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FREEMASONRY AND THE PROPOSED JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

THE Freemasons of England will, next Wednesday, be called upon to express an opinion on a subject which requires, as it will no doubt receive, the fullest attention at their hands. At the meeting of Grand Lodge Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. will move, "That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, having invited the co-operation of Her Majesty's subjects in the formation of an Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India, as the Memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee, it be resolved that this Grand Lodge do hereby vote the sum of £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes as its contribution towards the proposed Institute," and it will be for the brethren then assembled to decide what steps shall be taken in regard to the proposal. Whatever may be the result, so far as next Wednesday is concerned, we have no doubt but that the Masons of England will eventually contribute something towards the proposed Institute, but we think the motion submitted by Brother Stewart is premature, and we hope the decision of the matter will be postponed until a more suitable occasion.

The general feeling in regard to the proposed Institute is that it may be productive of much benefit if properly established and conducted; while, on the other hand, there is hardly any limit to the evils it may create, if hastily started or wrongly worked. Freemasons are proverbial for their caution, and, considering their earliest lessons, this is hardly to be wondered at. They may therefore well pause ere they commit themselves to the support of a scheme about which so little is at present settled, much less vote a large sum from their before that can be done the scheme must secure such support as will leave no doubt in the minds of those who care may deem to be neither desirable nor worthy of support. to inquire as to the lines on which it is to be conducted.

Institute should be worked on the basis of a huge | Raynham W. Stewart, should have been carried away by trading concern. Under such circumstances it should be self-supporting, or its operations would have a disastrous effect on the trading classes, who can hardly be expected to compete with an institute supported by public funds. This view of the matter is alone sufficient to induce the brethren to postpone their decision on the proposal now submitted to them, for in view of the prevailing distress in the country, and the consequent heavy demands which are continually being made on the charitable instincts of Freemasons, it would be most unwise to classes of the community, and so far it appears to be support any proposal which, even in the most remote way, might tend to increase that distress. There is little doubt if its prime object is to be the fostering of trade between but that this objection will be removed cre the Institute is the various sections of the Empire. actually started, but until it is settled the Freemasons of Another plan on which it is proposed the Institute shall

England should not spend any part of their public funds in support of the proposal. As we have said, they are quite justified in devoting any money of their own to any object they choose, but the funds of Grand Lodge are not equally applicable; they were subscribed for a given purpose, and any departure from the ordinary course should only be sanctioned after the most mature consideration.

As Freemasons we are bound to recognise the actions of the majority of those who attend Grand Lodge, but it does not follow that every decision there arrived at represents the opinion of the Craft, or that every vote meets the approval of the majority of the brethren; indeed, the occasional non-confirmation of portions of the minutes supplies ample evidence to the contrary. It must be remembered that the right to attend Grand Lodge is restricted to a very small proportion of the brethren, and, further, that a large majority of those eligible to take part in its deliberations are unable to attend the stated Communications. Hence is it desirable the greatest care should be exercised in submitting any proposal which may not be in accord with the views of every section of the Order, more especially when the proposal is in connection with a subject manifestly outside the limits of Freemasonry, as this proposed Colonial and Indian Institute undoubtedly is.

It must also be borne in mind that whatever is proposed in Grand Lodge in connection with such a subject as that under notice is more than likely to be copied by Private Lodges, and wherever such a proposal as that to be submitted on Wednesday is made, we think a discussion is probable. In view of such a contingency we can but feel that the line which divides the subject from those which are justly forbidden in Masonry is a very narrow one, indeed, it is more than probable that some brethren will find it difficult to recognise the question as a truly national one. funds in aid of it. No doubt there are many brethren who while, on the contrary, many will regard it as being somewill be inclined to accept the invitation of their beloved what of a party character. If it can be demonstrated Grand Master without question, and give His Royal High-that the Institute is to be established and mainness all the support that lies in their power in furtherance tained for the public good, irrespective of any cliqueof the scheme he has set his heart upon, and we feel no ism or benefit to a particular section, then Freehesitation in urging individual brethren to adopt masons may justly be asked to contribute to its funds, such a course, as by that means we believe the desired and there is little doubt but that the result will be objects of the Grand Master are the most likely to be of the character which the promoters of the scheme desire, achieved, but the same advice cannot be given when it as Freemasons are not slow in exercising their sympathy becomes a question of voting away public money. Before with all proposals made with a view of benefitting their Grand Lodge is asked to devote any part of its funds to fellow creatures, but as we have already said, nothing the Institute all preliminary details should be settled, and definite has yet been settled, and accordingly Freemasons may this year vote money for an object which next they

We regret that a brother usually so alive to the interests There are some of its advocates who urge that the of the Craft at large, and so mindful of detail, as Brother his enthusiasm for the Grand Master, as he apparently has been on this occasion. Although we have the greatest faith in our Grand Master's power to accomplish what he undertakes, and fully believe his aim in connection with the proposed Institute is to benefit the people over whom he will in all probability some day be called upon to rule, we question his ability to successfully combat the opposition which is sure to be shown in certain quarters if the Institute is established on lines which are likely to affect the trading widely recognised that some such contingency must arise

be worked is that adopted in connection with the various exhibitions held in the Metropolis during the last few years, but this method would supply equal, even if not stronger, reasons against official support by Grand Lodge, for although those exhibitions may have proved of advantage to the Metropolis and, comparatively, a few visitors from the country, they certainly have not had any marked

benefit on the Empire at large.

We hope it will not be thought that in thus expressing our views against the suggestion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, we are disloyal to our Grand Master, or that we desire to throw cold water on his proposal. On the contrary, we should be among the first to co-operate, as far as our ability permits, in any work likely to benefit our fellow creatures, and would advise our brethren to help also if we saw our way clear, but we cannot overlook the fact mentioned in the earlier part of this article, that there is a fearful amount of distress prevailing in the country, in view of which exceptionally heavy calls may be expected from brethren in misfortune on our various Charity funds. Add to this the uncertainty which exists as to the scope and future of the suggested Institute, and we think the Freemasons of England will agree with us that a postponement of the proposal to be submitted by Bro. Stewart on Wednesday next is the course to be adopted.

LIMITATIONS OF OBLIGATIONS.

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

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THE MASON'S DUTY TO GOD.

THE close and vital connection between Masonry and religion is manifest, when all that one can do in the Masonic system is made to give place to the performance of the duty which one owes to his Maker. If anything were necessary to disprove the assertion that Masonry and true religion are not in harmony, this fundamental limitation, imposed by Masonry itself as the interpretation of all its vows, should be sufficient answer, and in the face of this recognition of the duty which every soul owes to Godas a duty paramount to all others which may appeal to man—it is folly to say that Masonry is not the willing handmaid of religion. There is no doubt that some forget this recognition of the place of religion, and instead of duty to God elevate selfish interest to the dominant position in

It has even happened that a so-called Masonic body has decided that recognition of God and the Bible is not essential to Masonry, but this decision met with such a storm of indignation, and such an immediate withdrawal of fellowship, that it will not be repeated by any body of men desir-

ing to retain standing with us.

That Mason is the best and the truest whose private life is spent in consonance with this fundamental principle, and whether one be the Entered Apprentice who stands in the north-east corner, or the Masonic veteran, who has been crowned with all the honours which Masonry has power to bestow, if there be any departure from this chief duty, then father, the husband, the son and the brother alike are to Masonry puts the seal of condemnation upon him. It is a enhance the happiness of those who are related to them by doctrine of Masonry which is thus early impressed upon all | the family bond in every possible way. Much as food and who receive the sublime mysteries, that man's chiefest joys are those of heaven, rather than of earth, and that, therefore, duty to God is above duty to man. Heaven is the home, and here we are to prepare for the Lodge above. And it is also one of the teachings of Masonry that-

> "Heaven is not far from those who see With the pure spirit's sight; But near, and in the very hearts Of those who see aright."

Hence, no man who would worthily walk as a Master Mason can refuse to acknowledge the supreme duty of life, and pay to God the devotion which is His due. The irreligions and the atheistic cannot be true Masons, and though at an unguarded moment they gain entrance to the Temple, they can have no real place among the "Sons of Light," who know God and honour His holy name. But let it be understood that, Masonically speaking, religion is not a "old charges," nor the reiterated instructions of each matter of creed or assent to particular dogmas-it is not generation; all are to this one effect, "that he who careth

worship. These, while good in their proper place, do not constitute the supreme duty to which Masonry yields. It is into the spirit and life itself that religion must enter. It must be a permeating element in all the relations and all the affections of life. It must be the chief moulding influence in the character. In a word, it must be the supreme rule in all the affairs of life, to warrant its place in Masonic limitations. Masonry, like man, bows in reverence to the Great I Am, "who was, who is, and who shall be, worlds without end," and makes His law the great light by which all should walk, if they would see life in truth.

This recognition and adoration of God is as old as humanity itself. From the border line of light, where history can no more guide us, we feel our way along backward, by the ruins of temples, and the fragments of religious tradition, and this we learn, that whatever has befallen man throughout the ages, the disposition to worship has always existed, and is implanted in the human soul as the chief end of being. Beliefs as to the nature of God and His attributes may be changed through the ages; liturgies and services may be shattered and left far behind, as man moves forward, but always and everywhere the conceptiou of God must hold a chief place in human thought, and man's first duty will ever be acknowledged as due to "Him who sitteth upon the circle of the heavens." And thus, rightly, duty to God, the highest and most important man can know, is a fundamental limitation to Masonry.

Another limitation is the broad one of the Mason's duty

to his family.

THE MASON'S DUTY TO HIS FAMILY.

Whatever claims society may have upon any man, there is a closer bond between himself and those of his own household, which cannot be passed over. The foundation of all society is, after all, in the family, and upon the welfare of the family the state must depend. Anything which strikes at the peace or prosperity of the home is destructive of all social interests. No man can be true to himself who is not true to his family, and to forget the claims of those who are placed within the sacred inner circle of life, for the sake of anything which is not to their advantage or interest, is to be false to the first principles of Masonry. We are so accustomed to regard the family as part of ourselves, that this saying may appear to some a truism, and yet I am sure that some of those who listen to these words are tempted to forget the duty which is thus owing to the family, at times. I have known of a zealous Mason who left his sick wife to attend at a meeting of his Lodge, and through all the long hours of his nightly absence she waited in pain for his return, that he might minister to her needs. This may be Masonry in the estimation of those who are altogether wrapt up in the ritual of the Lodge, but to some it will undoubtedly appear as a violation of both the letter and the spirit of Masonic instruction, and unworthy of any one who professes belief in the principles of our Order. Duty of this character cannot be ignored with safety by any man, for if the family be neglected, whether for the sake of Lodge or personal pleasure, it will result in such unhappiness in the home as must bring calamity to all concerned. Duty to the family does not consist altogether in making provision for the wants of the body, and any one who is content with this alone, fails to understand the larger and more important duty which has devolved upon him. shelter have to do with the happiness and well being of the family life, mutual endeavour to satisfy the craving of the heart for love and sympathy will go further to promote it and more fully discharge the duty. And, again, it should not be forgotten that in the little things of life much of happiness or misery is contained. Masonry is in the heart rather than in ceremony or ritual; performance of family obligations is true obedience to Masonic law, and when there is seeming conflict, the family has the preference over the Lodge by the law of Masonry itself. In all the blessed relations of life, Masonry enters not to disturb nor to destroy, but to strengthen and establish by the might of its influence and the force of its teachings. There can be no conflict here; by every word and in every way Masonry inculcates the sacredness of home and the solemn nature of the compacts of the family. It is not necessary to cite devotion to sect or party, to special views of theology or of not for his own, is worse than an infidel and hath denied

the faith." The family, the home, Masonry recognizes as the centre of every true life, and the place where all sweet affections are brought forth and matured. Says the old proverb, wisely: "He who is far from home is near to No one can doubt that the home is the very bulwark of personal happiness and thrift, and that the worst evil which could befal Masonry would be the consummation of the plans of socialists and communists, who would destroy the home and erect great barracoons in which all should dwell together without privacy and without special rights. Blessed be Masonry, in that it has put the seal of condemnation on all things which have tendency to destroy the influences of the home; that it throws its guards around what is dearest and sweetest in life, and that it lifts up rather than tears down the barriers which God and nature have erected to defend the affections and the duties pertaining to life. It is a bulwark and strong defence of the home. No wonder, then, that we find here a Masonic limitation; no wonder that here we meet with a duty which is, before any, distinctly Masonic. The home before the Lodge. We say with the poet:

> Where'er I roam, whatever realm to see, My heart untravelled fondly turns to thee; Still to my home it turns with ceaseless pain, And drags at each remove a lengthening chain."

Another limitation is the Mason's duty to his country.

THE MASON'S DUTY TO HIS COUNTRY.

It will not be denied that the demands which our country is entitled to make are of such a character as to place them above anything purely personal. It has been for this reason that patriotism has ranked as one of the greatest and purest elements of character in all ages. Poets have sung the praise of the love of country, and orators have eloquently pictured its effects. Next to love of family, and closely allied thereto, and at times rising superior to it, comes the spirit of devotion to native land. Said Scott:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
That never to himself has said:

'This is my own, my native land??
If such there breathes go mark him well;
For him no minstrel raptures swell;
Proud though his title, high his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,
Despite his titles, power and pelf—
The wretch concentred all in self—
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung."

At the call of public duty everything private must be laid aside, and all the obligations of the Lodge are made with this qualification, and this reservation. In the stirring times when country calls, men must heed the cry, for all interests are bound up with those of the land we love, and a recreant at such a time dishonours the name of Masonry as well as manhood.

It is a privilege that we are capable of feeling an intense and persistent love of country. Somewhere I have heard it stated that "self-love is the freezing point in the temperature of humanity," and as we are warmed and thrilled by nobler feelings we are lifted nearer to the ideal of perfect manhood. Thus, then, as the heart is ennobled and expanded, it pours out its affections upon an ever-widening circle, first upon family and kindred, then upon country, and then upon humanity. The Home, the Flag of Country, and the symbol of religious feeling—the Cross; these are the representatives of the most durable and sacred feelings which humanity can know. And here it is that we find an illustration of the workings of one of nature's laws: The man who has the most of the sentiment of charity will be found to have the most intense special affections. It cannot be said that one loves the whole world who loves no special individual. However wide and far reaching the good-will towards mankind which one feels, he must look, with a thrill which nothing else can awaken, into the face of his mother, and feel a special throb of love when the kindly face of his father looks into his own. We cannot cast off the ties and responsibilities of kindred if we would, and Providence has decreed that out of a common shame. Rapida Jawas States

This is the feeling which nerves the warrior as he meets the foe; this is the feeling that causes the statesman to scan the political horizon to discern the signs of hope, and this is the feeling which animates every breast when the songs of native land are heard floating on the air. And so long as this feeling burns within the heart, selfishness cannot reign. At the altar of patriotism will be laid in sacrifice all that is fairest and sweetest in life; yea, life itself will be gladly given, that the institutions of the dear native land shall live. Masonry is a foe to war; its principles inculeate peace and good-will; but when country calls, Masonry lifts up its voice and honours quick response, for then this duty is supreme. As the poet has said:

"The sword!—a name of dread!—yet when Upon the freeman's thigh 'tis bound— While for his altar and his hearth, While for the land that gave him birth, The war-laums roll, the transports sound—How sacred it is then!

"Whenever for the truth and right,
It flashes in the van of light—
Whether in some mountain pass,
As that where fell Leonidas;
Or on some sterile plain and stern—
A Marston, or a Bannockburn;
Or mid flerce crags and bursting rills;
The Switzer's Alps, gay Tyrol's hills;
Or as when sunk the Armada's pride,
It gleams above the stormy tide;
Still, still, where'er the battle sword is liberty,—
When men do stand for Justice, and
Their Native Land, then
Heaven shall bless the sword!"

The duty we owe to country is, therefore, paramount to the duty we owe to Masonry, and much though we may desire to avoid all which may bring these two things in opposition, should ever such a time come, by the fundamental limitations of Masonry, country is first, and if duty to it is well discharged, Masonry will enter into its rightful place. And yet Masonry cannot league itself to anything which aims at harm to the institutions of the land. Treason against the state is a crime against Masonic principles, and sedition, whatever form it may assume, or however specious its plea, is dishonour to Masonry. Always on the side of law and order, engaged in building up the sweet charities of life, Masonry expressly forbids whatever assails the properly constituted authorities, and lends its voice to the maintenance of honest government and the enforcement of every just law. But here it may be well to make a distinction: Masonry, upholding good and honest rule, also maintains human rights, and is thus a foe to oppression and wrong. All of the teachings are in the direction of equality, liberty, fraternity, and for this reason tyranny can have no countenance. Fortunately, we live in a country where there is this recognition of personal rights and individual privilege, and here there can be no question as to the proper relation of Masonry towards all public questions. Duty to country is paramount to duty to Masonry; or, perhaps a better way to put it is, duty to Masonry means duty to country, support in every time of trial, and obedience to every law.

The final limitation is that of duty to our neighbour as well as to one's self.

(to be continued.)

At the unanimous request of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, Bro, James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., first W.M. of the mother Lodge, has consented to accept the position of Preceptor. The session just commenced will be marked by Masonic working of considerable interest to members of the Craft desiring to attain proficiency in the science. Dates have been fixed for the delivery of lectures, installation ceremony, and for the working of the Fifteen Sections, of which we shall give further notice in subsequent issues. The Lodge meets at seven o'clock, for rehearsal of the ceremonics, &c., every Thursday evening, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

would, and Providence has decreed that out of a common ancestry and the influences of the same general surroundings we should feel the power of that wider and grander love for the country as a whole, which we call patriotism. It is this which makes us feel the nation's life in our veins, rejoice in our country's glory, or suffer with our people's shame.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

MEETING of this Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the A Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, when there were present Br. s. Henry Foster W.M., T. G. Hodgson S.W., William Smith J.W., A. Purey-Cust P.G. Chaplain Eng. Chaplain, J. Todd P.M. P.F.G.R. Treasurer, E. W. Purnell Secretary, S. Border S.D., Charles M. Fo bes J.D., Arthur Sample P.G. Org. Organist, H. S. Hopton Dir. of Cers., T. Watkinson I.G., S. Crummack Steward, W. Calvert Tyler; also Bros. A. H. H. McGachen P.G.A.D.C., George C. Kirby P.G.A.D.C., A. Buckle P.P.G.D., George C. Lee, George Balmford P.P.G.O., Wm. Draper, T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W., J. Marshall P.P.G.S.D., G. Garbutt, J. Sykes Rymer Prov. G. Reg., Mark Rooke P.P.G.S.D., E. S. Robinson, Henry Churchill, Charles Wardett, John Toes, Lambert Hick, Mungo Bryson, F. Sidney Gramshaw, E. Carter, W. G. Thomas, John Biscomb, Arthur Jones, W. Powell, Tom Archey Jos. Clarke. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. W. T. Orde Powlett 123 D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, W. Tesseyman 57 P.P.G. Supt of Works, C. Palliser 1337 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, B. Polkinghorne P.M., E. Harding W.M., John Martin S.W., F. Woolnough Secretary and T. Harding of 1991, Walter Reynolds 250 P.G.T., M. C. Peck 250, 1040, 1511, &c. Prov. G. Sec., A. Farmer 111, 602, 1848 P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. H. Cooper 602, 1848 P.M. P.P.G.R., W. F. Gourlie 1563, Walter Potter 418 (S.C.), S. G. Dalton J.W., Sir F. Milner, Bart., P.M. P.P.G.S.W., George Simpson P.M. P.P.G. Fursyt., J. Blenkir P.M., Wm. Brown P.M., George Lamb J.D., and W. Lackenby S.D. of 1611, R. S. Robinson 123, Rev. Henry Greeves P.P.G.C., W. N. Cheesman S.W., Thomas P. Barlow J.W., George W. Hudson Treas. and Robert Hodgson of 566. The brethren having assembled, the Lodge was opened in due form. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous Lodge, which were duly approved and confirmed. The D.P.G.M. and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then announced and received in due form, the brethren, under the able guidance of the Dir. of Cers., Bro. H. S. Hopton, saluting the D.P.G.M. with the usual honours. The business before the Lodge was confined to a passing, and the Worshipful Master, Bro. Foster assisted by his Officers, performed the ceremony in an able and efficient mauner. The Worshipful Master, in a few well chosen remarks of welcome to the D.P.G.M., said that he could assure the W.D.P.G.M. that the brothen of the York Lodge were very much pleased when they received the notification of his visit, and with one accord resolved to do their utmost to ensure him a hearty welcome. and he was quite sure that into whatever Lodge in that Province his duties might and would lead him, whatever the external evidences of welcome might be, and however other Lodges might excel in this respect, none would be more heartfelt, none more sincere, than that of the York Lodge. The W.D.G.P.M. thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren of the York Lodge, not only for their cordial welcome but also for the many kind congratulations they had accorded him on his appointment to the office he held. On this, his first visit to the York Lodge, he thought it his duty to congratulate the brethren upon that judicious government which had gradually caused its progress and increase in wealth and influence. Each year saw the Lodge more firmly established. Possessed of a very valuable and beautiful freehold hall, well appointed and enriched with the possession of most valuable archives and Masonic antiquities of world-wide reputation, with a large number of members and a strong and influential Board of Past Masters (the very rock on which a Lodge is sustained), such a Lodge may indeed be congratulated. As might have been expected with all its great privileges, the York Lodge has not been unmindful of its responsibilities, and had steadily contributed to the funds of the Masonic Charit es, in all of which it possesses a large number of votes. With a history extending consider. ably over a century, and a reputation for maintaining the honour and dignity of the Craft in the ancient city of York, it would doubtless be the constant endeavour of the brethren who from time to time occupied the Master's chair to maintain the prestige of the Lodge. and he trusted this ever would be the case. By a wise discretion in the selection of candidates, a judicious election of Worshipful Masters, and, above all, by constantly remembering that the end and aim of Masonry was the communication of happiness to each other, and that this would be best attained by carrying out in their fullest sense the great mottoes of the Craft-Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Hearty good wishes were then tendered by the various visiting brethren, and Lodge being closed, the assembly adjourned to the banqueting hall of the Lodge, where an excellent supper had been provided by Bro. Calvert, the Tyler, in his usual style. The Worshipful Master presided, and commenced the toast list with the Queen and the Craft, this was followed by the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Master said this toast needed no recommendation to the York brethren, for they knew the deep interest His Royal Highness took in Masonry and that he had the cause at heart, he was glad to see a member of Grand Lodge present, viz., the Dean of York, who was also Chaplain of the York Lodge, and he had pleasure in coupling his name with the toast. Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean P.G.C. returned thanks for the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge, and referred to the past, the present, and the future of Masonry. Around the walls of the Lodge he saw numerous portraits of those brethren of the past, whose interest in, and services to, Masonry yet lived, and amongst them was that of the late Earl of Zetland, a brother who in his lifetime was an earnest worker for Masonry, and who as such was respected as much in the south as in the north. With regard to the present, Masons from all parts of the world looked up to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, not in the spirit of toadyism, knowing that he was a true brother, taking a great interest in Freemasonry, and ever ready to aid its undertakings and doing always the right thing in the right place. The future reminded him of the American saying, "don't prophesy

Grand Lodge to day pointed to the continued prosperity of Masonry. The Dean concluded by thanking the brethren for the cordial reception they had given the toast. The next toast was that of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Earl of Zetland, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In proposing this toast, the Worshipful Master spoke of the great interest the P.G.M. took in Masonry, and the desire he had for the success of the Lodges under bis rule. With regard to the D.P.G.M. the Worshipful Master expressed the great pleasure that the York Lodge had experienced in receiving him that day, and mentioned that his appointment had given the greatest satisfaction throughout the Province; he hoped he would long be spared to carry out the duties of the office. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and in reply, the D.P.G.M. thanked the brethrenjof the York Lodge and Visitors present for their hearty reception of the toast; he congratulated the W.M. for the efficient working he had observed, and hoped the York Lodge would continue to prosper and maintain the reputation it now held throughout the land. The next toast was that of the Prov. Grand Officers Past and Present, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., P.P.G.S.W., who said he should carry away with him many pleasant thoughts of the very happy evening he had spent. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed the health of Worshipful Master of the York Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he felt the great honour done him in the proposal coming from the D.P.G.M.; he was afraid he sometimes fell short of the standard he looked up to, but he should not forget the kindness and assistanace he had received during the year from the Officers and brethren of his Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. Todd P.M. Treasurer P.P.G.R., and responded to by Bros. Brown W.M. 1611, and Harding W.M. 1991. The toasts were interspersed by songs from Bro. Sample Organist P.G.O., and Bros. Kirby, Lee, Godby, Robinson, and McGachen.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE first meeting for the present session of this well-established Lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Free-masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The brethren assembled at 5.30 p.m., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Oliver Bryant. Bros. Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. S.W., J. Apsey J.W., Turner S.D., J. Nowakowski J.D., Dr. Runtz I.G., Banks Tyler; also the following P.M.'s:—Bros. Bieling I.P.M., Dr. Rath, Dr. Jagielski, Dr. Corrie Jackson, J. Nowakowski Treasurer, Lancaster Secretary. Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the Bye-laws were read. Bro. Joyce, who was in attendance, was duly examined and entrusted. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and he was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being carefully and distinctly given by the W.M. Several communications were read by the Secretary, and the three following gentlemen were proposed for acceptance at the meeting in December, viz., Rev. Arnold Whitaker Oxford, M.A., Mr. Bernard Abrahams, Solicitor, both proposed by Dr. Corrie Jackson, seconded by Dr. Victor Jagielski; for Mr. C. H. Whitcomb, proposed by Bro. Draper, and seconded by Bro. Lancaster Secretary. Other business being completed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. After the good things provided had been freely discussed and the cloth removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received attention. The gavel was now placed in the hands of the I.P.M., who proposed the health of the W.M., and alluded to the able manner in which the business of the evening had been couducted, and how pleased the brethren were with the result. This was responded to by the Worshipful Master, who promised to use his best endeavours to keep up the established reputation of the Lodge; he hoped the brethren would have no fault to find when he vacated his chair on the completion of his year of office. Bro. Bryant concluded by proposing the health of the Past Masters; saying how greatly they were valued for the services they had rendered to the Lodge in times past; they invariably endeavoured to make things easy and comfortable in the Lodge. He concluded by calling on Dr. Jackson to respond. Bro. Jackson having suitably replied, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Officers, hoping they would always be punctual in their attendance and make themselves perfect in their duties, that they might please the brethren, initiates and friends. Bro. Brushfield here obliged with the "Vicar of Bray." Bro. Tongue, in responding for the Officers, assured the Worshipful Master they were all perfect in their work, and would assist him in every manner that was possible to uphold the credit of the Lodge; he regretted his inability on this occasion to be present in the early part of the evening, but hoped that at future meetings he would be enabled to be present. Bro. Dr. Jackson here sang "Father O'Flyn," and then the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Visitors. viz., Bros. Saegert P.M. Wellington, Hempstead 180, E. C. Kilsby J.W. 1702, G. H. Finch W.M. 2005, calling on Bros. Saegert and Kilsby to respond. Whilst these brethren were collecting their thoughts, Bro. Gordon sang "Sally in our alley," his capital tenor voice being well appreciated. Bro. Saegert, in returning thanks, was highly gratified at the cordiality by which the names of the Visitors had been received. His visit was doubly interesting, from the fact that it was the first occasion in which the Lodge had been presided over by its present W.M., to whom he wished a happy year of office; he felt sure that Bro. Bryant would have no difficulty in carrying out the duties appertaining to the chair. Bro. Kilsby also responded. He was followed by the Tyler, who gave the parting toast, and the brethren separated early, after having spent a very enjoyable

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1627.

undertakings and doing always the right thing in the right place. The future reminded him of the American saying, "don't prophesy the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the American saying and the future reminded him of the future reminded him o

J. H. Jarvis J.W., Charles E. Soppet P.M. and Sec. P.G. Steward, J. B. Stevens P.M. and Treasurer, A. A. Rumsey S.W., Charles Toope J.D., Wm. Bellamy acting as I.G., J. Potter Tyler, and other Visitors:-Bros. J. L. Mather W.M. 1910, E. Mills 1614, J. Prossen 382, W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M. and Treasurer 890, G. Reynolds S.D. 1614, G. H. Reynolds 1614, W. G. Rand 1100, A. Laurence P.M. and Secy. 1638, G. Chivers 901, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. 1929, C. F. Hogard P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, James Carr 55, Col. F. Peters P.M. 263 P.G.S.B., G. Pigache P.M. 12, E. Prior 765, E. Routledge 1635, W. H. Platt 1635, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., and Robert Greening J.W. 1426. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation of the Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred Hudson S.W. was performed by Bro. Hay, in a masterly style. The charges to the Officers and Brethren having been delivered by Bro. J. B. Stevens, in a clear and impressive manner, the Worshipful Master invested and appointed his Officers, as follow:--Bros. Henry Langridge I.P.M., Charles E. Soppet P.M. P.G. Steward Secretary, J. B. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jarvis S.W., A. A. Rumsey J.W. Charles Toope S.D., William Bellamy J.D., E. E. Ponpard I.G., M. G. M. Bohrer D.C., and J. Potter Tyler. An elegant Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Henry Langridge I.P.M. The Worshipful Master having received the hearty good wishes of the visitors, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a banquet of a récherché character was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, whose kind attention was much appreciated by the brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured—the Worshipful Master alluding to the Queen in most gracious and eloquent terms, - the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. He felt it was a great pleasure to have amongst them that evening three Grand Officers, all familiar friends; it was kind of them to honour the Lodge with their presence. All would regret much the accident to their worthy and esteemed Brother the Earl of Lathom. He would ask Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary to respond. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, in responding, said it was a great pleasure for him to do so; it was an undoubted honour to return thanks for the M.W. Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers. He had an opportunity of knowing how well the Grand Officers did their work; it was not only ornamental but sincere. The M.W. the Grand Master took the greatest interest in the Craft, and could give a reliable opinion upon almost everything connected therewith; he also knew well what should be done, and acted upon it. The other Grand Officers all did their work well. Long may the Grand Lodge of England be presided over by such menthey were the great lights of Freemasonry. He was very grateful for all the good wishes that were expressed towards the Grand Officers wherever they were toasted, and they were, over and over again, always received with heartiness. To-night they had good workers in their midst; this had been shown by the way in which the ceremony of installation had been worked. He again thanked them for the hearty manner in which the health of the Grand Officers had been received. The Immediate Past Master, in taking the gavel into his hand, to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, said: Some take a different view of the position of a Worshipful Master. It was a temporary one. Sons succeeded their fathers, and fathers lived to see their children around them. It was just his feeling with respect to their worthy Worshipful Master and the brethren. A Worshipful Master's time was not always a pleasant or easy one; there were certain excrescences which had to be knocked off. He wished Bro. A. Hudson a comfortable year of office. He was a good Mason, and would endeavour to make life comfortable, and take off all the rough edges. In years to come all would hope to drink his health as a Past Master. He now asked them to unite with him in drinking his health in a bumper, and wish him well, and a good year of office. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he thanked the Immediate Past Master for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and the hearty way in which it had been received. He would endeavour to do his duty. He felt it was a high honour to be in the position of Worshipful Master, and nothing should be wanting on his part to give them satisfaction; he thanked them all most sincerely for the honour. The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of the Installing Officer, to whom the brethren were very grateful for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony. His working was good, and he set an example to Masons. He did his work well. He would ask the brethren to drink the health of Past Master Hay; he would also ask them at the same to drink the in a style not generally expected from one presiding for the first health of Bro. J. B. Stevens, their worthy Treasurer, who had delivered the charges in such an impressive manner. Bro. H. P. Hay, in replying, said he thanked them all, especially the Worshipful Master for his kind remarks. It gave him much pleasure to instal their Worshipful Master, who he was sure would go through the chair well, and give the brethren every satisfaction. He wished him a good year of office, and hoped that at the end he would be able to perform the work better than he (Bro. Hay) had done. Bro. J. B. Stevens had delivered the charges in a very clear manner; this he was sure all the brethren had much admired. Bro. J. B. Stevens said it was always a pleasure to him to serve the Royal Kensington Lodge in any way possible. He had to thank the brethren present for the kind attention they had given him when delivering the charges; and wished the Worshipful Master a happy year of office. with plenty of work to do. The Worshipfal Master next proposed the health of the Visitors, and, in doing so, said it was a great pleasure to him to do it. They did not lack in quantity or quality. There had always been a numerous attendance on past occasions, and he was delighted to see them. He would ask the brethren to drink the health of their visitors in a bumper, with hearty Masonic honours; he would call upon Bros. Colonel Peters and Mather to respond. Bro Colonel Peters, in reply, said he was sorry to say it was not the easiest thing in the world to respond to such a toast as the Visitors; Bro. Radelyffe candidate. With hearty good wishes the Lodge was

He could say without contradiction, nothing could have been more acceptable than the hospitality of the brethren, and the visitors had all spent a most pleasant evening. He concluded by wishing, on behalf of the visitors, that a happy and prosperous year of office might be enjoyed by the Worshipful Master. Bro. J. L. Mather endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of Bro. Colonel Peters; he thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. For many years he had done service to the Lodge, and acted as Director of Ceremonies at installations. It was a great pleasure to him to be called upon to perform the duties of that office, which he trusted he had done to the satisfaction of the brethren. He hoped to be with the Royal Kensington Lodge for many years. Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters. There was no occasion to say much in their favour; all were good, and did all in their power for the success of the Lodge. The Immediate Past Master, in replying, made a most amusing speech. He could assure the Worshipful Master that he might always rely upon the Past Masters and himself rendering every assistance possible, and to give him whatever advice he might need. In proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary the Worshipful Master said: Both Officers carried out their duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and did all in their power for the benefit of the same. They had the confidence of every brother connected with the Lodge. Bro. J. B. Stevens P.M., in replying as Treasurer, assured the brethren that the affairs of the Lodge were in a very healthy state. He would do all he could for the benefit of the Lodge, and thanked them for the confidence reposed in him. Bro. C. E. Soppet P.M., as Secretary, said: He thanked them all for the manner in which his health had been received. He could say this was the 70th time he had replied to the toast. He was glad, as he had said on previous occasions, that the Lodge was flourishing and prosperous He hoped to live long, and see such prosperity continue. He received from the hands of the brethren of the Royal Kensington Lodge every kindness as their Secretary, and would endeavour to give satisfaction to all. The next toast proposed by the Worshipful Master was the Officers; he, in doing so, felt sure that during his year of office he would be well supported by them. Bro. Senior Warden, in replying on behalf of the Officers, said he thanked the brethren for the kind reception accorded them. They were proud of their positions, and would endeavour to do their work well and to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master and brethren. The prestige of the working of the Royal Kensington Lodge was well known, and it would be the endeavour of all the Officers to increase this reputation by every means in their power. Bro. Junior Warden said that the words that had been sooken by the Senior Warden were heartily endorsed by the other Officers, and were sufficient response for all. The Tyler's toast closed a most pleasant evening, and the brethren expressed themselves, on parting, as having thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. During the evening an excellent selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, assisted by Miss Clarice Riley (whose singing the brethren were much delighted with), Bro. J. Large, and Bro. E. J. Bell.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THE installation meeting took place on the 22nd inst. Bro. W. Williams W.M. and his Officers were in attendance, and Lodge opened punctually at five o'clock, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Marsh, a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Marsh was duly raised. The Auditors read their report, which was highly gratifying to the brethren and creditable to the W.M., who leaves the chair with a surplus in hand. Lodge then resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Breitbut W.M. elect was presented for installation. In due course, Bro. Breitbart invested his Officers, as follow:-Bros. F.sher S.W., Wyett J.W., Bryett P.M. Treasurer, Josey P.M. Secretary, Crowe S.D., Manders J.D., Gilbert I.G., Van Dyck D. of Cers., Weinell Steward. The various addresses were delivered by Bros. P.M.'s Baker, Pierpoint and Bryett. Lodge closed with perfect harmony, and the brethren repaired to the banquet, which was served in a most enjoyable manner. The newly-elected W.M. presided most efficiently, and the various toasts were proposed time. The toast of the Visitors-Bros. Read P.M. 511, J. Daves 169, Spiegel P.M. 183, Mason 1328, Helden S.W. 1460, Williams W.M. 865, Chalfont P.M. 1428, Leare P.M. 1477, Whittell 1693, Klingenstein P.M. 73, Baker 511—was responded to by Boss, Read, Davies, Spiegel, Williams, and Chalfont. Bro. Read congratulated the brethren on the progress of the Lodge, and complimented them on their working; also on the ability displayed by their Worshipful Master, whom he had the pleasure to initiate, at the Zetland Lodge. Bro. Davies, as the Preceptor of that Lodge, expressed the same opinion, and Bro. Spiegel said he considered the abilities of the Officers was beyond question. Several brethren volunteered with songs and recitations, and all separated highly pleased with the day's proceedings.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.-On Monday, the 22nd instant, at the Railway Hotel, Patney. Present:-Bros. Flina W.M., Cutbill S.W., Sapsworth J.W., Grundy Sec., P. M. Carter S.D., Harling J.D., Featherstone D.C., Bond Treas. I.G. Past Masters Bros. Webb, Radelyffe. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were robe reed. which had been proposed in such kind words, and received so heartily. | closed in due form. Bro. Cutbill will preside next Monday.

HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE, No. 56.

THE one hundred and forty-ninth anniversary festival of this, the oldest of the Sassex Lodges, took place on Thursday, 18th instant. The members assembled at the Town Hall, Arundel, where the Lodge was opened, and after the formal business had been got through, the retiring W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. E. Street P.M., who at one a proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Burnell (West Sussex Gazette), who appointed the following brethren as his Officers:-F. V. Paxton, M.D., S.W., T. U. Price P.M. P.P.S.G.D. J.W., Longman S.D. Goss P.M. J.D., H. T. Holmes I.G., J. Robertson Tyler, G. T. Evershed P.M. P.P.S G.D. Secretary, A. Herne Treasurer (re-elected). The ceremony of installation was ably and faithfully rendered by Bro. Street, whose active service to the Lodge for some years past has gained for him the general respect of its members. Business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Norfolk Hotel for banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured and responded to. In addition to the above the following brothren were present: -E. Collings I.P.M., T. Francis P.M. P.P.S.G.D., G. Noam, C. Chamberlain P.M., George Light P.M., V. P. Freeman P.P.S.G.W. Prov. Grand Secretary Sussex, Price W.M. 1466, C. Bamfgold Warr W.M. 1465, Henderson W.M. 1148, C. Paine W.M. 851, Every W.M. 311, Rev. - Tooth P.P.G. Chaplain, Knight S51, Hawes J.W. 38.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Public Hall, Carshalton, when Bro. Alfred Bishop, the Worshipful Master, presided, and performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing in a most gratifying manner. He was supported by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.Sad.Br. I.P.M., F. Carter S.W., W. Bassett J.W., W. Pile P.G.S.B. P.M., John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. P.M., E. Dickman P.M., William Russell Crowe P.M., Treasurer, Leon A. Mesronz: P.M. Secretary, W. G. Filmer S.D., H. Aslett J.D., W. Harwood Steward, John Reweastle Organist, J. A. Taylor Inner Guard, and several other members of the Lodge, while among the visitors were Bros. Byards 1641. Camburland 2128, Potts 2128, Potter 1347, Martinue 1687, Desvigues 2060, Outram 2060, Cooper 1441, Oesterby 619, Cuthbert 1815, Linney 1815, Crutchloe 1385, Essex 511, Grippe 859, Vickers 1632, Barnard 1815, Forster 534, Williams 162, Frost 1347, Church 1347. The minutes having been confirmed Bro. I.P.M. J. W. Baldwin proposed that the sum of five guineas be added to W.M. Bro. Bishop's list as Steward to the Girls' School, from the Charity Fund of the Wallington Lodge, which vote was agreed to by the members. Bro, Thomas Lockwood Heward was passed to the second degree, and the Rev. Lord Victor Alexander Seymonr, M.A., Rector of Carshalton, was initiated into the mysteries of Froemesoury, the two ecremonics being performed, as we have said, in a most efficient manner by the Wor. shipful Master. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the customary toasts were honoured. In proposing that of the initiate, the W.M. spoke of the pleasure the brethren felt in receiving into their midst a gentleman so universally respected as was Lord Seymour, and he hoped that his lordship might enjoy his association with Freemasonry. A pleasant evening was spent by those present.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.-A very agreeable meeting was held at 202 Whitechapul Read, E., on Monday last. The brethren assembled at 7 p.m., when there were present Bros. West W.M., Sinclair S.W., Richardson J.W., Myers Preceptor, McDonald Deputy Preceptor, Robson Secretary, Twinn S.D., Bryant I.G., Robson, Morgan, Mills, Read, Watkins, Dancyger, Loney, Cotter, Harris. After preliminaries had been duly observed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cotter candidate, the W.M. carefully performing the work. Brother W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211, an honorary member of this Lodge of In-tenction, then delivered a short, but very interesting lecture on the "Schism in English Freemasonry." On its conclusion he was cordially thanked for the information he had conveyed, and this expression of satisfaction was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Brother Sinclair will preside here on Monday next.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695. -This Lodge held its usual meeting at the Homsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday. Present-Bros. Jonkins W.M., Gust Preceptor, Larchin S.W., Cross J.W., Barry Secretary, Hildreth S.D., Bricon J.D., Salmon I.G., and many other members and visitors. After prelin:inaries, the first section was worked by the Worshipful Moster, assisted by the following beathern: -Broz. Briscoe, Beck, Salmon. Hodges, Snelling, Gush, and Larchin. New merabous ware about the and a vote of thanks passed to the brethren as defing in the working. The Ledge was then adjourned to Tucaday evening mext, at S c'clock, when the second and third lectures will be worked.

BIRTH.

On the 22nd inst., at West Kendington, the wife of Bro. Cherlev C. contend, we have 'right Provincial Grand Searctory Survey, as a denotative.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, on Tuesday, 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. Second Lecture: Bros. Frampton, Cross, Snelling, Sharpe, Berry. Third Lecture: Bros. Oldis, Hill, Hodges. Bros. H. G. Gush Preceptor; A. J. Borry 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, Rupple. Bro. H. Stunt P.M. Secretary; Bro. Stacey P.M. 180 Preceptor.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, 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. Second Lecture: Bros. Bond, Kearney, Skelton, Jonkins, Giddings. Third Lecture: Bros. Hancock, Storr, Beck. Bro. W. W. Snelling J.W. 1541 Secretary.

NEW MUSIC.

The Crusader. Words by Samuel K. Cowan, M.A.; Music by Theo Bonhenr. London: J. and J. Hopkinson, 95 New Bond Street, W.

This song is one that depicts the adventures of a soldier on a crusade. The story is told in good style. Of Mr. Theo Bonhenr's music we cannot speak too highly. Indeed, we may say of "The Crnsader" that it is one of the best songs we have heard this

English Hearts and England's Queen. A national song, written and composed by G. Hunt Jackson.

Wedded. Words by the same author; music by Marcellus Higgs. London: Metzler and Co., 42 Great Marlborough Street, W.

THE former of these songs, as the title implies, is one written in celebration of Her Majesty's jubilee year. The author has appropriately set his words to bright, if not altogether original music. However, the song is equal to the average of its kind, and we anticipate it will be frequently heard during the season. The second song has been suggested by Sir F. Leighton's picture, and the words are very appropriate. Mr. G. Hunt Jackson, the author, has done his work well, but in this instance has called in the aid of Mr. Marcellus Higgs, who has composed some music that is both pretty and easy to sing.

On the rolling wave. Words and music by Godfrey Marks.

Morer Despair. Words by William Boosey; music by J. L. Molloy. London: Boosey and Co., 205 Regent Street, W.

"On the rolling wave," as its title imports, is a lay of the sea, and has a fine awinging air which is very effective. Those foul of rollicking tunes should not fail to add it to their reportoire. "Never Despair" is a fine martiel song. It tells us in brilliant style how a young soldier bid led a forlorn hope, and took by storm the heart of a fair lady. The music has been supplied by that well known composer J. L. Molloy, and is in his best style. It is published in three keys, and is well within the compass of most vocalists.

DEATH OF BRO. LEONARD D. WESTCOTT.

THE announcement of the death of Bro. Leonard D. Westcott, an old and ardent Freemason, will be generally received with regret. He was P.M. and Treasurer of Lodge St. John, No. 70, and a P.G. Supt. of Works of the Province. He held provincial honours in the Mark and Arch degrees, and was P.E.C. of Holy Cross Preceptory of Knights Templar. Bro. Westcott was a member of the Educational and General Purposes Committee, and at the time of his death was Treasurer of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. The Will versed in the verious rituals, and by his genial manner, kindliness of spirit, charitable and philanthropic disposition, zeal and a siduity in Freemasonry, wen for himself the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was also beloved outside the "circle," and had been the manager of the Christian Knowledge Depot in Plymonth for twenty-two years. Deceased had a severe reigers acen weeks since, and was removed to Dawlish, where he expired on Thursday, the 18th inst., after a long and painful illness .- Western Daily Mercury.

The annual meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, was held on Thursday, at the Gennon Street Special Gonetic of Justice. There periodes, vegetable A VUGETARIAN RESTAURANT.-A Restaurant, devoted to the sale of Hotel, E.C., when Bro. A. C. Pees was included as Worshipful Master by the outgoing Mades, Bec. Alfred be only on the first of the first of beautier to pay for buckers' mean at their and a most enjoyable evening was speak. We shall give a full report in our next issue.

No. 700, was need on thursday, as come opposite the atoms to further, there or first on the prices which will astonish a cole who have the account and to first, and to first of beautier and to be full report in our next issue. meats are a reacter of great importance to very many people, these v. gamble dinners will be very welcome; and it may be added, that wakare 'righ medical authority as to their wholesomeness and nutri-

EXTENSION OF GRAND LODGE HONOURS.

HEN, at the beginning of the present month, we urged the desirability of an addition to the annual roll of Grand Lodge Officers, we little thought that at the next Quarterly Communication H.R.H. the Grand Master of England would submit a resolution for the consideration of Grand Lodge, having for its object the permanent addition of a Grand Lodge collar to the number already available; but such is happily the case, the proposed addition being in favour of the President of the Board of Benevolence, who shall henceforth, the Grand Master suggests, be a Grand Officer, entitled to rank as a Past Grand Officer on retirement, same as with the other Officers. On the principle that we should be thankful for small mercies we accept the suggestion of the Grand Master most cheerfully, but we cannot help thinking that had the proposition of the Prince of Wales been carried further it would have been far more acceptable, and would have opened the road to a number of honours which are sadly wanted at the present time.

If the President of the Board is entitled to rank as a Grand Lodge Officer, why should not the same distinction be conferred on the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, who, in their way, are as worthy of recognition as their chief? We are aware that some distinction would be necessary in regard to the matter of precedence, but that is a minor detail. Even if the Vice-Presidents had to take rank almost at the end of the list of Grand Officers the honour attached to the appointments would be coveted and prized by some of the best Masons of the day, while if the three offices were conferred on different brethren each year, and all carried the right to Past Grand Officers rank a series of appointments would be created which might be conferred as rewards for services rendered in the cause of Masonic Charity, which would be of inestimable advantage to the Craft in years to come, as they would offer a further inducement to brethren to practice the great Masonic virtue of Charity.

It has been the custom to recognise the Officers of the Board of Benevolence as permanent, or virtually so, but there is no reason why such a course should be continued, as there are numbers of Masons who are fully qualified for the offices. Those who once served would no doubt lend their support to the occupants of the chairs for the time being, much as the Past Masters of a Lodge now support the presiding Worshipful Master, so that the Board could not suffer through a lack of experience on the part of its chiefs.

We trust it is not too late for the advisers of our Grand Master to suggest an extension of his resolution in the manner we have proposed, as by that means we should have three additional Grand offices to fill each year, and a number of most deserving brethren could receive that recognition to which they are entitled, and which, at present, it is not possible to confer on them.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471. This favourite Chapter of Improvement held its Annual Convocation at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 25th inst. At 8 punctually the Chapter was represented by a goodly muster of the Companions. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed in a very able and perfect manner by Companion W. H. ean P.P.G. Registrar Dorset as M.E.Z., Comps. H., Lewis (Z. of the Enfield Chapter) J., J. E. Sheffield S.E. S. Barnet S.N., W. A. Sproat P.S. The Audit committee read the financial report for the year ending 18th November, and expressed satisfaction in the prosperous state of the funds of the Chapter. The election of the S.E. and Treasurer was then proceeded with, when Comp. J. E. Sheffield was re-elected S.E., the Companions complimenting him on his prosperous and successful year of office, and trusting he might be spared many years to occupy his responsible position. Comp. R. H. Halford was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, the Companions expressing their best wishes that he might continue to husband their funds as carefully as he had done in the past. It was proposed and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the S.E. and Treasurer for the careful and successful manner they had kept the accounts for the past year. Comp. T. C. Edmonds was spoken of as an able, kind, and courteous Preceptor, all expressing their thanks for the pains he bestowed upon them in perfecting them in the R.A. Ritual. The number of Companions on the Books is 168, and the number of Chapters represented 67.

No Mason will urge a profane man to become a member. No man can trust a God that he has no faith in. We want true Masons. Numbers are no test; quality is everything.

GLEANINGS.

There are 11 Lodges and 448 Masons in Prince Edward Island.

COMMITTEE ON ANTIQUITIES.—A standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York is in session once every week for the purpose of receiving communications, relies, and gifts or loans of antiquities, &c.

ROYAL ARCH STATISTICS FOR 1886.—The total membership is 142,194, against 140,960 in 1885; the exaltations are 7.839, against 9.469 in 1885; the admissions and restorations are 1,822, against 2,029 in 1885; the dimissions are 3.014, against 2,985 in 1885; the expulsions are 74, against 92 in 1885; the suspensions (including suspensions from membership and names dropped from the roll) are 2,925, against 2.771 in 1885; and the deaths are 1,854, against 1,516 in 1885.—New York Freemason's Journal.

The end and moral purport of Masonry is to subdue our passions not to do our own will, to make daily progress in a laudable art, to promote morality, charity, good fellowship, good nature, and humanity.

—Anderson, 1721.

FRANCE.—Qur readers will recollect that for some years past the French Grand Orient has been refused correspondence by the English-speaking Grand Lodges of the world on account of its official refusal to longer make belief in the Great Architect of the Universe a condition precedent to initiation. We learn that there is considerable excitement among the French Lodges, looking to an abrogation of the foolish regulation which removed their organization beyond the pale of regular Masonry, arguing that without God there can be no Freemasonry.—Utica Herald.

STATUARY FOR FLOOD'S BUILDING.

BRO. MORTON A. EDWARDS, a sculptor, who recently came to San Francisco from London, is making two groups of statuary for Flood's building on Market street. The group that Bro. Edwards is now engaged upon is for the Fourth-street side. It will rest on the pediment, which will be eighty-five feet from the ground. The group consists of three figures. In the centre is the goddess of Fortune, which will be fifteen feet high. This is a fine figure. The form of the Goddess is strong and graceful. The face is of Grecian type and the drapery is an antique tunic. She has a wheel of fortune in one hand, which hangs at her side, and an olive branch in the other. A cornucopia overflowing with fruits lies at her side. On the right sits Ceres, with a sheaf of grain in her lap and a sickle in her right hand. The pose of Ceres is remarkably beautiful. On the left is Bacchus seated on two wine skins. This figure is full of life. The group will be cast in white bronze.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. There was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren, the principal business of the meeting being the election of two members of the House Committee, one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Joshua Nunn, and the other to supp'y the place of Bro. Col. Peters, who is now one of the Trustees of the Institution. There were three candidates: Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, Vice-Patron; Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Vice-Patron; and Bro. Alderman Savory, Life Governor. Most elaborate, and, as it proved, efficient arrangements had been made for the election, which was conducted without a hitch. Upwards of four hundred votes were recorded on behalf of the several candidates, Bros Fenn and Philbrick being ultimately declared elected. The other business of the day comprised the consideration of five petitions—all of which were approved and some general matters. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

The following names have been added to the Committee of the Frederick Binckes Presentation Fund, viz.:—

Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., S.G.D.
Bro. J. E. Le Feavre, Deputy P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, J.G.D.

J.G.D. Bro. James Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C.

and the following additional subscriptions from Lodges have been received, viz.:—

			£s	d
Constitutional, No. 55	-	•	10 10	0
Oll Kent Mark, T.I.	•	•	5 5	0
P.G.L. Northumberland and Durham -	•	-	2 2	0
Lodge of Israel	•	•	2	0
Members of Lodge of Israel in small sums	-		8 14	6
Cheltenham and Keystone Mark, No. 10	-	•	2 2	0
P.G.L. West Yorkshire, M.M.M.	•	•	2 2	0
Fearnley Lodge of M.M.M., 50	•	•	1 1	0
Angel Lodge, No. 51	-	-	1 1	0

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ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The V.E. Comp. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B,

Grand Supeintendent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, on Saturday, the 27th day of November 1886, at 3 in the afternoon precisely.

By command of the Grand Superintendent,

CHARLES GREENWOOD

Past and Acting Provincial G.S.E.

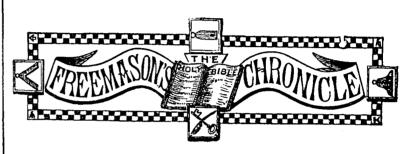
82 Blackfriars-road, 1st November 1886.

MORNING DRESS.

Train from Waterloo, 2.5.

In consequence of the lamented death of the E. Comp. Charles Grebenwood P.Z. P.G.D. of C. P.P.G.H. P.G.S.E., it has been ordered that the Provincial Grand Chapter and all subordinate Chap ers be placed in Masonic mourning for the Space of three months from the 1th of October 1886.

The mourning to be worn by Companions individually to be as follows:-Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Principals and Past Principals of Private Chapters—three rosettes of black crape on the badges, and one at the point of the chain or collar, just above the jewel. Other Companions—three black rosettes on Badge.



QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st December 1886, at 6 for 7 p.m.

- 1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st September 1886 for confirmation.
- 2. To consider the following communication from the M.W. Grand Master :-
 - "The Most Worshipful Grand Master having had under his notice the present duties and position of the President of the Board of Benevolence, His Royal Highness deems it advisable to submit the following resolution for the consideration of Grand Lodge:
 - "'That the President of the Board of Benevolence shall, by virtue of his office, be a Grand Officer, with rank next to Past Grand Secretaries, and that on retiring from office he shall rank as a Past Grand Officer, in the same manner as the other Officers of Grand Lodge, and that the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly.'
 - 3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
 - 4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
 - 5. Appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
- 6. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
- 7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
- 8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which is the following report and resolution:-

Before the business of the evening was commenced, Brother James Brett, the S.V.P., in the chair, reported to the Board the death, on the 29th ult., of their President, Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G. Sword Bearer, and spoke in feeling terms of the severe loss which the Board of Benevolence and the Craft generally had sustained by the melancholy event.

It was thereupon unanimously resolved:-That a record be placed on the Proceedings, and in their Report to Grand Lodge, of the extreme regret felt by all the members of the Board at the loss of their esteemed President, who, after holding for eleven years the office of Vice-President, had for the last five years presided over the Board, with the utmost courtesy, impartiality and ability,

and recommendations for the following grants, viz.:-

The widow of a Brother of the Royal St. Edmund's

Lodge, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds £100 0 0

A Brother of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, Hull 50 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the Vitravian Lodge, No. 87,

London - - -50 0 0

A Brother of the St. Mark's Lodge, No 857, London	-	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Northern Counties Lodg No. 406, Newcastle-on-Tyne	θ,	7 5	0	0
A Brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London	•	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham	•	5 0	0	0
A Brother of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 179 Teddington -	3,	100	0	0
A Brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London		50	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, London	•	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Tudno Lodge, No. 75. Llandudno		50	0	0
A Brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, London	_	50	0	0
A Brother of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 150 Twickenham	3,	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the New Concord Lodge No. 813, London	e, -	50		0
A Brother of the Lindsay Lodge, No. 712, Louth	-	100	0	0
9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL P	URI	POSE	s.	
To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Masons of England.				
The attention of the Board having been called to	the	wordi	ng	of

The attention of the Board having been called to the wording of Articles 304, 307, and 308 of the Book of Constitutions, the Board think it advisable, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that the Articles in question should be altered to read, as follows:—

304. The Officers and Past Masters of the Grand Stewards' Lodge wear collars of crimson ribbon four inches broad.

307. The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private Lodges to be light blue ribbon four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

308. The Collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private Lodges are to be worn only in their own Lodges, or when attending the Grand Lodge or their Provincial or District Grand Lodges as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. 16th November 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of November instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £2,511 0s 4d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £9 12s 3d.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Brother William Nicholl P.M., Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester.

The Article 288 of the Book of Constitutions read as follows:-

The following clothing and insignia may be worn by the Craft, but no brother shall be admitted into Grand Lodge or Provincial or District Grand Lodge without the proper clothing pertaining to his rank, or into any subordinate Lodge without proper Masonic clothing.

That the following addition be made to Article 307, or embodied otherwise:—

Past Masters being subscribing members of any Lodge under the English Constitution may wear a collar of light blue ribbon four inches broad, with a silver cord in the centre.

That in Article 308 the following alteration be made, viz.:-

In line 1, after the word "officers" insert the words "below the rank of Wardens," and omit the last three lines beginning "or when representing their Lodges," &c.

2. By Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D.

That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, having invited the co-operation of Her Majesty's subjects in the formation of an Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India, as the Memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee,

It be resolved:—"That this Grand Lodge do hereby vote the sum of One Thousand Pounds from the Fund of General Purposes towards the proposed Institute."

Names of Brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT P.G.P. as Senior Vice-President.

Brother CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE P.G.P. as Janior Vice-President.

And none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

Brother	BRITTEN, GEORGE POLE	183
	BROWN, WILLIAM PETER	90
	CULL, THOMAS	1446

CUNDY, GEORGE A.	901
DAIRY, CHARLES	141
HASLIP, LEWIS CHRISTOPHER	813
HOGARD, CHARLES F.	205
MERCER, DAVID D.	1641
READ, GEORGE	511
SPAULL, FRANCIS R.	1768
TAYLOR, ROBERT J.	144
WOODWARD, ALFRED COOPER	1538

And no more than twelve were nominated.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2174.—The Ionic Lodge, Tungamah, Victoria. 2175.—The Austral Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.

2176.—The Lord Carrington Lodge, North Fitzroy, Victoria.

2177.—The North Suburban Lodge, North Carlton, Victoria.

2178.—The Ruahine Lodge, Woodville, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, N.Z.

2179.—The Paddington Ionic Lodge, Woollahra, New South Wales.

2180.—The Lodge of Harmony, Otahuhu, Auckland, N.Z.

2181.—The Unity Lodge, Knysna, South Africa (E.D.)

2182.—The Sterndale Bennett Lodge, Camberwell.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1887, with additional information, is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan, or post free 2s 1d.

N.B.—The Book of Constitutions, edition 1884, can be obtained at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo and 32mo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

CONSECRATION OF THE OSBORNE LODGE, No. 2169.

THE increasing number of members of the Ancient Medina Lodge at West Cowes, and the difficulty and inconvenience often experienced by members residing on the opposite side of the river in attending and returning from its meetings, have led to the expression of a strong desire for the formation of a Lodge at East Cowes. The accomplishment of the object in view was assured when the project was actively taken up by Bros. R. L. Roberton, G. A. Mursell, T. W. Faulkner, Halliday, J. C. Airs, L. T. Wilkins, and other energetic and influential members of the Craft; and on the 15th inst. the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers visited East Cowes to perform the ceremony of consecrating the new Osborne Lodge, and to instal the first W.M., Bro. R. L. Roberton. The Lodge was close tyled at 1.30 p.m., when the P.G.M., the Right Wor. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., took the Master's chair, and appointed Bros. Francis Newman P.P.S.G.W. and T. W. Faulkner P.P.J.G.W. to the Wardens' chairs, and other Provincial Officers to their respective posts. Bro. the Rev. R. S. Wood was the Provincial Grand Chaplain officiating. About 100 brethren attended. Amo gst those present were the Right Wor. Bros. W. W. B. Beach P.G.M., J. E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. G.J.D. Eng., Edgar Goble P.G. Sec., H. E. Loader P.G.S.D., G. F. Lancaster P.G. Reg., James Lowe P.J.G.D., W. Farrance P.G.St.B., John Bailey P.G.A.D.C., H. Lashmore P.G.S.D., J. Jackson P.G.P., the Rev. R. S. Wood, M.A., P.G. Chap., Henry Pigeon jun. P.G. Org., G. Clarke P.G.S., H. Kimber P.G.S.B., Francis Powell P.G.D.C., J. Exell P.G. Tyler, R. Eames, G. A. Mursell P.P.G.S.D., T. W. Faulkner P.P.J.G.W., George Pack P.P.J.G.D., the Rev. P. G. U. Pickering P.P.G.C., A. Barfield P.P.J.G.D., James Stevens P.M. P.Z, S. Wheeler P.P.J.G.D., R. L. Roberton I.P.M. 35 W.M. designate, George Brown 328, S. S. Wheeler and Edwin Poland 35, and Joseph Reed 487, F. Osborne, H. F. W. Stallard, and R. James 35, Col. C. P. Cramer 234, H. Barlow 35, R. W. Roberts late 35, J. H. Wavell S.D., G. R. King S.W., J. G. Garnham W.M., A. Millidge J.D., C. Knell Treasurer, G. A. Brannon I.G. 151, C. Gregory, W. Pryer, J. C. Airs P.M. D.C., R. Cullingford I.G., H. H. Wheeler P.M. E. Matthews, J. Leftwich S.D., H. Halliday, W. Jones, C. Loug, and T. M. Taylor 35; P. H. Emmanuel J.W. 2068, Alfred Greenham W.M. 1884, G. J. Clarke and H. W. Dyett 35, Alfred Dashwood W.M. 698, W. Trew 35, W. Hammond Riddett Sec. 698, Henry Durrant W.M. 175, John McQueen P.M. 11, Francis Cooper P.P.G.S. 1884, Charles Carter S.W. 175, R. Sullivan and C. Stocks 35, H. Pearce 175, James Connor P.M. and Sec. 1869 P.P.G. Sec. Lanark, D. Warn 1780, W. J. Mew 1884, F. Topham Jones W.M. 551, H. Groves 151, F. P. Patch 35, F. Rayner J.W., G. Bochme 1884, N. Armstrong 441 and 151, L. T. Wilkins 1780, A. Perry 35, E. Young 35. Letters apologising for inability to attend were received from Bros. the Rev. J. N. Palmer G. Chap. Eng., Gen. the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calchorpe P.G.W. Eng., T. Gills, Hedges, W. H. St. Clair I.P.M. St. Clair Lodge, C. Hudson, the Rev. R. W. Burnaby, C. Mills, Lord John Taylour P.G.S.W., the Rev. A. A. Headley P.P.G.C., G. W. Hunter, Capt. Topper. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and prayers having been read by the Prov. Chaplain, the R.W. P.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach said they had met for a purpose that was always of great interest and importance to Masons. In constituting a new Lodge it afforded brethren an opportunity of extending and gaining Masonic knowledge. It was gratifying to see the oldest Lodge in the Province recommending the petition for a new Lodge so close to their own, and it showed a good feeling would always exist between the two Lodges, although so

to recommend the petition to the M.W.G.M. There entailed a great ancient belief of Freemasonry, and that they, as English Masons did responsibility upon the government of the Lodge, but with such good Officers as he knew those to be whom they had chosen, he had no fear but that the Osborne Lodge would be an unqualified success. From what he could hear, the population on that side of the water was increasing, and he hoped those who were anxious to join the Craft would be enabled to do so now that Masonry had been brought so close home; but, at the same time, he would impress upon the brethren not to be too anxious to initiate any who would not reflect honour on their choice. He expressed a sincere wish that the Lodge would flourish and prosper in the future, and he assured the brethren he would watch its development with great interest. The petition for the formation of the Lolge was signed by the following founders, all of the Medina Lodge: -Bros. R. L. Roberton I.P.M., G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.S.G.D., James Halliday, J. C. Airs P.M., F. R. Harris, Henry Halliday, H. T. Deacon, Wm. Pryer, Chas. Gregory, Edward Matthews, R. James, A. Perry, C. Stock, H. Hayes. The petition having been read, the Provincial Grand Master signified that it had been the pleasure of the M.W. the Grand Master to grant a warrant of incorporation. He then called on the Prov. Chaplain to deliver an oration. The oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Rev. R. S. Wood, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and Chaplain of the Albany Lodge, 151.

They were met together, he remarked, on a very solemn and important occasion, to dedicate a new Ladge to the glory of God and to the good of mankind. He said "to the glory of God," because he was convinced that the science of Freemasonry did tend in a very marked degree to promote the greater revealed glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, since it referred us continually to Him as the Ruler and Sovereign of all; and he said also "to the good of mankind," for surely a society that was based upon such great principles as brotherly love, relief, and truth, must conduce to man's greater happiness, since it was brotherly love that sweetened life, relief that mitigated its sorrows, and truth that raised mankind in the scale of created beings. Remarking that he had chosen the subject of God's existence and power as the theme of his oration that day, he said that in order to attune their hearts to the proper note of praise to their Creator and God, let them consider the heavens the work of His fingers, the moon and the stars which He had ordained; let them look at Nature in all her exquisive beauty, in all her wonderful order, breathe in her perfumes arising from thousands of flowers, drink in with their ears the delicious sounds that fell upon them on a summer's evening, or feast their eyes on some lovely scene, where the varied tints of earth blended in exquisite perfection with the deep blue of a cloudless sky, producing a picture on which one felt he would never tire to gaze. Or, again, not content with a mere superficial contemplation of Nature, let them, with the aid of the telescope, view the myriads of celestial bodies that spangled the starry heights; or let them go down into caves and caverns and note the various strata that upheavals of the earth displayed to their wondering gaze, and see the fossilled glories of a bygone age; or, not to weary them with multiplied examples, let them note the changes of the seasons, the climate, the ebb and flow of the tide, the movements of the planets, and surely as they reflected upon all these leaves in the great book which Nature opened before them, they must be impressed with the lesson of how overpowering is the majesty of Him who created all that was so wonderful and marvellous. There was a tendency in the present day to deny the existence of God, and this tendency had even, to their great regret, crept into the Freemasoury of a country not far removed from our shores. Man, the crowning work of the Creator's hand, was doubtless great, was sometimes dignified, but when it came to defying man and making a god of humanity, it was surely time to consider how little man was after all, and that, in spite of his much-vanuted science, his inventions, his art, his literature, his highly artificial civilization in comparing him with his Creator, the question arose in our minds, as it did in that of the Psalmist, "What is man that God should even regard him, or the son of man that He should deign to visit him?" Man, it was true, had done great works, had compassed magnificent architectural achievements; but could he lay the beams of his chambers in the waters or produce a mountain range the tops of which should ever whiten with perennial snows? He might apply the power of steam, and travel sixty miles in as many minutes, but could be make the clouds his chariot, and walk upon the wings of He said no one who had the opportunity of being brought into contact regarded Freemasons, who did claim to believe in God, let them not leess to the Osb rae fraige. be led away by every wind of doctrine, but rather let them precat the volume of the Sacred Law closer to their breasts, and declare the in spite of the cynical indifference of some foreign brothren in this matter, in spite of the sneers of an impatient scepticism, in spite of the seeming proofs of a perverted science, their souls would not be Thotorst was enthusianically received. Bro. Roberton, in the course hazy speculations of modern materialism, that, for their part, they Lodge would bear out the favourable promise of its inauguration.

near one another. It had afforded him therefore very great pleasure | were not ashamed to confess the aucient faith of their fathers, the believe in and would worship the grand Geometrician of the Universe, whose existence they first learned on mothers' knees, when their baby lips lisped out their infant prayer to that God whom they had since found in byhood's time, and in manhood's prime, in seasons of joy and in times of sorrow, to be indeed a loving Father to them, disobedient though they had often been to Him. Yes, they would take their stand on the ancient principle of Masonic science, and with truthful lips declare: "I believe in the Great Architect of the Universe, the Maker of heaven and earth, who in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of His hands," and, further, that though all things changed here on earththough, as their Laureate said,

> "Our little systems have their day, They have their day and cease to be,"

-yea, though the heavens and the earth passed away, yet "Thou Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Thou art the same and Thy years shall not fail. Thou remainest one God for ever and ever, and unto the ages of ages." It was with this faith in the Great Architect, shown in carrying out this great law of love for man, that they would best perform their allotted task here on earth, and so finally ascend to the Grand Lodge above, there to enjoy Light, Joy, and Bliss for evermore. So more it be!

A portion of the 133rd Psalm was sung by all present, and lessonfrom the Old Testament were read by the chaplain. The consecras tion ceremony then proceeded, and was brought to a conclusion by the singing of the anthem "Glory to God on high." The installation of Bro. Roberton P.M. 35 was then performed by the P.G.M., and the new Master invested his Officers, as follow: - Bros. G. A. Mursell P.M. 35 P.P.S.G.D. S.W., J. Halliday J.W., Airs P.M. D.C. 35 I.P.M., E Matthews Treasurer, R. James Registrar, L. T. Wilkins Secretary, H. Halliday Director of Ceremonies, C. Gregory S.D., H. T. Deacon J.D., W. Pryer I.G., Hayes Organist, A. Perry and C. Stock Stewards, Young Tyler. Notice was given of a number of propositions for joining and initiation, and it was unanimously decided to make honorary members the P.G.M. Bro. Beach, the D.P.G.M. Bro. Le Fenvre, the P.G. Chaplain Bro. the Rev. R. S. Wood, M.A., and the P.G. Secretary Bro. Goble. On behalf of Bro. Manners W.M. of 35 a banner, which was a splendid specimen of design and workmanship, having in the centre a well executed view of Osborne Palace, was presented to the W.M. for the use of the new Lodge. After the transaction of formal business, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. At the close of the ceremonies a banquet was held at the Oddfellows' Hall, East Cowes. The W.M. of the Osborne Lodge, Bro. Roberton, presided, and he was supported by the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. E. Le Feuvre), the Provincial and Past Provincial Officers who had been present in Lodge, the Worshipful Masters of the Southampton, Albany, East Medina, Yarborough, Ryde, and Chine Lodges, Officers and brethren of the Medina and other hodges, to the number of about 70 in all. The dinner was supplied by Bro. Perry of the Prince of Wales hotel. The toasts of Queen and Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the M.W. Grand Master were appropriately introduced by the W.M., who remarked how greatly the personal attachment and devotion to the R yal Family were increased in that neighbourhood by the knowledge they had of the many generous and kindly acts of its members. Bro. Faulkner P.P.J.G.D. proposed the Pro G.M. and Officers of Grand Lodge, and expressed his admiration at the exemplary way in which the Officers of Grand Lodge carried out their duties. It was very gratifying to them, and was a great honour to the Province that three of its members had been selected as Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. J. E. Le Fenvre G.J.D. Eng. briefly acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. introduced the toast of the Right W.P.G.M of Hants and the I.W., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., by reading from the toast list, which was embellished with a number of appropriately chosen poetical extracts, the quotation attached to the subject in hand:

> In faith he is a worthy gentleman. Exceeding well read, and profited In strange concealments . . . And wondrous affable.

the wind? Yet though the existence and the glory of the Great with their Provincial Grand Master, could fail to be impressed with the Universe were seen so clearly in all the beauties of his high sense of justice, his devotion to and accurate performance of Nature, there were those who denied that existence, and refused to his duty, and charmed with his affability. Bro. Beach gave expresrecognise any being whose reality was not clearly demonstrated by sion to the pleasure ne had felt at coming amongst them in the disscientific knowledge. It seemed to him that the idea of a Deity must charge of the important duty he had that day undertaken. The commend itself to the unbiassed conscience of every mun as a very progress that Masonry was making was a great subject for real conception; and yet the modern unbeliever would arrogate to concentation. In their desire to keep the new Lodge in a himself the only claim to intelligence and learning, and profess a prospection of flowed hing state, let them not be too anxious to admit pitying contempt for those who still believed in God. However, we found that belief in God and worship of Him commended itself to the viction that trees would be a credit to the Lodge and to Masoury, stupendous genius of a Newton, to the gignatic incelligence of a contract to worth they lead to make and to matter. He Faraday. Was Sir Isaac Newton a fool? Was Faraday a more could improve on this heaves the accountry of maintaining their dreamer and fanatie? And yet these great men, with braies so a meetion with the hodge, and not relinquishing active interest in vastly superior to the comparatively pigmy intellect of the modern is waring to the hopes of a few years. From the knowledge he had sceptic, thought it not inconsistent with their genits to be numble. The Roman are could a said them that the choice they had made believers in and devout worshippers of One when they recognised as so han for their War diotal Moscor promised well for the future their Creator and their God. In concluding an eloquent and powerful well-heing and posses they of the new Ledge. He had great pleasure address—here but briefly summarised—the rev. speaker said as in submitting to them the touse of the Worshipful Master, and suc-

> · · · What thanks we owe To work like thins! What praise shall we bestow? To thee the foremost honours are decreed.

satisfied with the cold destrines of a negative atheism, nor with the of a happy puch, said he only haped the future of the Osborne

Bro. Airs, in complimentary terms, proposed the health of Bro. Lancaster P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Goble Secretary. Each of these Offiers responded to the toast. In the course of his reply Bro. Goble passed a high eulogium on the promoters of the Masonic Exhibition lately held at Shanklin, and gave it as his opinion that it had been productive of much benefit to Masonry. He also said it had been his duty to attend the consecration of many new Lodges, but he had never witnessed a ceremony so ably conducted throughout as that had been that day. He paid a warm tribute to the impressive manner in which their Provincial Chaplain Bro. the Rev. R. S. Wood had performed his part of the Service, and said that though they should rejoice at his preferment, his approaching departure for India would be a distinct loss to the Province. Bro. Mursell submitted the toast of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past, and in the course of an able introduction spoke in high terms of the services rendered by many of the Provincial Grand Officers, specially complimenting the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Bro. the Rev. R. S. Wood said he only wished he deserved the kind and flattering expressions of their regard which had been made use of. He very much appreciated the great compliment they had paid him that day in making him an honorary member of the Osborne Lodge. It was one more link in the chain that bound him to the Isle of Wight. Bro. F. Newman P.G.S.W. responded; he expressed perfect agreement with the opinions of the P.G.M., and said the popularity into which Masonry had grown was in some respects a misfortune, as it was now more than ever necessary to exercise discretion in the admission of new members. The Visitors received a warm welcome at the hands of Bro. J. Halliday, who said it was very gratifying to the members of the Osborne Lodge to have had the opportunity of entertaining so many distinguished brethren. In response to the toast, Bro. Faulkner said as a member of the oldest Lodge in the Province he warmly thanked the members of the youngest for their hospitality. He hoped the time was not far distant when they should be members of each others' Lodges, only situated about 200 yards or 300 yards distant "across the water." Bro. J. G. Garnham W.M. responded for the Albany Lodge, expressing good wishes for the prosperity of the new Lodge, and Bro. H. Durrant W.M. replied for East Medina Lodge. Bro. Col. Terry, as in some sort a representative Mason, was glad to acknowledge the hospitality he had experienced. He had been initiated into Masonry in British Burmah some 25 years ago, when a Parsee was Master of his Lodge. He had visited many Lodges, in different parts of the world, and in reference to the excellent oration they had had from their Chaplain that day, he said nowhere, except in France, was it possible to obtain admission to Masoury except on an expression of belief in God. Bro. A. Dashwood W.M., also spoke in acknowledgment, and expressed the hope that the members of the Ryde Lodge might have an opportunity to reciprocate the hospitality that day dispensed. Bro. the Rev. P. G. U. Pickering proposed the Officers of the Osborne Lodge. He said it had been a great pleasure to him to come down from London to assist that day in the carrying out of a project that had been long talked of on the "other side of the water." It was an essential condition to the success of a Lodge that its Officers should be well chosen, and from the knowledge he had of the brethren in office in the Osborne Lodge he felt its prosperity was assured. Bro. Mursell P.M. and S.W. responded. He said it was when he was attending the consecration of a new Lodge at Bournemouth, that the Provincial Grand Master had given him the welcome information that he felt justified in recommending the grant of a warrant for the constitution of the Osborne Lodge. Bros. J. Halliday J.W. L. T. Wilkins Secretary, and E. Matthews Treasurer, also responded in suitable terms. In the toast of the Charities, Bro. Faulkner bore witness to the excellence of the education imparted in the Masonic schools, both girls' and boys', and to the great benefits conferred by the other Masonic Charity. The proposer warmly eulogised the great services in the cause of the Charities rendered by Bro. Mursell, whose name he coupled with the toast. Bro. G. Mursell said his dearest interests were involved in the cause of the Masonic Charities. He was once more about to take up the duties of Steward, and as an inducement to the brethren around him to follow the example set them he had the pleasure to say he had just been promised by Bro. Collingwood the handsome contribution of £5. The usual collection made at the table realised £5 11s 6d, but most of the visitors had left at this time. Bro. Garnham ably introduced the toast of the Founders, and said the splendid gathering of Masons they had had from all parts of the province that day was an augury of the future prosperity and success of the new Lodge, which he sincerely wished they might attain to. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Airs, Deacon, H. Halliday, W. Fryer, C. Stock, R. James A. Perry, and E. Poland. Bro. G. A. Brannen submitted the teast of the W.M. and Officers of the Medina Lodge. He said the members of the neighbouring Albany Lodge were well able to testify to the good feeling which animated the brethren of Modina Lodge, and to opportunity of acknowledging many acts of courtesy extended to him by their W.M., whose well deserved promotion they were all delighted to hear of. He was sore that Bro. Manners regretted as much as did they all that he was up do to be with them that day. The toast was responded to by Bros. Faulkner, Butland and Culling. ford. The Tyler's toast followed. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. J. G. Jones, L. T. Wilkins, Rev. G. Pickering, J. G. Garcham, F. Rutland, H. H. Wheeler, C. Stock, J. C. Airs, J. Halliday, &c. Altogether the inauguration proceedings were marked by a success which must have been in the highest dogree gratifying to the members of the new Lodge. We cordially join in the wish that the Osborne Lodge may enjoy a long and prosperous career.—Isle of Wight County Press.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Grand.—At a matinée given here on Thursday, the 18th instant, a new drama, in four nots, entitled "The Secrets of a Life," by Arthur Williams and George Roberts, was produced. This is a drama containing some excellent work, and after judicious cuttingwhich, by the way it wants badly—may be made a success. authors have run into the mistake of having two plots; the weakest part of the play is in the development of the second plot. Nevertheless, we have one character which will make playgoers forgive a great deal in the other parts of the dialogue. The character we refer to was impersonated by Mr. Arthur Williams, who was extremely funny. In some parts of the play we are reminded of other works, but we can overlook this when interesting situations are brought about. The play may be briefly epitomised. Dora Belmont discovers her husband, Laurence, no longer loves her, but has transferred his affections to Valentine Durncombe. This lady is assisted in her designs by Baron Barcas, who resolves Laurence Belmont's wife shall die, so that his sister can take her place. A conversation between these two is overheard by Dora, who resolves to leave her husband's house and return to her father, whose forgiveness for her disobedience in regard to her marriage she entreats. The father refuses, and tells Dora her leaving home killed her mother. Dora leaves him, and dies on the road, after handing over her child to the care of a travelling showman (Marc Antony Mumford) and his wife. Twenty years are supposed to elapse between acts 1 and 2. We now find Maurice, the son of Dora Belmont, living in ignorance as to who were his parents. He has saved the life of Lacy (Lord Belmont's ward) and has discovered she loves him. He has accepted a situation as secretary to Laurence, now Lord Belmont. Maurice tells Lucy they must part, but their interview in the garden is interrupted by her guardian and his son Albert. We now learn that Lady Belmont has decided Albert shall marry Lucy, but she refuses. Maurice is forbidden the house, and he returns to the showman, at whose residence he is visited by Lucy. Here Albert Belmont, also comes to see Julie, the show. man's daughter; he is recognised by her parents, and sent away. Later on he induces Julie to leave her home, but the fagitives are followed by Maurice and the girl's parents. Lady Belmont is denounced by the showman as a bigamist; her former husband being still alive. A struggle takes place at the house where Albert has decoyed Julie, between him and Maurice; Albert is thrown over a bridge just as the friends of Julie arrive. All now ends well; the showman producing proof of Maurice being the son of Lord Belmont. A fairly strong caste represented the several parts, foremost being Mr. Arthur Williams as the showman. This gentleman literally caused the house to be convulsed with laughter. From first to last the comical element was to the fore, and certainly Mr. Williams must be highly complimented. Miss M. A. Victor lent valuable aid as the showman's wife, while Miss Harriet Clifton was seen to advantage as Dora Belmont. Miss Marion May, a promising young actress, displayed good form, and Mr. John Le Hay was amusing as Timothy Timmins. Other parts were taken by Messrs. Frank Collings, A. C. Lilly, George Yates, Walter Steadman, Edmund Garney, Miss Beatrice Roby, and Mrs. Bennett. At the conclusion the authors were summoned, and bowed their acknowledgments.

Vaudeville.-Miss Helen Barry gave a matinée here on Wednesday afternoon, when she sustained her original character of Rachel Trevor in the "Esmonds of Virginia," a drama by A. R. Cazauran. This piece has met with great success in the provinces. but its reception at the Vandeville was unsatisfactory. The acting was fairly good, but the piece did not secure so firm a hold on the audience as might have been anticipated. Perhaps this may be accounted for,-the work being what is termed a one part play. Nevertheless the character of Rachel Trevor appeals to the audience, and in Miss Barry it has obtained a perfect representative. This lady's acting was most impressive throughout; she exhibited great emotion, which drew forth the sympathy of her audience. In short, Miss Barry gave us a good piece of character acting, and as a reward received several floral tributes and the well earned applause of the audience. Mr. Arthur Lyle's Richard Trevor was very well portraved. while Mr. Richard Brennand as Dr. Bell was excellent. Little Harry Trevor, as taken by Master Grattan, was good, and the little fellow gained deserved applause. Miss Maria Davis as Mrs. Esmond displayed a tenderness that evoked considerable sympathy, while the Captain Henry Esmond of Mr. John Nesbitt was good, especially in the last act. Miss Gertrude Tempest, Mr. Robert Peyton, Mr. Cyril Melton, and Miss Ethel Sargient, in the remaining characters, well sustained their parts.

It is currently reported that Mr. Edward Compton has been so pleased with a new farce, in three acts, read to him by an unknown the devotion of the officers to their duties. He was glad to have an nuther, thus he has seemed the acting rights of the piece, and intends to give it a trial shortly at a matinée at the Strand Theatre, with a good caste.

> Miss Florence West will produce, at a matince, a new and original comedy, entitled "Gladis," by Arthur Law, at the Strand Theatre on Wednesday 1st December.

> The Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey will hold its Annual Meeting at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, this day (Saturday). The Companions will assemble at 3 o'clock.

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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, 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)
1364—Farl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Ecclesion Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1776—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—Cavene, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 220—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvemen t)
1462—Wharneliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

MONDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Towa, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1425—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, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduet Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Ba. on's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
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1745—Farringdon, Chequers Hotel, Last Dulwich. (Instruction)
1745—Parringdon, Chequers Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1745—Rayal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1747—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1748—Rayal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1748—Rayal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1748—Rayal Military, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
55—Constitutional, Bedio. d Hotel, Southampton-blugs., Holtora, as 7 (Inst)
F66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victol a Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Survey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
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560—Frince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Pall cusic, Sisters Tavern, Pewnall-tond, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
860—Fall cusic, Sisters Tavern, Pewnall-tond, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1614—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1621—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Stree, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1396—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgeumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1496—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1496—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1496—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1496—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1496—Branton, Fremasons' Hall, Coster-street, Carlisle
347—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Noting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
230—Fraulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
340—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
347—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hot

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Affred, Roman Stad, Larasbury, and (instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckiman, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Slankespeare's Hard Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Meunt Lebaron, Windsor Castle, Southwark Strings (Castle, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Gerentes Tavern, Lead analt-street, at 7. (Instruction)
223—United Street, at 7 the Hope, Standards Street, Regent's Park, 3 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
5:8—La Torerance, Portiand Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
7720—Paumure, Balham Hotel, Enlham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Savy, Silver Tavern, burdent read, b. (Instruction)
692—Largon Re, Geose and Gradinon, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1285—Firebury Park, Cock Tavern, Highordy, at 3. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Botel, July Contentand, at 7. (Inst.)
1555—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd, S.W.
1604—Bavensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Willders, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Ins.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

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R.A. 177.—Domatic, Union Tayern A'restreet, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720.—Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, Sr. Paul's Churchvard, at 7. (Inst.)
R. A. 1580—St. Dones an's Arderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1580—St. Dones an's Arderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, St. Red Lion Squrere, W.D., at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tayern, W.O., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Sovern.-street, Biranghun
298—Harmony, Masonie Hall, Severn.-street Brisol
328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street Brisol
328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonie Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
50°—Downshire, Masonie Hall, Livernool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonie Hall, Livernool, at 3. (Instruction)
612—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Faraworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hale, Boston
972—St. Ameustine, Masonie Hall, Cantaghur, (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonie Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonie Hall, Fortland, (Instruction)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Ina, West Malling, Kont
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1063—Hartington, Masonie Hall, Coupport-street, Daruy
1061—Frene, Erme House, Tyybridge, Dovon
1167—Almwick, Masonie Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Linday, 20 King-street, Wigan
1344—Marquis of Lorne, Masonie Rooms, Loigh, Lucashire
1336—Do Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7,30, (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbucy, Gloucester,
1431—St. Alpheze, Corge Hotel, Solimul
1511—Alexar dra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1736—St. John's St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Hulfax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, King X Street, Hulfax
1842—St. Leonard
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THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.
     10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lumbeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Indee, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deorford, at 3. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Free masons' Hall, W.C.
     231—St. Andrew, Free masons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
538—La Telerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Helborn, at 7. (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Gross, Coach and Horses, Lower Potterium, at 3. (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Wanadon St., Rotherhithe New Ed. (In.)
901—City of London, Jama'ca Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.39. (Instruction)
55 - Santhern Star, Physican, Stangate, Washinston, and April 1997.
901—City of London, Jama'ca Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction) 1158—Southern Star, Phearant, Stangate, West-ainster-bendge, at 8 (Inst.) 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Taven, Boscaud drova doct, %, 3. (Instruction) 1306—St. John, Three Orowas Taven, liberal 14 Abil, E. (Instruction) 1399—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kenangson-root, at 7.30 (Instruction) 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond 1426—The Great City, Masons that, Misbara Ayanta, %, 3. (Instruction) 1554—D. Commanght, Palmerston 2 ms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.) 1892—Sir Hugh Mycholem, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 3. (Instruction)
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1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 3. (Instruction)

1614—Covent Garden, Oriterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)

1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Caurelt Steast, Chan Dewell. (Instruction)

1625—Tralogar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Rotel, Blue, E., v. 7.3). (In.)

1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street

1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch E. 1, E.C., at 5.3). (Instruction)

1674—Royal Savov, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 3. (Instruction)

1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank

1790—Old Engl. id. Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath

1791—Creaton, Vheatsheaf Tavera, Goldmark Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)

1951—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
     195: -Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
    R.A. 2-St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
    R.A. 9-Movialt, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174-Sincerity, Cheshire Cilese Tavern, Cratched Friars
R.A. 753-Prince Frederick Willing Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
     R.A. 1471—North London, Alwy as Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at S. (Instruction)
     R.A. 1716-All Saints, Vestry Liall, Furfield Road, Bow
     M.M. 197-Studbolme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
     M.M. 199-Dake of Coangagat, Haverlock, Albian-rd., Dalston, at S. (Inst.)
             21-Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasous' Hall, Real aggress, Newbastle.
     24—Newerstle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, the Figgs. Now the 31—Enited Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury 38—Union, Conneil Chamber, Chichester 41—Hogat Cumberhand, Masonic Hall, Ord Occher I-swort, Bath 59—Knights of Melta, George Hotel, Handley, Incorteshire 123—Lemacs, Freemas as' Hall, then used, Yorkshire 246—Marrows, Nanonic Hall, then used, Yorkshire 246—Marrows, Nanonic Hall, then used, Yorkshire 254—Trinity, Craven Acons Hotel, Osvenas; 266—Apthall, Masonic Hall, Narkos-phare, Hogwood 269—Finelity, Nasonic Hall, Calibotedh, as is $234—Constitutional, Assembly Douis, deverly, Forks 205—Comberniers Union, sheetesdorf Ag as, Masonic estimates
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         16—Benevolent, Town Hail, Wous, Bounc st saire, 5 9—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Streeton, Dariman.
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913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Braton, Somerset

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1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirk by Lousdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1283—Brent, Globellotel, Topshum, Devonshirre
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
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1304—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Footle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Parlington, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1530—Cranbourne, Red Loon II tol, data data flacts, at 3. (Instruction)
1639—Wathing-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1770—Valo of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Coch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 334—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 329—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Caesaure
R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheilield
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FRIDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

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Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In) 507—United Pilgrims. Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.3 (Inst.) 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich 766—Withiam Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Gaker St., at 8. (In) 780—Royal Alfred, Saar and Garter, Kow Bridge, at 8. (Instruction) 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction) 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 833—Dorie, 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) 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Cattle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In) 1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction) 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction) 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction) 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Aneriey
R.A.—Pannaure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
       R.A.—Pannure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. R.A. 19—Pytnagorean, Cort and third, Initial Street, Greenwich. (Inst). R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Grown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
                44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suifolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildball, Doncaster.
306—Alf ed, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Suition Road, Loughton, at 7.3). (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam Arth, Hall tersield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Sulpp
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
         680—Setton, Adelpin Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, 'Housestor
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1090—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Josal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick,
1387—Choriton, Masonic Rooms, Choriton Can Aurly
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall,
1557—Albert Edward, Rush Hotel, Hayban
       1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancastive.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Silem-street, Bristiand.
1664—Gostorth, Freemasons' Hall, Hign-street, Fractiond.
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1664—Gostorth, Freemasons' Hall, Hign-street, Birmingham, at 3 k.a.—ceneral Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 369—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Aloion Terrace, Southampton k.a. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
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SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER. General Committee Boys' Schoot, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottennam Court Rt., at 3 (Iu)

1564—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at / (Instruction) 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross

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1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccieston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Educy Street, S.W., at i (Insecuction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Smar Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, degenese, W., to R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at S. (Instruction) R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rednill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
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1466—Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brigaton

12.6-Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (10 struction)

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