's Lodge, and the others closed in around the grave, where the service appointed for the burial was conducted by the chaplain.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. In the absence of the regular Grand Officers the chair of Z. was filled by Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, that of H. by Comp. James Glaisher, and that of J. by Comp. J. Sampson Peirce. There were also present Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., the Rev. Thomas Robinson S.N., Robert Grey President of the Committee of General Purposes; Baron de Ferrieres as 1st A.S., the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope as 2nd A.S. The minutes having been confirmed, the acting Z. announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was, by virtue of that office, Grand Z. of England for the year. His Royal Highness had appointed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Z., while the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom was, by virtue of his Deputy Grand Mastership in Grand Lodge, H. of Grand Chapter. The Grand Z. had appointed the Right Hon. Lord Leigh J., Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., and the right Hon. the Earl of Limerick S.N., Comps. Robert Grey President of the Board of General Purposes, D. P. Cama Grand Treasurer, and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. The Companions were invested with the other collars of Grand Chapter:—

Comp. the Rev. J. Nelson Palmer	...	Principal Sojourner
W. Mortimer Heath	...	1st Assistant Sojourner
Ralph Clatton	...	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. E. Le Feuvre	...	Sword Bearer
Rudolph Glover	...	1st Standard Bearer
H. Trueman Wood	...	2nd Standard Bearer
Wm. Roebuck	...	3rd Standard Bearer
George Toller	...	4th Standard Bearer
Frank Richardson	...	Director of Ceremonies
E. Dean Davis	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Wm. Clarke	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Wilhelm Kuhe	...	Organist
Henry Sadler	...	Janitor

Comp. Philbrick then read a communication from the Grand Z., to the effect that, in recognition of the distinguished services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry for many years past by E. Comp. Thomas Fenn Past Grand Sword Bearer, His Royal Highness had been pleased to confer upon him the rank and precedence of a Past President of the Committee of General Purposes, which he requested the acting Z. to duly announce to Grand Chapter. Companion Philbrick could scarcely express the pleasure it gave him to be the means of conveying to Grand Chapter this announcement of an honour as worthily deserved as he believed it was well bestowed. Every Companion knew how thoroughly this great mark of His Royal Highness's favour was deserved by Comp. Fenn, and it was fully appreciated by the Companions. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes, which we published in our last issue, was taken as read, duly received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Comp. Robert Grey P.A.G. Soj. President of the Committee moved, and Comp. J. Lewis Thomas seconded, the granting of the eight warrants for new Chapters for which petitions had been received, as also the granting of a centenary warrant for the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3. Comp. Grey said that, with respect to the Chapter which had exalted a brother before he had been twelve months a Master Mason, it was only a few days within the year, and it appeared in this case, as he believed it was in others, the Companions took the date of initiation instead of the date of the raising, and that they had unwittingly fallen into error. Perhaps if this was made known among the Order generally the mistake would be avoided in the future.

The acting Z. stated that the new Royal Arch Regulations provided that the Committee of General Purposes should consist of the Grand Principals, a President, and two other members to be nominated by the Grand First Principal at the Quarterly Convocation in May, and six other members to be elected by Grand Chapter at the same Convocation. Whereupon Col. Shadwell H. Clerke informed the M.E.Z. that the Prince of Wales had appointed Comp. Robert Grey President of the Committee, and Comps. E. Letchworth and Robert Turtle Pigott the two nominated members. Comps. C. F. Hogard, Geo. Lambert, J. L. Mather, F. Davison, W. A. Dawson, and James Lewis Thomas were elected by Grand Chapter

to complete the Committee. The appeal of Companion Joseph Dawson P.Z. 832 was then considered and subsequently dismissed, after which Grand Chapter was closed. It was announced during the meeting that the new Royal Arch Regulations were ready for distribution.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Monday last, at Colchester, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, Ex-Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. The business meeting was held in the handsome library of Colchester Castle (kindly lent by Bro. James Round, M.P.), and commenced at two o'clock, with the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, held at Southend, on 19th November 1884. The P.G.S.E. then called the roll of the Chapters, which showed them all to be represented, the total number of members for 1885 being 114, as against 110 in 1884. The Auditors reported a balance in hand of £25 17s 6d. The Officers of the year were appointed and invested as under—

Comp. Vero W. Taylor P.Z. 270	...	P.G.H.
Alfred Welch P.Z. 51	...	P.G.J.
T. J. Ralling P.Z., S.E. 51 (3rd year)	...	P.G.S.E.
George Cowell P.Z. 214	...	P.G.S.N.
Thomas King Z. 1000	...	P.G. Registrar
Frank Whitmore P.Z. 276	...	P.G.P.S.
Arthur Mead J. elect 276...	...	P.G. 1st Assistant
James S. Frazer Z. 214	...	P.G. 2nd Assistant
Thomas Rix P.Z. 51	...	P.G. Sword Bearer
W. D. Merritt Z. elect 1000	...	P.G. Standard Bearer
Albert Lucking P.Z. 1000 (3rd year)	...	P.G. Dir. of Cers.
Osmond Org. 51	...	P.G. Organist
A. W. Martin 1000	...	P.G. Janitor

On the motion of Ex-Comp. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.Z. and S.E. 276 P.P.G.H., seconded by Ex-Comp. A. C. Veley P.Z. 276, Ex-Comp. Andrew Durrant P.Z. and Treas. 276 was re-elected P.G. Treas. The Grand Superintendent, in his address to the Companions, explained that in the ordinary course of things their meeting would have been held in the autumn, but at that time the country was in the turmoil of the General Election, and it was considered advisable to postpone it. The returns read by the P.G.S.E. showed that not only had the Chapters maintained their ground, but had made steady progress. That, he thought, was a subject for congratulation, especially in these times, and situate as they were in the midst of an agricultural district suffering under an unprecedented state of depression. He was glad to note that there were signs of increased activity among the R.A. Masons of the Province, for only last week the brethren of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, meeting at Romford, sanctioned an application to the Grand Chapter for a Chapter to be attached to their Lodge. Should H.R.H. the Grand Z. be pleased to accede to the prayer of the petitioners, a Chapter at Romford would fill the void occasioned by the removal of the Brentwood Chapter to Chingford. Having referred to the recent revision of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and explained some of the provisions thereof, the Grand Superintendent congratulated the Comps. upon the harmony that prevailed in the Province, and expressed a hope that when they next met they should be able to report further progress. On the motion of the P.G.H., seconded by the P.G.J., the sum of £10 10s was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Ex-Comp. George Cooper P.Z. and S.E. 214 said he was authorised to invite the Grand Superintendent to hold his next meeting under the banner of the Hope and Unity Chapter, at Chingford. The Grand Superintendent said he should be pleased to accede to the kind invitation of the Comps. of the Hope and Unity Chapter, and thanked them for it. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Round for his kindness in granting the use of the Castle Library, and to Miss Philbrick (sister of the Grand Superintendent) for a thoughtful present of button-hole bouquets. P.G. Chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the Comps adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a *vécherché* banquet was well served by the host (Comp. Hart), the Grand Superintendent presiding. Among the R.A. Masons present, in addition to the Officers mentioned above, were—Ex-Comps. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.P.G.H., George Cooper P.P.G.J., E. Eugland Phillips P.P.G.J., Fred. Wood P.P.G.S.N., G. F. Jones P.P.G.P.S., W. Sowman P.P.G.A.S., James P. Lewin P.P.G. Swd. Br., John J. C. Turner P.P.G.O., A. C. Veley P.Z. 276, J. E. Wiseman P.P.G. Std. Br.; and Comps. John Dean 51, R. D. Poppleton 51, J. G. Potton 51, A. S. B. Sparling S.E. 51, George Harrison P.S. 51, Charles Godfrey 214, and Edmund Gowers 51. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from ex-Comps. Shadwell Clerke P.G.S.E., Major-General Laurie G. Supt. Nova Scotia, the Rev. C. J. Martyn G. Supt. Suffolk, T. F. Halsey, M.P., G. Supt. Herts, G. E. Lake P.G.S.E. Herts, W. H. Jarrold P.G.S.E. Cambs. and N. Tracy P.G.S.E. Suffolk.—*Essex Standard*.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, by special invitation, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 17th May, at 7 o'clock. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 S.W., R. W. Galer S.W. 1366 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Barnett, Garner, Turner, Jenkins, Fenner, Beaton, Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. Hancock, Dixie, Giddings, Kirk, Gush. Third Lecture—Bros. Williams, Weeden, Cross. Bro. Collingridge 1677 Secretary.

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, 8th MAY.

- 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 1375—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.
- 1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
 2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

MONDAY, 10th MAY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 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, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
- R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 597—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 599—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
- 1031—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Hardyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
- R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
 R.A. 118—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 1258—Kennerly, Masonic Hall, George Street, Wootton Bassett
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
 R.C.—Walton, Skomersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkcubright, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th MAY.

- 46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 52—Constitutional, Beatrix Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 111—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead
 177—Delicate, Emery Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Jeppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 504—Fidelity, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 755—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dunhouse, Sisters Tavern, Finsbury-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)
 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anorley
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three 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)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.

R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)

- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wadnesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
- 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
- R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
 R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 162—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th MAY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3

- 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Balmam, at 7 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardott-road, E.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Gosport-street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
- 1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Algate, E
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1595—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palace St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsa Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon-row, New Ryd, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, A r-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
- 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Present, Lancashire
 116—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmonkivie
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Bham
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morye, near Leeds
 483—Symathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 686—Benevolence, Private Room, Priuce Town, Dartmoor
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Landudno
 755—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmon, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1245—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough

- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
- 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
- 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
- 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
- 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex

- R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
- R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
- R.A. 290—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
- R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
- R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
- R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
- R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
- R.A. 1540—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 13th MAY.

- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
- 1278—Burpett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
- 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

- R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
- 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
- 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
- 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
- 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
- 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
- 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
- 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
- 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
- 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
- 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
- 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
- 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
- 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
- 659—Biagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
- 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
- 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
- 786—Croxth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
- 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
- 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
- 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
- 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
- 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Asuton-under-Lyne
- 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
- 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
- 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
- 1368—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
- 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
- 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
- 1457—Bangshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
- 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
- 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
- 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coisnewydd
- 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
- 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
- 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

- R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
- R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
- R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
- R.A. 464—Hwlfordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
- R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southampton
- R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
- R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
- R.A. 839—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
- R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
- M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
- K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 14th MAY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In.)
- 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Pav., Leadenhall St.
- R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
- K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Leeds.
- 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
- 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme

- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
- 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leeds at 8.30
- 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
- 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birningham, at 7
- R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
- R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
- R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
- K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 15th MAY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- 1624—Eccelestou, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
- Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
- 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
- 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
- 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
- 1558—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
- 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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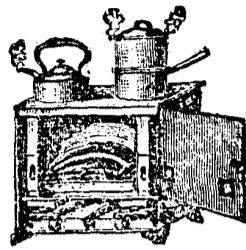
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