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HAPPINESS IN FREEMASONRY.

IT is fortunate that all men's ideas of happiness do not lie in the same groove, or we should lose many of those charms of life which arise from the varied means adopted by different individuals in their efforts to attain the summit of their ambition, that perfection, the realization of which results in corresponding happiness. If every Mason's idea of a happy and successful Lodge was alike Freemasonry would lose one of its attractions, for although the basis of Freemasonry is the same wherever we turn, it is its infinite variety which makes it ever attractive, fresh, and interesting. Happiness, we are told, is in the taste, not in the thing; and we are made happy by possessing what we ourselves love, not what others think lovely. Hence it is that a Mason's idea of a happy Lodge is one where his peculiar ideas of Freemasonry are the most fully exemplified, not, perhaps, one where the ritual is the most perfect, the ceremonies the most elaborate, or the surroundings the most sumptuous. One brother will be miserable in a small quiet assembly where another enjoys the strongest feelings of satisfaction, and, in turn, that brother will feel out of place in a large and somewhat noisy gathering where the other is thoroughly at home.

We should do well to remember all this when we are inclined to lay down the law as to what should be done to secure happiness in our several Lodges. What would prove successful in one case would have the most disastrous results in another, and the best general is he who can so adapt himself to circumstances as to secure the best results from the means at his disposal. A Master should endeavour to discover what the members of his Lodge love, and strive to secure for them what they desire, rather than seek for advice outside his Lodge, among brethren who are perhaps unacquainted with the peculiarities of any of the members. General advice is very good in its way, but we must remember that happiness consists in the attainment of what we ourselves love, not what others think lovely.

We can call to mind a happy and contented Lodge which suffered severely from the mistaken ideas of excellence possessed by one of its Worshipful Masters, a splendid worker, and a most rigid disciplinarian. He was called upon in due course to preside over his Lodge, which might perhaps best be described as an assemblage of old-fashioned brethren, who felt more pleasure in practising the spirit than being bound by the strict letter of Freemasonry. They were accustomed to meet and find enjoyment in each other's society, and may be said to have neglected some of the forms and ceremonies enjoined by custom in favour of social converse and individual harmony. They recognised the time-honoured toasts, and were none the less hearty in their enthusiasm although it was their custom to eschew speeches. The toasts of the Masonic rulers were as nobly responded to at their gatherings, even though they were proposed without ceremony, as if a long speech had preceded each, and, as a consequence, they had ample time for the discussion of the many topics which arise among a party of true friends. Their Freemasonry was not neglected, but it was looked upon more as a means of enjoyment than as a hard lesson to be learned and rehearsed at each succeeding meeting. But a change was introduced, under the presidency of the new Master, whose ideas were embodied in working the ceremonies and the rehearsal of the lectures, with

severe regard to the letter of the ritual; no very serious matter if not carried too far, but in this case it was carried to such an extreme as to deprive many of the members of that happiness they had previously enjoyed at the periodical meetings of their Lodge. No doubt the Master was happy in the possession of what he himself loved, but the happiness of his members did not consist in what he thought lovely.

The remembrance of this instance brings us to the consideration of another point, and one to which we have previously referred; that a Worshipful Master should at times sacrifice his personal desires for the benefit of the brethren over whom he is for the time called on to preside. "He who truly wishes the happiness of any one, cannot be long without discovering some mode of contributing to it," are words which apply with considerable force here. It may be difficult for a ruler to discover in what way he can ensure the happiness of his Lodge, but if he has the desire to do so—if he really loves his work—he will soon discover some mode of contributing to the happiness of those around him, with the most gratifying results. In a Masonic Lodge of any importance are often to be found men of widely different views, and it is really to consolidate these differences that should be one of the principal duties of a Master. He should know just how much pressure can be brought to bear in different parts, and should be able to blend the more extreme views in such a way as to make a harmonious and happy whole. It is not for him to lay down any severe rules, however, as to what constitutes happiness, or he will find himself in the unhappy position of the brother to whom we have just referred, who practised his own particular ideas at the expense of his fellows.

Much more might be said in regard to the various methods of securing happiness in Freemasonry, but we have written enough to show that the best course is to adapt oneself to the brethren by whom we are surrounded, and to strive to give to each the full enjoyment of the peculiarities they possess, as far as may be possible without upsetting others. In this, as in many other walks of life, those highest in authority will find it more conducive to happiness if they sometimes bow to the opinions of their juniors, rather than strive to force their individual views on those who may not entirely agree with them.

THE ANCIENT YORK WORK.

FOR a number of centuries the old city of York has enjoyed the repute of being the Mecca of the Craft in England. Both tradition and history have contributed to the support of its claim. The tradition has been long and uniform, and while the tradition has found no exact support in history, the city of York itself, at a later period, had the earliest historic Lodge in England, which afterwards developed into a Grand Lodge, and warranted subordinate Lodges in Cheshire, Middlesex and elsewhere. York itself was as a city in its earliest years arranged Masonically—while it was the Roman city of Eboracum it having been laid out as an oblong square. During the Roman dominion it was the capital of the kingdom, the two Emperors, Septimus Severus and Constantius Chlorus, having died there, and Constantine the Great was there proclaimed Emperor. York has, also, in York Minster,

one of the finest cathedrals in Great Britain or on the continent; in the crypt of this cathedral the Freemasons have repeatedly held their meetings; and its fabric rolls contain many data of interest to our Fraternity. On all accounts the city of York is deservedly held in veneration and respect by Freemasons.

The Masonic tradition which asserts the antiquity of Freemasonry in York is thoroughly imbedded in Masonic history. This is evidenced in the old MS. Constitutions of the Craft, and in the Warrants of Constitution of many subordinate Lodges. The "Dowland MS.," of A.D. 1550, reads as follows:

King Athelstan was a worthy king of England * * and loved well Masons. And he had a son Edwin, and he loved Masons much more than his father did. And he was a great practicer in Geometry; and he drew him much to talk and to commune with Masons, and to learn of them science; and afterwards for love that he had to Masons, and to the science, he was made a Mason, and he got of the king his father a Charter and Commission to hold every year once an Assembly. * * And he held himself an Assembly at York, and there he made Masons, and gave them Charges.

The warrants of the old Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania bear similar testimony, as instance the following, taken from the Warrant of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, of Philadelphia:

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions, revived by His Royal Highness, Prince Edwin, at York, in the kingdom of England, in the year of the Christian era Nine Hundred and Twenty and Six, and in the year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Six), in Ample Form assembled at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, Send Greeting.

The trouble with this tradition, as thus embodied in formal Masonic documents, is that profane history asserts that King Athelstan had *no son*, while he had, however, a *brother*, Edwin, "a young prince of great energy and high promise," whom the historian, Henry of Huntingdon, says, "was unhappily drowned at sea." A slip might readily have been made in the statement of relationship, and Edwin of York still might have been the patron of the Freemasons. Another explanation, offered by Bro. Francis Drake, a century and a half ago, was that the Edwin intended was the Anglo-Saxon King Edwin, who began to reign in A.D. 617. We think the former explanation is the more probable of the two, and *we accept* the Masonic tradition, which is of such long standing, and so often iterated and reiterated in Masonic documents, that Freemasonry in York is of great antiquity, and may boast of royal patronage as far back as in the tenth century. So much for Ancient York Masonry.

We wish we could trace the connection of Early Freemasonry in York with the first historic Lodge, that of 1705, in that city, but we cannot. Bro. Gould says, on this subject: "There is absolutely nothing to connect the York Lodge of the eighteenth and most probably the seventeenth century, with Lodges of earlier date, though of course the possibility of the former being a lineal descendant of the latter must be conceded." The York Lodge was certainly at work "for years prior to the creation of the London Grand Lodge" in 1717. Its records are preserved back to 1712, while in the last century they existed back to 1705. Its antiquity is unquestioned, and it was located on the oldest Masonic ground in England, according to well-established tradition.

Now as to the Ancient York Work. What is it? The expression in general terms in truth signifies *the oldest Work of the Craft*, and since Masonry may justly assume to have been older in York than in any other locality of England, the Masonic tradition with regard to York is connected with, and made to give name to, what is currently regarded as the oldest Work.

But there is also a special historic significance in the term "Ancient York Work." Dermott's Grand Lodge—of 1752-3—that of the so-called "Ancients"—assumed the proprietorship of this phraseology, and gave currency to it. The "Ancients" pretended (without authority) to have had the favour and support of the Grand Lodge at York, and in consequence they styled themselves "Ancient York Masons." These "Ancients" warranted a Provincial Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania in 1764, with Brother William Ball as Provincial Grand Master, and this Provincial Grand Lodge flourished after the decay of the older Provincial Grand Lodge of 1730, warranted by the Grand Lodge of 1717, slightly styled "Moderns" by their rivals. As a result, until of late years, all of the

subordinate Lodges in Pennsylvania styled themselves "Ancient York Masons," and even now some of them cling to this title. In point of fact, however, the superior designation is that of "Free and Accepted Masons"—while in the Work of the Craft in this jurisdiction both are properly retained and cumulatively used. But the term "Ancient York Work" may be misleading. There is absolutely nothing, at present known, which connects it with the old city of York, or the old Masons once in authority there. The name was derived solely from Bro. Dermott, and he *appropriated* it for his own purposes, to give character to the Grand Body of which he was the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, the champion and the life-blood. If by "Ancient York Work" we mean the oldest Work, then it is a true designation, and by almost universal consent the Work of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is acknowledged to be the *oldest and purest on this Continent*, more nearly approximating to that of the Grand Lodges of England of 1717 and 1752, and also to that of the present Grand Lodge of England, than that of any other of our sister jurisdictions. As Pennsylvania Masons we are proud of this fact, and, with a proper understanding of the meaning of the phrase, we should all be champions of the "Ancient York Work."

—Keystone.

LIMITATIONS OF OBLIGATIONS.

An Oration by Rev. R. W. Hill, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Oregon. 18th June 1886.

LIVING NEAR THE TRUE IDEAL.

WE speak often, one to another, of the beauties of Masonry and meditate thereon; without doubt we all appreciate the privileges which we enjoy through our connection with the sublime mysteries. And this is well, for it is in this way that we can reach the truths which are contained in Masonry. All Masonry contains is not exhausted when we have "taken the degrees;" more awaits the diligent and earnest one who is willing to devote thought and energy to it. Like the precious metal in the deep mine, toil and careful attention is essential if one would possess himself of all the treasures in Masonry. Perhaps it was for this reason that the office of orator was created by the Grand Lodges. It may be reasonably supposed that when one has given time and thought to any branch of human knowledge, he will be enabled to add something to the fund of information possessed by those who have not been privileged to spend as much of their time in the study of special subjects. The Masonic orator then should have no narrow sweep to his vision as he surveys the system of Masonry, but should seek for those principles which govern and control all of its parts, in order that what he may say may not only have the advantage of truth, but that also in its presentation it may be so arranged as to fit into all sides of life and add to its benefits. No aim should be higher or purpose grander than his, for it is possible that his thoughts and words may give power to actions reaching far into futurity. His aim should be to make ours

"The ample views that, unconfined,
Stretch to the utmost walks of human kind;
Ours the spirit that, with wisest plan,
Brother to brother binds, and man to man."

Perhaps this may seem too high an ideal, but *if* it be so, it is well that the error is on the nobler side, and that we do not lean to any view which would tend to lower these standards of Masonic life, which have been bequeathed to us by the fathers gone before. We should have no patience with those who look only to the selfish side of life and make use of Masonry as one of the steps to further purely selfish interests. And yet we are all aware that such men so gain admission, and abuse the privileges of the Fraternity. To such as these Masonry is nothing but a system of rituals, and all the sublime teachings are but as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals." There is nothing beyond the mere ceremony for them, and with the close of the Lodge the duties of Masonry rest altogether on others, and must be performed for the advantage of this class. But duty is the fundamental principle of Masonry, and the Mason who lives nearest to the full performance of *all* the duties of life, lives nearest to the true ideal. In whatever

sphere of life a man may be thrown, it is impossible for him to shake off the obligations of duty. They follow him everywhere. It matters not whether his position be high or low, whether he be called to rule, or his lot be to obey, it is not within his power to relieve himself of personal responsibility. Happy is that man who has full conception of this fact, and whose resolve is, therefore, to live according to this governing principle, making everything in life turn upon the faithful discharge of obligations. Duty, then, is supreme in its relation to life, and no man can free himself of it, no matter what his worldly wealth or station. As without the Lodge, so within, this is the governing principle which binds Masons to each other. As each step is taken, the candidate is assured that his duties increase and become more binding, and that with advancement and elevation there is an accompaniment of solemn obligation. Perhaps, in this connection, we do not always realize the full scope of Masonic vows when they are first taken, but in time we all feel their force and understand their sweep. How far reaching, and how effective, if honestly lived up to, they are! Reaching into every position and binding all with the same strong chain; the king bound as strongly as the humblest workman in the quarry. And how honourable, also, and ennobling. The true Mason, clothed in the emblem of innocence, is the peer of any king, prince or potentate; can meet with him upon the level, and, within the compass of his obligation, can command the service of his brethren, and feel it a right to be served. But there is another aspect of these things, to which I especially ask your attention at this time. You have heard so often of the power of the Masonic obligation and the elevating influence of the Order, that you need no words of mine to cause you to regard Masonry as well worthy of your life-long devotion. It is for this reason that I invite your attention to the *limitations* of Masonic obligations. We know full well how sweeping and how complete the obligations are which every Mason takes who has part or lot with the "Sons of Light." We have had numberless examples of the power and readiness of the true Mason to respond to their call, but we know there are certain limitations to all social obligations, and Masonry has strongly defined bounds to all obligations which are required of initiates. And these fundamental limitations are as wise as they are satisfactory, and give to each Mason a rule for the government of his actions, which enables him to make no mistake. It has been well said that there can never be a conflict of duties, for one is always paramount, and if one have but the wisdom to discover which one of those in seeming conflict be the higher, all will fall into proper place and harmony. Masonry leaves no man in ignorance in this regard, but, with a wise foresight, makes due provision for cases where there might be a chance for it to come into conflict with other and important social claims. And here is where we are brought face to face with the fundamental limitations of Masonic obligation. We are assured that certain duties are above all others here on earth, and that much as Masonry may appeal to our feelings and regard, yet in the face of these Masonry withdraws all claim. And here is where, through recognition of these limitations, the distinction is drawn between a true Mason and one who, claiming to be such, presents only his constant attention to Masonic meetings in support of his claim. Undoubtedly there are many who are never missing when the Lodge is called from refreshment to labour, who are found at every gathering and participate in every ceremony, and yet, withal, disobey the law of Masonry. Such may have forgotten the fundamental limitation of Masonic service and go beyond the true requirements, to the injury of far greater and more important trusts. Profession is not real service, and the one who apparently does the most, may in reality do much less than others whose service appears less showy. Doubtless each brother present could readily illustrate this fact within the circle of his personal acquaintance. We are, then, to endeavour to distinguish between the true gold and the tinsel which glitters more brightly. One is of value, the other is worthless. What, then, are the limitations of Masonic obligation and service? These are defined at the very threshold of the Temple. He who would receive the degrees of Masonry is solemnly assured that his obligations will be great and important, but that they are in no wise to conflict with the duty he owes to his God, his country, his neighbour, his family, or to himself, and with these fundamental limitations he can take the obligations of Masonry, if so he choose. First in place, as

first in importance, we have the Mason's duty to God.—*Voice of Masonry.*

(To be continued).

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President occupied the President's chair, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President that of Senior, and Bro. W. H. Perryman that of Junior Vice-President. There were present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Mercer, Spaul, Garrod, Stewart P.G.D., Britten, Dairy, Matthews, Cull, Hogard, Taylor, Bowyer, Habord, Gillard, Lucking, Grey, Brown, Halliwell, Birkin, Dakins, Tijou, Cumberland, Pendlebury, Dodd, Lee, and others. The Board of Masters submitted the agenda paper for the next Communication of Grand Lodge. The brethren at the Board of Benevolence first confirmed grants, recommended at their last meeting, to the amount of £410. Those on the new list comprised the names of forty-five petitioners, from London, Keswick, Warwick, Sunderland, Jersey, Llandudno, Old Brompton, Walsall, South Shields, Calcutta, Gravesend, Wood Green, St. Helena, Sherborne, Worcester, Newbury, Liverpool, Hartlepool, Blackburn, Pontypridd, Holyhead, Nova Scotia, Twickenham, North Shields, Yarra Yarra, Leytonstone, Torquay, Yarrow-on-Tyne, Supreme Council of France, Upton, Louth, and Tavistock. Four of these cases were deferred for further particulars. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1,060, composed of one recommendation of £100, four of £50, five of £40, eight of £30, ten grants of £20, eleven of £10, and two of £5 each.

The Committee (members of the Craft) of the Surrey Masonic Hall Quadrille Parties are now making arrangements for commencing their eleventh season, and as they have hitherto met with very great success, there is no doubt the present season will be equally so. Subscribers are not restricted to members of the Craft. We understand there are still vacancies for a few. Full information can be obtained of Bro. H. A. Stunt P.M., Secretary, 12 Akerman-road, Brixton.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, on Tuesdays, the 23rd and 30th of November 1886, at eight o'clock p.m. Bros. H. Jenkins S.D. 860 W.M., R. Larchin P.M. 1501 S.W., J. C. Cross J.W. 902 J.W. Tuesday, 23rd November—First Lecture: Bros. Briscoe, Beck, Salmon, Gregory, Galer, Gush, Larchin. Tuesday, 30th November—Second Lecture: Bros. Frampton, Cross, Snelling, Sharpe, Berry. Third Lecture: Bros. Oldis, Hill, Hodges. Bros. H. G. Gush Preceptor; A. J. Berry Secretary.

By members of the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, held at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, on Saturday, 27th November 1886, at 7 p.m. Bros. Farwig P.M. 180 W.M., C. A. Woods P.M. 145 S.W., Westley J.W. 1986 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Hampton, Eidmans, Esling, Spon, Stacey, Jenkins, C. A. Woods. Second Lecture—Bros. Hooper, Stevens, Kearney, Westley, Johnson. Third Lecture—Bros. Martin, Luckhurst, Rapple. Bro. H. Stunt P.M. Secretary; Bro. Stacey P.M. 180 Preceptor.

At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, held at the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, E., on Thursday, the 25th instant, at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., D. Moss P.M. 1275 J.W., B. Stewart 1276 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Cary, Allan, Brittain, Isaacs, McDonald, Maloney, Watkinson. Second Lecture—Bros. Fox, Moss, Myers, Musto, Seigenberg. Third Lecture—Bros. Stewart, Lorne, Richardson. Bro. B. Stewart W.M. 1278 Preceptor; Bro. C. N. Fox 1340 Secretary. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 933, P.Z. 933 will preside.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Fridays, 26th November and 3rd December 1886, commencing at seven in the evening. Bros. Gush P.M. 1541 W.M., Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., Jenkins I.G. 860 J.W. Friday 26th November—First Lecture: Bros. Long, Price, Sammons, Snelling, Stacey, Hurdell, Larchin. Friday, 3rd December—Second Lecture: Bros. Bond, Kearney, Skelton, Jenkins, Giddings. Third Lecture: Bros. Hancock, Storr, Beck. Bro. W. W. Snelling J.W. 1541 Secretary.

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THE LATE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Elections of both Girls and Boys to our Schools for this year being over, I can now give the results, and offer some comments upon the manner in which London and the Provinces have supported the Scholastic Institutions, both this year and on a seven years' average, as taken from the Festival Reports; or rather, I will make no comment, but leave the figures to speak for themselves. Having acted as Chairman of the Scrutineers, I would offer a few remarks upon the manner in which some of the votes are sent in; for instance, a vast number are sent in in single papers, and each has to be opened separately; some are sent as they come from the office, others are tied or clipped together, while others again are unsigned, but filled in; or signed, and not filled in; often again signed, and all but the party for whom the vote is intended are crossed out, but no number put against the favoured one; or if this be done the number left is so carelessly put that the Scrutineers have to decide for whom the vote is meant, very probably giving it to the wrong party. I would particularly mention the case of Andrews, amongst the Boys; others make alterations and neglect to have them initialled by the Chairman of the Quarterly Court, and so the votes are lost. If those working the cases would only follow the simple rules laid down for them on every voting paper, they would save the Scrutineers much time and trouble, and often prevent disappointment to themselves. Holders of papers are asked to place the number intended to be given to the candidate or candidates in the space prepared for them before the several names, not initials, or name but simply the number of votes. I would also suggest that the voting papers be made up in bundles, without mark or name thereon (these can be kept on a separate paper by the workers), for no bundles being so marked are placed before the tellers before the arrangements of the papers have been altered.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

P.S. The polling was as follows:—

GIRLS.			
Votes brought forward	.	.	1,186
Votes issued	.	.	39,737
Total	.	.	40,923
Votes polled	.	.	34,747
Votes to carry forward	.	.	5,510
Votes unpolled	.	.	4,990
Votes for last cases lost	.	.	1,332
Boys.			
Votes brought forward	.	.	7,935
Votes issued	.	.	56,153
Total	.	.	64,088
Polled	.	.	50,802
Unpolled	.	.	5,351
To carry forward	.	.	3,772
Votes for last cases lost	.	.	253

Table of number of Girls who will be in the Institution on the 1st February 1887, with the cost and contributions, as taken from the Festival Paper:—

Province.	Cost.	Contri- butions for 1886.		Average 7 years from 1880-1886 inclusive.	
		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
London	75½ 2667 6 8	5383 6 0	5920 6 4		
Bedford	—	134 0 0	26 2 9		
Berks and Bucks	1 35 6 8	228 0 0	226 19 3		
Bristol	—	145 19 0	51 15 0		
Cambridge	—	273 0 0	57 6 0		
Cheshire	5½ 194 6 8	78 15 0	127 12 2		
Cornwall	1½ 53 0 0	31 10 0	51 7 7		
Cumberland and West- moreland	2 70 13 4	—	57 10 3		
Derbyshire	2 70 13 4	87 10 0	141 19 8		
Devonshire	5 176 13 4	136 19 0	155 3 10		
Dorsetshire	1 35 6 8	147 10 0	89 13 10		
Durham	3 106 0 0	68 5 0	91 1 10		
Essex	5 176 13 4	245 14 0	288 14 3		
Gloucestershire	4 141 6 8	222 12 0	310 6 0		
Hants & Isle of Wight	13½ 476 10 0	177 5 0	382 13 1		
Herefordshire	—	74 11 0	10 13 0		
Herts	3 106 0 0	131 1 0	132 2 0		
Kent	14 494 13 4	547 6 0	410 6 3		
Lancashire (East)	5 176 13 4	170 0 0	152 16 1		
Lancashire (West)	8 283 13 4	363 6 0	211 2 11		
Leicestershire and Rutland	2 70 13 4	10 10 0	102 9 5		

Lincolnshire	4	141 6 8	—	13 10 0
Middlesex	5	176 13 4	174 8 6	337 2 5
Monmouthshire	2	70 13 4	199 10 0	96 10 6
Norfolk	3	106 0 0	67 4 0	85 12 6
Norths and Hunts	1	35 6 8	—	—
Northumberland	4	141 6 8	906 12 0	158 15 3
Nottingham	2	70 13 4	—	98 2 8
Oxfordshire	—	—	106 0 0	113 19 7
Shropshire	1	35 6 8	—	—
Somersetshire	5	176 13 4	133 7 0	139 11 0
Staffordshire	2½	88 6 8	204 15 0	265 6 0
Suffolk	5½	194 6 8	126 10 6	155 14 1
Surrey	1	35 6 8	1345 15 0	301 4 6
Sussex	7	247 6 8	—	476 5 2
Warwick	4	141 6 8	102 18 0	190 12 6
Wiltshire	3	106 0 0	200 11 0	153 7 3
Worcestershire	3½	123 13 4	63 0 0	135 12 0
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	5	176 13 4	82 0 0	190 13 7
Yorkshire (West)	20½	777 6 8	500 0 0	765 8 7
N. Wales	1	35 6 8	102 7 6	143 16 5
S. Wales (East)	5½	194 6 8	140 0 0	146 14 3
S. Wales (West)	2	70 13 4	—	80 7 2
Channel Islands	2	70 13 4	63 0 0	26 8 0
Colonies	9½	335 13 4	105 0 0	88 6 9

The above Table is calculated to include those elected in October, and who will enter the School at the end of January 1887. The cost is approximate only, as it fluctuates with each year, and the first column of contributions are taken from the Festival Report for 1886, and the second column from the same source from 1879-1886 inclusive. These remarks apply to the Boys as well.

Province.	Cost from January 1887.			Subscrip- tion this Year.			Seven Years' Average.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
London	69	3105	0 0	5452	10 6	5851	13 3		
Bedford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Berks and Bucks	1	45	0 0	199	10 0	207	11 8		
Bristol	1	45	0 0	26	5 0	20	5 0		
Cambridge	1	45	0 0	131	5 0	43	13 0		
Cheshire	2	90	0 0	47	5 0	143	2 7		
Cornwall	2	90	0 0	254	2 0	60	5 2		
Cumberland and West- moreland	3	135	0 0	500	0 0	267	18 7		
Derbyshire	2	90	0 0	76	4 0	330	9 9		
Devonshire	4	180	0 0	—	—	126	11 9		
Dorsetshire	4	180	0 0	—	—	90	6 0		
Durham	6	270	0 0	63	0 0	235	0 5		
Essex	4	180	0 0	238	6 6	184	17 3		
Gloucestershire	4	180	0 0	133	1 6	240	8 9		
Hants	7	225	0 0	507	5 6	335	7 6		
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Kent	8	360	0 0	294	0 0	673	18 3		
Lancashire (East)	10	450	0 0	152	5 0	491	5 7		
Lancashire (West)	10	450	0 0	68	5 0	550	7 10		
Leicestershire and Rutland	1	45	0 0	257	5 0	138	17 2		
Lincolnshire	5	225	0 0	10	10 0	15	7 5		
Middlesex	6	270	0 0	313	6 0	318	6 1		
Monmouth	1	45	0 0	31	10 0	74	14 0		
Norfolk	6	270	0 0	420	0 0	99	7 0		
Norths and Hunts	1	45	0 0	—	—	30	15 0		
Northumberland	3	135	0 0	—	—	289	3 7		
Nottinghamshire	1	45	0 0	102	2 0	107	7 11		
Oxfordshire	1	45	0 0	126	14 6	80	8 2		
Shropshire	1	45	0 0	—	—	—	—		
Somersetshire	2	90	0 0	303	0 0	165	0 3		
Staffordshire	4	180	0 0	168	0 0	241	19 10		
Suffolk	1	45	0 0	121	0 0	147	11 10		
Surrey	3	135	0 0	334	13 0	153	11 3		
Sussex	4	180	0 0	420	0 0	243	0 5		
Warwickshire	5	225	0 0	283	10 0	194	16 5		
Wiltshire	2	90	0 0	66	18 0	53	10 2		
Worcestershire	2	90	0 0	63	0 0	135	4 2		
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	3	135	0 0	41	14 6	211	3 9		
Yorkshire (West)	11	495	0 0	760	19 9	636	15 9		
N. Wales	4	180	0 0	87	3 0	133	17 7		
S. Wales (East)	2	90	0 0	105	0 0	191	10 4		
S. Wales (West)	2	90	0 0	210	0 0	125	17 2		
Channel Islands	2	90	0 0	110	5 0	72	17 10		
Colonies	9	405	0 0	52	0 0	105	14 11		

SUNDAY AT OUR POST OFFICES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—On the occasion of the election of Mayors for the cities and towns of the United Kingdom yesterday, many graceful allusions were made to the fact that, during this year's Mayoralty the sovereign would complete the fiftieth or jubilee year of her reign. Such an event is rare in the history of any country, and since the year 827—1060 years ago—it has happened in this country only on three occasions. Henry III. completed the 50th year of his reign in 1266, Edward III. in 1377, George III. in 1810.

How Her Majesty's subjects may best celebrate the jubilee of their Queen is a question which is receiving much attention.

Various suggestions have been made and no doubt every town and village will take part in the rejoicings, and, in most cases, accomplish

some object which shall fitly commemorate the event, and substantially benefit the community.

In connection with this remarkable occurrence I should like to appeal to every person in the kingdom on behalf of the vast army of post-office employes throughout the province, whose onerous duties deprive them of the day of rest. I feel sure that all thoughtful and considerate people will agree with me that the time has arrived when the performance of unnecessary Sunday duty at the Post Offices may be altogether dispensed with.

Just fifty years will have expired next year since Dr. Wheatstone invented the Electric Telegraph system, which now spreads itself like a network over all the land, reaching every town and almost every village, and which enables us to have instant communication with each other in any part of the British Isles for the small fee of sixpence.

Three years after Her Majesty's accession, and two years after her coronation, viz. in 1840, Mr. Rowland Hill succeeded in obtaining Parliamentary sanction to the introduction of his penny postage system, which has conferred inestimable advantages and blessings upon the country at large. In 1855, the repeal of what has been called the "Taxes on Knowledge," viz.: the Newspaper Stamp, the Advertisement Duty, and the Excise duty on paper, was brought about through the exertions of Mr. Thomas Milner Gibson, at that time the colleague of Mr. John Bright in the representation of this city.

Since 1870 we have been enabled to send postcards, circulars, and newspapers, at the cost of a halfpenny.

The Money Order and Postal Order systems, the Annuity system, the post office Savings Bank, the Registered Letter Department, and the Parcels Post have all been established during the reign of Queen Victoria.

It is remarkable that in the face of all the Post Office reforms which have been instituted within the last fifty years, there still exists a custom unworthy of the present age of progress—viz.: the practice of employing in the provincial Post Offices large numbers of men and women in the performance of Sunday duties, which are regarded as unnecessary, and never have been performed in the Metropolis.

Although London is the most populous, and the greatest commercial city in the world, there has never been a Sunday delivery of letters there.

If the 4,000,000 residents in the metropolis, and the thousands of visitors and strangers, who are always to be found there, can without inconvenience dispense with the receipt and despatch of letters on Sundays, can there be any legitimate reason why the provinces should not be placed upon the same footing?

The question was argued in the House of Commons 36 years ago, and by a large majority it was resolved to abolish Sunday labour at all provincial Post Offices. An agitation was afterwards got up against this reform, and Lord John Russell, then at the head of the Government, yielded to the pressure thus brought to bear.

But whatever arguments might be used then as to the inconvenience of the public in cases of emergency, they have no force to-day. We have, as I have said, facilities for communicating by telegraph, which did not then exist.

Again, commercial travellers who, in consequence of the deerness and slowness of railway travelling 36 years ago, were obliged to remain "on circuit" over the week end, are able to reach home on Saturday, at small cost, and in a very short time. Since, therefore, they now spend their Sundays at home with their families they have no longer any need for the Sunday post.

At the time I speak of, many merchants lived in the towns, on or near their business premises. Now they live in the suburbs, or in country places, and do not care to have letters delivered on Sundays. In many instances the Post Office authorities are requested *not* to deliver on that day. In other cases, where letters are taken out by the letter carriers on Sunday, they cannot be delivered for the reason that many people are absent from their houses, and also that places of business are closed.

The number of people employed at the Post Offices of the United Kingdom is close upon 100,000, a very large proportion of whom are employed during the Sunday in doing work which I am sure can be dispensed with.

A little consideration for these useful and industrious public servants, and a small personal sacrifice on the part of the public would lead to the total abolition of Sunday labour at the Post Office, excepting in the Telegraph Department, and even this would be reduced, as the inclination to send telegrams is very frequently occasioned by the receipt of business letters.

If the jubilee year of the reign of the Queen should be signalized by the legislative prohibition of Sunday deliveries and despatches of letters it will ever be memorable as being associated with a most beneficent and much needed reform.

Should any excuse be needed for this public appeal from one not immediately interested in the Post Office, it will be found in the fact that by the regulations of the Department, letter carriers and others are forbidden to agitate for any cessation or reduction of Sunday labour.

Yours faithfully,

ELLIS LEVER, F.S.S.

Manchester, 10th Nov., 1886.

On Monday, at the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, held at 202 Whitechapel-road, E., near the London Hospital, Bro. W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211, will deliver a Lecture "On the Schism in English Freemasonry." Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock, and Craftsmen are cordially invited to attend.

THE LATE BRO. DAVID SMITH, M.P.

THE remains of the Member for Brighton, Alderman David Smith, J.P., were on Monday afternoon, the 8th inst., laid to rest in the Brighton Parochial Cemetery amidst tokens of grief that were really impressive, and with many affecting marks of the deep and heartfelt sympathy that is felt throughout the town for his widow, so sadly and so suddenly bereaved. The *cortège*, consisting of a car and six coaches, followed by thirty-three private carriages, left the deceased's late residence in Arundel-terrace at half-past twelve, making its way by the Marine-parade, the Old Steine, Grand-parade, to St. Peter's Church, where the representatives of the Corporation and other public bodies, the Freemasons, Druids, Odd Fellows, and Foresters, with a large contingent of the members of the local Conservative Associations and Primrose League, had already assembled. At the entrance the body was met by the officiating clergy, the Ven. Archdeacon Hannah (Vicar of Brighton), and the Rev. W. Cifford Aston (Incumbent of St. George's, Brighton), at which church the deceased was a regular attendant, with whom were two of the Curates of St. Peter's (the Rev. W. W. Kelly and the Rev. W. G. Deighton), and the churchwardens (Messrs. Bennett and Baker), bearing the wands of office. Preceded by the churchwardens and the clergy, the coffin was borne slowly up the nave, the whole assembly standing, and many heads being bowed while the Archdeacon read, in firm tones, the beautiful sentences of the Burial Service. After the words "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord, had been reached, there came pealingplainly from the organ (at which Mr. Alfred King, Mus. Bac., presided) the beautiful air from Handel's "Messiah," "I know that my Redeemer liveth," the solemn strains of which continued until the coffin had been placed on a temporary bier which stood just in front of the entrance to the chancel. The coffin was completely covered with floral devices and wreaths of the most ornate description, the cards appended containing in many instances expressions of sympathy for the deceased Alderman's surviving relatives. When the mourners were seated the Ven. Archdeacon Hannah gave out the hymn, most appropriate at this point of the ceremonial, "For ever with the Lord." At the request of the family, the service was not fully choral, the Psalm being read. This part of the service was taken by the Rev. J. J. Hannah, Vicar of St. Nicholas, alternate verses being read by the congregation. The Ven. Archdeacon read the lesson, and the well-known hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," was sung. The service was supplemented by a few prayers taken from that portion of the service usually said at the grave, commencing with the Lord's Prayer. As the coffin was being borne down the nave, Mr. Alfred King played the beautiful air from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," "O, rest in the Lord," both the selections which he performed being given at the express desire of the deceased's family. The bells also rung out a muffled peal. There was an immense concourse of people outside the church, but perfect order prevailed as the long procession was marshalled, as follows:—Druids, Foresters, Odd Fellows, Conservative Association, Freemasons, Borough Magistrates, Mayor and Corporation, funeral car, mourning carriages, private carriages. The six mourning carriages were thus occupied:—

First Carriage.—Mrs. David Smith (widow), Mr. David Thomson Smith (nephew), Mrs. Henry Moor (cousin), and Mr. Richardson (cousin).

Second Carriage.—Miss Richardson (cousin), Mrs. Smyth, Mr. Pocock (medical man), Mr. Taylor, and Rev. H. A. Barclay.

Third Carriage.—Sir Henry Fletcher, Bart., M.P., Admiral Field, M.P., Mr. M. D. Scott, and Sir Albert Woods (Garter King-at-Arms, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and P.M. of Lodge No. 46).

Fourth Carriage.—Dr. Tindal Robertson, Mr. W. Percival Boxall, Mr. J. H. Lermite, and Colonel Verrall.

Fifth Carriage.—Rev. W. E. A. Young, Captain Kirby, Major Boxall, and Mr. Condy.

Sixth Carriage.—Mr. Wollaston, Mr. Patman, Mr. T. Billig, and Mr. Beard.

The private carriages included those of the following ladies and gentlemen:—The Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Mr. G. W. Willett, of West House, Portland-place, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lermite, Sir Albert Sassoon, Mr. W. L. Winans, Mr. T. H. Nevill, Mr. R. Simpson, Major Addison, Dr. Scatelliff, Mr. Kempson, Colonel Stedall, Mr. Munster (Mr. Munster being represented by Mr. M. R. Brandreth), Alderman Hallett, D.L., Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. J. Martin (Beechwood), Mr. Bowering, Mr. Lawrence Peel, the Baron G. de Worms, Mrs. Burrell, Mr. F. T. Fisher, Dr. Fisher, Alderman Cox, Dr. Tindal Robertson, Colonel Hansard, Mrs. Woodin, the Mayor (Alderman E. J. Reeves), Mr. M. D. Scott, Mr. J. P. Patman, Mr. Wells-Dymoke, Mrs. Hudson (Queen's-road), Mr. Chandler, General Gascoyne, and Mr. Elger. In the procession were, amongst others, the following Freemasons:—Bros. V. P. Freeman, B. Burfield, G. S. Godfree, B. Limas, E. S. Whittle, C. Nye, H. S. Gates, H. Nye, T. Rose, J. Webster, J. S. R. Bays, O. Emblin, T. Chandler, H. Oneal, J. J. Abel, T. Nye, C. Vaughan, S. Solomon, F. H. Willmer, J. Martin, G. de Paris, G. Cole, F. Hayler, W. Marchant, J. F. Eyles, S. T. Foat, C. J. Carter, M. Lelen, C. J. Reed, Rev. W. A. Tooth, F. Hollands, W. Mitchell, S. Denman, J. Flinn, T. Hughes, J. Harrison, W. R. Wood, W. T. Nell, R. J. Rogers. Others present included the Mayor of Lewes (Alderman J. Farncombe), the Revs. T. Peacey (Vicar of Hove), E. L. Roxby, R. I. Salmon, W. A. Tooth, and Dan Winham, Bro. C. Gervaise Boxall Past Grand Steward and W.M. of Lodge No. 46 (representing, with Sir Albert Woods, the Grand Lodge of England and the mother Lodge of the deceased), Mr. Dennant (Brighton and Sussex Natural History and Philosophical Society), Lieutenant Hailey (Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade), Mr. G. S. Godfree, Mr. A. Habens, and Mr. Marchant. The Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., was unable to be present. On arriving at the cemetery the procession proceeded to the church, and then the coffin, of polished oak with brass fittings, with large handsome inscription

plate, was taken off and borne through the archway. The inscription on the coffin plate was as follows:—

Alderman DAVID SMITH, M.P., J.P.,
Mayor of Brighton, 1880-81.
D.L. County of Sussex.
D.L. City of London.
Died on November 3rd 1886,
Aged 60 years.

The interment took place in a vault at the rear of the chapels, the Rev. Clifford Astor officiating.—*Southern Weekly News.*

THE RITUAL AND CEREMONIAL OF THE SYMBOLIC DEGREES IN FREEMASONRY, 1813-1886.

THE above comprehensive title is that chosen by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. for his new lecture, which was delivered by him on Saturday last in the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, at Portsmouth. Having twice previously given his lecture on the Ceremonial of the First Degree under the auspices of the same Lodge, considerable interest was manifested in the continuation of his exposition of ritual in connection with the subsequent degrees, and a goodly muster of "rulers in the Craft," the Lodge being composed entirely of Installed Masters, resulted. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M. Wor. Bro. Asher Barfield P.M., and P. Prov. Grand Deacon Hants. Amongst those present were Worshipful Brothers R. J. Rastrick Prov. G. Treasurer S.W., Frederick Newman P.P.G.W. J.W., Thomas Francis P.P.G.S.D. Sussex S.D., John Brickwood Prov. G.J.D. J.D., G. L. Stobbs P.P.G. Steward acting I.G., G. F. Lancaster Prov. Grand Registrar I.P.M., C. S. Main P.P.G.D.C., S. R. Ellis P.P.G.A.D.C., the Rev. J. N. Palmer Grand Chaplain P.P.G.S.W., R. W. Mitchell P.P.G.D.C., E. Naylor P.P.G.S., James Gieve P.P.G.D.C., John W. Gieve Sec I.P.M. 903, R. Boughton Smith P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland, A. Dashwood P.P.G.S., Albert Wendover P.M. 1069, Louis Bryett P.P.G. Supt. of Works Berks and Bucks, F. Sanders Prov. G. Std., Geo. W. Dixon P.P.G.S.D. Berks and Bucks, J. J. Brascombe W.M. 804, Francis Powell P.G.A.D.C. and others. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from W. Bro. J. E. Le Fenve, the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and several other distinguished present and past Provincial Grand Officers. The lecturer, on introduction by the W.M. presiding, was very cordially received, and the closest attention was paid to his remarks throughout the whole of a lengthy and interesting address. Briefly recapitulating the most important points in his former lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," in order to take up the thread of a narrative relating to Ritual and Ceremonial from the date of the Union of the Grand Lodges prior to 1813, to the present time, Bro. Stevens led his hearers to a consideration of some of the beautiful conceptions of those talented brethren who were entrusted with the revision of the rituals in use at the former date, and the preparation of a perfect ceremonial for observance by all Lodges under the rule of the United Grand Lodge of England. He pointed out in the most direct manner the many innovations which had been made of late years in the ceremonies and verbiage of the F.C. and M.M. degrees, and in numerous instances produced convincing testimony as to the correctness of his assertion that all pretence that the "same usages and customs" which had been decreed as constitutional was at an end. In our pages we cannot, of course, directly specify the many points he touched upon; it will be sufficient for us to say that they are of an important character, and that our worthy Brother's address should be heard to be appreciated. After speaking without cessation for two hours, Bro. Stevens resumed his seat amidst Masonic applause. Bro. S. C. Main P.P.G.D.C. proposed in very eulogistic terms "That a vote of thanks for his excellent and interesting lecture be given by the Lodge to Bro. James Stevens, and that this same be recorded on the minutes." This was seconded by the W.M. Bro. Barfield P.P.G.D., who expressed his opinion that the information which had been afforded was of a most instructive character, beneficial alike to the newly-made M.M. and to those who had arrived at the highest honour which a Lodge could confer. He felt sure that every member and visitor present had been highly delighted with the exposition, which it must have taken Bro. Stevens much time and considerable consideration to prepare, and which he had so excellently delivered. It was impossible that such information as they had received could be given to the Craft except in open Lodge, or Lodges of Instruction, and he had no hesitation in saying that what they had heard that evening ought to be repeated for the good of the Order in every Lodge throughout the country. He cordially endorsed Bro. Main's expression of gratification, and believed the brethren would as cordially respond. The vote was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Stevens gracefully acknowledged the formal announcement by the W.M., adding that in reference to the W.M.'s observation that every Lodge throughout the country should hear the lecture, he was quite ready to do his part towards that end by arrangement with any Lodge desirous of receiving him. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together, separating at an early hour, in view of a re-union at the Consecration of a new Lodge, the Osborne, No. 216, at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, on the Monday following.

We anticipate there will be a large gathering of Craftsmen at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Monday, 29th inst., at the Queen's Westminster Lodge of Instruction. A very interesting programme has been arranged, and the names of those engaged offer a surety that the arrangements will be efficiently carried out. Lodge will be opened at 6.30, and Morning Dress with Masonic clothing is the rule to be observed.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Covent Garden.—The following extract from the *London Era*, of 6th November, will be read with interest:—"Through the agency of Mr. S. A. De Parravicini, several artists new to this country will appear at Covent Garden Circus during the forthcoming season. Indeed, Mr. William Foster, who will undertake the management, and Mr. A. Henry, the equestrian director, are to be complimented on an array of talent that may already be pronounced brilliant, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Douglas Cox, who will again be acting manager, will find full employment in providing places for eager sight-seers. The list of artists will comprise the celebrated Renz Family (five in number), including the bareback somersault rider, Mdlle. Louise; Signor Alessandro Ciniselli, with his splendid manège and liberty horses; Mr. G. Palmer, who is called the greatest juggler on a bareback horse in the world; Mr. George Gilbert, the great jockey act rider; Mr. Archer O'Brien, the renowned leaping act and somersault rider; Miss Jennie O'Brien, the success of last season; Madame Cinquevalli, haute école; Mdlle. Jenny, haute école; Mdlle. Aguzzi, bareback rider; Miss Dolinda Cattrelli, trick act; and Miss Rosita de la Plata, the celebrated female jockey act rider. Amongst the various gymnasts and acrobats and specialités we may mention Mdlle. Bianca, L'Etoile des Equilibristes; Mdlle. Alcide Capitaine, the O'Meer's troupe, the Johnson troupe, the Lavater-Lee troupe, Walton, with his great troupe of performing dogs and monkeys, and Lockhart, with his performing midget elephants. More than twenty clowns are engaged, amongst them being Herr Emil Nauke, and the celebrated Continental droll, 'Gou-Gou.' The musical director will be Mr. W. C. Levey."

Gaiety.—A farcical comedy by Messrs. W. H. Denny and Thomas Burnside, entitled "Coercion," was produced at a matinée at the above theatre on Wednesday afternoon. The authors have managed to introduce in "Coercion" a fair amount of fun, but, unfortunately, the piece contains but one really good character. This fault, coupled with the weak construction, will prove such a drawback that unless the authors can considerably strengthen their work it cannot prove a success. However, the piece was heartily enjoyed by the kindly audience, and this may, perhaps, induce Messrs. Denny and Burnside to reproduce their comedy at an early date. The second scene in the second act was strongly objected to; indeed a large majority of the audience exhibited disapproval. The following may be taken as an outline of the piece:—Mr. John Harborne, of New York (where the action takes place), meet, while travelling in England, a gentleman, Hon. Gerald Sydenham by name, with whom he is greatly impressed; he invites him to stay at his house for a short time. He informs his daughters and his niece of the visit, and tells them that one of them will be expected to marry his guest. The daughters, already engaged without their father's knowledge, are naturally rather frightened, but resolve, with the help of the niece, to make their father's guest leave the house as soon as possible. The father is speedily disposed of, by a telegram, supposed to come from his partner in business, but in reality sent by one of the lovers. The ladies proceed to play all sorts of tricks on the Hon. Gerald Sydenham, the principal of these being to induce him to fight a duel with Arthur Woodroffe, one of the lovers. The revolvers, however, are loaded with blank cartridges, and no harm is done; still Gerald thinks he has killed his opponent, and is entreated by the young ladies to leave the country. He refuses, and the manservant, disguised as a policeman, enters; he tries to escape by the chimney, but descends in the aunt's (Miss Tabitha Maple) bedroom. Now follows the objectionable scene we have already referred to. Mr. John Harborne returns, and finds he has been sold; consequently there is a disturbance; the girls and his niece however, soothe his troubled feelings, and all ends happily. The character of Gerald Sydenham was briskly portrayed by Mr. W. H. Denny. The John Harborne of Mr. Sidney Valentine also displayed good acting; while Mr. Wilfred Draycott as Arthur Woodroffe, and Mr. Laurence Cantley as Herbert Dalrymple, the lovers, acted with spirit. Mrs. H. Leigh, as Miss Tabitha Maple, was excellent in parts; Miss Fanny Brough, and Miss Edith Chester, were seen to considerable advantage as the daughters Edith and Grace; Winifred Holmcroft, the niece, was capitally played by Miss Lucy Backstone. Each of these young ladies seemed to enjoy the fun heartily. Miss Kate Leigh, as Mary; Mr. B. Soane-Roby, as Dennis; and Mr. T. P. Haynes, as Prodders; gave the necessary colouring to the minor parts. At the conclusion the authors received an enthusiastic call.

Criterion.—Mr. Charles Wyndham, doubtless under the impression that a good comedy will always draw, produced Mr. T. W. Robertson's "David Garrick" last Saturday, with an amount of success that he may be congratulated upon. Mr. Robertson's version of the career of the famous Drury Lane actor, is the one the late Mr. Sothorn made so popular. The move adopted by Mr. Wyndham of jumping from farcical comedy, which has been the fare provided at the Criterion of late years, to the more serious line of character has been watched with considerable interest. Indeed Mr. Wyndham has not appeared in such a serious character as David Garrick for a long time. In his interview with the city merchant Ingot, we have Mr. Wyndham at his best, easy and polished; he appears amused, but yet puzzled at the offer made to him, if he will quit the profession he is so fond of. Then, when he finds out what a task he has imposed upon himself, he never falters, but goes through in admirable style. His drunken scene, after Ingot's dinner, is played faster than heretofore; this we think an improvement, as the audience well know Garrick's drunkenness is only simulated. Here, again, Mr. Wyndham is enabled to adopt the style of acting he has so long been associated with, and by this means he works up a thoroughly good scene. In the last act the actor often touched the true vein of feeling. Taking Mr. Wyndham's Garrick altogether, it is replete with

finish, at all times fresh, and ever amusing. Mr. David James as Ingot has a character that hardly suits him; nevertheless he gave a genial rendering of the part. He lends Mr. Wyndham invaluable aid, especially in the first act, where his contempt for such a career as Garrick's is sketched with capital point. Mr. George Giddins gave an amusing rendering of Squire Chivey. His scene after Garrick's departure for Ingot's house was delightfully bright and natural. Miss Mary Moore as Ada was gentle and winning; while Mr. William Blakeley and Miss F. Paget were very amusing, as Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The characters of Brown, Jones, and Miss Araminta Brown, were satisfactorily acted by Mr. A. Bernard, Mr. J. R. Sherman, and Miss Emily Miller respectively. The two stage pictures are as lavishly furnished as the style of piece will allow. Mr. Wyndham should add to his reputation by this his latest venture.

Novelty.—On Tuesday evening Mr. Edwin Drew provided an amateur entertainment at this theatre, consisting of a short concert, followed by a new three act drama entitled "A Woman Outwitted." The comedy has been written by Messrs. D. M. Henry and E. Drew, and proved to be of a very weak and trivial description. Whether the ladies and gentlemen engaged were responsible for the absurd phrases they sometimes used, or whether the authors intended them to be uttered, we cannot pretend to decide, but we must say they were so ridiculous that when serious business was supposed to be going on the house was often convulsed with laughter, not that the audience could be considered an ill-intentioned one; far from it, it sat the first and part of the second act out very good-naturedly, but during the interview that takes place between Mark Fenton and Marcia Castelli, alias Miss Brown, and Vittoria Garcia, the unruly element fairly broke out, and no wonder. To describe the piece would be a waste of time; it is not likely to be seen outside the amateur world, and not often therein. To obtain revenge, a woman, Miss Brown, first forges a cheque, then goes as companion to a Miss Fenton, the lady she desires to have revenge on; she throws this young lady's lover, Mark, over some cliffs, because he threatens to tell his uncle something the revengful lady desires kept secret for a time; she afterwards accuses Miss Fenton of the forgery, and in the end stabs herself with a small penknife, when she finds Mark is not dead. All this is shown in the course of three dreary acts, and there is but little humour to help to keep the piece alive. The ladies and gentlemen engaged, with but one exception, were even weaker than the drama. Mr. Drew himself failed to throw any life or animation into the piece. In the scene where Miss Brown quarrels with Mark, prior to his being pushed over the cliffs, line after line was given in the same heavy monotonous tone. In short, it will be an act of kindness if we omit the names of those engaged, if we make the exception we have already referred to, viz., Mr. Harry Proctor, who though having but little to do, acquitted himself in admirable style. This gentleman's abilities shone brilliantly amid such a weak company. The earlier part of the programme was more interesting, Mr. Ravenscroft, Madame Harrop, Master Dot, Miss Emilie Lewis, Miss Eveleen Wogan, Mr. Bruce Wildbrook, and Mr. Edwin Drew, each contributed interesting items.

Strand.—A matinée was given here on Wednesday, when a new play, in a prologue and four acts, by Messrs. Walter Browne and Frank Roberts, was produced. "Clarice; or, only a Woman" will require a great deal of "cutting" before it will be fancied by playgoers. The authors have good ideas, but they have been badly expressed, the result being a weak play. The leading character is a wicked and designing woman, who stops at nothing to obtain her ends. Having entrapped a certain Captain Herbert Blake, who by marriage has rescued her from a life of shame, she commits bigamy and leaves her only child to the care of the O'Hara's, who have succoured her in her friendless condition. The prologue takes place in Paris, but the scene is subsequently transferred to Ireland, where we see and hear of evictions and midnight outrages which have but little to do with the play. To show what kind of character Clarice really is, we may mention, that having reason to believe Eveleen O'Hara has taken her place in the affections of Herbert Blake, who does not recognise her after ten years' separation, she attempts to throw vitriol over Eveleen. This is the more unkind, for it is clearly shown this was the young lady who befriended Clarice in her trouble. In the end Clarice is shot by moonlighters, leaving Herbert Blake and Eveleen to enjoy themselves. The part of Clarice is one that contains some good points, but some of these were not accepted by Miss Florence West. Her manner is gentle and pleasing, and she exercises one or two good stage tricks that add considerably to the acting. Mr. Lewis Waller made a natural Captain Blake, while the sincerity of Miss Eva Sothern as Eveleen O'Hara was well displayed. Messrs. Compton Coutts, Sydney Paxton, C. Blakiston, Charles Dodsworth, Branscombe, John Gilbert, and Miss Maudie Clitherow all rendered good service to the piece, which was fairly well received. If the authors add a good comical character while they are revising "Clarice," the play may be made something of.

Alhambra.—Another of the magnificent ballets that have become so deservedly popular at this house was produced on Monday. "Dresdina" has been placed on the stage in the perfect style characteristic of the Alhambra, and will certainly hold its own with most of its predecessors. As the word "Dresdina" suggests, it is supposed to illustrate the different kinds of potteries. An interesting item of the evening was the introduction of Signorina Sozo (from St. Petersburg and Berlin) and Mlle. Cormani (also from Berlin). These ladies made a most successful *entrée*, their movements being distinguished by agility as well as grace. As is the case with this class of entertainment, the audience is left to make the most of the story, which, perhaps, in the present instance is not as clear as usual. This can hardly be said to be a drawback, for when graceful dancing is combined with magnificent scenery no one should object. The ballet has been invented and arranged by Mons. J. Hansen, while Mons. G. Jacobi has composed the music, which throughout is bright and tuneful. The work is in three tableaux. In the first of these—a village square in Saxony—we see the students and peasants enjoy-

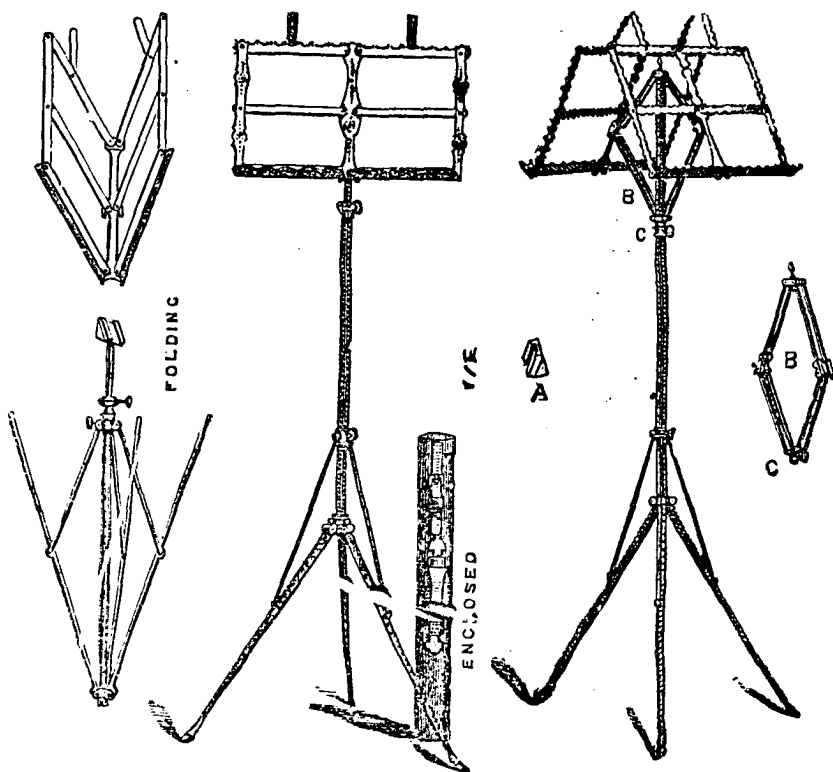
ing the dance; they are afterwards joined by the principals, who engage in a grand valse, which is followed by a Hungarian divertissement, admirably led by Mlle. Marie. After this we are transported to the interior of an old ruined castle, where a "Scene of Fascination" is gone through by Signorina Sozo, Mlle. Cormani, and statues. This scene is long; it would be much better if shortened. Tableau 3 is the "Enchanted Palace of Dresden China and Crystal." Here a procession takes place, of the most famous art potteries, followed by some tasteful groupings. The most brilliant of dresses are shown in this tableau, which Mons. Hansen has taken care to arrange in perfect order, strenuously avoiding all violent contrasts. After a most magnificent set has been perfected, a dual dance, by Signorina Sozo and Mlle. Cormani, is followed by a Ceramic slow valse for the *corps de ballet*; after which Signorina Sozo has another opportunity to show her skill, and then we have the grand finale, which brings the curtain down on a charming scene. The principals were encored in several of their dances. "Dresdina" is in every way up to the standard of Alhambra ballets, and the result must be gratifying to all concerned in its production. "Cupid" is still retained in the programme.

Comedy.—As a few weeks since we intimated, the comic opera "Rhoda" has been taken to the West-end. It was produced at the Comedy last Saturday. Since we saw it at the Grand "Rhoda" has been liberally cut. Nevertheless, Mr. C. H. Kenney is still enabled to evoke considerable amusement in his really funny scene. Miss Kate Chard and Mr. Henry Walsham are still in the cast, and we are glad to announce that Mr. Deane Brand has materially improved. Still the reception of the piece at its new quarters must be pronounced equivocal.

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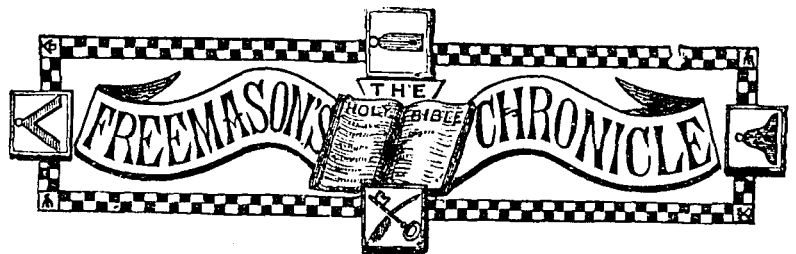
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**INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.**

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT the regular Lodge meeting, on Wednesday, 10th inst., there
were present Bros. Ravenscroft S.W. and W.M. elect, Creed
J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Hickie J.D., Pulley
P.M. D.C., Slaughter I.G., Brown and Sparrow Stewards, Hem-
ming Tyler; P.M.'s Margrett, Dowsett, Ferguson, Ivey, Welch,
Blackwell, Flanagan, Hawkes. Visitors.—Webb P.M. 2042, Sowdon
723, Honey 1101, Lewis 945, Martin 591, Robson 340, Mason 1501,
Livings 414, Millard 2043, Brock 68, Higgs 414, Staniford 1714, Peet
190, Whasol 309, Bunce 1714, Crane 1399, Coleman 242, Tubbs J.W.
2043, Sydenham S.W. 2013, Turner 340, Lindars 1714, Bradley
Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks P.M. 414, Blackwell W.M. 414,
Gadd 1247, Stabington Sec. 2043, Smith 1566, Galt 414, Day 179,
Binckes P.G. Steward Sec. R.M.I.B., Dixon P.P.G.S.W. P.M. 209
Sec. Prov. Charity Committee, Wells 140, Martin 414, Knowles 340,
Sellar 414, Trench W.M. 2013. The installation of the Worshipful
Master of this spirited Lodge (now in its 21st year) took place
on Wednesday, 10th inst., when there was a large and important
gathering of the Craft to witness the interesting ceremony of
the installation of Bro. Ravenscroft, who was duly elected to fill the
chair of K.S. at the regular Lodge in October. The I.P.M. was
absent through indisposition, but his place was well filled by Bro.
Hawkes P.M., who proceeded to open the Lodge soon after 4 p.m.
There was but little business on the agenda paper;—to ballot for a
joining member, also for an initiate, both of whom were approved.
Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting
were read and confirmed. The acting W.M. resigned his gavel into
the hands of Bro. E. Margrett, to whom the candidate for installation
was presented, and who responded to the customary questions and
charges in a satisfactory manner. The Board of Installed Masters
being formed, the beautiful ceremony of installation was ably per-
formed by Bro. Margrett, with the assistance of Bros. Flanagan and
Dowsett, who proclaimed the W.M. from the W. and S. On the
Lodge being resumed, the W.M., after thanking the members for
their kindness in electing and installing him, proceeded to appoint
and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Hawkes acting I.P.M.,
Creed S.W., Hickie J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary,
Slaughter S.D., Hukins J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C., Sherwin Organist,
Sparrow I.G., Brown and Ridley Stewards, Hemmings Tyler. At the
conclusion of the business the Lodge was closed according to ancient
form, when the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, at the
Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Brother
Flanagan, in his usual excellent style, and to which upwards of
seventy members of the Craft sat down. Bro. Ravenscroft ably
filled the chair, and as there was a limited time to go through
the different toasts, with of course a speech to each, he did not let the
grass grow under his feet. After the Queen and Craft, H.R.H. the

Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Worshipful Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Grand Officers Past and Present, were done ample Masonic justice to. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the I.P.M., and was eloquently responded to. The toast of the Visitors was proposed in a highly amusing speech by Brother Welch, whose talent for raising the risibility of his audience is proverbial in Reading and its neighbourhood. Bro. Muddock, M.P., proposed the Masonic Institutions, in an eloquent manner, urging the brethren to make some sacrifice so as to support the three excellent Institutions which have been invariably held up as models of those excellent virtues "Charity and Benevolence." Bro. Binckes responded, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Bro. Mason for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Dixon for the Provincial Charity Committee. The friendly rivalry between Bros. Binckes and Dixon excited much amusement, and it is difficult to say which did best. The remaining toasts of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the other Past Masters of the Grey Friars Lodge were duly proposed and responded to, also the Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge, Union 414, and her youngest son, the Kendrick 2013, the Treasurer and other Officers of the Grey Friars Lodge, the Initiate, concluding with the Tyler's Toast. It certainly was a most successful meeting, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some admirable singing, under the conductorship of Bro. H. C. Sherwin. The brethren dispersed at an early hour.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE second meeting of the season, as regards the above Lodge, was held on Saturday, the 13th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel Bro. T. W. Potter W.M. presiding. The members appeared in deep mourning, in token of respect to the late Bro. George Gwyn Parker, whose lamentable and untimely death, which occurred a few days since, was reported in these columns. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read by Bro. Baber P.M., the newly-appointed Secretary, they were unanimously confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Grebe, a professor of music at the Brighton Aquarium, a candidate for admission into this Lodge, which resulted unanimously in his favour; he was in attendance, and was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the important rite being rendered by the Worshipful Master in a most careful, correct, and impressive manner, clearly proving that the brethren had made a good choice in placing him in the chair. The next business was to vote a sum of five guineas from the Benevolent Fund to a distressed member of the Lodge; this being the second time the said brother had been assisted. The next business on the agenda was to consider a notice of motion given by Bro. F. T. C. Keeble P.M., viz., that the initiation fee be reduced from fifteen to ten guineas, and the joining fee from twenty to ten guineas. An attempt was made to get the hitherto prohibitory fee against joining members reduced to seven guineas, there having been but one joining member since the consecration of the Lodge, but both motions, as originally proposed, were agreed to. A vote of condolence to the widow and family of Bro. George Gwyn Parker was proposed and accepted, and after some other matters in reference to the practice of the Lodge had been discussed, the meeting was brought to a close and the Lodge adjourned until the second Saturday in December.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Saturday last, in the presence of one of the most brilliant and largest assemblies of Masons that have ever honoured a private Lodge with their presence on such an occasion. Additional interest was lent to the occasion from the fact that the Worshipful Master elect (Bro. C. L. Mason) has twice served the office of Master in his mother Lodge (304), and that he is one of the best-known and most respected Freemasons in the Province—having, in addition to other honours, had the peculiar satisfaction of serving as Grand Treasurer of West Yorks. Nearly every Lodge in the Province was represented by either its Worshipful Master or a Past Master, and there was a good attendance of members from the neighbouring Province. Wor. Bro. Dr. Smyth assumed the gavel for the last time, and all the Officers were in their places to receive Provincial Grand Lodge. The R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., Provincial Grand Master, entered, and was saluted in due and ancient form, as also were the other past and present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who included Bro. H. Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There were also present:—Members of Prudence Lodge: Bros. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., D.P.G.M. East. Arch., W.M., C. L. Mason P.M. S.W., Tudor Trevor P.M. J.W., Rev. Hercules S. Butler Chap., W. Watson P.M. Secretary, Robt. Abbott Treasurer, M. W. Jameson as S.D., S. Scott Young J.D., Charles Middleton Dir. of Cere., J. J. Fretwell I.G., Tom Atkinson Steward, S. Barrad Tyler, Robt. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., Alf. Cooke, Arthur Batterworth, B. Sykes Bailey, T. P. Robinson, Edw. Holt, Wilton Jones, Guy Hayler, R. A. Smithson, Lewis Howarth, Rev. Jas. Rosser, and Horace Milling. Visitors: The R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew Prov. Grand Master, Wor. Bros. Henry Smith 302 Deputy Grand Master, Thos. W. Embleton 1513 P.G.S.W., Joseph Binney 139 P.G. Reg., Herbert G. E. Green 1019 P.G. Sec., W. H. Steward 380 P.G.S.D., Geo. Marshall 521 P.G.D., Thos. W. Roomo 904 P.G. Supt. of Works, S. T. Oates 304 P.D.G. Dir. of Cere., Henry Gardiner 458 P.A.G. Dir. of Cere., J. B. Hargreaves 1311 P.G. Swd. Bear., Thos. Woodhead 1522 P.G. Std. Bear., William Laycock 1108 P.G. Std. Bear., W. B. Townsend 1211 P.G. Org., W. B. Alderson 495 P.G. Asst. Sec., W. T. Sugg 149 P.G.P., John Wm. Fourness 1211, Edwin Lee 265, Thomas Denby 387, Thos. M. Holmes 1545, Job Harling 1542 P.G. Stewards; John Booth 258 P.P.G.W., Samuel Slack 910 P.P.G.D. of C., A. W. Stafield 1019 P.P.G. Reg., J. W. Monckman 1018 P.P.G.D. of C., John Barker 1102 P.P.G.S. of W., J. C. Malcolm 306 P.P.G. Reg., James Bedford 304 P.P.G.D., Geo.

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Hughan, and many others, were read. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, at the invitation of the Worshipful Master, addressed the brethren as follows:—I thank you very warmly for the cordial reception you have given to the past and present members of Provincial Grand Lodge. Believe me, it affords us the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to have been able to avail ourselves of the invitation to be present at this most interesting ceremony this afternoon. We have come here for three reasons, (1) to testify our esteem and regard towards the present occupant of the chair of this Lodge, (2) from respect and esteem to the incoming Master, and (3) to show our appreciation of the progress which the Prudence Lodge has made since I had the honour of consecrating it in 1884. With regard to the present occupant of the chair of King Solomon, I have had the honour of his acquaintance for some time. I have had the pleasure of perusing that charming little book giving an epitome of his labours in various parts of the world (by Bro. Wm. Watson P.M.), and the more I know of Dr. Smyth the more I learn to appreciate his piety and his great love for the Craft. With regard to our friend Bro. Mason, who is about to take his place, according to the Book of Constitutions, I not only know him, but have honoured him as one of the most earnest students and able brethren in the Province of West Yorks, and it is to me and to the other Provincial Officers, past and present, a great pleasure to be present upon this most auspicious occasion. Let me, Worshipful Master, congratulate you and every member of this Lodge on the progress which the Prudence has made during the two years of its existence. It began with a new principle as an experiment, and I believe that experiment and that new principle has answered upon the basis upon which you have carried it out; therefore I hope we shall see an enlargement of that principle, and an augmentation of the numbers of such very excellently worked Lodges as years go by. I must commend this Lodge for the admirable manner in which it has adhered to the ancient landmarks of the Order, especially in its adherence to the grand principle of our Order—I mean Charity. I notice on the list which has closed during the past year that this generous Lodge, which only numbers about thirty members, has given £52 10s to the Boys, £52 10s to the Girls, and £31 to the Old Men; in fact, the Lodge has supported our Charity Committee with the handsome sum of £136. Provincial Grand Lodge thanks you for this very munificent support to our Charities; for, as I said to the Provincial Grand Lodge, it needs all our generosity and all our spare votes to help our Charity Committee in the forthcoming Annuitants' election, in May, because where there are 130 candidates and not a single vacancy, so to speak, the Committee have before them difficulties that are almost insuperable. I hope I may be pardoned for mentioning the generosity of this Lodge, small though it is in numbers, to the Charities. It is my most earnest wish that the Craft in Leeds should prosper. I am in a position to say that during the past year the eight Lodges in Leeds have shown a kindness of feeling towards each other which is most gratifying. That is the true spirit of Masonry, and one which it is my object, and the object of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to cultivate to the greatest possible extent throughout this great Province. A paragraph at the back of the programme shows how the spirit of Masonry has been carried out. It says:—"It need scarcely be intimated how largely the efficiency of the 'working,' the maintenance of which is so essential to the due appreciation of our beautiful ceremonial, and advancement in the general prosperity of the Lodge, has been due to the guidance of those skillful and experienced brethren (Wor. Bros. Woodhouse and Smyth)." I feel sure that under the administration of the new Worshipful Master the Prudence Lodge will go on and prosper, and set a new example of charity—which it had so brilliantly done in the past. In conclusion, the Right Wor. Brother said: I think the members of this Lodge have shewn themselves in every way ready to receive wisdom and instruction, and "to appreciate wisdom better than silver, and knowledge rather than fine gold." I can only say, may this Lodge go on and prosper; may Masonry in my Province go on and prosper, and increase in usefulness and influence till time shall be no more. The installation ceremony was beautifully worked by the out-going Master, and the brethren below the rank of installed Master having been readmitted, W. Bro. Mason was

duly proclaimed and saluted as Worshipful Master of the Prudence Lodge for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain I.P.M., Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., Watson P.M. J.W., Rosser Chap., Abbott Treas., Middleton Sec., B. S. S. Young S.D., J. J. Fretwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., L. Howarth Org., T. Atkinson and G. Storey D. of C., Butterworth and Milling Stewards, S. Barraud Tyler. Bro. Watson presented a very satisfactory Charity report, which was acknowledged by W. Bro. W. F. Smithson P.P.G.D. Chairman of Charity Committee of the Province, after which Bro. Watson was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. The Senior and Junior Wardens were selected to act on the Local Charity Committee. The Worshipful Master then rose, and was received with hearty applause. He said: We have to acknowledge and appreciate the services rendered to this Lodge during the past year by the Past Master. I think Lodge Prudence has every reason to be thankful that it has had a Master of such vast and varied experience to preside over it as Dr. Smyth. He is not a Mason of to-day, but he has been a Free and Accepted Mason for 43 years. He has served the Craft not only in the Isle of Man, the Northern Counties of England—having been P.G. Chaplain of Northumberland—but, when duty called him to India, some years ago, he was appointed P.G. Chaplain and afterwards Deputy District Master Eastern Archipelago. Those who have had the pleasure of reading the account of his life—written by Bro. Wm. Watson—will see what his labours were thought of there, not only in the Craft, but also during his performance of duties which I trust none of us will ever be called upon to undergo, during that fearful mutiny which took place in 1857. Bro. Smyth was in the Square at Meerut when people knew not what an hour would bring forth, when the white population of that place were in deadly peril. At this time our worthy brother administered consolation to those who so sorely needed it; he at that time thoroughly exemplified the great law, not only of the Church, to which he is attached as a clergyman, but also the law of every Freemason, to do good to those around us. I can no better express the feelings of the Prudence Lodge in parting with him than to use the language of the garrison and residents of Meerut when he left them, namely, that they had lost a right-hand friend and a sincere worker from amongst them. I trust that although we have lost Dr. Smyth as Worshipful Master, we shall have him amongst us for many years to come, aiding and assisting in the prosperity of the Lodge in which I know he takes so much interest. I call upon R.W. Bro. Tew to present this jewel on behalf of the Lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented by Lodge Prudence, No. 2069,
To its second Master,
Rev. THOMAS CARTWRIGHT SMYTH, D.D., P.M.,
Past Deputy District Grand Master Eastern Archipelago,
Provincial Grand Chaplain West Yorks.
13th November 1886.

The Provincial Grand Master said: It affords me the greatest possible satisfaction to have been invited here to-day by the Lodge to pin this jewel upon your breast as a sincere mark and token of the appreciation of every brother in this Lodge and, I may add, of every brother in the Province of West Yorks. We feel it to be a fortunate circumstance for Freemasonry in this Province that it has the honour of looking up to you as the Grand Chaplain of the Province. A very gallant friend of mine has told me how, when returning with his troops from India, you were on board the vessel, and how you won the hearts of men by the manner in which you nursed and tended them when they were sick. I have, therefore, peculiar pleasure in pinning this jewel upon your breast. The Rev. Dr. Smyth, who was evidently much affected by the warmth of his reception, replied, as follows:—It would be to me anything but a source of satisfaction to receive this jewel had I thought it was a stereotyped thing in Lodge Prudence, as in some Lodges, to present a jewel to the outgoing Master, whether he had discharged his duties in their opinion conscientiously or not. It would be no pleasure to have this jewel upon my breast if I could not put my hand upon my heart and say, that however imperfectly I had performed the high office of Master, I had performed it in accordance with the dictates of my conscience and with the sincere wish to benefit Freemasonry in general and this Lodge in particular. Any imperfections of mine have, I feel, been covered by the affectionate kindness which you now are showing me, and which has ever existed between us. While I remember the words of the wise man, that the threefold cord is not easily broken, yet I fear that one of the strands of Freemasonry's threefold cord, which binds you and me together has been broken to-day, for I am no longer Worshipful Master of this Lodge, and as constitutional ruler you are no longer called upon to obey me in that capacity. Brethren, there are other two strands still remaining unbroken, and I trust will so continue until the G.A.O.T.U. shall summon me from this sublunary abode. The two strands are the friendship and affection which exists between us, and an earnest, deep and reverent attachment to the sublime principles of the ancient Order which we love so much. I have often, in the capacity of Master, had to call your attention to the three lights of Masonry. I now discard two of the lights for a moment for my thoughts, and ask you to concentrate your thoughts upon one Master who rules over all. Into His realms we, as faithful Masons, shall be found if we do our duty. And there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever. I thank you, Worshipful Master and Brethren, from the bottom of my heart for this and every other proof of your affection and esteem. The Worshipful Master announced that he had received the following telegram from their distinguished brother Hughan:—"Continued prosperity to Prudence and its distinguished Master." Bro. Mason then spoke as follows:—I wish to express to the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the many Provincial Officers Past and Present, and the Worshipful Masters and Officers

of the Leeds and other Lodges, my extreme pleasure at seeing them on this occasion. I esteem it a very great honour to see such a noble company gathered on the present occasion, and I thoroughly appreciate the kindly feelings that have caused it. It has been my lot to serve as W.M. of my mother Lodge two years, therefore upon ascending this chair my feelings are not exactly the same as those of a newly installed Master, yet I do feel it a great honour to occupy the chair of Lodge Prudence. The Lodge was formed under somewhat peculiar circumstances. It was felt, in the first place, that it was desirable to have a Lodge meeting on the Saturday afternoon, and, secondly, it was thought desirable to have a Lodge on what we may call temperance lines. I have often heard it said by the uninitiated that Freemasonry was nothing better than an eating and drinking society. If in establishing Lodge Prudence in Leeds we do nothing more than prove that Freemasonry can exist and flourish without that—and I do not wish to say a word against any other Lodge—we shall have established the principle that Freemasonry is founded upon something greater and nobler, that it is founded upon principles that will stand every test and survive "the wreck of mighty empires." We are not all teetotallers—I am not one myself, but I have joined this Lodge to prove to those who sneer and cast stones at us that we have a principle far above what they give us credit for and that principle will stand every test that is brought against it. No other business offering for the good of Freemasonry the Lodge was closed amid a perfect volley of hearty good wishes. The great body of visitors and members dined together, and later in the evening a concert, attended by ladies, was given. This latter part of the proceedings was especially enjoyed by the ladies, who are regularly invited to the entertainments of this Lodge. The company separated about 11 o'clock, after having spent one of the most happy and eventful days in the history of Lodge Prudence.

FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, No. 452.

THIS old Surrey Lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, and the perfect success of the evening is a testimony how well it sustains its name as a Lodge of Unity. The principle contained in the motto adopted by the Lodge—"Initium Sapientæ amor Domini" has a natural correlative in the fraternal affection that exists among its members, and never was a Worshipful Master placed in the chair of K.S. amid more sincere plaudits than Brother C. G. Scott, who at the last meeting of the Lodge was unanimously elected to that important post. The last W.M., Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.D., from his thorough command of the ritual, was able to perform the ceremony to the satisfaction of all. A Board of Installed Masters, consisting of Bros. Magnus Ohren P.G.D.C., C. M. Ohren, F. A. Manning P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Sugg P.P.G.D., A. T. Jeffery P.P.G.D. and Ackland had of course the privilege of the first greeting, Bro. Sugg acting as D.C. throughout the ceremony, and ably giving one of the addresses. The Officers appointed and invested were:—Bros. Magnus Ohren P.M. Treasurer, W. G. Hunter S.W., D. R. Wise J.W., H. E. Frances P.M. Secretary, J. Steele P.M. P.P.G.S.D. S.D., W. Ackland P.M. J.D., J. Waterman I.G. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Frances was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, with a few kindly words of commendation from the W.M. A very handsome gift was then made to the Lodge by Bro. Scott, the W.M., being a banner displaying the arms, with the armorial bearings of the Prov. Grand Master and Bro. Scott, whose appropriate Masonic motto—"usque ad fidelis"—was much appreciated. Before the close of the Lodge the Secretary said he had the painful duty to inform the Lodge officially of the lamented death of their D.G.M., Bro. C. Greenwood, and the symbols of mourning about them were silent acknowledgments of the sympathy they all felt for his loss; he moved that an expression of sympathy and condolence with his family be placed upon the minutes. Bro. Frances also testified to the strong personal regard he had for their late brother, and the many years he had been associated with him in the Province. Bro. Magnus Ohren also spoke upon the subject in feeling terms, and the motion was carried. After Lodge was closed the brethren sat down to banquet. The usual toasts were given, Bro. Magnus Ohren replying for the Grand Officers and also for the Treasurer. In giving the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Frances testified to his great qualifications as a Mason, and his worthiness as a friend. Bro. Scott, his pupil as a Masonic student, had made steady and sure progress, was perfect master of the ritual, and possessed the confidence and esteem of every member of the Lodge. The proceedings were brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, and the brethren departed to their respective homes with the knowledge they had spent a happy evening together, although tempered with the regret that the Province had lost one of its most valued Officers.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Cumberland P.M. P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks W.M., Smithson P.M. P.S. P.G.D. S.W., Masters P.M. J.W., Cooke Secretary, Potts I.G., Carr P.M., Bolas, Davis, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Lake P.M. 130 (who acted as I.P.M.), Rushford W.M. 602, Myall 1287, &c. The chief business of the evening was the raising of Bro. Davis, which was gone through most impressively, and could not fail to make a lasting impression on the minds of those brethren who were present. The Bye-laws were read, and the Lodge closed in due form. Afterwards the brethren partook of supper at Freemasons' Tavern, when the usual Masonic toasts were drunk. In the course of the evening the W.M. mentioned the fact that it was exactly twelve months that day since the warrant was signed, constituting the Lodge, which now numbers forty members,

and had been represented at the three great Masonic Festivals of the year, the Stewards' lists amounting together to about £85. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. Carr P.M., and received most enthusiastically by the brethren. Each of the Visitors said a few graceful words in reply to their toast, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and profitable evening to a close.

LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

At the monthly meeting of this Lodge at Chelmsford, on Thursday, 11th Nov., Bro. A. G. Maskell S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. At this same meeting W. Bro. Frank Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.D. was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Sarel Tyler. At the close of the business, the annual Oyster Supper was held, at the White Hart Hotel.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

At the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday, 9th November, at Walton-on-the-Naze, the coincidence of its being held upon the anniversary of the birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was commemorated by a banquet, at which the health of the Grand Master was drunk with special honours. During the evening a congratulatory telegram was sent from the Lodge to His Royal Highness at Sandringham, and at 8:30 a reply was received, as follows:—

"From Sandringham to Arnold Masonic Lodge.

"I am desired by the Prince of Wales to thank you for your congratulations.

FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

The banquet was provided by the host (Mr. Walter Partridge) in his usual excellent manner, and a very pleasant evening was passed by the brethren.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. J. Bertolle in the chair. Bro. Bertolle subsequently resigned the gavel to Bro. Putland, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Three new members were enrolled, and the Lodge was adjourned until Wednesday next, when Brother Edwin Storr P.M. 167 will rehearse the ceremony of installation. A large gathering of brethren is expected on that occasion.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—At the meeting held on Monday, the 15th instant, at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Present:—Bros. Bugler W.M., Langley S.W., Cutbill J.W., Bond Treasurer, Grundy Secretary, Gompertz S.D., Sapsworth J.D., Taylor D.C., Harling I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Carter, Webb, and Williams, Bros. Slinn, Dene, Martin, Featherstone, Plant. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Featherstone candidate; charge given by Brother Gompertz. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and closed to the first, when the first section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor, answers by the brethren. Brother Langley was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and named Officers in rotation. After hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Monday, the 22nd instant, at the hour of 8 p.m.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, at Bro. Bakers', the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. White W.M., Caseley S.W., Fluck J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Fenner P.M. Preceptor, Clark J.D. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ball as candidate. The fourth section of the first lecture was worked. Bro. Ball answered the questions leading to the second and third degrees. Bro. Caseley was elected W.M. for Monday next. Lodge closed in due form, and was adjourned.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 13th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, Bros. D. S. Long W.M., W. W. Williams S.W., W. G. Coat J.W., G. Gardner Treas., A. Williams Sec., G. Gardner S.D., A. Gammell J.D., Craggs Steward, Hazlitt I.G., Ayling Preceptor, P.M. J. Sims; also Bros. Wood, Hopkins, Stroud, Osborne Dodson, Harvey W.M. elect 2012, V. Wing. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Wood offered himself as a candidate for passing; he was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony rehearsed in a perfect manner by the W.M. Bro. Stroud, as candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony in a manner that gained the commendation of the brethren. The W.M. then gave the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the first degree; the first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. After a hearty vote of thanks had been given to the W.M. for the excellence of his working (the first time in this Lodge of Instruction), the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

BIRTH.

MORGAN.—At 17 Medina Road, Holloway, N., on Wednesday, the 17th instant, the wife of Brother W. W. Morgan jun., of a daughter.

ROYAL ARCH.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE annual Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 11th November, in the Library at Colchester Castle (kindly lent by Bro. James Round, M.P.), when the following were installed as Principals for the ensuing year:—Comps. John J. O. Turner P.P.G.O. Z., Richard Clowes H., George Harrison H. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. James Terry P.Z. P.G.D.C. Herts and Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and at its conclusion the following Officers were invested:—Comps. Thomas J. Ralling P.Z. P.G.S.E. S.E., J. T. Bailey S.N., W. P. Lewis P.Z. Treasurer, T. G. Mills P.S., A. S. P. Sparling 1st A.S., R. D. Poppleton 2nd A.S., C. Ormond P.G.O. Organist, John Manson Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Companion Terry for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day; and the sum of five guineas was voted towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The report of the Auditors was read, and showed the funds of the Chapter to be in a satisfactory condition. Nearly thirty Companions afterwards dined together in the new coffee room of the Three Cups Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the manager, Mr. Edwards. During the evening the sum of £6 5s was collected to supplement the grant voted in Chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Among the Companions present, besides those already mentioned, were:—Comps. A. H. Moyes P.Z. 88, C. O. G. Becker P.Z. 51, N. Tracy P.Z. P.G.S.E. Suffolk, S. R. Anness P.Z., H. J. Wright P.Z., all of 376; F. B. Haler 507, Alfred Welch P.Z. P.G.J., J. E. Wiseman P.Z. Past Grand Sword Bearer, E. Hennemeyer P.Z., Thomas Rix P.Z., J. Street P.Z., R. Little, W. Jelley, P. Horsman, R. Haward Ives, and F. Quilter.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. W. H. Dean M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Jenkins J., Sheffield S.E., Brasted S.N., Barnet P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. Altogether there was a large assembly of Royal Arch Masons, many of these preparing for the various offices they have been elected to fill.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180 Preceptor, on Saturday, the 27th instant, at seven p.m. The chair will be taken by Bro. Farwig P.M. 180, Bro. C. A. Woods P.M. 145 being S.W., and Bro. Westley J.W. 1986 J.W, Bro. H. A. Stunt P.M. 1320 Secretary, 12 Akerman-road, Brixton. The meeting will take place at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road.

GLEANINGS.

TWO KINDS OF MASONS.—There is not a Lodge of Masons in the world that does not have two kinds of Masons, and not only in Lodge, but in all organizations, are those same classes to be found, and the following, from the *Keystone*, is very true:—"There are two kinds of good Masons—those that *are* Masons indeed, and those that *know* Masonry. There are some brethren who know Masonry, and yet are not Masons—it is so much easier to know a thing than to be what it implies. It is a capital thing to be a good ritualist, provided you mean what you say, and practise what you teach. It is often said that a brother who can confer all the degrees with honour is a good Mason. So he is, *skin deep*, but he ought to be a Mason all through, and especially in his heart. There is nothing like heart-Masonry. It tells in the life as well as on the lips. Indeed, some men are Masons at heart who never were initiated. They are fit to be made Masons, but never happened to petition for initiation. It is a lucky thing for the world that it has these heart-Masons in it, all unlabelled, but as surely Masons in action as though they had received the imprimatur of the Craft.

AMERICAN TEMPLAR STATISTICS.—There are at present in the United States thirty-three Grand Commanderies, having an aggregate membership of 67,300, and thirty-five subordinate Commanderies under its immediate jurisdiction, having a membership of 2,186; total, 69,486.

MASTER BUILDERS.—In the earliest days of operative Masonry, the great object of the master builders was to erect beautiful and substantial edifices with foundations so deeply laid, and superstructure so skilfully cemented together, that the ravages of time might be defied, and their magnificent specimens of skill, surviving for ages, should be monuments to future generations of their genius and greatness. When speculative succeeded operative Masonry, the great and good, who were its founders, had a nobler end in view. Their ambition was of a higher and more exalted type—to elevate their race, to render man a wiser and happier being, and to inculcate those sublime doctrines of Eternal Truth, a knowledge and practice of which would fit them as living stones in that Spiritual Temple, that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens,

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1732—King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet, E.C.
- 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 4
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street

- 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
- 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
- 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
- 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 902—Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
- 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
- 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
- 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
- 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
- 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
- 982—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
- 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1444—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
- R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
- R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
- M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
- 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
- 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 860—Falconie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8. (Instruction)
- 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
- 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
- 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
- 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
- 1399—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
- 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 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)
- 1595—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
- 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
- R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- R.A. 150—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
- R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
- R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
- R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
- R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
- R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
- 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
- 493—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
- R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
- R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
- R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard

- R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
- R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 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)
- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
- 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
- 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
- 882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
- 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
- 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
- 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
- 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
- 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
- 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
- 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
- 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
- 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
- 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
- R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, A r-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
- R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
- R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
- 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
- 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
- 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichtfield
- 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
- 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
- 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
- 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
- 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
- 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
- 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
- R.A. 42—Unanimity, Der by Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
- R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
- R.A. 323—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
- R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
- R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
- R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
- R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
- R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
- M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
- M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
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- R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 3 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
- 853—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
- 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
- 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New R.I. (In.)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 3 (Inst.)
- 1278—Burdett Countts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Green Road, E. S. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8. (Inst)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 3 (In.)
- 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. Joan's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
- 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
- R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
- R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
- 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.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
- R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancas hire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Braup
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 67—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 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)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1278—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Gusion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Bamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

- 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)
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

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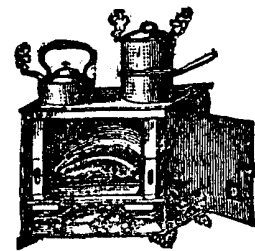
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