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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A SPECIAL APPEAL.

FREEMASONS cannot be accused of niggardliness in the dispensation of their benevolence. What they undertake they strive to do well, and it is almost as much trouble to them if they are compelled to limit the extent of their munificence, even in the most insignificant matter, as it is to have to refuse altogether. We cannot find a better illustration of this than that presented by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; the precept inculcated has ever been to do more, always more, and it has sometimes required the strongest persuasion of the more cautious subscribers to keep the actions of the over generous within due bounds; not that we believe there is one subscriber to the Institution who would not advocate an increase in its benefits provided the funds permitted it; but there are some who may perhaps show a too ready reliance on the charitableness of the brethren in days to come. With the Benevolent Institution considerations for the future are of even greater moment than those of the present; it is next to impossible accurately to estimate the liability which will be entailed when an annuitant is elected on to the funds of the Charity. In the case of the other two Masonic Institutions it is an easy matter to decide this; the committees know exactly how long a child will be eligible to remain in the School, as the rules provide for removal at a certain age, but with the Benevolent Institution nothing of the sort exists—death being the only determinant of an aged brother's or his widow's annual pension, and we rejoice to say that during the last few months the hand of death has been particularly quiet among the old folks in receipt of the benefits of the Institution. So much so is this the case that at the time of writing there appears to be a probability of the year closing without a vacancy on the roll of annuitants, even though they number at the present time no less than three hundred and ninety-five.

To form a better idea of this state of affairs we must look back a few years, when various alterations were suggested, with the object of benefitting those who had occasion to appeal for the help afforded by this Institution. Elections for the Benevolent Institution are held annually, while for each of the Educational Funds there are two in the year. It was proposed to adopt this latter system in connection with the Old Folks' Fund, as it appeared particularly hard that a brother or widow should have to wait a weary twelve months before it was possible for he or she, with their friends, to make another attempt to secure the coveted prize, more particularly—too often the case—when there were some three or four claimants for either branch who "all but succeeded." Cases have been known where a large number of votes have been secured, all but enough to carry the case, and in the interval before another election the poor old man or woman has died,—shall we say from actual want? It would be hard perhaps to put it in that light, but there are some very hard facts to be faced every day in this world. Let us imagine the feelings of an aged brother or a widow, whose misfortunes had gradually increased until it seemed next to impossible to ward off the worst—death by hunger or an appeal to the poor-house. They have but one hope to look to, one last straw to clutch

at; that their friends have striven to secure for them. Unfortunately, however, the best efforts put forward proved unsuccessful, and the only consolation that could be offered them was,—this day twelvemonths your election is all but certain; indeed, you may rely on then getting the annuity. Twelve months to wait, when it has been a struggle to keep body and soul together for weeks past! Is it possible that charity can make such hard terms? is it not rather going too far to expect that life will last, under such conditions, for so long a period? Yet what can be done? It is no use rushing madly into responsibilities which cannot be met, and we all know it is impossible to give £32 or £40 a year to a widow or to a brother so long as they live without money be subscribed for the purpose. Recognising all these arguments, and at the same time desiring to make the benefits as speedy and as numerous as possible, without entailing the trouble and expense of a half-yearly election, certain brethren proposed a system of deferred annuities, whereby the highest on the list of unsuccessful candidates at any election were eligible to fill a limited number of vacancies as they occurred, without waiting for another election. This system was adopted, and since then it has been the rule for the three highest unsuccessful candidates on each Fund to step into the places of those called away by death. This has proved a blessing to all who have been fortunate enough to secure it, but, unfortunately, it has the effect of lessening the number of vacancies to be filled at each recurring election, and, as we have said above, it may be the means of preventing any vacancies being available at the close of the present year, for we understand there is still one aged brother entitled to a deferred annuity waiting to be placed on the Funds of the Institution as soon as a vacancy occurs. We have before said it is far from the desire of the subscribers that the rate of mortality should be greater among the annuitants, and therefore the only way to be in a position to help a larger number of those eligible is to raise increased amounts year by year.

The coming year will doubtless prove a trying one in many ways, especially to those who have the desire to do good but lack the means to accomplish all they wish. The jubilee of the accession of our beloved sovereign will be offered as the excuse for numerous special appeals, and there is every reason to expect that these appeals will not be made in vain. It is a matter for congratulation that so much that is good is proposed as the means of marking the pleasure felt by Englishmen at the long reign of Her Majesty, and we sincerely trust that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will come in for a large share of this special benevolence. That the Institution is deserving is well known to our readers, while that it is in need a perusal of the facts enumerated above will amply demonstrate. Whether it will receive special help time alone can prove, although we can hardly imagine an urgent appeal being made to the Freemasons of England without its meeting a satisfactory response.

A special appeal is now before the Craft, and its immediate object is to provide the means of helping some of the one hundred and thirty candidates who are eligible for the next election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and for whom there is not at present a single vacancy. It is hoped that this state of affairs, coupled with the desire of the Committee to mark in some special manner the jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, will induce brethren to make the most strenuous efforts to increase the sum avail-

able for distribution. We must admit the task looks a formidable one, as no less a sum than £13,760 is now required to provide the existing annuities, a sum to which the Craft of England is actually pledged, while to warrant any large addition to the number of annuitants a considerable amount must be forthcoming beyond that needed for current expenditure. There is, however, a large field to work upon, and there is virtually no limit to the amount which might be raised if all who are in a position to help could be induced so to do. There is not a single Lodge in the land that could not send up a Steward to one or other of the Charities during the coming year if it so chose, and there are many who could afford to support all three of the Institutions. If what is possible in this respect could be accomplished, we should have such a sum subscribed as would enable the various committees to mark in a tangible manner the Masonic appreciation of Her Majesty's jubilee, and who shall gauge the extent of the benefits that might thus be conferred?

The Benevolent Institution offers special facilities for the display of this spirit of thankfulness, inasmuch as its work is among the aged—those in whom Her Majesty must have especial interest, evoked by what we may term fellow-feeling; for it must be remembered that a reign of fifty years finds our sovereign well advanced in life. Is there a more worthy object open to the Freemasons of England by which to mark their thankfulness that that of helping those who have worked during the long years of Her Majesty's reign, only to find themselves at the close of their lives in a state of distress? We think not, and whatever may be urged on behalf of the many other claimants for special consideration at the present time, there can be no gainsaying the fact that the aged have the first claim. They it is who have worked side by side with their Queen to make the empire, its industries and its charities, what they are, and they it is who should be considered ere it be too late. There may be many years during which others can be assisted, but the days of the aged are limited, to what extent it is not for us to decide; that the short space of time still available to many of them could be made brighter by kindly sympathy and financial aid is true beyond question, and it remains for the brethren of England to do their share—their duty—towards securing for their distressed fellows as much of this brightness as is possible.

SUCH IS MASONRY.

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TENDENCY OF MASONRY.

The tendency of Masonry cannot be evil and must be good. The knowledge of God which it imparts; the high plane of duty upon which it places its votaries, and the morality which it prescribes, tend to make the Mason a better man in every relation of life. But while it appears to be hardly necessary to press this point, it may not be out of place to notice some of the objections which the ignorant and malicious urge against the Institution. For, alas for human nature! there is nothing so pure, so elevating, so high, so holy, that has not its enemies and detractors; and many hate Masonry for no other reason than the Athenian of old hated Aristides. He could not bear to hear Aristides called the just, because that title was such a reflection upon his own life. In like manner many hate Masonry solely and simply because its very existence is a condemnation of their every thought, and word, and act. Their lives are evil, and they love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.

Some worthy men, may, perhaps, be honestly opposed to Masonry, but it is because they have been imposed upon by others and are really ignorant of what they condemn; just as some irreligious though otherwise excellent people condemn the Bible without having read, perhaps, a dozen chapters in it. No man is entitled to an opinion on any subject before he has carefully examined it; only fools are swift to speak before having heard, examined and thought.

But to the objections. Lifting up both hands in holy horror, the objector cries out, "It is a secret, a mysterious organization! Whatever is secret is wrong, and must be vile and sinful; for if good it would be made known to all."

But if everything secret is vile and sinful, how exceed-

ingly vile and sinful must be the thoughts of the heart of the objector; for in that secret laboratory he converts good into evil and evil into good, to the deception and betrayal often, no doubt, of himself. Oh, my soul, enter thou not into the secrets of his foul and deceitful heart! Who can know it? The heart that is continually thinking evil of others, and ascribing bad motives to them, is undoubtedly "a cage of unclean birds."

But there is nothing secret about Masonry so far as its design is concerned. The only object of its existence is to do man good upon the broadest platform of human beneficence, elevating him above himself to a knowledge of the duties he owes to his neighbour and his God. Its secrets pertain solely to methods of communicating, preserving and transmitting a certain mysterious and impressive form of initiation and instruction.

If in the whole body of Ancient Craft Masonry there is a single precept or principle which tends, directly or indirectly, to conflict with any religious, civil or social duty, then I know it not; but, on the contrary, I do know that all its precepts and principles tend immediately and directly to cultivate the best and holiest motives in the discharge of all the duties of life. Were it otherwise, could we expect to find among its votaries any of that long list of worthies who have adorned the annals of every condition of life, in every age and country? The testimony of such men as Warren, Franklin, Washington, and their compeers, in Europe and America, surely ought to outweigh the cavils and objections of hosts of ignorant and prejudiced sectaries.

But, if secrecy be such a damning sin, what shall we say of Christianity itself? Has it not often been a secret institution? Have not Christians often been compelled to meet "in upper rooms," and in caves, in mountains and in deserts, for fear of the enemies of the Lord? The seven thousand of old, who had not bowed the knee to Baal, were they not secretly worshippers of the true God? Was their secrecy a sin? And yet some Christian denominations persecute Masonry.

Again, Masonry is said by many to be atheistical, but no one can become a Mason unless he declares his belief and trust in God, and Masons cannot convene without having a copy of the law of God on their altar.

"Masonry is a secret political order!" is vociferated by some, and to show the consistency of the charge, in Europe it is said to teach democracy, and in America monarchy. The truth is Masonry banishes politics from the Lodge, nor can such questions ever arise there. Everything that divides men into parties is absolutely prohibited; for Masonry is constantly on guard against division, and on the look out for what will produce harmony.

But Masons are "gluttonous and wine bibbers, the friends of publicans and sinners," say some. The same was said of Him "who spake as never man spake," to be classed with whom, even in reproaches, is a glory. But Masons deny the charge both against Him and themselves. Among other virtues they inculcate temperance. "Be ye temperate in all things;" in eating, in drinking, in dress, in every indulgence, custom, passion, habit, speech and action, *using* all things but not *abusing* them. The cardinal virtues of Masonry are Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, Justice: Fortitude in resisting temptation; Prudence in regulating our conduct; Temperance in governing our appetites, tempers and passions; Justice in guiding our dealings with all men.

But the objections against Masonry have been refuted a thousand times, and those of to-day are mere repetitions of those which have been urged time and again in former ages, and time and again have been proved utterly baseless. They deserve, therefore, no further consideration at our hands.

CONCLUSION.

My brethren, ye are Freemasons: free to do good, but not evil; free, as having passed from darkness to light; free, as having shaken off error and imbibed true knowledge; free, as having passed through death and the grave to the resurrection of a more glorious life. Forget not the emblematic colours of our Institution. Blue is typical of truth, scarlet of zeal, yellow of active beneficence. Never violate our cardinal virtues, fortitude, prudence, temperance and justice. Ever practise our fundamental tenets, brotherly love, relief and truth. Our aprons are symbols of labour, teaching that by the sweat of our faces we must make our bread. The colour of our aprons and gloves in-

dicates that purity of action which can only come from clean hearts.

But we are not only Freemasons, we are Free and Accepted Masons. Let us walk, therefore, worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; illustrating our faith by our works; showing upon what we base our hopes and where they are fixed; practising charity to all mankind; marching always by the light of the Book of Life, remembering that, before God, we are all upon a level, and that our course should ever be upright and plumb, and all our actions be regulated by the square of truth.

The dedication of the 24th of June to John the Baptist, and its observance by us, shows the beautiful and symbolic teachings of Freemasonry. As John was the forerunner of Christ, so is Masonry of Christianity. As John came forth in the meridian of his life to announce the "new morn risen on midday," so this day, in the meridian glory of the year, teaches us that we must no longer postpone consecrating ourselves to God, for the decline of life, symbolized by the fleeting year, is upon us, and as the remainder of the year will rapidly pass away, so will it be with us. Remember the warning cry in the wilderness: "Prepare to meet thy God."

The dedication of the 27th of December to John the Evangelist, the beloved disciple, crowns the symbolism of Freemasonry, and fixes its modern character, showing that now it is undoubtedly Christian in its signification, or that Christianity is its necessary complement—its crown and glory. In his younger days John was a man of fiery and impetuous zeal, often rash and hotheaded, a veritable "son of thunder," but of unswerving fidelity to the cause he embraced. In maturer life, when completely subdued by the pure and holy doctrines of the Gospel, he became the apostle of love and peace. "Little children, love one another," is his affectionate exhortation.

Masonry has various traditions with regard to the two Johns. They are more or less apocryphal, and have, doubtless, largely grown out of the failure to appreciate the symbolic or allegoric signification of the dedication of the days mentioned to the great forerunner of Christ and to his beloved disciple.

The year is emblematic of human life, and the 24th of June is just three days, the Christian resurrection period, past its meridian glory in the northern hemisphere. If youth and early manhood have been properly spent, then right views of life and its responsibilities have been taken, and correct habits formed, and we are ready, being fully satisfied with earth, to consecrate ourselves in the maturity of our powers wholly to the service of God. We have passed through the state of preparation, the fullness of time has come, and the King demands his throne—man's heart. How appropriate then the dedication of the 24th of June to the great forerunner, John the Baptist! Hear and heed his warning cry, "Prepare."

Then follows harvest time. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Now man's grateful heart, like soil well prepared, yields the glad returns which God requires, and his days are spent in doing good.

The closing days soon follow, and man, like a ripe shock, ready to be gathered, stands at the threshold of eternity. As he looks back over the past he sees much to regret in his career, even when his motives were purest; and bewailing the strife, the emulation, the misplaced zeal, the bitterness of life, his lips are seen to move, and we hear him sorrowfully murmur, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity;" adding, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Then raising his voice soon to be hushed to mortal ears, in the tide of eternity, he says: "Little children, love one another;" and looking forward, his countenance catches a faint reflection of the ineffable glory that rises to his sight, and there falls upon our listening ears, the longing, yet almost inaudible prayer, "Now let thy servant depart in peace."

How fitting that the 27th of December should be dedicated to John the Evangelist! for then the sun is just six days, the Masonic resurrection period, past its farthest point from our pole, and the year is nearly gone. Man's work is done, his hands are heavy and weary, and he longs for that blest abode "Where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." He realises the symbolic teachings of Freemasonry and sinks into the tomb holding firmly by the hand Him who has freed it from gloom and corruption. Rising triumphant, he presents his work and awaits the verdict of the Master's trying square, trusting,

however, not in what he has done, but in the grip, the strong, the everlasting grip of "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah," "The Prince of Peace," whose hand has raised him from the level dead unto the living line. O Lord! my Lord! in Thee, and Thee alone, is help for man!

Such, my brethren and friends, is Masonry in Christian communities, for in them alone has it reached its fullest perfection. It teaches how and why to live and how and why to die. Conducting its votaries through death, the grave and the resurrection, it introduces them into the glorious life beyond the tomb, and so giving them a foretaste of things unutterable, it rings in their ears the constant cry: "Beware! Prepare!"

Saith the Master, "Duty, go?" The Mason goes—no doubt, nor fear. Crieth Duty, "Come?" He comes with ready heart and hand. "Do this?" He doeth it with all his might. "Live?" He bends him to his toil with unabating zeal. "Die?" He gathers up his working tools, his house in order sets, then folds his hands in prayer, and to the God who gave it meekly renders up his soul.—*Voice of Masonry.*

FIDELITY TO THE OLD STANDARD.

BANNERS of war which have been rent by the storms of battle, but remain undestroyed in the hands of victors, are justly held in respect and veneration. They are emblems of honour, of valour, of the triumph of might conjoined with right. Freemasonry has its banners, but they are banners of peace; nor are they material, though they are actual. The Fraternity's banner over us is Love. It has come down to us through many a conflict. The good, the true, and the beautiful always have to fight their way—there is a lasting conflict between Light and Darkness. The principles of Freemasonry are so just, so true, so useful, that these very qualities ensure to them enemies. Iconoclasts destroyed many an architectural pile which our skilfully operative brethren of the middle ages erected, and iconoclasts would now destroy the moral edifice which the Craft of the last two centuries has erected on the remains of the architectural wonders of the past. This cannot be done—not while we fight under the old standard. The future of Freemasonry depends upon itself. If it continues to be unique, to avoid copying profane manners and customs, to maintain the standard of qualification for participation in its mysteries, to preserve unimpaired its foundation principles, to antagonize the tendency that would overlay the ancient degrees with modern ones—then the Craft will grow older without becoming decrepit, and with age will only grow stronger. Fidelity to the old standard is the price of its perpetuity, the guarantee of its immortal youth.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is about to celebrate the centenary of its independence. Four years ago, in 1882, it celebrated the sesqui-centennial of its origin. There is no just ground for pride in age *alone*, unless it be vigorous and changeless in principle. Hence the present is the time to consider whether the age of the Craft in this jurisdiction is a green old age, or a ripe one, betokening decay and death.

One of the devices on the banner of Love which the Fraternity waves over us is, Faith in God and in the Immortality of the Soul. Without a belief in these, Freemasonry would be as a dismantled barque at sea, at the mercy of the winds and waves. With them she is afloat for all time, guided by compass, answering her helm, with the blue sky of Divine Providence over her, and sailing on, a thing of beauty and of life, freighted with one of the richest cargoes that was ever sped over the sea of existence.

Another device is, Love to the Brethren. This love we can manifest in a thousand ways—not merely by the sympathetic word and the fraternal deed to those who are in distress, but by our kindly affection for all our brethren, and especially by not bringing into association with them, nor electing to preside over them, any who are not of good report, and in every way worthy to be members of and rulers over the Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The black ball and the ballot are the guardians of the Craft, and their use or abuse will determine whether the Fraternity shall become decrepit with age, or enjoy perpetual youth. Brethren, ask yourselves the question—Is the membership of Freemasonry what it once was, in the high character of its initiates? If it is not, if the un-

worthy are evading the scrutiny of the Examining Committee and of the ballot, if the immoral are finding an entrance, and those exercising unwholesome, not to say degrading, occupations, are being added to our number, then we are not loving the brethren as we should. We are introducing to their company the unworthy, and these same unworthy ones may come to rule over us. Freemasonry can only be wounded in the house of its friends. The man who is of good report, whose vocation is an honourable one, whose life is an example of the triumph of Light over Darkness, will strengthen the Fraternity, lengthen its years, and add to its honour, while he who is the reverse will stain its escutcheon, and may imperil its very existence.

Give us always the old standards—in Masonic principles, in Masonic usages, and in Masons. The old Standard Bearers of the Craft, who were they? Glance over their names in all of our jurisdictions. Men of unsullied character; men of renown in achievement in State, Church, the professions, and mercantile life; men whom their fellow-citizens were proud to honour with stations of official trust; men whose word was never broken, whom even the forked tongue of slander never dared approach. Such men must remain standard in Freemasonry, if its future is to equal its past.

As the Craft in Pennsylvania is about to enter upon a new century of its independent existence, it is becoming that it should maturely consider these facts. A century hence will find us—where? On the same high plane of action, with the banner of Love waving over the Craft, with the old emblems of Faith in God and in the Immortality of the Soul still blazing with the light of life? Or shall the Fraternity be stranded on the shores of time? Forbid it, Grand Architect of the Universe! Forbid it, every brother linked with us in fraternal bonds! Forbid it, Examining Committees! Forbid it, every one who may deposit a black ball! Forbid it, every one who may cast a ballot! The eternal years belong to the Craft, if it be true to itself. And then the finite shall be merged into the infinite, the Lodge below close for ever, and the Lodge above open for the endless ages of eternity. Fidelity to the old standard is what the Craft demands from every candidate who has been brought to Light, and on that old standard are emblazoned the emblems of the eternal gospel of Love.

—Keystone.

DEFINITION OF MASONRY.

TWO hundred years ago the Westminster Assembly met to define the doctrines of the Church, and the youngest member of Assembly was appointed to answer the question, "What is God?" The answer given and adopted was, "God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth." Now, one would think, that this was a fair and full definition of God; and yet there is no mention of mercy here, and that, too, as wonderful as if a man were to paint the human countenance and leave out the eyes—as if a man were to explain the solar system and leave out the sun—as if a man were to describe the waters of the world and leave out the ocean! God in His nature is a God of mercy, and the most precious part of Revelation is, that to man He is "God, who is rich in mercy" (Eph. ii 4). Perhaps, says one, the Assembly thought that as white light is produced by all the rays of the rainbow, all their varied colours combined, so it needed all the attributes of God to express that God in His very nature is a God of mercy. Whatever may be thought of this definition, or answer to this question, "What is God?" there is no misunderstanding the definitions and explanations which are afterwards given of mercy by the assembly of divines. But what we here, in this example, draw attention to is this, that we are enabled to see how difficult it is for a general statement to become a complete definition of anything. It is difficult to define by a general statement what a plant is, as distinguished from an animal; there is a border-land where some seem to partake of both natures. It is difficult to define by a general statement what a man is—his body as related to the material creation around, and his spirit as related to the spiritual world above. One of the most exalted talents the philosopher can possess is to be able to give clear, distinct, and concise definitions. The historian Macaulay mentions a very grave instance of the want of a clear and distinct definition, where we would least of all expect to find it, namely, in the "Toleration Act," which

ranks amongst our great statutes, all of which are epochs in our constitutional history. "To a jurist, this Act," he says, "is a chaos of absurdities and contradictions." All the philosophers tell us how difficult it is for them to define a discovery when they have made it. Faraday had, therefore, always to apply to a Greek scholar to give him some compound word that would distinguish, if it could not define, his discovery—telegraph, biology, telephone, are compound words, to distinguish, *not to define*; they are general statements.

Now, that which is the case with regard to the general statements of other things is also the case with regard to the general statements of Masonry. Very grave errors have arisen from not considering that a general expression in Masonry is made, as is made everywhere else, more for brevity than explicitness, and so it has become necessary, time after time, to explain what Masonry really professes to be in its settled beliefs, and in its practical working.—*Rev. R. Wilson, of New South Wales.*

WHAT IS REQUIRED.

COMPANION Thomas J. Wilder, of Dakota, commenting on the staying of a candidate on the Past Master's degree, because "the first joint of his left fore-finger was off," says, "We know of but one rule to govern in all such cases. Can the brother conform to all the requirements of the degrees? If so, enough. Physical qualification has long been a bone of contention among Masons. How often have we seen them reject men who possessed every mental and moral qualification which the most conservative could ask for, because of some slight blemish to the hand, eye, or foot, while some half-fledged counterjumper, without a single mental qualification, and hardly sense enough to part his hair, or, if he had, parted it in the middle, and was of no more use to the Fraternity than a duck's wings are to an angel, was received with open arms, made a Mason, if such could be, and after donning a big square and compass, exhibited himself to the world as a representative of an Institution which should be in the hands of *men*, and not under the control of simpletons. Ours is an organisation which does not need numbers; there are too many now of some kinds we have. We want men; men with souls as well as bodies; men of brains, education, and ability, in whose hands the Institution will be what it now is, and we trust always will be, the grandest and best in the world for the purpose for which it was designed. Then, once for all, let us settle this question as before intimated, by receiving among our numbers such men only as are possessed of manhood, education and ability, with such physical qualifications as will enable them properly to conform to our rules and regulations."

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

V.—EARNESTNESS.

Go, watch the hardy miner at his toil,
Which drags earth's treasures to the light of day;
How carefully he moves the valued soil,
And deftly washes all the dross away.
His mind engrossed, he takes no outer note,
But eager, watches, fearful lest by stealth
Some minute particle away may float,
And so diminish something of his wealth.
But we have treasures richer far than gold,
Which in our Noble Order hidden lie;
Awaiting but the searching to unfold
Their beauties to the willing seeker's eye.
Be earnest, then, to grasp their priceless worth
And guard them from the touch of false alloy.
Be earnest for, and claim the Newer Birth
In God-made Temples deck'd with Bliss and Joy.

VI.—FIDELITY.

The Knights of old, though fierce and bold,
And rude in life and aim;
Bore hearts of steel, and firmly leal
To keep their knightly fame.
On cross and book, their vows they took,
And watched their vigils through;
Then donned their arms, for war's alarms,
To prove their fealty true,
Let Masons then, enlightened men,
By Wisdom's searching Light,
Keep watch and ward their vows to guard
And hold their objects bright.
Let head and heart perform their part,
Let hand and tongue attend,
To hold *them* new, and keep *us* true
And faithful to the end.

—*Freemason's Journal.*

WM. H. ORR, Grand Bard.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE first meeting of the session was held on Monday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. Bros. Downsnap W.M., Wall S.W., Lion J.W., James Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Botibol S.D., Gardner J.D., Lonzberg I.G., Hart D.C., S. J. Roco Chap., E. Van Noorden Org., Goddard Tyler; also Bros. Dodson P.M., M. Spiegel P.M., Obed Roberts P.M., Martin I.P.M., H. Green, Isaac Van Praagh, H. Lazarus, Hyam, L. Davis, H. and J. Harward, Sagenberg, H. Sagui, Von Staveren, Frank Isaacson, J. Wynman, Silver, Bland, T. Meyers, Kool, &c. After the opening of the Lodge and confirmation of the minutes, Bros. J. Harward, H. Harward, and H. Green were passed to the second degree. Bro. J. Van Praagh, after the usual questions had been very well answered, was raised to the third degree in a perfect manner by the Worshipful Master, who, during his year of office, has worked the ceremonies most efficiently. A petition from a widow of a deceased brother was presented for the signature of the brethren, and the Worshipful Master agreed to support it at the Board of Benevolence. The resignation of a member was accepted, with regret. A letter was read announcing the death of Bro. Greenwall; the intelligence being received with great sympathy. It was proposed by Bro. J. S. Lyon, and seconded by Bro. T. Meyers, that a letter of condolence be sent to the bereaved family; this was unanimously agreed to. A proposition of Bro. Spiegel, and also one from Bro. Alexander, was received, and will be considered at the next meeting. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, when 46 sat down. Bro. M. Silver, as usual at Hebrew Lodges, superintended the service. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Staley P.M. 185, J. Van Praag 1668, J. Robinson 76, G. Warner 813, C. Read 1613, J. Berg 1613, L. Levy 185, and J. Buck 1349. The various toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master, and loyally responded to. That of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Staley, J. Van Praagh, Robinson, Levy, and others. Bro. Van Noorden conducted the musical entertainment provided by the Worshipful Master. Miss Effie Chapuy, Miss Mary Hutton, and Bro. Arthur Weston were the singers, while Mr. Walfer Van Noorden accompanied on the piano.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the Highbury Station Hotel, Islington, when Bro. James Cooper W.M. presided. He was supported by Bros. R. P. Forge P.M. 619, 1950, S.W. and W.M. elect, G. Snook J.W., A. W. Fenner P.M. Treasurer, C. K. Killick P.M. Secretary, C. K. Killick jun. P.P.G.S.B. Herts P.M., H. Hall P.M., N. L. Western I.P.M., T. Casely S.D., W. T. H. Mayor J.D., J. T. Anthony Dir. of Cers., H. C. Turner I.G., T. W. S. Holden Steward, together with a large number of members and visitors. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, who had invited the Past Masters, Officers and brethren of his Lodge to meet him at the studio of their Inner Guard for the purpose of being photographed together, and who was still engaged in superintending the arrangements, the Lodge was opened by Bro. C. K. Killick jun., the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, who immediately proceeded with the business of the day. The minutes having been confirmed, the balance-sheet and Auditor's report were read and adopted, after which Lodge was advanced and Bros. F. J. Moore, A. Conway and T. Howard were raised. The ballot was then taken for five gentlemen, candidates for initiation, and being in their favour they were regularly admitted to the benefits of Masonic light, Bro. R. P. Forge P.M., the W.M. elect, performing the ceremony on their behalf. These were Messrs. John Ball, John Hatton, and Leopold Dicks, introduced by the W.M. elect and seconded by Bro. J. Potter; and Messrs. Dando Harper and Herbert Farrand Bangs, proposed by Bro. T. Casely S.D., and seconded by Bro. Killick Secretary. The installation was the next business to be transacted, Bro. Forge being regularly placed in the chair and subsequently saluted in the three degrees. He appointed the following as the Officers for the year:—Bros. Snook S.W., Casely J.W., Fenner P.M. Treasurer, Killick P.M. Secretary, Mayer S.D., Turner J.D., Holden I.G., J. Potter Dir. of Cers., W. Whittle and Simon Stewards, Bowler Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then concluded, Bro. Cooper, the Installing Officer, completing the work of his year in an admirable manner. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. presented to his predecessor a handsome Past Master's jewel, at the same time tendering him his hearty congratulations and hoping, on his own account and on behalf of every member of the Lodge, that Brother Cooper might be spared for many years to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscriptions:—

On the obverse:—

THE KINGSLAND LODGE 1693,
1885-1886.

On the reverse:—

Presented to
BRO. JAMES COOPER,
By the members of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.
As a mark of esteem
For services rendered as W.M.
1885-1886.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet, which was admirably served under the personal direction of Bro. Baker. In due course the Worshipful Master proposed the various toasts. In submitting that of the Queen and the Craft, he said that Her Majesty was beloved by all her subjects, while the more they saw of her, the better they appreciated her many qualities. The name of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales needed no eulogium to secure a hearty reception. The Grand Master of England was honoured and

revered by every brother under his rule. The Grand Officers—including the Pro and the Deputy Grand Masters—was the next toast, and this having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. Bro. Cooper assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was a very pleasing duty to him, but at the same time somewhat of a hard task, as he felt that the toast required a brother to propose it who was better able to do justice to it than he was. Were he to speak for an hour, he could not praise Bro. Forge enough, for he was a thorough Mason, zealous and energetic in all the doings of the Craft. He had had the pleasure of witnessing his installation in another Lodge, on the occasion of his first filling the office of Worshipful Master, and then had seen what a capable officer he was. He was not only a Mason—but a brother at heart, as was evidenced by the way in which he supported the Charities of the Order. He had done much for them in the past, and only last year, when he (Bro. Cooper) was acting as a Steward for one of the Institutions, Bro. Forge had handed him an amount sufficient to complete his qualification as a Vice-President of it. With such a brother at the head of their Lodge they need have no fear as to its prosperity during the coming year. Bro. Forge, in reply, having tendered his thanks, felt he hardly deserved the many kind words said of him. He should always endeavour to do his duty in his new position, and he hoped to give the members satisfaction. If the brethren would bring up gentlemen for initiation he should be happy to confer the degrees upon them. He was much gratified with the high position in which it had pleased the brethren to place him during the evening. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was an important one—that of the Initiates. They had that evening introduced five gentlemen into Masonry, each of whom, he hoped, would not only be an honour to the Craft, but a credit to the Kingsland Lodge. He felt they had been impressed with the ceremony they had taken part in that night, and would be still more so when the time came for them to receive their second and third degrees. Bro. Ball, replying as an initiate, tendered his thanks. He felt highly gratified at the reception accorded him by the members of the society of which he had just become a member. He should be pleased to do his utmost, in his humble way, to advance the welfare of the Order. Bro. Hatton followed, tendering his thanks. Bro. Dicks also had great pleasure in being initiated; indeed he might say the present was one of the happiest moments of his life. He hoped he should spend many evenings among the brethren around him, as he had so much enjoyed his first experiences. He should be as regular an attendant as possible, and should do his best to advance the interests of the Order. Bro. Bangs only hoped the pleasure he had that evening experienced might be repeated on many occasions in the future. He trusted he might prove himself worthy of the name of Brother. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Visitors. They had a numerous array that night, and he felt sure that every member of the Lodge was pleased to see them. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Baker, Seaman, and Elliott. The former felt it was indeed a difficult task that he had before him—one he felt quite unequal to achieve. He could but acknowledge and thank them for the great kindness of the Lodge towards every visitor he saw around him. He assured them he fully appreciated the enjoyment that had been provided for the guests of the evening, and hoped it might be his good fortune to attend the Lodge on some future occasion. Bro. Seaman felt especial gratification in attending the several installations—he might say—of the present Worshipful Master, inasmuch as he had had the pleasure of initiating him. Looking to Bro. Forge he felt very much like the duck that hatched a swan's egg—he was surprised at the chick he had been instrumental in bringing forth. He was exceedingly proud of Bro. Forge, and was pleased to witness the high esteem in which he was held in the Kingsland Lodge. Bro. Elliott, who followed, expressed the gratification he felt in being present. If there was one thing he regretted it was that in his earliest years he had not joined a Lodge in his own parish. He had worked with the Master of the Kingsland Lodge in other quarters and had received great help from him. He felt he might say the Kingsland Lodge occupied a prominent position in the Craft, and he hoped it might long retain the place it had achieved. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of Bro. Cooper, the Installing and Immediate Past Master of the Lodge. He could but endorse the words of one of their visitors who had told the brethren that Bro. Cooper had faithfully performed the duties attached to his office. He had truly proved himself a worthy occupant of the chair. Bro. Cooper, in reply, tendered his thanks. He felt he had received very much more praise than he deserved or ever expected. Twelve months since, when he first occupied the chair, he said he should do his best, and he had done so, more particularly perhaps as the body over which he had been called to preside was his mother Lodge. He felt most happy and proud to be a Past Master of the Lodge in which he was admitted as an initiate. He was pleased to think he had, in a measure, merited the approval of those over whom he had ruled during the year, as was evidenced by the handsome present of a Past Master's jewel which they had been kind enough to make him that day. The twelve months during which he had been at the head of affairs in the Lodge had been enjoyable ones to him, and he almost regretted his term of office had expired. The next toast was that of the Masonic Charities, proposed by the Worshipful Master in true brotherly style. With such a large number of Masons as at present existed, it was absolutely necessary to have some properly organized system of dispensing charity, and this was found in the three Institutions associated with the Craft. The Kingsland Lodge had done well since its consecration on behalf of these Masonic Charities. It had, he thought, sent up a Steward each year on behalf of one or other of them, and sometimes two or three. He and his Brother Junior Deacon had decided to continue the good work, and would do their best as Stewards for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which he considered worthy of their warmest support. Those who, like himself, had visited the Asylum provided by this Institution at Croydon for the aged, could but feel they had

there a true home for those who might need it; indeed, if he should come in his old age to want it, he could not desire anything better than was there provided. It was impossible for him or those around him to become young again, so they would never need a home in either the Boys' or the Girls' Schools, but he hoped they might all live to grow old, and who should say how many of them might be glad of an annuity from the Benevolent Institution. If misfortune did overtake any of them, it was a gratification to know the doors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were open to them. He would, therefore, urge them to support it to the best of their ability, now they were in a position to do so. He would not trouble them with further remarks, as he had a brother near by who would respond to the toast, who was far better able to do justice to it than he was. He was pleased to see Bro. Terry among them again in renewed health, and hoped he would long be able to give his services for the good of the cause of which he was so able a champion. A visiting brother here sung in capital form a humorous song on the delusion of L.U.V., which gave Bro. Terry a text for his reply. He assured the brethren there was no delusion in the love he asked his hearers to entertain for the Benevolent Institution, which was worthy of all the love that could be conferred on it, and was not at all likely to resent attentions as had those referred to in the song they had just listened to. He then made a strong appeal to the newly-admitted brethren, and to all around him, to exercise that virtue they once professed to admire, and pointed out the method by which they could now render that assistance which was denied them at their initiation. Having summarised the work being carried on by the two Educational Institutions, which Brother Terry ventured to think were pre-eminent among the scholastic Charities of England, he referred to the Institution with which he is officially connected. The Benevolent Institution was at the present time expending no less a sum than £13,760 per annum in providing annuities for three hundred and ninety-five old people—brother Masons or their widows. During the last ten years they had not only increased the amount, but they had nearly doubled the number of these annuities, yet they had to reject an enormous number of applications year by year, being unable to render any assistance from sheer lack of funds. At the present time there were one hundred and thirty candidates seeking to be admitted to the benefits of the Institution, and they had not a single vacancy to fill; indeed they might be said to owe an aged brother's annuity, inasmuch as one of those entitled to a deferred annuity had not yet been admitted to the Fund, and his only chance of being so admitted depended on the death of one of those already receiving an annuity. Bro. Terry could well remember when he consecrated their Lodge and occupied its chair for the first time. Since then it had done good work and it promised to do well in the future. He hoped that the present Worshipful Master and his Junior Deacon might be so supported in their joint Stewardship as to place them at the head of the long line of Stewards who had already represented the Kingsland Lodge. The Past Masters were next toasted, the health of Bro. Fenner, the Treasurer, being included. That brother felt especial pleasure in witnessing the success of the Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and fully appreciated the compliment paid him by the members in electing him to the high dignity of Treasurer. Yet another toast remained to the Worshipful Master—that of the Officers. Bro. Forge trusted the selection he had made had proved satisfactory to the brethren. That he had chosen had been selected in the best interests of the Lodge, and he was sure they would each do their utmost to carry out their duties efficiently and to the benefit of the Craft. These of the brethren included in the toast who were present having responded, the Tyler was summoned, and he gave the closing sentiment in due form. An enjoyable programme of music was provided for the meeting, and, under the direction of Bro. Wright, Organist, this added much to the pleasure of those present, who appeared to spend a really enjoyable evening. Among the visitors were Bros. C. A. Wadsworth 1790, G. Bell 733, A. Combes 1471, J. T. Laws 820, J. Tickle P.M. 1702 P.P.G.R. Middlesex, M. J. Dickens S.D. 1692, John Howard J.D. 1692, G. Clarke J.W. 1950, W. Wright Org. 1897, J. Little 193, E. Seaman P.M. 619, W. J. House 1828, L. Kool 188, W. S. Richardson D.C. 55, F. Everitt 1602, K. Defriez, Alfred Love 1791, E. Woodman 1897, C. Payne I.P.M. 1602, R. Garner I.G. 1602, James Bayne 1897, T. Morris Sec. 177, W. T. Oakley 1524, S. T. Millin 1567, E. J. Farrils 1365, J. Osborn P.M. 1602, R. W. Humphreys 192, A. Cook 1336, A. J. Dixie J.W. 453, H. P. Matthews 569, J. H. Collingridge 1677, J. John J.W. 857, C. S. Clark 228, R. Baker (Clerkenwell), Th. Fürst 238, A. Job 1471, W. Mittens (Finsbury), C. Townley 201, R. Groome 1929, John Probert, W. W. Morgan jun., and others.

HUNDRED OF BOSMERE LODGE, No. 1958.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their meeting at the Masonic Hall, Havant, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., during which a presentation was made to Bro. Elverston P.M., on the occasion of his marriage. The gift took place in the form of a handsome marble timepiece, and was presented by Bro. Hill W.M., who made some pleasing remarks, which were duly acknowledged by Bro. Elverston. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, 25th ultimo. Present—Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. S. Fraser Sec., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., F. W. Leaver Org., and W. Lane-Tyler; also Bro. Geo. Price P.G. Treas. Surrey, E. C. Holden, E. C. Leaver, A. Matthey, D. Guadalla, R. W. Wilson. Visitors—Bros. Maitland H. Dicker W.M. 1470, T. R. Adams I.P.M. 63, A. Smith

J.D. 538. The Lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. H. H. Aston, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was initiated into Freemasonry—the Worshipful Master subsequently giving the charge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

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PEACE AND HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 199.

THE quarterly meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate Street, Dover. Amongst those present were M. E. Companions the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Kent, James B. Terson P.Z. acting Z., Rev. V. S. Vickers, H. F. W. Prescott P.Z. J., John Bourdeaux P.Z. P.P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj., Edward Luky P.Z. P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., C. C. Walter P.Z. P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj., Rev. John B. Harrison M.A. P.Z. 784, William Carter Z. 31, also E. Companions James W. Bussay P.S., George J. Bussay 1st. Asst. Soj., J. A. Hopper 2nd Asst. Soj., W. O. Kennett, Thomas Hearn, John James Wright, E. A. Marsh, Colonel Cumming Chapter 683, G. R. Igglesden, G. Willson Janitor, &c., &c. The installation ceremony was performed in a most efficient manner by M.E. Companion J. D. Terson P.Z., who installed E. Companions the Rev. V. S. Vickers as Z., Clement C. Walter P.Z. as H., and James Walter Bussey as J. The following Officers were also invested: Companion James D. Terson P.Z. S.E., E. A. Marsh S.N., Thomas Hearn P.S., George J. Bussay 1st. Asst. Soj., W. O. Kennett, 2nd Asst. Soj., H. M. Baker Treasurer, G. Willson Janitor. After the Chapter the Companions sat down to a most recherche banquet provided by Mr. A. T. Dartnall, of Snargate Street, which was served in an admirable manner, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all those present. During the evening the Earl Amherst in proposing success to the Dover Freemasons Hall spoke at great length as to the benefit the Freemasons would derive in having premises of their own, and in a complimentary speech congratulated the Dover Companions upon the acquisition of their new hall. The meeting was greatly enlivened by songs and glees rendered by Companions W. O. Kennett, J. Bourdeaux, G. R. Igglesden, and Bros. Winterbon and Higgins. The Companions dispersed at 9.30 p.m., after a most pleasant and successful evening had been passed.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—This popular Chapter commenced work on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch Lane and Cannon Street, and judging from the number present, somewhere about twenty, the interest in the beautiful ceremony of the R.A. Degree increases as years roll on. There may be some reason for the unusually good attendance at this Chapter of Improvement, in the fact that its Preceptor (Comp. F. Brown) is always to be found at his post; he is ever ready to give one and all the benefit of his knowledge. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rendered by the following Companions:—M. Levy Z., E. C. Beedell II., A. W. Wells J., J. L. Payne S.N., W. Simpson P.S. Comp. C. Powell was the candidate. The Chapter has just had the whole of its furniture and regalia polished and re-painted, and now presents a marked contrast to its former appearance, which can but be described as rather dingy. A departure from old ways may be recorded in the fact that the Companions have determined to celebrate the opening of the session by having a supper on the 2nd Nov. Only a limited number will be able to be present, as the repast will be served in the same room as the members use for their work. We may mention that Comp. Levy undertook the regilding of Officers' jewels, and renovating of the collars, and was heartily thanked by all present for his kindness.

The usual weekly Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement No. 1471, was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on 30th ult., at 8 o'clock. Present:—Comps. W. Radcliffe M.E.Z., J. Strugnell H., F. Hallows J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., W. F. Shaw P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed by the above-named Officers. Several R.A. Masons have lately joined this Chapter of Improvement, and it seems to be establishing for itself a good repute as regards the capabilities of its students.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The minutes having been confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information. Three petitions were considered, and the applicants approved. Two ex-pupils were granted sums towards providing outfits, and a notice of motion by Brother J. Le Feuvre, for the next Quarterly Court having been approved of, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Opera Comique.—There was produced on Wednesday last, before an overflowing and appreciative audience, a new and original farcical comedy by Mr. W. Outram Tristram, entitled "The Undergraduates." The piece is slight and crudely constructed, but nevertheless contains some very amusing scenes; arising out of the doings of a retired prize fighter, by name Jerry Duggan. This gentleman lets lodgings in Oxford, and has as tenants two Undergraduates. One of these, Ernest Farrant, has engaged himself to Duggan's daughter Fanny, who, however, is already married to an unfortunate actor, named Sparks, who has turned footman. The plot principally hinges on the loss of a bag, containing the necessities for a prize fight; which, if found, will jeopardise Duggan's liberty. How Sparks gets possession of the bag, and returns it to Duggan; how Ernest Farrant falls in love with a rich heiress, whom he afterwards marries; and how Sparks, by returning the bag, gains the goodwill of his father-in-law, are cleverly shown in the course of three acts. Mr. Tristram was fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Felix Morris to undertake the part of Duggan. This gentleman, although rather nervous on Wednesday, was amusing from first to last, and on him mainly rests the success of the piece. Mr. Morris's performance is a lifelike and humorous study, full of effective detail. Mr. Yorke Stephens played with agreeable lightness the part of Ernest Farrant; while those of Sir Jasper Farrant and Horatio Sparks were made the most of by Messrs. Arthur Greville and Lawrance D'Orsay respectively. Miss Kate Phillips, as Fanny, never failed to make the most of her opportunities, and scored well. Miss Eva Sothorn acts with grace and feeling as the heiress, Di Deverelle; her acting in the love scene in the second act was natural and deserving of special notice. Smaller parts were well filled by Mr. W. Scott Buist (Ralph Ruberry), Mrs. W. Sidney (Lady Farrant), and Miss Constance Stanhope (Mildred Farrant). The author, at the conclusion, was called before the curtain, and was well received. "The Undergraduates," to our thinking, though requiring a little strengthening, would do well in an evening bill, the part of Jerry Duggan being too good a character to be lost after a solitary morning performance.

Criterion.—"Wild Oats" was revived at this theatre on Saturday, the 25th ult., and, if we may judge from the hearty reception which it met, its success for the limited number of nights fixed for its representation on this stage is assured. Mr. Chas. Wyndham played Rover in his own merry and rollicking style, and was deservedly applauded; whilst Mr. Edward Righton made an excellent Sir George Thunder. Miss Mary Moore was a very charming Lady Amaranth. Mr. David James, as John Dory, created much merriment with his quaint, though somewhat boisterous and uncouth speeches and mannerisms. As every playgoer knows, the piece is full of "go," and the fun runs continuously from start to finish; keeping the audience in roars of laughter. "Wild Oats" is preceded by the well-known farce, "Who Killed Cock Robin." Here a word of praise is due to Mr. William Blakely for his rendering of the part of Abel Tinkle.

Albert Palace.—This favourite resort for amusement seekers is once more the scene of a very amusing entertainment. Mr. William Holland, who is always on the look out for something new, has now added a large and well-conducted circus, which is under the management of Mr. Claude Ginnett. Two performances are given daily in the centre of the nave, and we must congratulate Mr. Holland on his latest acquisition. Mr. Ginnett's circus would alone repay anyone for a visit, but added to this is an unrivalled constellation of star artistes specially engaged by Mr. Holland. Of the artistes who deserve a special word of praise we may mention the Cragg troupe of acrobats, who go through their clever entertainment with great skill; Frank Jennings and Son in the marvellous perche act; Mons. Russini on the high stilts; the Newmarket jockey act by Mr. Fred Ginnett; Mephisto, the boneless wonder; Mr. Richmond Hull's riding on a bare backed horse; the slack wire performance by Miss Jessica; and several other clever and novel items which form a very attractive programme. Among other things that Mr. Holland has given this week is a cat show, which has proved both attractive and interesting, while among the most amusing "stock" entertainments we noticed Mr. Britton Pettigrove's marionettes; Bayard's moving diorama; the giant baby; the performing fleas; the live mermaid; and Lottina, the sylph of the air. Mr. Holland announces fresh items for next week's circus, which we feel convinced will attract numerous audiences.

Messrs. Spiers and Pond have succeeded in obtaining a licence for the refreshment rooms at Glandovey Station, on the Cambrian Railway, in Montgomeryshire. This is somewhat remarkable, because the magistrates of that district have, for the unprecedentedly long period of six years, refused all applications for licences. It is certainly a compliment to this well-known firm that the licencing board should have made an exception in their favour, recognising the difference between one of their refreshment rooms and the ordinary licenced premises as conducted in the Principality.

The members of the Langton Lodge of Instruction reassembled for active work on Thursday, the 7th instant, meeting, as before, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-street, E.C., at 5.30 p.m. The meetings will be continued weekly at the same hour.

Bro. G. S. Graham announces his twenty-first annual grand evening concert, which will take place on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the St. Andrew's Hall, Balham. Bro. Graham is always a popular man with his fellow Craftsmen, and we hope to see a goodly number of brethren to do him honour on Thursday next.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution, for Boys, &c., &c., has kindly consented to rehearse the Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation at the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, East Dulwich Hotel, on Monday evening, the 18th October next, at 6.30 for 7 precisely. Brethren who are members of this Lodge of Instruction are earnestly requested to be present on the occasion, and to bring with them as many Masonic friends as possible. After the Ceremonies a supper will be provided, at which the W.M. of the Selwyn Lodge will preside.

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AGED EIGHT YEARS.

His Father, Joseph Good (Lodge Elias de Derham, No. 586), late
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from paralysis, after a lingering illness, leaving his widow and five
young children unprovided for.

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OCTOBER ELECTION, 1886.

The Votes and Interests of the Governors and
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MARTHA PAULINA CAROLINE STENG,
AGED TEN YEARS.An orphan, whose father, Bro. CHARLES STENG, for many years
leather dresser, in Wilds Rents, Bermondsey, was initiated in the
Old England Lodge, No. 1790, in the year 1881, and continued a
subscribing member until his death, which was caused by a cancer of
the stomach, in October 1885; the mother died in the year 1881.
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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

FLORENCE GRACE CHAPMAN,
AGED NINE YEARS,Whose father, Bro. THOMAS CHARLES CHAPMAN, was initiated in the
Gresham Lodge, No. 869, on the 18th February, 1871, and subscribed
nine years. First S.W. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524,
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NOTICE OF MOTION—

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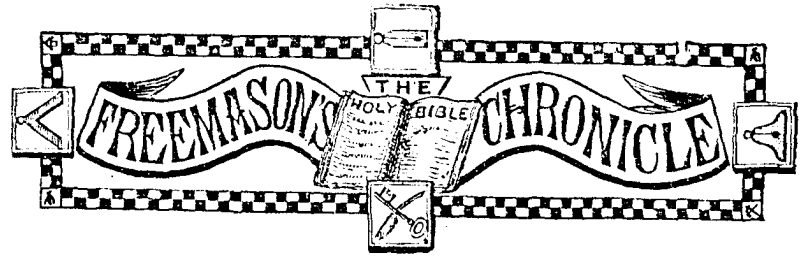
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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Once more I beg to direct your readers' attention to the work done on behalf of our several Institutions by London and the various Provinces, as set forth in the respective Festival Reports. Of course, there are individual donations; but the amounts are small, and will scarcely alter appreciably the average of the various Provinces. On investigation there will be found a general improvement upon last year; for instance, Cambridgeshire, which from 1878-1884 inclusive had done nothing for the Benevolent, but £180 for the Boys and £133 for the Girls, in 1885 was credited with £106 11s 6d for the Benevolent, and this year £143, £131 8s, and £273 respectively; Bedfordshire, which in the eight years ending 1885 gave nothing to the Benevolent, £38 17s to the Boys, and £48 6s to the Girls, has this year been credited with £53 12s for the R.M.B.I., and £134 13s for the Girls; while Herefordshire, who for nine years ending 1886 had given nothing to the Benevolent, once in the same period, 1883, £53 11s to the Boys, and in 1876 £10s 10s to the Girls, this year gives £74 11s 9d. There is one thing to be said: neither Beds nor Hereford have had any, and Cambridgeshire only one recipient (a boy) from our Institutions, but the true spirit of Masonry does not consist, as some Provinces seem to think, of a hard and fast line of debtor and creditor account, a quid pro quo between what is given and received; if that were so, our Institutions would soon cease to exist, for to many Provinces it appears a perfect matter of indifference how much their account is overdrawn so long as some one else pays the piper. As for instance Northumberland, which year by year draws £160 from the Benevolent, has not contributed since 1877 one sixpence towards its funds. It is all very well for her to say she has contributed so much towards the Boys' and Girls'; that does not help the Benevolent Fund. Then again Devonshire, Yorkshire West, Lancashire East, show the following deficits respectively for the year:—£847 1s, seven years' average £778 3s 11d; Yorkshire West, for the year £904 3s 8d, seven years' average £571 5s 11d; Lancashire East for the year £1200 8s 3d, seven years' average £374 2s. I have to apologise to Lincolnshire in having omitted in correction of the proof her handsome subscription of £10 10s to the Boys' account, against her deficit this year of £502 5s 11d, and seven years' average deficit of £490 17s. These last calculations are made for the three Institutions collectively. I really believe that this state of things requires only to be known to individual members in the several Provinces to be remedied.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 29th September, Bro. Dimsdale (Secretary) occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. Gregory, Messer, Ament, Ross, Silvester, Edmonds, &c. Lodge having been opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Ross offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was then further advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first, and closed in due form. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge, on Wednesday, 27th October, by the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction.

East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.—On Tuesday evening, 28th September, at the King's Arms Hotel, Croydon. Bros. Kilvington W.M., Fern S.W., Dr. Nicholls J.W., Hawes Sec., Dr. Smith S.D., Cambridge J.D., Mathey I.G., Past Masters Blake, Ranson, Chamberlain, Griffin, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Blake offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; Bro. Ranson gave the charge. The Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees, and nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the Lodge was closed in due form.

On Tuesday, 5th inst. Bros. Dr. Nicholls W.M., Cambridge S.W., Mathey J.W., Ranson S.D., Hawes (Sec.) J.D., Chamberlain I.G.,

Hobbs, Nicholls, Kilvington, Dr. Smith, Baber, Ridpath, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed and the charge given. Bro. Hobbs W.M. 2096 proposed, Bro. Dr. Smith seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, "That the members of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, have heard with the greatest sorrow of the sudden death of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. and D.G.M. of the Province, and they desire to express to Bro. Charles Greenwood Prov. Grand Secretary and the family of their deceased Brother their respectful and heartfelt condolence in their bereavement." The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Bro. Charles Greenwood. After other business, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720.—The weekly meeting of this very successful Lodge of Instruction, was held on Wednesday evening, 29th Sept., at the Balham Hotel, Balham, and was very well attended. The business specially appointed for the day was the working of the ceremony of installation by Bro. W. H. Tilling, the retiring W.M. of the St. James's Lodge, No. 765. The occasion was rendered more interesting on account of this worthy brother having a few days hence to instal his natural as well as his Masonic brother (the W.M. elect) into the chair of that Lodge. The retiring W.M. proved his efficiency by rehearsing in the Lodge of Instruction the duty he would have to perform in the regular Lodge, and if any encomium were needed it was amply justified by the manner in which he went through the ceremony. Of course, in view of the ceremony of installation, his brother could not be present, so Bro. Dunkley, the worthy and able secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, was presented as the candidate, and rarely has it been seen when that important rite has been more ably and correctly rendered; this proves that the St. James's Lodge has the right man in the right place. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. George Tilling took the chair, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Graham S.W., Artello J.W., Miller S.D., Dunkley J.D. and Secretary, Leonard I.G., Poore Preceptor. The following brethren were also present:—Roads, Treve, Allen, H. Thompson, Wood, Moffrey, Stanbrook, Campbell, G. Tilling. Bro. Poore proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to Bro. W.M. Tilling, the Installing Master, for the very able and correct manner in which he had discharged the duty of Installing Officer, and expressed the gratification he had experienced in witnessing the correct manner in which it had been discharged. The motion having been seconded, Bro. Henry Thompson P.M. 177 and 1158 asked permission of the Lodge, as perhaps the oldest Mason present, to add his tribute of congratulation to Bro. Tilling, for the very perfect manner in which he had gone through the installation ceremony, and said that Bro. Tilling had not only shown his proficiency in the installation, but had set an example which might well be followed by his successor. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned until Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Thursday evening, 30th September, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon. Bro. J. Roffey, of the parent Lodge, occupied the chair of W.M., and the other offices were filled by the following brethren:—J. W. Squire—of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 3—S.W., Higerty J.W., Carter S.D., March J.D., J. H. Wade I.G., G. King P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, W. H. Wingfield—W.M. of the parent Lodge—Secretary. The only visitor was Bro. H. Thompson 1426 P.M. 177 and 1158. The ceremony of installation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. Roffey—Bro. March candidate—the whole of the offices being most efficiently filled, which added great interest to the business of the evening. The Lodge was afterwards raised to the second degree, when Bro. Wade presented himself as a candidate for passing to the degree of Fellow Craft, but as time did not permit the rehearsing of the ceremony, the lecture of the first section of the degree was worked, the questions being presented by Brother King, the Preceptor—one of the veterans of the Old Concord Lodge. Bro. King, at the conclusion of the lecture, proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to Bro. Roffey, for his able services in working the degree of initiation, it being the first time that he had taken the chair in the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction; this was unanimously passed, and for which Bro. Roffey expressed the great gratification he experienced in receiving such a tribute of approbation on the part of the brethren, and said at the same time it would give him an incentive to further devote himself to the study of Freemasonry, which he loved so much, and trusted that when the time arrived for him to take a prominent position in a Lodge he would be able to discharge the duties with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself. Bro. Squire was appointed Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and, after the appointment of officers in rotation, the Lodge adjourned until half-past-seven o'clock on Thursday evening, 7th October.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, at the Railway Hotel, Putney, Bro. Sapsworth in the chair. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The bye-laws were read. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and afterwards in the third, and closed to the first degree. The brethren proceeded to the election of Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditors. Brother P.M. Williams proposed, and P.M. Preceptor Taylor seconded that Bro. Bond be Treasurer; this was carried unanimously. Bro. Bond accepted the office, and thanked the Lodge. P.M. Taylor then proposed, and P.M. Williams seconded, that Bro.

Grundy, of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, be Secretary; carried unanimously. Bro. Grundy accepted the office, and expressed his sense of the honour conferred on him. Brothers Culance, Harling and Cutbill were then elected Auditors. A vote of thanks to Bro. Bond for his kindness in officiating as Secretary during the unavoidable absence of Bro. Ratcliffe for some months past was carried unanimously, and the same ordered to be recorded in the minutes of the evening. Bro. Cutbill Senior Warden was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 27th Sept. at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, there were present:—Bros. C. Weeden W.M., Fluck S.W., Turner J.W., Cooper Treas., Collingridge Sec., Hancock S.D., Potter J.D., Clark I.G., Trowinnard Prec. Past Masters Bros. Fenner, Western, Hall, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second, when Bros. Smith and Moore answered the questions leading to the third degree. The Lodge was opened in the third, and a board of Installed Masters appointed. The ceremony of Installation was rehearsed by Bro. Cooper W.M. 1693. The newly-appointed Master was saluted. Bro. Cooper then gave the addresses in most eloquent style. Bro. Smith, of Islington Lodge, 1471, was elected a member, and Bro. Fluck appointed W.M. for Monday next. Lodge was then closed.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 30th September, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, W. Present:—Bros. E. Austin W.M., Pardue P.M. S.W., Breitbart J.W., Craggs S.D., Cavers J.D., Jennings I.G., J. Davies Preceptor, Past Masters Bros. Spiegel, Josey, Sims; also Bros. Cochrane W.M. 1056, Daniel S.W. 1694, Bond 1425, Head, Barbrook, Stroud, W. Williams, Dopson. After preliminaries, the fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Davis Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Breitbart. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge opened in the third degree. The second section of that lecture was worked by Bro. Davies Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Purdne P.M. Lodge resumed to second degree, first section worked by the brethren. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bros. Bond, Cochrane, and Daniel were elected members, and Lodge closed.

FUNERAL OF BRO. C. GREENWOOD.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, took place on Tuesday, at the Finchley (St. Pancras) Cemetery. The remains of our respected brother were laid side by side with those of his wife, who was interred here in April last. Amongst those who attended to pay a last tribute of respect was the Right Worshipful Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, K.C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, Bro. R. W. Price P.M. 463, representing Bro. G. Price Prov. Grand Treasurer Surrey. This gentleman also represented the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463. Bro. G. D. Lister and others represented the Grove Lodge; Bro. H. M. Hobbs and several others attended on behalf of the George Price Lodge. The St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, was represented by its W.M., Bro. Henry Martin; by Past Masters John Laver, Alfred Green, F. J. Hentsch, Usher Back, W. W. Morgan, T. H. Pierce; Bros. Burr, Kent, Linfield, &c. Many of those gentlemen who were associated with Bro. Greenwood in his more public duties were present; as also were several ladies. Floral wreaths were sent by many sympathising friends, and everything betokened the high esteem in which our late brother was held. A special service had been held at St. John's Church, Highgate-road, where Bro. C. Greenwood had for several years held the post of churchwarden, and the service was completed at the grave side amid a most impressive and long to be remembered scene.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. John Probert ably acquitted himself at the "In Memoriam" concert of the late Bro. J. L. Hatton, given at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, on which occasion he sang "Good bye, sweetheart," and "The lark now leaves." We are further gratified to hear that Bro. Probert has been engaged for the Glasgow and Edinburgh Choral Festival, which will take place in February next.

Holloway's Pills.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming increase of English cholera and diarrhoea should be a warning to every one to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills should be in every household to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's is the best physic during the summer season, when decaying fruits and unwholesome vegetables are frequently decaying the bowels, and daily exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action, to the dangers of diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera.

GLEANINGS.

Symbolic Masonry, genuine Masonry, is strictly cosmopolitan, uniting in one common brotherhood men of every country, sect, and opinion; it recognizes no creed or distinctive form of religion, save only a belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and Royal Arch Masonry is but an elaboration of this theme. It is the commentary upon, or the more full elucidation of the ideas for which Symbolic Masonry furnishes the text. Being founded upon the same principles, Royal Arch Masonry, was by the old English Constitutions, recognized as a part of Ancient Craft Masonry. It alone, of all the so-called higher degrees, can justly claim the title of Masonic. Certainly, an organization which requires its votaries to subscribe to any religious creed or dogma, or to be supporters and defenders of any particular belief, cannot claim to be Masonic, no matter what other qualifications they may require of their initiates. Their teachings in other respects may be grand and sublime, and their ceremonies impressive, yet ignoring the one distinctive feature of Freemasonry, they should not be looked upon as an integral portion of it.—*M. L. Youngs, of Wisconsin.*

A RICH LODGE.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Mass., limits its membership to twenty-six, and has property valued at two hundred thousand dollars.

A NEW MASONIC PAPER IN ITALY.—Milan, Italy, has a new Masonic journal, *Humanitas*, the first number of which was printed 15th August.

STRICT LAWS.—Among the standing orders and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Maryland we find that the Grand Secretary advertises the meetings of the Grand Lodge in the public newspapers; that every brother elected or appointed to office in the Grand Lodge is furnished with a certificate to that effect, over Grand Lodge seal; that the Grand Lecturer, for each visit to a consistent Lodge, is allowed the sum of 25 dollars; that the Grand Secretary is required to issue the Proceedings in printed form inside of sixty days from date of closing of the session; that no brother can be installed Master of a Lodge until he produces evidence from the Grand Lecturer that he is qualified to confer the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry; that Lodges are forbidden to apply to the General Assembly of the State for charters; that no Lodge is permitted to solicit aid from foreign jurisdictions without permission from the Grand Master; that no (private) Masonic information can be furnished to the public press, except such as may be authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.—*Masonic Home Journal.*

IS MASONRY EXCLUSIVE?—Upon this question there may be a diversity of opinion. It is right that a father should guard carefully his own household. In this respect he should be strictly exclusive, for the reason that the members therein are nearer to him than all others, and the same rule holds good with societies, associations, clans, communities, or whatever the formation may be. A man must give his own kindred the preference. When a body of men are joined together by ties of the strongest nature; when these men worship at a shrine that is as extensive as the world itself, and whose motto is universality; we think that, after taking all things into consideration, such a body should be exclusive. When it comes to national affairs, matters of business, or anything outside of a fraternal nature, then Masonry should be non-exclusive, for every man should meet one another, in all his dealings as a man. And when a brother violates the laws of a country, or those of society, then the fact of his being a Mason should not shield him from receiving the penalties that the violations inflict. From our conception of Masonry we should prefer our own as far as it is consistent. We should act judiciously and discreetly, and the mere fact that a man is not a Mason should not deter us from bestowing toward him the good feeling, kindness, and all the blessings of life that a good man has the right to expect and enjoy.—*Freemason's Journal.*

NEW YORK GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.—The Bibliophile, be he Mason or profane, will find much to interest him in the Grand Lodge Library. Three volumes in Latin, printed in 1604 in Spain, and written by a monk, are explanations of the book of Ezekiel and Commentaries. A copy of the Holy Bible printed in London in 1612, only thirty years after the art of printing was discovered, and another dated 1733, are unique and curious.

MASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.—A movement, commenced in 1881, has proved to be *au fait accompli* in the constitution of a District Grand Lodge, English Constitution, for Natal Free State, Griqualand West, and Transvaal, in South Africa. There are few towns where Masonry flourishes as healthfully as it does in Cape Town. Masonic buildings in that section compare well with some of the handsomest structures in other countries. The Grand Lodge has instituted a Masonic Board of Education, which is in its fourth year, and out of a treasury of £400 spent £200 for education.—*Hebrew Leader.*

THE MASON'S AIM.—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, as 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 you 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.—*Knights.*

A BIG JOB.—At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory the following was adopted:—"That the Grand Master elect and Grand Secretary, with three others to be named by the Grand Master at an early date, shall constitute a Special Committee

to investigate the manner in which the various jurisdictions in America have treated the question of rituals and work, and report to this Grand Lodge at its next session such matters relating to the usages and means adopted by such other Grand Lodges to settle the vexed question of uniformity of work, together with a brief history (so far as proper to be written) of the work in general use by the jurisdictions on the Pacific coast, and more eastern jurisdictions, together with such other information and recommendations as the Committee may find proper to submit upon the subject.

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States held its twenty-sixth triennial convocation at Washington on 27th September.

Germany has 372 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 43,306. There are eight Grand Lodges, situated as follows: three in Berlin, one in Hamburg, one at Bayreuth, one at Leipsic, one at Frankfort, and another at Darmstadt. These form a confederation named "Deutche Grosslogenbund." Last year these Grand Lodges spent over 50,000 francs in charity.

New Mexico has 13 Lodges and 553 members, with a gain of 67 over the previous year. There were 70 initiations.

Manitoba has 31 Lodges and 1,350 members, with a gain of 113 over the previous year. The initiations were 138.

The total number of Lodges in Michigan is 354. Total active membership, for 1885, as per returns, 27,045.

NETHERLANDS.—The Lodge "La Beiu Aimée," in Amsterdam, hold a festival on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. 750 dollars were voted for two charitable institutions. A richly-carved gavel, inlaid with gold, was presented to the Worshipful Master. Amongst the many charitable institutions that have originated in this Lodge are "The Institution for Saving the Life of the Shipwrecked," "Institution for the Blind," Industrial Schools, and Savings Banks.—*Freemasons' Journal.*

The Masonic Seal of Erwin of Steinbach (A.D. 1275) is mentioned by Bro. Clavel as being the oldest arrangement of the compasses, square, and the letter G, extant.—*Freemasonry in Europe.*

The Grand Master of the operatives as early as the fifth century was an officer clearly recognized by royal rescript, entitled to precedence at court, when properly arrayed with his gilded staff of office. In his title of Mastership is to be found nearly the equivalent used in addressing that functionary in modern times—*Magisterium * * * Spectabilem.—Medieval Builders.*

The best test of all true Freemasonry is, what does it do for charity? How does it manifest brotherly love, and sympathy, and relief? I believe in no profession of Freemasonry which does not evidence the reality of its belief and of its principles by these evident tokens of sincerity, of having "counted the cost" of Masonic membership.—*Defence of Freemasonry.*

MIDDLE-AGE GRAND LODGES.—Thirteen years after the completion of the Strassburg Minster turret, Jacob Dotzinger, as Master of Masons employed on the Cathedral, in the year 1152, succeeded in uniting the existing Lodges in Germany in a general or Grand Body, and in the year 1159, at Regensburg, the statutes and general regulations of the stone-cutters or Masons were reduced to writing. In this constitution the authority of four Grand Lodges is recognized, viz., Strassburg, Cologne, Vienna, and Zurich, under whose several jurisdictions various subordinate Lodges were recognized. Twenty-two Lodges were dependent on the Grand Lodge of Strassburg, and were dispersed through Swabia, Hesse, Bavaria, Franconia, Westphalia, Thuringia, the provincial territories bordering upon the Moselle, and as far as Italy. The Grand Lodge of Cologne exercised jurisdiction over cities along the Rhine. * * * Among all the Grand Lodges of this age, that of Strassburg was pre-eminent, and was recognized as having supreme authority over all Masonic bodies in the empire. Moreover, the Master Builder, then at work on the Minster at Strassburg, was declared the Grand Master of the Fraternity in Germany.—*Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry.*

According to the latest statistics in North America the number of members of the different Orders of Masonry, from Blue Lodge to Commandery, is as follows:—Master Masons, 591,461; Royal Arch Masons, 140,960; Knights Templars, 70,154.

FORMS.—Some one has said: "Of what use are forms, seeing that, at times, they are empty? Of the same use as barrels, which, at times, are empty too." In Masonry there are many forms, and all are empty unless the real, essential, underlying principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth fill them. The barrel, if allowed to remain empty, becomes dry, and in time will fall to pieces. The forms and ceremonies of the various degrees in Masonry, if allowed to remain empty shows, will dry up and fall to pieces. There is too little of the meaning of the ceremonies understood by the great mass of the Fraternity. Every degree, from the first to the last, has some beautiful moral lesson, and, as in England, every road leads to London, so in Masonry every form should lead to the great central truths of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Of what use are the forms if they do not convey some thought to the mind that will be lasting? The more of the causes we can bring to bear upon a lesson in virtue and morality, the deeper will be the impression made, and the more lasting the results. The ear hears the words of wisdom, the eye sees the beauties fully planned in form and ceremony, and the feeling is made to receive the impression of the lesson.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

The Harvest Festival at St. Mark's Church, Deptford, has been made the occasion of the unveiling of six painted windows, executed by Mr. Taylor, of Danvers Street Studio, from "Leonardo di Vinci's" celebrated picture of the "Last Supper." These form the commencement of a series of windows, gifts from various members of the congregation.

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.

SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176-Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179-Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275-Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7 (Instruction)
1361-Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1126-The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607-Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612-West Middlesex, The Institute, Faling
1621-Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671-Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685-Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743-Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839-Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964-Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012-Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211-Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
303-Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwall
1415-Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637-Unity, Harrow
1990-Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, Portsmouth
2069-Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811-Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

- Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
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
59-Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174-Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180-St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193-Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212-Euphates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
518-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
1195-Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1415-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-Ianepold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585-Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Patney, at 9. (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.)
1657-Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1693-Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805-Bremley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891-St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901-Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012-Chiswick, Star and Carter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2030-Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
R.A. 22-Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366-Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537-St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 104-Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
R.C. 71-Bavard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40-Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61-Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75-Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88-Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cur, Cambridge
104-St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151-Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
210-St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262-Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264-Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292-Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296-Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297-Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302-Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307-Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobben Bridge
382-Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408-Three Graces, Private Rooms, Hawarth
411-Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
433-Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467-Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481-St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502-Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
537-Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589-Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613-Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
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
919-Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021-Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069-United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112-Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174-Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Clapham
1221-Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253-Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1359-Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436-Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449-Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474-Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542-Legionum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Newcastle
1575-Olive, Cobnet Arms, Market Dragon
1592-Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Burg St. Edmunds
1611-Eloracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviour's, York
1618-Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Scarborough-sea
1966-Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977-Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Blandford
R.A. 151-Unanimity, Masonic Hall, York-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379-Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Broad Street, Bath
R.A. 495-Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 827-St. John, Masonic Temple, Millington, Derby
M.M. 9-Porter, Masonic Hall, St. Martin, Devon
K.T. 52-Richard de Vert, St. Dudley, Devon
R.C. 12-Red Cross, Athenium, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

- 65-Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
66-Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141-Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)

- 167-St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
172-Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180-St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
183-Jappa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198-Perey, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211-St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
223-United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
518-Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
551-Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stopney (Instruction)
753-Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
831-Randlagh, Criterion, W.
860-Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861-Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917-Cosmopolitana, Cannon-street Hotel
933-Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044-Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196-Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269-Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anorley
1321-Ermbromatic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349-Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360-Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381-Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1416-Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471-Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472-Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1546-Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593-Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604-Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614-Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668-Sarason, 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)
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
126-Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131-Portitudo, Masonic Hall, Truro
160-True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
181-United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241-Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272-Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284-Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373-Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
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, Cheekheaton
621-Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
626-Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650-Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696-St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wealdstone
726-Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779-Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
892-Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897-Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
993-Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
996-Hesketh Grapes Inn, Croston
024-St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120-St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214-Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Bury
1250-Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankay Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1280-Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Suffron Walden
1311-Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325-Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347-Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1411-Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465-Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509-Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1513-Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1515-Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
1678-Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713-Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1799-Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
R.A. 70-St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163-Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 205-Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 268-Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyons
R.A. 289-Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330-St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bolton
R.A. 402-Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 452-Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537-Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 621-Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Barton-on-Trent
M.M. 15-St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152-Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3-Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
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, Southwick Buildings Road, at 8. (Inst)
87-Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
117-Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
153-Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224-United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
528-Lo Taranza, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
721-Farmure, Ball and Bowl, Bolton, at 7 (Instruction)
749-Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781-Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burlett-road, E.
820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
882-Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-row, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902-Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1260-John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1284-Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305-St. Marybone, Langham Hotel, W.
1309-Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475-Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 560011 Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524-Duke of Devonshire, Royal Edward, Mars-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538-St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586-Upper Mermaid, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601-Chevalier, The Hope Inn, Leadenhall, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604-Warriors, Victoria Masonic Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1692-Benconfield, The Hope, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1881-Londonborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
1921-Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
178-Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-via-tact
1909-Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922-Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
2021-Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-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)
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 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, St. Ford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
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 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
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 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
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 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
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 1427—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Guatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwhaito
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1797—Southdown, Hurtlepierpoint, Sussex
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
 R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
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 R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

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.
 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)
 860—Dalhousie, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bothal 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 6.3 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skolmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1802—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.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
 R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
 R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
 R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1393—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingdon

216—Harmonie, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, South Shields, Northumberland
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clarendon-street, near Blackheath
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newlegate Arms, Nuneaton
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalling.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etracem, Masonic Hall, Chesham Street, London, S.W.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 786—Croxtoth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool
 1055—Dorby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trade-gate, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyao
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Granbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Canoldo
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Cole-shill
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shooburyaass
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hobdon Bridge
 R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
 M.M. 145—Constantino, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Canonbury
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Lominster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 176—Era, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaitbaca
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newgate-street, London
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Hohnafirth
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulmo
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penitton
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, South
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

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)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Primrose, Ebury, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Auderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
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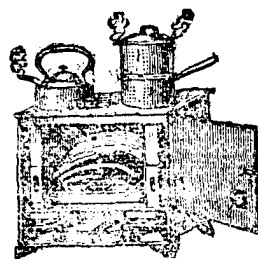
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