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EXTENSION OF GRAND LODGE HONOURS.

THERE are many brethren who feel that the Masonic honours which fall to the share of the metropolis are greatly out of proportion to those enjoyed by Provincial brethren, and no doubt the remainder—or a large proportion of them—would endorse this opinion if they gave the matter full consideration. There can be no question that London is far behind the Provinces in regard to Masonic honours, while it is also badly off in regard to the Grand offices it is possible for its representatives to secure, but the difficulty is to decide how this can be remedied. We venture to think that any proposal to remove the inequality, which should appear practicable, and not entail too violent a departure from existing arrangements, would receive sufficient support to ensure adoption, and this is the view entertained by many who are warmest in advocating an alteration; they recognise the difficulty which has to be overcome, and for that reason have to be content with things as they are. An oft-repeated argument in favour of this view is that London has Grand Lodge alone to look to for its honours, whereas brethren outside the metropolitan area have their Provincial Grand Lodge first, and then Grand Lodge, from which to receive promotion, and it not infrequently happens that a large proportion of the brethren annually selected for Grand Lodge office have previously received high honour in their respective Provinces; it is indeed usually an exemplification of the old principle that to those who have shall be given.

A few years since a proposition was made to form a Prov. Grand Lodge, or series of District Grand Lodges for London, wherein Metropolitan brethren might receive promotion in the same way as in the several Provinces and Districts under the Grand Lodge of England, but the suggestion did not have any result, and things have gone on much as they were before. Another proposition was, that the office of Grand Treasurer should be made an elective one, and that it should be filled year after year by a London Mason—chosen from the ranks—whose preferment would be recognized as some compensation for the absence of honours similar to those of the Provincial Officers. Although the Grand Treasurership has become an elective office, it has also been made a cosmopolitan one, and therefore it can hardly be considered as any special compliment to London.

The case was very plainly put a few days since by Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., who, in response to the toast of the Grand Officers, on the occasion of the consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, expressed an ardent hope that the honour conferred by the purple might ere long be given to a larger number than can at present possibly possess it. Bro. Simpson then pointed out that a very large increase had been made within the last few years in the number of Masonic Lodges—they had doubled, he said, within the last forty years—but there had been no corresponding increase in the number of appointments. He felt there was a very large number of Masons deserving of the highest honours for whom no appointments were available; and this is the opinion of all who consider the matter.

As we have said, the difficulty which has to be surmounted is,—that of finding a means of increasing the

number of offices; and although we cannot believe that to be an insurmountable obstacle, we know it is a difficult one to overcome. Would it not be possible to make more than one set of appointments each year? that is, invest one set of Officers at, say, the September Communication, and another at the time of the present Grand Festival. If such an arrangement could be made it would at once throw open a number of appointments each year, it would afford the means of honouring a number of deserving Masons, and it would be accepted as a happy solution of a difficult problem. No doubt there are other methods of overcoming the obstacle which will suggest themselves to our readers. We shall be pleased to hear from any who may desire to make their views more generally known through the medium of our correspondence columns.

ROYALTY AND FREEMASONRY.

IT is an old story that there is nothing new under the sun, and Masons would hardly look for any new ideas in association with the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which, as we are being so frequently reminded just now, has been regularly proposed day after day for close on fifty years. Yet one does occasionally hear a word or two which sounds fresh to even a well-seasoned visitor, and such has been our experience on two occasions during the last few weeks. We do not desire to lay claim to anything like general knowledge of all that has been said in association with this time-honoured toast, but we feel we have a fair experience, acquired by continuous visits at various Lodges during the past twelve years—a period which many will doubtless consider short; still we are in a measure capable of recognising any departure from the beaten track followed in proposing The Queen.

The Queen, said the brother under consideration, has given unmistakable signs that her sympathies are with Freemasonry, and had the Order been thrown open so as to allow of the admission of ladies, she would have been among the first to seek a participation in its mysteries. Another brother lately argued that, bearing in mind the relationship of her sons toward the Order, we might reasonably feel that Her Majesty had some idea that Freemasonry had been of some use in raising her people to their present high position. We do not claim for these views that they are new—there is nothing absolutely new—but they possess a freshness which no doubt will be appreciated by many of our readers, especially when we have evidence day after day that the views thus enunciated are in accord with the every-day life of our Queen and the every-day actions of her family. We have seen her sons, or all but one—and his absence we can fully appreciate—taking the liveliest interest in Freemasonry, and as soon as her grandson comes of age he follows in the same course, and gives us repeated evidence that Freemasonry is something more than a mere name. Only this week we have had an instance of the interest which Prince Albert Victor takes in the good old Institution—Freemasonry, and he has given us an additional proof that he may be regarded as one likely to fill the void in the Craft so suddenly created by the death of his lamented uncle, the late Duke of Albany.

On Wednesday H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, who is at

present stationed with his regiment at Aldershot, was entertained by the Mark Lodge at the Imperial Hotel, of that town, and on that occasion was formally proposed proposed as a joining member of the Aldershot Military Mark Master Masons Lodge, No. 54. The brethren having assembled in Lodge, and the opening formalities having been observed, the Provincial Grand Master the Right Worshipful Brother George Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.M. of England, H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, and the Grand Officers were received by the brethren and saluted. The W.M. Brother Harrison then proceeded to advance the candidates, of whom there were eight, viz.—Bros. T. H. Gowers, G. Richardson, C. Standing, T. Godfrey, S. Frost, J. Frost, W. Phillips, and H. Sumner, Brother Stone P.M. Grand Steward completing the ceremony. Prince Albert Victor was then proposed as a joining member by Brother Stone, seconded by the W.M. The brethren subsequently retired to the banquetting hall, the chair being taken by Brother Portal, who was supported on his right and left by Prince Albert Victor and Brother W. Harrison W.M., the Hon. Captain Greville (Equerry), R.M., A. M. Broadley P.D.G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, F. Binckes Grand Secretary, Augustus Harris, Richard Eve, &c., &c.

The Chairman, in proposing success to Mark Masonry and the health of Her Majesty the Queen, observed that he was sure there was no assembly in England that owed more to Her Majesty than the honoured Society of Freemasons; because she had done so much in the direction of one of their main objects—Charity. The toast was most loyally received. Next the Chairman proposed the health of the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. In doing so he felt he must be allowed to say, even in the presence of Prince Albert Victor, that there was no single person in England to whom Masonry owed so much as to the Prince of Wales. It would be remembered how the Prince came forward in a serious crisis to take the throne of their great Order, when, by the loss of Lord Ripon, the Craft found itself in a most unpleasant and awkward position, and if the Prince of Wales had not been equal to the occasion, and placed his services at the disposal of the Order, they would have doubtless suffered much, consequently they would see that the Prince of Wales deserved their hearty good will for the course he took during that most awkward time. They would remember that Prince Leopold was the first member of the Royal Family who ever became a Mark Mason, and for this and other reasons they had to thank the Royal family. They therefore welcomed most heartily the illustrious prince who sat on his right hand, and the best wish they could give him was that he would follow in the steps of his father. The toast was loyally received.

Prince Albert Victor, in responding, said he must thank them most sincerely, for his own part, for the very kind way in which his health had been drunk, and for the equally kind way in which the toast had been proposed by the Provincial Grand Master. It gave him great pleasure to be present that evening to witness such an exceedingly interesting ceremony, and see so many candidates advanced, and, as he was made a Mark Mason some time ago, he had still greater pleasure in being present that night, because it was the second Mark Lodge of which he had been made a member. He might also say that the Grand Master of England would be very grateful for the kind way in which the toast of his health had been received that night, and which, he believed, was always received in the same way throughout their august Order. He should certainly acquaint him of the fact, because he always took such an active interest in Masonry. One thing he (the speaker) had noticed was, that the more interest one took in Masonry the more interesting it became. He thanked them on behalf of his father for the manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. Eve gave the next toast, the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Officers present and past. The Grand Master had so many duties to perform that it was necessary in the interests of Masonry he should be assisted by brethren of distinction and ability. His (Bro. Eve's) task was the pleasant one of proposing that the health of these brethren be honoured in a bumper. Their worthy Pro Grand Master was a great acquisition to the Craft, while Canon Portal had come down from the throne of Freemasonry to preside over their Province. He spoke of him as one of the Past Grand Masters of Mark Masonry in England; he

was sure there was no one who displayed more zeal, more interest, and more ability, and none who had done more for their great Order than Canon Portal.

Bro. Broadley responded; he alluded to the eloquent, but flattering terms in which Bro. Eve had spoken of himself and other brethren. It gave him great pleasure to be there that night to see the ceremonies worked in the impressive and excellent manner they had been. Four years ago he was engaged in Mark Masonry under very different circumstances—that was in Egypt—and Bro. Eve was taking part in the same work. It was pleasant to him to think of the establishment of that interesting Mark Lodge under the shadow of the Pyramids, which to-day was in so flourishing a condition. He would not refer to the work of the Masonic Lodges of the Mediterranean, but he would hasten to tell them how pleased he was with the conduct of their own Lodge—how admirable was the manner in which the Deacons discharged their duties. He could assure them when he saw them performing those duties there was something in their style which told of military discipline, and there was a great amount of dramatic power also put into it which rendered it very impressive. It had an enormous effect upon them in the Mediterranean. He congratulated the W.M. upon the way in which the Lodge was ordered, and he was sure H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor was pleased with what he had seen that night.

On Bro. Binckes, as senior P.M. of the Aldershot Military Mark Lodge, devolved a duty, which he undertook with a great amount of pleasure, at the same time with a great amount of diffidence, because he did not feel qualified to do justice to the toast. He thought he could have got through it if it had not been for the crushing eulogy of Bro. Eve, who had mentioned his name in terms of exaggerated friendship, which were embarrassing when he came to speak of himself. However, he was well fortified, inasmuch as the subject of the toast would be sufficient to ensure from them hearty approval and enthusiastic response. It was the toast of their excellent, able, genial, and zealous brother, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province. He thought he could safely say that it was the first time he had the opportunity of proposing the toast. He would ask Brother Portal to call to mind the condition of Mark Masonry some time ago when he worked in association with the speaker. He was asking him to bear in mind the position of Mark Masonry at that day, and he thought he would say that ancient as they were they little contemplated living to see Mark Masonry reach the flourishing position which it held at the present moment. In all Masonic history they would fail to find any Masonic organisation that in 30 years had achieved the position which the Mark Grand Lodge had established for itself by the hard work of those who had borne the responsible offices. No one had done more for them than the distinguished brother who now sat in the chair as their Provincial Grand Master. He was one who in an eminent degree united within himself those essential features of the Brotherhood—suaviter in modo and fortiter in re; always kind when the opportunity offered; and when the necessity arose, not only able, but ready and willing to rule. In conclusion, Brother Binckes hoped H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor would not regret his visit there that evening, where he had the opportunity of seeing the honour which was so legitimately due to their Prov. Grand Master Canon Portal.

Bro. Portal, in response said he could not sufficiently thank Bro. Binckes for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed. It was a great pleasure to him to be there that night in the capacity of Provincial Grand Master; he was glad to see the excellent work done in the Lodge, because he thought it did them credit.

Amongst other toasts proposed were the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Officers, the Worshipful Master, the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Augustus Harris, and the Mark Benevolent Fund.

FREEMASONRY REQUIRES MASTER-BUILDING.

FREEMASONRY is an ancient and respectable Institution, embracing among its members men of every rank and condition in life; of every nation and clime, and of every religion which acknowledges the

Supreme Being, and has faith in the immortality of the soul. It stands pre-eminently among the Institutions established for the improvement of mankind, as far above other secret societies for usefulness as it is beyond them in age. Its origin may be said to be lost in remote antiquity. Neither tradition nor history can point with any degree of certainty to the precise time, place or manner of its commencement. Freemasons themselves, many of them, too, who are well posted in all that pertains to the Institution, do not agree on the subject of its origin. Many claim that it had its beginning in connection with the building of Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem. Many others believe it had its origin in the "Eleusinian Mysteries," an Institution existing far back in Ancient Greece, in which the doctrine of the immortality of the soul and other truths in natural religion were taught. In these ancient orders all caste was abolished, all members being on a common level, and comforting assurances being given during the initiation ceremonies of a happy future state for all who should live worthy of it. Others again find the origin of Freemasonry among the warrior monks of the Crusade, a war carried on by the Christians of the Middle Ages for the recovery of Palestine from the Mohammedans. Others still look for its origin among the Druids, the priests of the ancient Celts, who flourished most in the century preceding the Christian era. These priests were supposed to possess the secrets of religion; were considered wise in the extreme, and taught many things which have since been received as truth respecting the future life.

It is difficult, amid all this conflict of opinion, to arrive at what may be regarded as correct history respecting the origin of Freemasonry. It is evident, however, that the term "Free and Accepted Masons," and the present ceremonies of the Institution, are of modern origin, not dating back of the seventeenth century. But, at the same time, the idea of the Craft was in existence then, and had been from remote ages. English master-builders had a flourishing secret order in York during the reign of Athelstan. His reign took place during the tenth century A.D. In fact, Masonry may claim to have existed from remotest times, under different forms, and being known by different appellations, and to have had in view always the best possible good of its members in every respect. Its progress and development have been that of civilisation itself. In its early stages it had in view the cultivation of the arts and sciences, especially architecture and astronomy. The triumph of mind over matter was first achieved in architecture, as is evident from discoveries of the works of man in the earliest stages of the race. The sphynx, the pyramids, and many other objects of wonder, coming down to us from remote antiquity, attest the fact that man's first grand achievements were in the art of building. Architectural monuments, preceding the records of authentic history, are with us to-day, and it is not speculative to suppose, as tradition teaches, that those engaged in the pursuit of this art united together as mutual protection societies, for the better progress of their cherished calling. These societies were for self improvement, and none but those whose occupation was that of building were admitted to their privileges. To protect themselves from the abuse of others, and the treachery of their brethren, they devised a method of organisation, including secrecy of initiation and solemn obligation of friendship to each other. Doubtless such societies have existed from time immemorial. Indeed it cannot reasonably be doubted that the study of the arts and sciences by the ancients was carried on under secret organisation. The origin of civilisation may be traced to Egypt, and as far back as the twentieth century B.C.; and legendary history has quite well established the fact that the earliest civilisation of Egypt found the arts and sciences cultivated by secret moral societies. The priests of Osiris and Isis were celebrated for their knowledge of architecture and astronomy, and none were received into their schools of instruction but by the mysteries of secret initiation. Greece borrowed her civilisation from Egypt, and with it her methods of moral and scientific instruction. And Greek history would be incomplete did it not point to the secret mysteries of the Eleusinians, the Panathenæans, and the Dionysians, under which the arts and sciences were taught as far back as the fifteenth century, B.C. And we have information from some of the best modern Greek historians that these ancient mysteries bear a striking resemblance to modern Freemasonry. For information on this subject please examine the article in the "Cyclopædia

Britannica," entitled "Eleusinia," also the article on "Freemasonry," in Johnson's Cyclopædia. It would be interesting to trace the history of these secret societies of Ancient Egypt and Greece down through subsequent history, but we have not the time now to devote to this. Let it suffice to say that some of the terms of architecture of the present come down from these mysteries. The terms "Doric" and "Ionic," and the systems of architecture these terms represent, originated with the Dionysians of Ancient Greece one thousand years before Christ. They had a school at Tios in Asia Minor, in which the science of architecture was highly cultivated. They had words and signs of recognition when they travelled abroad; were divided into bodies, or Lodges; held annual solemn feasts in which they sacrificed to the gods; taught lessons of morality and religion, and distributed to the wants of the poor and destitute among them. Their monuments in Turkish cemeteries continue to this day.

Now these secret Orders were in existence, and had been for at least four hundred years, when Solomon's Temple was built; and further, it is evident that all great artificers were connected with them. Is, then, the claim of Masonry that this grand structure, one of the grandest ever built, was designed and carried on by secret organisation, altogether unreasonable? Josephus informs us that the Grecian method of architecture was employed in building the Temple; and as the Dionysian artificers of Greece were the most celebrated architects of that age, we cannot doubt that their genius and methods were employed in building this edifice to the God of Israel. Nor is this all, as the Scriptures inform us that Hiram, King of Tyre, assisted Solomon in building the Temple, and that he sent to superintend the work a cunning workman in brass and iron—"Hiram the son of a widow of Tyre." The commerce with Tyre; the vicinity of Jerusalem to Egypt; the connection of Solomon with the royal family of Egypt; the progress of Egypt in architecture, under the secret mysteries of that country and age, and the strong attachment of the Hebrews as well as the Egyptians to symbolical teaching, all go to relieve Freemasonry of the charge of superstition and credulity in claiming that a secret Craft, out of which Freemasonry has grown, had to do with the erection of Solomon's Temple.

But there is not so much importance attached to the question of the origin of Freemasonry, as to that of the worthiness and benefit of the Fraternity. Is Freemasonry a benefit to the race? This question should determine our disposition toward this Institution, as it ought to toward all Institutions; for all organisations that attain to any considerable degree of numbers and influence, must certainly abide the test of public scrutiny and judgment. No body of men may band themselves together into a society or organisation without drawing public attention toward it and calling out the inquiry, "What does all this mean?" The public is very chary of its interests, and the objects of all great organisations in its midst are naturally inquired into.

And, be it known that Freemasonry invites, yea, courts all such investigation, if it be made by honourable persons, in an honourable way. In so far as our outward workings as an organisation are concerned, we challenge the world for comparison. Our works of benevolence and charity are subjects of just pride and admiration. Our honourable poor, our sick, and the widows and orphans of our dead, are as well cared for, if not better than those of any other organisation under the sun. In fact in this respect the mouths of our enemies are stopped. I need not enlarge farther on this point. In relation to the internal workings of the Institution—that which is done within the Lodges—we simply say that the way is open for all honourable men to make investigation, who will come of free will and honest motive. I think we are perfectly fair in our workings. Every candidate is notified, during the different stages of our proceedings, that there will be nothing in the further development of the ceremonies to interfere with his duties toward his God or his fellows. This is the import or substance of the matter, and every honest man must say: when he has completed the course: "Verily, these notifications were all true." Nothing in Freemasonry, so far as I have gone at least, can be found which pledges, asks, or advises any member to do a wrong or harmful thing to any creature on the earth.

I once heard of a trial of which I will relate. A certain church in one of the Eastern States had within its fold a number of members who were opposed to Freemasonry.

The expediency of admitting to membership those who were Freemasons was often debated within its councils. Finally this method of settling the question was adopted. An honourable brother, whose judgment was past questioning, was delegated to join the Fraternity and ascertain the facts relating to its worthiness. If it should be found in the judgment of this good brother to be a worthy Institution, then the church would feel free to admit to its fellowship members of the Masonic fraternity who showed evidences of piety and Christian character. A suitable length of time was given this Committee of one to carry out the plan. The good brother offered himself to the Lodge, and as the meeting which appointed him to this work was held in secret, so that the Lodge had no knowledge of its object, he was readily received. The good man was an admirer of the beautiful in sentiment and principle as well as in nature, and the lessons he learned during his initiation, passing, and raising, fairly captured his soul. He thought of a personal friend in the church, one Deacon Brower, whom he wished to share with him in his new found delights, but he held his peace, and awaited opportunity. At length the time came for the meeting of the church to listen to the report on this subject. When called upon for it the good man arose very deliberately and said: "Brethren, I have done as directed. I have joined the Freemasons, and made such investigation as was needful and proper, but am not disposed to make a report just yet, as I would prefer to have the further investigation of another Committee, that in the mouths of two witnesses at least, the facts may be established. I suggest that you appoint Deacon Brower as another Committee for this work." The suggestion was adopted, and the report was favourable to Freemasonry.

It will not be out of place here to allude to the objections raised against our Craft by its enemies, and by those who are prejudiced against it by them. And first and foremost among these objections is our secrecy. "Secretism," they hold, is terribly objectionable, when applied to secret societies; yet every well regulated family is a secret organisation, and nothing is more disgusting than discussing the private affairs of the family before the public. If secrecy is objectionable in moral associations, why not oppose it in all things, and compel not only families, but business and professional men to divulge their private matters? Merchant, take that private mark off your goods. What right have you to withhold from the public the secret it indicates? Doctor, what is the trouble in Mr. C.'s family? Don't keep any secrets in your profession. Sheriff, United States Marshal, Detective, what was your business at Chicago yesterday? Come, gentlemen, show up, as no secrecy is to be allowed.

"But," say our enemies, "your secrecy is oath-bound, and this is the objectionable feature of your Institution." I answer: Why apply this to Freemasonry only? Every well regulated army that was ever organised for battle was a secret oath-bound society. The councils of war are generally held in secret. Every officer and soldier if bound under oath to be loyal to the cause he has espoused, and every one of them understands that he is liable to be placed where he must keep secrets. Why allow this, is secrecy under oath is wrong? Sentinel, shout that counter-sign to the world, though a thousand foes are in hearing. And you, messenger, entrusted with those private instructions from the commander to his subordinate, give them up. You have no right to keep secrets, though you are sworn to do so. And you, ambassador to a foreign court, give to the world those sealed instructions, though a nation's welfare depends on your keeping them.—*Voice of Masonry.*

(To be continued).

AFTER THE SUMMER VACATION.

TWO or three months of vacation time have quickly passed away. Masonic organizations for the most part have held no meetings since June. But little of Masonic work has been done in any locality of which we have knowledge. The members of the Craft, in common with the rest of the world, have been moving about, going on excursions, taking rest, trying to throw off—at least temporarily—the heat and burden of the day, and, by change of scene or engagement, to gather new strength for the ordinary, active duties of life.

All this is well. We believe in holding vacations. It is

good for the individual sometimes to pause and rest. It does no injury to the Lodge or other Masonic organization to intermit its meetings occasionally. But after the vacation,—what?

Brethren are just now returning to their homes, and taking up again the routine work which claims their attention. From seaside and mountain—from places far away and close at hand—they come home to apply themselves more diligently, and more successfully, quite likely, to the work and business of ordinary life. In the nature of things this is what should be expected, as, rested in body and brightened in mind, there comes a fresh inspiration with which to engage in the activities of secular care and concern. And shall not some of the wholesome influences thus derived, the beneficent effects of summer rest, make themselves felt in Masonic channels? Brethren who have been separated for a little time, who have not visited the Lodge for months, ought to be glad to meet again within the tyled room and to take each other by the hand. They come together rested and refreshed; lassitude has given place to activity, and they take brighter and better views of life because they have paused a while, or gone away on some vacation experience. Surely there may be expected a better feeling, a more earnest purpose, greater interest as regards Masonic affairs, in consequence of the change that has been made—the relief that has been had—while the disposition will be strong to do more and enjoy more in Masonic work and associations.

In summer quiet, as Brethren have gone away from the heat and din of the city, they will not have ceased to think of Freemasonry, and quite likely they may return, not only with renewed zest for the meetings and work of the Fraternity, but also with a higher appreciation of the worth of the Institution. Perhaps, as they have rested and thought, they have gained some new ideas as to what should be done to improve the condition of their Lodge, Chapter or Commandery; or they have at least resolved that individually they will be more zealous in respect to Masonic interests, more regardful of the principles and precepts of the organization with which they are identified.

After vacation cometh work—work for the individual, the Lodge and every other Craft organization. Let Brethren apply themselves to this work, not in a merely perfunctory manner, but rather with earnestness and joy, as they appreciate the fact that life's highest zest comes from service in the appointed ways of related life and duty. Masonic Brotherhood implies much of true fellowship, of hallowed communion and of hearty service in behalf of each other's interest and the common welfare. Craftsmen everywhere need to be reminded of their privileges and obligations in these respects, and thus be roused to their best endeavours. Then will the Fraternity be glorified by the words and deeds of its followers.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Wor. Bro. Asher Barfield P.M., P.P.G.D. Hants, W.M. of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990 (Installed Masters only), will open the Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, the 13th inst., when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1886." W.M.'s and P.M.'s of other Lodges are invited to attend, and it is expected that many Lodges, both in the immediate district and in the Isle of Wight, will be represented on this occasion. The brethren will dine together after the Lecture.

Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., will be installed Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, in place of Bro. Earl Percy resigned, at a special Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, the 16th instant.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The great variations in temperature, the fogs and the foul vapours which permeate the atmosphere, try the respiratory channels terribly; hence arise Hoarseness, Quinies, Loss of Voice, Bronchitis, and the whole train and endless variety of Throat and Chest Affections which now prevail. Neglect of these in their early stages is almost criminal, as many a life might be saved through early and prompt treatment by means of Holloway's well-known remedies. This treatment can be readily and easily carried out, and soon disposes of the attack in a most satisfactory manner, by restoring the balance between the circulation and respiration, by lessening the inflammation, abating the febrile symptoms, and by soothing the irritability of the nerves.

CONSECRATION OF THE DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

THE founders of this latest addition to the Lodges of the metropolis are to be congratulated on the success which attended their opening meeting, and if we may form an opinion thus early of the future in store for this new Lodge, we predict for it a career of great prosperity. The first Worshipful Master, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer of England, is a host in himself, and we are assured that anything with which he is associated will not fail from any shortcomings on his part; but when, in addition, we consider those who have associated themselves with him in the establishment of this Lodge, failure seems impossible. The Lodge was consecrated on Tuesday, at the Athenæum, Camden-road, by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. Thomas Fenn President Board General Purposes as S.W., Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.B. as J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson as P.G.D. Director of Cers., while among those present were other Grand Officers and a large number of distinguished members of the Order, viz.:—Founders—Bros. Jas. Fitzgerald P.M. 1364, R. D. Cummings P.M. 1677, T. Eccleston Gibb 34, J. Corbett W.M. 22, E. F. Storr P.M. 22; H. Halliday, J. Smith, J. Derby Allcroft, W. J. Wattenhall, and E. Y. Jolliffe. Visitors:—E. Letchworth P.G.D., Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope P.G.C., J. Peters P.G. Sword Bearer, Fred. Binckes P.G. Steward, H. Sadler G. Tyler, George Kenning P.M. 192, 1657 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Jas. Salmon P.G.R. Essex, W. Cook P.M. 22, John Paul J.D. 1287, A. Prince I.G. 901, J. F. Haskins 1364, G. Lyell Walker 429, W. Maclin P.M. 1677, W. Brown 1599, J. C. Learn 1194, W. Harding W.M. 169, W. Kirkland 1949, Franklin Clive 1319, L. V. Walker S.W. 22, Joseph Edgar J.W. 1287, Henry Percy P.M. 22, J. W. Dixon J.W. 27, F. Johnson J.W. 95, E. R. Smith Assistant Director of Ceremonies 1044, H. Palmer 1044, A. H. Cornforth 1044, S. Johnson 1319, W. J. Charles 22, Ernest Wrigley 1364, G. P. Britten P.M. 183, G. S. Ayres P.M. 95, Thomas Goode P.M. 1677, J. F. Davey, G. E. Fairchild P.M. 1196, W. E. Haycock P.M. 1196, J. B. Reid 1364, T. H. Squire 1633, F. J. Potter 1321, W. Kent 1321, A. Greatrex P.M. 22, F. Crockford P.M. 515, Albert Storr 2146 1657, D. J. Bridgmoore I.G. 1364, Louis Bamberger P.M. 1366, George Glover 1677, F. G. Baker 704, G. J. Pope 1364, R. P. Stevens J.W. 901, J. Barber Glenn 3, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, S. R. Lamble P.M. 27, W. Jolliffe 569, Alfred Brookman P.M. 1657, Henry Lansdell, D.D., P.M. 4, G. C. Garratt P.M. 1366, P. Saillard W.M. 2020, R. Homan 1602, C. W. Brander J.D. 1563, J. Kift 1791, H. W. Schartau 1549, Arthur Thomas 1319, Henry Tinney W.M. 1319, and others. The Lodge having been formerly consecrated, the following were appointed as the first Officers (Bro. J. D. Allcroft having first been installed as Worshipful Master):—E. Y. Jolliffe I.P.M., Thos. Eccleston Gibb S.W., J. P. Fitzgerald J.W., Rev. R. Adams Chaplain, E. F. Storr Treas., R. D. Cummings Secretary, Harold Halliday S.W., Joseph Corbett J.D., Muir Smith I.G., Huntley D.C., David Steward, and Haskins Organist. The usual concluding business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the company sat down to banquet under the presidency of the Master, who in due course submitted the customary toasts. The first on the list was that invariably honoured amongst Masons, as amongst all Englishmen, the Queen, and with this was coupled the Craft. In one part of the day's proceedings they had had reference to the fact of next year being the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign. They hoped that God might spare her, not only to celebrate the jubilee of a fifty years' reign, but also for many years beyond it. Great benefits had occurred to the country since Her Majesty's accession to the throne, while the example she had set to her subjects, and the constitutional way in which she had managed the affairs of her Empire, had won for her the esteem and regard of her people. Her silent influence on the country had been great; as an instance of this the Worshipful Master called to mind the time when he first came to London, a short time after the accession of Her Majesty. It was then the custom for the parks to be filled every Sunday with riders and sightseers, but this was stopped shortly after Her Majesty's reign began. The Queen, he said, had no more loyal subjects than the Freemasons, and if he might consider the relation of her sons towards the Order, we might reasonably feel that her Majesty had some idea that Freemasonry had been of some use in raising her people to their present high position. The next toast was the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Members of the Masonic body felt how much they were indebted to the Grand Master for the honour he conferred on them by presiding over their affairs. The W.M. could well remember that at the time the Prince of Wales accepted the Grand Mastership the number of Lodges in England was something like 1500, now they were celebrating the consecration of No. 2168, which proved how great had been the spread of Freemasonry of late years. This prosperity must be a great joy to the Grand Master, who, as they had recently heard, had more applications for new Lodges than he was able to grant warrants for. He felt that every Mason would join with him in wishing long life and happiness for the Grand Master, and hope that when, in the providence of God, he might be called upon to rule over a larger number even than ranged under the banner of Freemasonry he might be able to do so with equal ability, so that we might then be able to say we had a Sovereign well able to follow in the footsteps of our present illustrious Queen. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Grand Officers, feeling it was a great advantage to the Craft that it had so distinguished a body of Officers at its head; the example they set was worthy of imitation, while their desire was at all times to be as useful as possible to the body to which they belonged. From their high position they could show forth more light, and possibly might be a greater use, than they were before, while no doubt much of the success of the Order was due to the influence they exercised over its members. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. replied. He felt he had trespassed so long upon their attention that day, that after having thanked them

most heartily for the toast he would be satisfied with simply mentioning one point which was suggested by the Worshipful Master's speech. He would put it in the form of an ardent hope that the honour conferred by the purple, of which the Worshipful Master had spoken, might be given to a larger number than could at present possibly possess it. The number of Lodges at the present time was, he believed, exactly double what it was forty years ago, but they had stood still in regard to the number of officers in Grand Lodge. (No, no, from Bro. Fenn). Well, Bro. Fenn said No, but at all events they had been for a long time standing still in regard to Grand Officers, and while Masonry had nearly doubled, the number of offices in Grand Lodge had not, by logical sequence, been doubled also, although they found a great number of noble and deserving men who would deem it an honour to be decorated with the purple. He hoped he might live to see the day when the number of Grand Officers would be much increased, and the honours of the Craft dispensed as widely as possible. The W.M. next proposed the Consecrating and Installing Officers. He felt all who had been present would carry away a very pleasing recollection of the manner in which the ceremony of the day had been performed. It was an impressive ceremony at all times, but had that day been particularly so. Although it had been conducted by officials of Grand Lodge, the manner in which they had carried it out had proved they regarded it as no mere official duty. The heartiness with which they had performed their work would be a stimulus to a great many who might feel that in years to come they might be the centre of such a ceremony, just as he (the W.M.) had been the centre of the one performed that day. Bro. Fenn replied. The Installing Master, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, having been obliged to leave, had commissioned him to acknowledge the compliment which he anticipated would be paid him, and to express the pleasure he had felt in consecrating a Lodge named after so distinguished a Mason as Derby Allcroft. He also commissioned him, as his Senior Warden, to perform another duty which would have devolved upon him, to offer the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Simpson had already expatiated on the many good qualities of the Worshipful Master, and it was unnecessary to again enumerate them. Bro. Allcroft was a member of a Lodge of which he (Bro. Fenn) was one of the oldest members—the Prince of Wales Lodge—and he could therefore testify to his ability as a Mason. Bro. Fenn hoped he might have health and strength to perform the duties of his office in a manner which would prove satisfactory to the members and beneficial to the Lodge. The W.M. tendered his thanks. He felt he came amongst them as a stranger—a stranger in presence, if he must qualify it—and he thanked them for all the kindness they had expressed towards him. If he did not properly fulfil his duties in the chair during his year of office he hoped the members would bear in mind that he was an old Mason, and that age was apt to rob one of memory. His hands and his head were full of a great deal of work, and notwithstanding his love for the Craft he should not like to neglect his many public duties. The hearty reception accorded to him that evening had convinced him that the members had made up their minds to accept him for better or worse. He had fully made up his mind to strive for the better. He fully appreciated the honour paid him in giving his name to the Lodge, and in doing so could but recal the last of the three graces referred to by their Chaplain, that of humility, which he thought was the hardest of all to bear. He hoped he might so conduct himself in their midst as to be an example to all who attended, and that the work might not suffer under his hands. He came not as a great master in the Craft, but as one who would do his best. He next proposed the toast of the Visitors. He considered it a very useful custom among Lodges to give invitations one to another, so that every Mason might have an opportunity of seeing the way in which Freemasonry was carried out in other Lodges. Bros. Rev. Spencer Stanhope, Haycock, Binckes, and Greatrex responded, after which the W.M. proposed the Officers, in doing which he referred to the influence which all Officers should exercise over their Lodges. He hoped any influence from him self would be of good, but in securing this he looked forward to receiving great help from his Officers. The Wardens having replied, the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. Speaking of the duties of the Treasurer, the Master hoped that at the regular meetings of the Lodge the charity box would be sent round, as that gave every brother an opportunity of expressing his feelings at a time when his heart was warm. The Master had a personal acquaintance, of many years standing, with their Treasurer, and felt that Bro. Storr was in no small way answerable for having secured the first Master of their Lodge. He hoped he might so manage the finances that at the end of his term the brethren would re-elect him. Much of what he had just said applied equally to their Secretary, to whom he also tendered his best wishes. Bro. Storr replied, heartily falling in with the views of the Worshipful Master in regard to the charity box. He felt it a great honour to be recognised as a part of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, the ceremony of consecration of which had been beautiful, the dinner all that could be desired, while their prospects were of the brightest. The intention was to make the Lodge a family party; they intended to be very careful who they admitted to the Lodge, and would not be misrepresented by having any one among them who was unworthy of the name of Mason—if they could prevent it. The Secretary followed. There were moments, he said, in a man's life when he sincerely wished he had the power of making a speech, but that power had never been in his possession. For the purposes of saying all he that night desired to say, he could but wish he had the ability of a Salisbury, a Gladstone, or even a Storr, so that he might put his feelings into words and so express all he felt. His desire was to assist in making the name of the Derby Allcroft Lodge honoured throughout the globe. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion. The Lord Mayor of London was among those who sent apologies for non-attendance; he was prevented at the last moment from being present, having received a telegram summoning him to Marlborough House to meet the Prince of Wales. The banquet was supplied by Messrs. Beale and Co., of Holloway-road, and, as the Treasurer said, was all that could be desired.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE, No. 2157.

WHAT promises to be a valuable addition to the roll of Metropolitan Lodges was ushered into existence on Friday, the 29th ult., when the St. Mark's College Lodge was consecrated at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary was the Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. as S.W., Dr. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D.C. as J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.C. as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Dir. of Cers. The ceremony was of the usual character, and in due course the acting Chaplain was called upon for an Oration on the Nature and Principles of the Institution. Bro. Brownrigg gave the following address:—

We are consecrating to-day a new Lodge, whose name stamps it as connected with a particular institution. That institution is a practical illustration of many virtues taught and insisted upon by our Craft. Certainly our old Masonic Guild, directly and indirectly teaches us: the duty of improving our mental and bodily faculties; ever asserts that knowledge is true so long, and so long only, as it springs from God; constantly exhorts us to teach others what we have learnt ourselves. Are not these the principles upon which, for nearly half-a-century, St. Mark's College has been building a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder? Let us consider these three points in detail. Man's mind and body—as designed by the G.A.O.T.U., are endowed by Him with the power of development, if they avail themselves of the means he places within their reach. To develop mind and body in accordance with His plan is to answer the end of our Creation; to check the divine life which is within us is to mar and hinder His purposes. Education, therefore, is the building up of a spiritual edifice upon the lines, and in accordance with the plans designed from all eternity by the Wisdom of God. But no building, however good, is worth anything unless it rests upon a sound foundation. Our ancient Brethren knew this. Look at one of those old structures which are the beauty and glory of Architecture; the work of some operative Lodge of Freemasons. Compare it with the showy superficial work of some modern edifice. In both cases the future of the building is foreshadowed by the foundation. In the one case it is massive, solid, and in every detail carefully designed and honestly executed; in the other it is feeble and superficial, and the whole work is scamped. In the one case the building is meant to stand, and does stand, for ages; in the other it is meant only to obtain the Architect's certificate and the customer's money. Brethren, no education, either of the soul or body, is worth anything unless it rests upon a sound foundation. There is only one foundation upon which it can rest if it is to be lasting—beautiful and good—and that foundation is God. Distinct, definite, and careful religious teaching is the first stone we must lay in a child's education. We may erect a building fair to the eye upon other foundations. The world is ever trying to do so, but when the practical test of Life's trials and temptations is applied, it is only the building which rests upon God which stands against those storms and tempests from which none can escape. But, further, the true Mason, be he operative or speculative, never forgets that he must do something more than develop his own faculties; something more than secure a good foundation for himself. He must be willing to teach others. A short time ago the Clerk of the Works who was restoring one of the noblest fabrics of the old operative Masons in this country taught me this lesson from the stones before us. He pointed out how each stone had two marks; the master's mark and the apprentice's mark. Both had laboured on the same stone, the one as teacher and the other as learner. Presently in the same fabric we noticed other stones; but now the apprentice had become a Craftsman, and his mark, the same old mark he had as an apprentice, occupies the place of the master, and it is followed by another mark—the mark of a new apprentice, to whom he is giving the same care and the same patience that his old master used to give to him. He had recognised the fact that he had learned not merely that he might do good and true work himself, but in order that he might teach others as he had been taught. And so the work never lacked able workers, because each worker recognised the duty of teaching his fellow. Brethren, we must recognise this great fact in our work, whatever it is. In some degree we must all be teachers. The man whose life is teaching nothing to others is failing in one of the great purposes of his existence; is neglecting to carry out the Divine commission. He who teaches most of what is good and true to his Brother is copying most truly the Divine example. So, Brethren, let us sum up the whole lesson. Let our work be done truly; let it rest on the one True Foundation, and let it be full of Brotherly Love for others. So shall it be worthy of the acceptance of the G.A.O.T.U.

The Lodge having been formally dedicated, and the Benediction given, Bro. Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., P.M. P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, was installed as the first Worshipful Master. He invested Bro. James Easterbrook J.W. 1920 as his Senior Warden, and Bro. J. O'Connell Organist 1851 as his Junior Warden. The other Officers were appointed, and several propositions for candidates having been handed in, the Lodge was closed, after some formal business had been transacted. The brethren subsequently sat down to banquet under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, and at the conclusion of the repast the usual toasts were honoured. In submitting that of the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master said that to each they owed loyalty. They revered the Queen for the way in which she had ruled over the destinies of her people, while to the Craft they owed their very existence as a Lodge. If the brethren were true to their colours and would do their best to carry out its teachings they would do well, for Freemasonry was capable of doing much for the public good. It had done much in the past, and with one exception—which he felt he need not mention—had done more to benefit the human race than any Fraternity. In submitting

the next toast, that of H.R.H. the Grand Master, the W.M. said that Freemasonry was much indebted to the Prince of Wales. During his presidency the Order had greatly increased, about one new Lodge having been consecrated each week since the Prince accepted the Grand Mastership, eleven years since. As they had that day been told by the Grand Secretary, the demand for new warrants was by no means likely to stop, indeed the Grand Master received more petitions for Lodges than he was able to issue warrants for. The health of the Grand Officers was next proposed. The Worshipful Master considered the Grand Officers started with the determination of doing their duty, and thus it was they carried out their work so ably, and with so much satisfaction to the Craft. They had the honour of having among their guests that night four Grand Officers, and he felt the members of his Lodge fully appreciated the compliment which had been paid them of being allowed to enrol these Grand Officers among the members of their new Lodge. Bro. Brownrigg was the first to respond. The Grand Officers hailed with pleasure the establishment of such Lodges as the one consecrated that day. Bro. Philbrick followed. He was glad to see the roll of Grand Lodge recruited by such a Lodge as that of the College of St. Mark's. The position which Freemasonry held now, as compared with the past, required that those who came to its ranks should bring something to it—something which should be of service, and this he felt the members of the St. Mark's College Lodge would do. He felt that the principles of true Freemasonry would be carried out in their Lodge, but he warned them there was no success to be achieved without hard work, and if there was, it would not be worth having. It was not an entire devotion to the grand ritual or the ceremonies which embraced all that was best in Freemasonry, for the longer one lived the more he must feel that the daily practice of Masonic teachings in the common round of every-day life led on to higher things. The ritual of the Order contained the germ of a living spirit, and to him who was the best and truest student of Masonry did this soonest reveal itself. Bro. Shadwell Clerke proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. If ever the hackneyed expression as to the toast of the evening was permissible, it was when this toast came to be submitted on the consecration of a new Lodge. The brethren had been very fortunate in obtaining the services of so distinguished a Mason to occupy the chair as their first chief, and there was no doubt he would justify the confidence reposed in him. The Worshipful Master replied. He felt most intensely the compliment the founders of the St. Mark's College Lodge had paid him in selecting him as the first Master. Only one brother could occupy that position in a Lodge, no matter how long it existed. The brethren associated in the Lodge had started from one common mother—St. Mark's College—where they had formed friendships during the days of their training, which friendships he hoped would be cemented in the St. Mark's Lodge. The health of the Consecrating and Installing Officer was next given, and to this Bro. Clerke replied. Bro. Easterbrook S.W. proposed the Visitors, and Bro. H. Wright W.M. of the Alliance Lodge responded. He could hardly claim to be one of those distinguished visitors to whom the Senior Warden had referred in proposing the toast. In his capacity as Master of the Alliance Lodge, of which their Worshipful Master was a member, he had had the pleasure of signing the petition to the Grand Master for the St. Mark's College Lodge, and he was particularly gratified in seeing the result of that petition in the consecration of their Lodge that day. The toast of the Officers was afterwards given, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion in the usual manner. Among those who took part in the day's proceedings were the following brethren: Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, who acted as Consecrating Officer, F. A. Philbrick G.R. acting S.W., R. Turtle Pigott P.G.A.D.C. acting J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. acting Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. acting D.C. Founders—J. Henry Smith P.M. 279, James Easterbrook J.W. 1920, John O'Connell I.G. 1851, Thomas Cross P.M. 1194, W. B. Carter P.G.S. 404, John Tidmarsh 1612 2163, W. Goulden 1566, A. G. Fleming J.D. 382, J. R. Phillips 1681, R. H. Catling 1580, A. P. Lye 309, W. Benham 127, G. W. Stevens S.W. 1815, G. H. Heathcote 1732. Visitors—John Trapp P.M. 787, W. H. Wingfield W.M. 1360, George May 1564, W. Tidmarsh Secretary 1031, J. Terry P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, W. W. Lee 1897, H. W. Weston 1278, James Perkins P.M. 1672 S.W. 1827, J. L. Jennings 1920, Horace Graham 1604, J. Gilbey 813, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, J. F. Dawson 404 Deputy Provincial G.M. Herts, W. Dodd 1194, W. Woodward 1920, W. H. Baker W.M. 1446 I.P.M. 2030, T. Bull P.M. 145, H. Wright W.M. 1827 S.D. 2060, T. R. W. Tyler 1093 1210, &c.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE first meeting for the session of this Lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 12th ult. There were present Bros. Harry W. Ridgley W.M., T. A. Dickson S.W., B. Stevens J.W., E. Reynolds S.D., C. Ralph acting as J.D., S. Hewitt I.G., John Potter Tyler, E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, W. Bourne Secretary, G. Colman W.S., Frank Ealiguer D.C., John Jacobs P.M. and Simeon Jacobs. Bros. Geo. Froum, R. Potter, J. Potter, J. Pullen, D. Mordecai, J. Peart, P. A. Shannon, G. H. Reynolds, E. Mills, J. C. Abson, W. Bilsham, James Woodward, E. J. Carter, C. Tomlinson, F. Schilterns, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Mordy P.M. 1580, F. Lockett 1638, J. E. Palmers 1321, W. M. Roots 1273, S. Renant J.D. 1623, Mordecai 1308, R. J. Peart 1580, R. A. Kirkaldy W.M. 1521. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; Lodge then opened to the second degree, when Bros. Pullen and R. M. Potter were examined as to their progress in the science; Lodge was opened in the third degree, and they were severally raised to the degree of M.M. Brother Citron was passed to the second degree, and two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The W. Master having received the hearty good wishes of the visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where a splendid repast was served up under the per-

sonal superintendence of Bro. Bertini. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. and duly honoured. Bro. Jacobs P.M. said he was pleased to be in possession of the gavel for a short time for the purpose of proposing the health of their W. Master, who had well done his duty and had given satisfaction to them all. The W. Master in acknowledging the compliment, said he appreciated the hearty manner in which his health had been given, and also the kind words which had fallen from their worthy P.M. Jacobs. He was pleased to see him amongst them. He was a most amusing brother, who by ready wit kept the Lodge alive. He assured the brethren he had the interest of the Lodge at heart, and would do all in his power to promote its welfare. He hoped he had given satisfaction to the brethren while in the chair. He had worked hard to master the ritual, and had spent many happy hours in the Lodge. When the time should arrive for him to take his place amongst the Past Masters he should endeavour to do his best to promote the Lodge's welfare in the future as he had striven to do in the past. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said the Covent Garden Lodge always gave them a hearty welcome. They could not come too often; he trusted those present that evening had enjoyed themselves; he would call on Bro. Kirkaldy W.M. 1521 to respond. This brother, in reply, said he felt it a great honour to have to respond for the Visitors, and to thank the Lodge for giving him the invitation to be present; he had thoroughly enjoyed himself; as a proof of this he might say that if he was sent any number of invitations he would accept them. He was sure the Visitors would agree with him that the working was good and the hospitality most bountiful; indeed, the Covent Garden Lodge had done all in its power to make the visitors happy. The Worshipful Master next gave the Officers of the Lodge; he spoke in highly commendatory terms as to the way in which the work of the Lodge was carried out. Bros. E. Jacobs and Burne responded. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, which had received additional enjoyment by the vocal and musical abilities of Bros. Jacobs, Kirkaldy ("The Speaker's Eye"), Wilkie, C. Ralph, F. Gulliford, and others.

CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

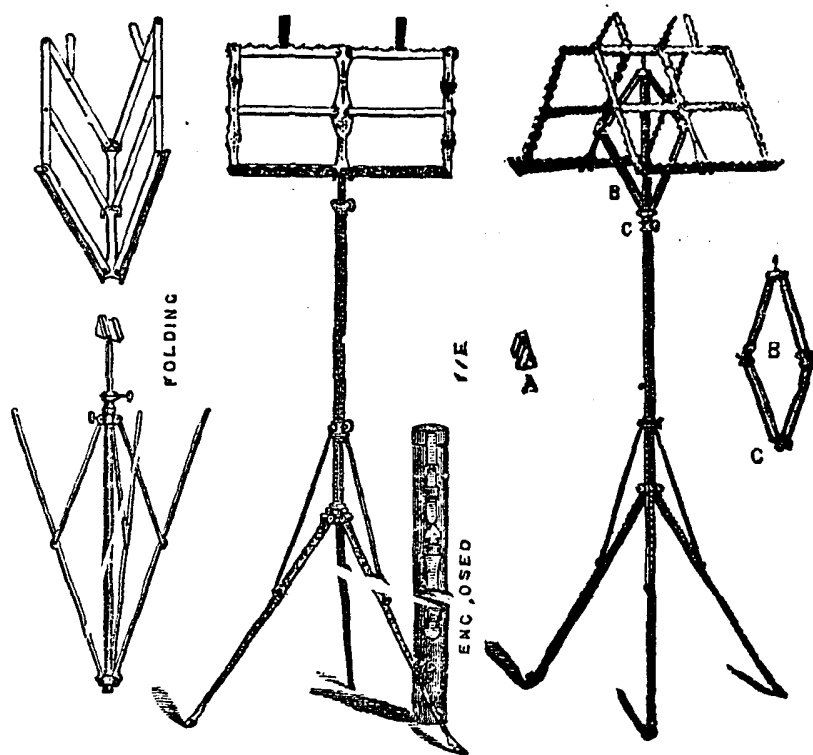
THE installation meeting was held on Friday, 22nd October, in the new rooms at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, when Bro. Henry E. Roberts S.W. was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a most finished and impressive manner by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. H. Cooksey P.G. Std. Bear., who thus gave further proof of the Masonic ability which has led to his recent appointment in the Prov. Grand Lodge of Shropshire. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. W. Westcott S.W., H. J. Skelding J.W., Rev. Dr. Lucas Chaplain, Hubert Smith Treasurer, T. Pratt P.M. P.G. Steward Secretary, A. S. Trevor S.D., J. W. Chadwick P.M. 337 560 P.P.G.J.D. Worcestershire J.D., W. Lascelles Southwell P.M. P.G.J.W. Shropshire Director of Ceremonies, J. Sewell P.G.O. Organist, T. Bromwich I.G., A. Bethell and G. Westcott Stewards, H. Goodall Tyler. The Installing Master next gave the address to the newly-installed Worshipful Master, and resumed his seat amid the congratulations of the brethren. The Secretary (Bro. T. Pratt P.M. P.G. Steward) concluded the ceremony by delivering the addresses to the Wardens and Brethren, in his well-known able manner. The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Cooksey with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren and of the very able manner in which he had discharged his duties as Master of the Castle Lodge during the past year. Bro. Cooksey, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks for the honour done him, and also his desire to serve the best interests of the Lodge in the future, as he had endeavoured to do in the past. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master (Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.), the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and other distinguished brethren, and the Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet—which was well served by the host, Mr. C. Ensor. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; special reference being made by the Worshipful Master to the Jubilee year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty. In proposing the toast of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Rowland G. Venables) and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present and past, the Worshipful Master alluded to the fact that Castle Lodge had been honoured with a goodly number of appointments at the recent meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Bridgnorth, the following brethren having been invested with the "purple": Bros. W. Lascelles Southwell P.G. Junior Warden, T. Whitefoot jun. P.G. Director of Ceremonies, John Sewell P.G. Organist, J. H. Cooksey P.G. Standard Bearer, T. Pratt P.G. Stewd. This might, he thought, be taken as an augury that the working and general conduct of the Castle Lodge had met with the approval of the Prov. Grand Master. Bros. W. E. Southwell P.G.J.D. and E. J. Chitley P.P.G.A.D.C. acknowledged the toast, the latter alluding to the pride which, as a founder of the Lodge, he especially felt in its success. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the Senior Warden, who alluded to the ability which Bro. Roberts had displayed as Secretary for two years, and in the Wardens' chairs. His proficiency in the working which he had that day undertaken was well-known to the brethren; he concluded by wishing him a prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had received the toast, and assured them that although he felt deeply the responsibility of the office to which he had that day attained, still he would do his utmost to prove himself a not unworthy successor of those excellent Masters who had preceded him, feeling sure that he would have the willing assistance of his officers, and the indulgence of the brethren. The Installing Master and Past Masters having been duly honoured, the toast of the Visitors was ably given by the Worshipful Master, who especially welcomed Bro. Garnett W.M. 2133, of Stratford-on-Avon, taking the opportunity of again

thanking him for his kindness to the brethren of 1621 upon the occasion of their recent visit to that most interesting town. Bro. Garnett responded, as did also Bros. G. H. Stanger I.P.M. 419 (Wolverhampton) and E. W. Prevost W.M. 2131 (Ellesmere); all expressing their pleasure in witnessing the excellent working of the Lodge, and their thanks for the hospitality extended to them. The Masonic Charities came next, coupled with the name of Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell, who has already served the Lodge as Steward on two occasions, and who expressed his willingness to again go up on the occasion of the Girls' Festival next year, when Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., R.W. P.G.M. Shropshire, has undertaken to preside. The Officers of the Lodge was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Hubert Smith Treasurer, who has served the Lodge in that capacity since its formation ten years since, and by Bro. T. Pratt P.M. Secretary, who has now undertaken the latter office for a third period. During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. Stanger, Galley, Dyer, Bradbury, Westcott, Whitefoot, and E. W. Southwell (who contributed one of his witty *impromptus*). The P.G.O. Bro. Sewell (violin), with Bros. Whitefoot and W. Smith (piano) gave the overtures to "Masaniello" and the "Caliph of Bagdad," and added considerably to the evening's enjoyment. The Tyler's toast in due time brought to a close a very successful meeting. The following is a list of the Visitors present:—Bros. F. C. Bastick P.M. 419 P.P.G.D. Staffordshire, J. H. Stanger I.P.M. 419 (Wolverhampton), G. Lees W.M. 560 (Stourport), J. Galley W.M. 823 (Liverpool), F. S. H. Dyer (Cambridge) T. J. Barnett W.M. elect 1120 (Ironbridge), E. W. Prevost W.M. 2131 (Ellesmere), C. R. Garnett W.M. 2133 (Stratford-on-Avon), and J. Bradney S.D. 419.

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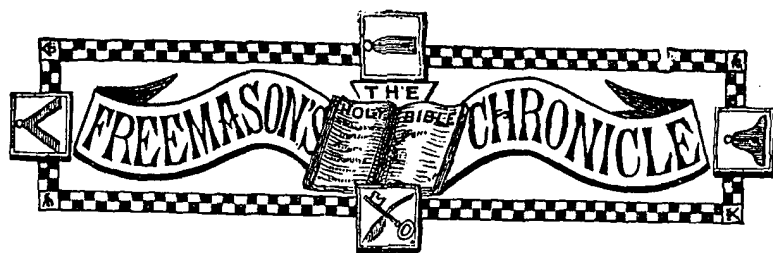
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE usual Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was
held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the
presidency of Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar,
Provincial Grand Superintendent of Essex, who was sup-
ported by Comp. T. W. Tew Prov. G. Superintendent
West Yorkshire as H., and Comp. Thomas Fenn Past Pre-
sident of the Committee of General Purposes as J. Other
Grand Officers present were Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E.,
Robert Grey President of the Committee of General Pur-
poses, D. P. Cama Treas., Rev. J. Palmer Principal Soj.,
Rev. W. Mortimer Heath 1st Assist. Soj., Ralph Clutton
2nd Assist. Soj., Frank Richardson P. Assist. G. Soj. Dir.
of Cers., John Emilius Le Feuvre Sword Bearer, William
Roebuck 3rd Standard Bearer, Edward Dean Davis Dep.
Dir. of Cers., William Clarke Assist. Dir. of Cers., Dr. E.
M. Lott Org., and Henry Sadler Janitor. The minutes
having been confirmed, the report of the Committee of
General Purposes (which we published last week) was
received, and ordered to be recorded. The prayers of
the various petitions therein referred to were granted by
Grand Chapter, which was then closed with the usual
formalities.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
WILTSHIRE.**

THE Annual Meeting of the Wiltshire Provincial Grand
Royal Arch Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall,
Swindon, on Friday, the 29th October, the receiving
Chapter being the Wiltshire, No. 355, of that town.
The Grand Superintendent Lord H. F. Thynne occupied
the first chair, and was supported by Comps. W. Nott H.,
T. S. Fitcher as J., Henry C. Tombs S.E., George Pike

P.S., A. J. Beaven 1st A.S., T. Ringer 2nd A.S., John Chandler P. Prov. G.H. D.C., and other Companions of the Province, as well as by Comp. H. Wilson Prov. G.S.E. Worcestershire. The usual routine of opening the Chapter, calling the roll and confirming the minutes, having been finished, the report of the Charity Committee, agreed to at a meeting held that morning, was read. From this it appeared that Comp. T. S. Fatcher, of the Elias de Derham Chapter, 586, Salisbury, having offered his services as Steward for the Royal Arch Province of Wiltshire at the Boys' School Festival next year, the Committee recommend that such offer be accepted, and that a grant of £21 be placed on his list. After some observations by Comps. F. H. Goldney and Rev. J. A. Lloyd, as to the desirability of keeping a reserve in hand, in view of any extraordinary calls being made on the Province next year, with reference to Her Majesty's Jubilee, the Chapter on the motion of Comp. Nott, seconded by Comp. Eyres, unanimously adopted the recommendations of the Committee. Comp. H. C. Tombs P.G.S.E., on behalf of the Auditors, read their report on the Treasurer's accounts, which had been duly examined and found correct. Comp. H. Bevir P.G. Reg. read his report, recapitulating, as usual, the position as regards numbers and otherwise of the Provincial Grand Chapter and its five subordinate Chapters. The number of members in the province was stated as 114. The report was considered satisfactory, and was approved. Comp. W. Nott proposed an addition to the Provincial Bye Laws of certain fees to be payable to the Provincial Chapter, on registering new Chapters or Bye Laws. This was seconded by Comp. H. C. Tombs, and carried unanimously, as was also a proposition made by Comp. T. S. Fatcher, seconded by Comp. F. H. Goldney, that a committee consisting of H., J., S.E., and Treasurer, be appointed to consider the question of generally revising the Provincial Bye Laws, and to report thereon to the next meeting. Lord H. F. Thynne, M.E. G. Supt., addressing the meeting, congratulated the Swindon Companions on the appearance of the Hall in which they had assembled, which had been newly decorated. He alluded in feeling terms to the death of Comp. E. Turner Payne Prov. Grand Treasurer of the neighbouring province, who they had so often welcomed in Wiltshire. In referring to the Registrar's report, which was very gratifying, he said that he hoped ere long to hear of steps being taken to inaugurate a new Chapter at Trowbridge. He thanked Comp. Maclean, on behalf of the Province, for his two successful Stewardships last year, and congratulated the Companions on the fresh Stewardship of Comp. Fatcher, who he trusted would obtain good support, so that the position of the Province at the elections might be further improved, to the delight of the energetic Charity Secretary Companion W. Nott. The Grand Supt. then declared all offices vacant, and proposed the re-election of Comp. Nott as Treasurer for the ensuing year; this being seconded by Comp. Chandler, was carried unanimously. The Grand Supt. then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Comps. Thos. H. Fatcher 586	-	-	H.
Alfred Plummer 355	-	-	J.
Henry C. Tombs 355 (re-appointed)	-	-	S.E.
Edwin Eyres 355	-	-	S.N.
William Nott 632	-	-	Treasurer
Rev. J. A. Lloyd 1533	-	-	Registrar
John N. Toone 1478	-	-	P. Sojourner
Rev. A. Law 355	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
Alfred Parry 632	-	-	2nd do.
John Chandler 355 (re-appointed)	-	-	D.C.
W. S. Bambridge 1533	-	-	Organist
Jno. Savory 355 (re-elected)	-	-	Janitor

The Alms Bag was sent round, the contents being devoted to the Swindon Cottage Hospital. The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to their Annual Banquet at the Goddard Arms Hotel.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THE quarterly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Doncombe Street, York. Amongst those present were Comps. M. Rooke M.E.Z., J. Sykes Rymer H., J. Todd P.Z., as J., T. B. Whytehead P.Z., E. W. Purnell as S.E., S. Border S.N., J. Fairburn P.S., H. Foster D.C., and others. Amongst the visitors was Comp. Manders, from Melbourne, Australia. The business consisted in the exaltation of Bro. Rev. C. Tindley, Free Church Minister, of York, which was done in excellent style by the M.E.Z. During the evening Comp. Todd P.Z. moved, and Comp. Whytehead

seconded a vote expressive of the sorrow felt by the Chapter at their loss by the death of Dr. Bell, the Grand Superintendent of the Province, who had so long and wisely guided their footsteps. After the close of the Chapter the brethren met at supper, and the usual pleasant evening was spent.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE first convocation of this Chapter for this session was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 28th ult. The Companions assembled at 6 p.m., under the presidency of Comps. Dr. Corrie Jackson Z., Dr. Jagielski H., and Bieling J. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, the Companions proceeded to ballot for Bro. Harry Beasley Hurford, of the St. James Lodge, No. 97, Scotland, who had been proposed by Comp. Pans P.Z. S.E., and seconded by Comp. Bieling. The result being unanimous in his favour, he was duly admitted and exalted to the supreme degree by the M.E.Z., who with his Officers was *au fait* with the business, and went through it in the correct manner which characterises the Polish National Chapter. There were present as Visitors Comps. S. Webb, and Rosenthal 188.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. F. Brasted Z., J. Strugnell H., J. Funston J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., H. Jenkins S.N., Wm. Radcliffe P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a creditable manner, and there was a goodly attendance of R.A. Masons. Comp. T. O. Edmonds is Preceptor here, and he is ever ready to impart instruction.

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A QUERY ?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I enclose you two extracts from the minutes of my Mother Lodge, and respectfully ask if you or any of your numerous correspondents will throw any light upon them, to enable me to give an explanation of their meaning ?

Yours fraternally,

JNSH.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES. LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 231.

August, 1799.

"A circular letter being received from the Grand Secretary, 'Bro. Treas.' moved that the R.W.M. or any two Officers of the Lodge attend at Union Hall, to make the necessary affidavit and deposit the Register."

September, 1799.

"The Register and Certificate was taken up this day to the 'Union Hall, and sworn to by Bro. J. C. Palmer, and Bro. Thos. B. Farmer, and afterwards was left with the Clerk of the 'Peace for the County of Surrey."

[The extracts furnished as above by our esteemed correspondent refer to the duty cast upon Lodges by the Act passed 12th July 1798 against Secret Societies, from the penalties of which, however, all Masonic Lodges were exempted on conditions that duly certified registers of members were lodged with Clerks of the Peace within two months after the Act was passed, and also on or before the twenty-fifth day of March in every succeeding year. See Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," 1861 (Seventeenth) Edition, pp 263-5.—ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE].

A HARD CASE.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have read your article "A Hard Case," and hope with you that the dear child will not be left out in the cold. I had not the pleasure of knowing Bro. Steng, but shall nevertheless be very glad to assist his orphan daughter. If the rules cannot possibly be departed from to meet this most deserving case, could not the child's admission be purchased? If so, I shall be most happy to give my guinea towards carrying out so truly Masonic an action, and I am sure that you will gladly receive donations.

Yours truly and fraternally,

P.M. 1076 and 1861, P.Z.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, met, under the presidency of Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., at Freemasons' Hall, on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. Ralph Clutton G.S.D., H. A. Hunt, E. Letchworth P.G.D., J. H. Matthews P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Moon, Major G. Lambert P.G.S.B., A. E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Joseph Clever, Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, C. Belton, C. F. Matier, P. de Lande Long P.G.D., F. Adlard, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary, &c., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, those of the House Committee were read for information. The two vacancies on the House Committee—created by the death of Bro. C. E. Mather Grand Steward, and the appointment of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Peters P.G.S.B. to be a Trustee of the Sustentation of Building Fund, vice Bro. Joshua Nunn deceased—were reported, and the following brethren nominated to succeed them, viz.:—Bros. Joseph Clever, G. Cooper, Thomas Fenn President of the Board of Purposes, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Alderman Savory. A conditional grant of £20 to an ex-pupil was made, and two petitions were received; the names of the children to be placed on the list of candidates for the April election; the consideration of one other petition was deferred. In the course of the proceedings, the Chairman of a special meeting of the House Committee, which had been held previous to the General Committee meeting, reported that Bro. Thomas S. Howell, who had been one of the medical officers of the Institution for thirty-four years, had tendered his resignation, and that the following resolution had been unanimously passed, namely:—

"That this Committee desire to express their sincere regret at receiving from Bro. Thomas S. Howell his resignation of the post of one of the medical officers of the Institution, an office he has held for a period of 34 years, during which he has in the most generous manner, without fee or reward, discharged the onerous duties appertaining to it.

"And that the Committee further desire to acknowledge the benefit the Institution has derived from the valuable advice and assistance they have received from him in connection with the sanitary arrangements of the establishment, to the admirable character of which may be attributed the general healthiness of the School and its freedom from diseases due to preventable causes.

"And that, while acceding to Bro. Howell's desire to be relieved from the further performance of duties he has so long discharged with such marked zeal, kindness, and ability, the Committee trust he will permit his name to be retained as an Honorary Consulting Medical Officer of the School, and thereby preserve his official connection with the Institution, to which he has rendered such great service, and where he is so highly regarded and respected.

"And that the Secretary be requested to forward to Bro. Howell a copy of this resolution."

Thereupon, on the motion of Brother A. E. Gladwell, seconded by Brother C. F. Matier, it was unanimously agreed—

"That this Committee, representing the general body of Governors and Subscribers to the School, having heard read the resolution passed by the House Committee in reference to the resignation of Bro. Thomas S. Howell of the office of one of the medical officers of the Institution, most heartily and cordially concur in the terms of it."

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening, the 3rd instant, under the presidency of Brother E. Walker W.M. There were also present Bros. J. Funston I.P.M., L. Stean P.M., G. T. Barr P.M., E. Benjamin P.M., J. A. Jones P.M., A. A. Clement P.M., F. Matthews S.W., R. Drysdale J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. 1524 Treasurer, J. Cox Secretary, H. J. Thrower S.D., L. A. Harrison J.D., W. Beasley I.G., G. C. Young P.M. 820 Organist, J. W. Griffiths Steward, J. Very Tyler. The following members also attended—Bros. J. Tidball, H. Waynforth, G. Colls, H. Josephs, W. H. Mills, W. E. Johnson, B. Nicholson, J. Tames, A. C. Critchfield, J. Austin, H. J. Scott, S. Batchelor, R. H. Drysdale, E. J. Rose, W. Jones. Among the visitors were Bros. L. V. Walker S.W. 22, S. Smither S.D. 193, E. Lazarus 185, H. Walden 49, H. E. Loader P.M. 487 P.G.S.D. Hants, H. J. Jones 193, A. J. Martin 111, A. Salaman 189, J. R. Bowen 65, J. Jenkins J.D. 487, J. Davis 185, L. Green 879. The business of the evening was of a somewhat important character. In consequence of the Senior Warden, Brother E. Matthews, being already in the chair of another Lodge, Brother R. Drysdale J.W. was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Brother W. H. Brand was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Brother J. Very Tyler of the Lodge. It was also decided, in very cordial terms, to present Brother E. Walker with a Past Master's jewel on his quitting the chair, as a token by the brethren of their appreciation of the interest the Worshipful Master has taken in the welfare of the Lodge. A ballot was taken for three

brothers, Messrs. Edward Levy, Lewis Levy, and Henry Levy, of High Street, Shoreditch, and having been unanimously elected, Messrs. Levy were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly celebrated. The toast of the Worshipful Master was warmly honoured, and the Past Masters severally delivered themselves of brief and appropriate speeches, evincing great interest in the welfare of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of the Initiates, said it was a singular incident for three brothers to be made Masons together, and he was sure the Lodge would very heartily welcome three gentlemen so well-known and highly respected in the parish as the Messrs. Levy. The proceedings were further enlivened by some excellent music under the direction of the Organist, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

AT a meeting held at the Fox and Hounds, High Street, Putney, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., there were present: Bros. Collick W.M., Williams S.W., Strong J.W., Watkins Treasurer, P.M. Robinson Secretary, Wing S.D., Harding J.D., P.M. Stacey Organist, Oliver Steward, Sandalls I.G., Pardoe I.P.M., Collings Dir. of Cere., Visitors: Bros. Keen and Swan of 865, and Bro. Sapsworth 2032; also seventeen other Past Masters and brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Eden and Mr. Charles Moore, who had been proposed and seconded. The ballot being in their favour, they were initiated in a most impressive manner by the Worshipful Master. After Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent repast was served by the Host, Past Master Page. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with true "Commemoration" fire. The health of the initiates was proposed, and suitably responded to. The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, viz.:—Bros. Page, Windsor, Williams, Collick W.M.; Bro. Price gave a recitation—"Eugene Aram;" and Bro. Whitley, the Tyler, sang the "Entered Apprentice Song." With the Tyler's toast the meeting ended, and the brethren dispersed, after a most enjoyable evening.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A well attended meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman Road, Barnsbury, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction. The chair was taken a few minutes after 7 o'clock by Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446, supported by Bros. Jenkins S.D. 860 as S.W., Cooper P.M. 1298 as J.W., Gregory S.D., Wright J.D., Ament I.G., Ferguson Preceptor, Silvester Treasurer, Dimsdale Secretary, and some thirty or forty other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Cull worked the sections, assisted by the following:—First Lecture—Bros. Airey, Bleakley, Turner, Hunter, Wright, Fenner H. Airey. Second Lecture—Bros. Edgley, Dickinson, Jenkins, Lee, Fenner. Third Lecture—Bros. Cooper, Galer (two sections). Lodge was called off and on between the first and second lectures, and at the conclusion several brethren were elected members. Lodge was closed in due form after a most successful evening.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—On Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. Present:—G. H. Clark W.M., Hayes S.W., Stroud J.W., C. Weeden Treasurer, Cordell Secretary, Flack I.G., Past Master Cusworth Preceptor, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cordell acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Weeden, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Goode candidate. Bro. Weeden resumed the Lodge in the first degree, when Bro. Clark took his position as W.M. A vote of thanks was accorded him and entered on the minutes, it being the first time he had occupied the chair in this Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Cock Tavern, High-bury Station, N., there were present: Bros. R. P. Forge W.M., Snook S.W., Caseley J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hancock S.D., Turner J.D., White I.G., Fenner Preceptor; Cusworth, Weeden, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed—Bro. Hutton candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bros. Hutton, Harper, and Ball answered the questions leading to the second degree, but were not entrusted; they are only Entered Apprentices, of the mother Lodge. Bros. Harper and Hutton were elected members. Bro. Snook S.W. 1693 was elected W.M. for Monday next.

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Grand.—Notwithstanding the numerous counter attractions now in London, comic opera has once more been the attraction at this theatre. Played at Croydon on the 27th September last, "Rhoda" was presented to a London audience for the first time on Monday. Since its first production the plot has been considerably improved, and now we have a most amusing and pretty opera. The libretto has been written by Walter Parke, and the music composed by Antonio L. Mora. The work is in three acts. Mr. Parke has done his share well, and has written a most pleasing book, never vulgar, and always entertaining. Mr. Mora has provided some pretty and ear-catching music, which doubtless will become popular. The serenade sung by Adolphe is very pretty, as also is the vocal gavotte in the last act, while the music to the interrogatory couplets in the second act is admirably fitted to the words. The action of the opera is laid in the town of Pavana, Spanish America, and begins with a contest for the mayoralty of Pavana, with the result that one Peter Bosco is ultimately elected. Bosco has a scapegrace nephew, Carlos Valdez, who wishes to marry Rhoda, daughter of Baron Poncho; by this means he hopes to retrieve his fortunes. The Mayor consents to assist his nephew, but Rhoda rejects Carlos, she being secretly betrothed to Adolphe Martel. Her maid Teresa is also in love, with Ventro, a travelling showman, who is in possession of a life-size mechanical figure of a lady. Carlos engages this man to help him deceive Rhoda, and it is by the aid of this figure, added to false representations and forged letters, that Carlos contrives to arouse Rhoda's jealousy. The figure, placed on a seat under a tree, is mistaken by Adolphe for Rhoda, whom he has come to serenade, while she in turn believes he is addressing some feminine rival. In her rage she fires at Adolphe, but the shot misses, but hits the figure, which falls, and is immediately removed by the showman. Carlos gives the alarm, that a murder has been committed; a hat and cane, found on the spot, are taken possession of by the police as a clue for tracing the identity of the culprits. Adolphe and Rhoda escape, while the Mayor and police start in pursuit of the presumed assassins. This brings the first act to a conclusion. The remaining part shows how Adolphe and Rhoda are captured; the former is accused of the supposed murder, and remanded for further inquiries. In the end Adolphe is released, and it is shown that only a mechanical figure has been shot. Instead of getting Rhoda for a wife Carlos is made to go through a mock marriage with the figure, he all the time thinking it is Rhoda. This lady and Adolphe are afterwards married. The second act is certainly the most amusing, while the last would be better if it were strengthened. Mr. Henry Walsham, as Adolphe, carries off chief honours. His splendid tenor voice is heard to considerable advantage, while his acting is of no mean character. His rendering of the serenade was charming, whilst his duets with Rhoda were very effective. The part of Rhoda was undertaken by Miss Kate Chard, who shows to considerable advantage. Her singing is both pretty and effective, an advantage made the most of by the lady. Mr. C. H. Kenney carried off the palm for the comical business, his Mayor was an excellent performance. In the trial scene Mr. Kenney was at his best, he never lost an opportunity to cause the house to roar with laughter. Mr. Deane Brand gave the necessary finish to the part of Carlos, while the graceful dancing and pleasing singing of Miss Agnes Oliver, as Teresa, deserves a word of praise. The other characters want strengthening; if this be done an excellent all round caste would be the result. We understand that "Rhoda" will shortly be seen at one of our West End theatres, where, with better mounting and a stronger orchestra, a successful career should lie before it.

Hengler's.—Nothing was lacking on Saturday last—the night chosen by Mr. Charles Hengler for his re-opening—to show how popular his circus performances have become. Notwithstanding other entertainments of a similar character, at Battersea and in the North of London, a crowded audience was present to welcome Mr. Hengler back to the magnificent building in Argyll Street. Mr. Hengler, in the hope of finding amusement for his patrons, has called in the aid of one or two troupes of artistes that, perhaps, do not properly belong to a circus company; however, by this means he provides a varied and amusing programme. Foremost to be noticed is a troupe of six bicyclists, known as "The Selbinis," whose entertainment is a most extraordinary one; such feats as balancing plates, catching rings on a spike affixed to the head, and throwing balls and knives, is achieved by the principal of the troupe whilst riding a bicycle. The children ride on tiny machines, and propel a machine without either saddle or back-wheel. Altogether the Selbinis are an exceptionally clever troupe. The Jeas, in their interlude, "The Musical Smithy," produced melody from horse-shoes, house-steps, blacksmith's anvils, the stalks of flowers, and from a pair of bellows. The comic business of this troupe is amusing, while the musical portion is decidedly novel. The Conradis and the Brothers Rogers go through some clever acrobatic feats; and Mr. F. C. Hengler puts the pony Robin and the American horse Washington through most interesting performances. The latter ascends and descends a flight of stairs without the slightest sign of fear. The equestrian portion of the programme is carried out by well-known artistes; and embraces the graceful riding of Miss Alice Welby Cooke, Miss Agnes Senga, and Miss Eliso Bradbury. The champion rider of England, Hernandez, went through some daring feats of horsemanship, but the jockey act was not so well performed by the Spanish rider, Felix Thomas, as we have seen it. The always welcome clowns were well represented by Friskey, Little Sandy, Whimsical Walker, and the Bros. Rogers. Two of these gentlemen have a scene to themselves, here Little Sandy puts his "Porcine Pet" through a novel entertainment, while the other, Whimsical Walker, as he is dubbed, after frightening all the attendants out of the ring, is himself driven out by his "Pugnacious Bantam." The evening's entertainment was brought to a conclusion by the ever welcome race by ponies, mounted by monkey jockeys. If Mr. C. Hengler only keeps his entertainment to the standard it now presents, the season started by him last Saturday should prove as successful as those he has already passed through.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon 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)
1381—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sund Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 4
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
80—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
549—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leicester Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
89—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
298—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, Hobden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
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
587—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
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Castle Library, Colchester. (Emergency)
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 329—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

- 46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 177—Democratic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Jopra, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 752—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Jily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Follies, Sisters' Tavern, Pinner-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finbury, Kim's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 938—Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wardsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1598—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1635—Cartelbury, 23 Golden Square, W.
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1696—New Finbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1749—Chaucer, Guild Hall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1946—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. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

- 88—Scial, 23 St Giles Street, Norwich
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 184—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
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
 463—Fast Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Relvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkendon
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 666—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 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
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1120—St. Milburga, Titnine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1270—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
 1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
 1414—Krole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 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, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 143—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
 58—Le Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barnet-road, E. (Instruction)
 882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 1238—Finbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)

- 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Canberwell New Road, S.W., at 8. (In.)
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 720—Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 203 Whitechannel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
 R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 234—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Stayne Hotel, Worthing
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1615—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slathwaite
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1797—Southdown, Hartpierpoint, Sussex
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
 R.A. 293—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop

THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lamoeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New R.I. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pegasus, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Row, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1538—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Canberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1593—Skelmersdale, Lions' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theobald 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—Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
 R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
 R.A. 638—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
 35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 118—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Pourth, Cumberland
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Loughton, Stafford
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 786—Croxteth 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
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trudegar, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 114—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carsuaton. (Instruction)
 1911—De La Pre, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 484—Hwlford, Masonic Hall, Havertfordwest
 R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southampton
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
 R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1155—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 433—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmwood
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme

916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1037—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leigh-on-Sea
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woolbridge
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Melway Hotel, Levensham
 K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
 K.T. 126—De Wareham, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

103—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
 1534—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1624—Eccleson, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1636—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 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's Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1135—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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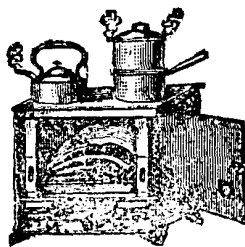
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