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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE December Communication of Grand Lodge, held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, was, as we had anticipated would be the case, very numerous attended, and on the whole the proceedings may be characterized as having been most satisfactory. To mark the interest taken by the heads of the Order in the affairs of the Craft, whenever anything of a special character is to be considered, the throne was occupied by the Pro Grand Master, the highest Masonic dignitary who, under all the circumstances of the meeting, could be present, as it might hardly be considered in good taste for the Grand Master himself to attend on the occasion of the nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Earl of Carnarvon was supported in Grand Lodge by Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hampshire and Isle of Wight, as Deputy Grand Master, Lord Herschell S.W., Col. Sackville West P.G.W. as S.W., Revs. J. N. Palmer and Rev. W. Mortimer Heath Chaplains, D. P. Cama Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick Registrar, Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, E. E. Wendt Sec. Ger. Cor., Samuel Pope S.D., Ralph Clutton and J. E. Le Feuvre J.D.'s; Sir Albert Woods Dir. of Cers., R. G. Glover Dep. Dir. of Cers., H. T. Wood Asst. Dir. of Cers., W. Roebuck Swd. Bearer, E. D. Davis and H. Greene Stand. Bearers, W. Parratt Organist, A. Lucking Pursuivant, W. H. Perryman Assist. Pursuivant. Altogether about 500 brethren were present.

The minutes of the last Communication, in so far as they referred to the Treasurership of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, were challenged by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who revived the question discussed at the last Grand Lodge, as to the legality of the alteration recently made by the Benevolent Institution, removing the duties of Treasurer of the Institution from the Grand Treasurer for the time being to a brother elected by the subscribers to the Charity. Bro. Cumberland argued the last election was irregular, inasmuch as the alteration in the rules had not been approved by Grand Lodge. The Pro Grand Master thought the occasion was not the proper one at which to discuss the question; it did not interfere with the minutes; but subsequently he explained that he had been mistaken in regard to this point; at the same time he did not consider that the best occasion for discussing the subject, and felt that perhaps Bro. Cumberland would be content with having mentioned the matter. The minutes were then put and confirmed.

The Pro Grand Master then submitted the communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master in regard to the future position of the President of the Board of Benevolence. He hardly doubted, from what he had heard, but that this communication would be acceptable to Grand Lodge. By desire of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales he submitted the following resolution:—

“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.”

This message from the Most Worshipful Grand Master needed little explanation from him. The brethren who attended Grand Lodge were aware how largely the busi-

ness of the Board of Benevolence had increased during the last few years. At every Quarterly Meeting they were called upon to approve grants, varying no doubt in amount, but often running to very considerable sums, on behalf of the less fortunate members of the Craft. Those grants, which were generally passed without much delay, entailed a large amount of serious previous consideration. Further than this, the Board of Benevolence had, of recent years, much enlarged the scope of its duties, and had had more business thrown upon it; it was, therefore, very important that its President should hold a fitting position in Grand Lodge. For this reason the office was in the appointment of the Grand Master, and was made annually, though, as a matter of fact, the same brother was generally selected to fill it. They had, unfortunately, that night to lament the loss of one who had fulfilled the duties for a long period, and who was, he thought, universally respected in the Craft for his courtesy, his kindness, his Masonic charity, and his devotion to duty. This place it was the duty of the Grand Master to fill, and he had been pleased to select Bro. Robert Grey for the appointment. The Pro G. Master felt sure that the selection would be agreeable to those present, and with those few words—partly of sincere and genuine regret for him whose loss they deplored, and partly to announce the change the Grand Master had thought it expedient to make—he left the resolution in the hands of Grand Lodge. Bro. Sir John Monckton seconded the proposal, which was approved.

The next business on the agenda was the nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen nominated H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It had fallen to his good fortune, he said, to make the proposition, and in doing so he felt he might perhaps be allowed to refer to the many claims which His Royal Highness had upon the Freemasons of the kingdom. He trusted he might also be allowed to allude to the fact that they were assembled on an auspicious day, the birthday of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales.

The nomination of a Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, Bro. Robert Berridge submitting the name of Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P., for the office, and Bro. G. A. Vennell nominating Bro. Richard Eve I.P.M. 165.

The Grand Secretary announced that the Globe Lodge had nominated Bro. Edward Nixey to fill the vacancy on the Board of Grand Stewards caused by the death of Bro. E. C. Mather, and that the Grand Master had approved of the nomination.

The officials of the Board of Benevolence were then formally announced, Bro. Grey being declared President, Bro. James Brett Senior Vice President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice President, the former on the appointment of the Grand Master, and the two latter as the choice of the Craft. The following twelve Past Masters were declared elected (no others having been nominated) to serve on the Board:—Bros. Britten 183, Brown 90, Cull 1446, Cundy 901, Dairy 141, Haslip 813, Hogard 205, Mercer 1641, Read 511, Spaul 1768, Taylor 144, and Woodward 1538.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was then brought up, and the recommendations contained therein (of which we gave a list last week) were agreed to.

Considerable discussion ensued on the submission of the Report of the Board of General Purposes, which, as our

readers will remember, embraced some resolutions defining the status of Past Masters outside their own Lodges. As the subject is one worthy of considerable discussion, and as the decision ultimately arrived at was carried by the narrow majority of one vote, in an assembly of 421 voters, we shall refer further to the matter in a future issue. The decision arrived at on Wednesday makes it illegal for the Past Masters to wear their collars outside their own Lodge, except when attending Grand, Provincial, or District Grand Lodge.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart very wisely acted in accordance with our suggestion of last week, and postponed his motion in reference to a grant towards the proposed Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India until the next Quarterly Communication, in March, by which time we hope sufficient will be known in regard to the proposed Institute to enable the brethren to give a decided opinion as to the part they will take in connection with it. This completing the business, Grand Lodge was closed.

LIMITATIONS OF OBLIGATIONS.

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

(Continued from p 341.)

DUTY TO ONE'S NEIGHBOUR AS WELL AS TO ONE'S SELF.

THE last two limitations are very closely bound together; so closely, in fact, that they may well be spoken of as one. A man who is true to others will be true to himself, and the very highest proof of Masonic manhood is the discharge of the obligations connected with the social relations of life. Hence social duty includes all that relates to one's self, even as the circle contains the point within. The obligations which are connected with our duty to our neighbours cannot be laid aside—or repudiated by any one who professes to live and act as a Mason should. Hence we find that the virtues of friendship and charity are both included in this portion of human duty, and that the Masonic obligation emphasizes this by making their practice an essential part of the life to which the Mason has bound himself, and by precept and illustration in lectures and ceremonials setting forth the beauty and desirability of their exercise. If anything were required to prove the power of Masonry in brightening human life, the prominence which is given to the practice of acts of neighbourly duty might reasonably be cited. And here no "pent-up Utica" contracts the Mason's sphere, for, in its widest sense, this duty reaches out to and embraces all mankind. Stress may be given to special obligation to those of "the household of faith," but the Great Master's definition of "neighbour" is regarded in Masonry as the only true one, and wherever the cry of suffering humanity is lifted up to heaven there must the true Mason be ready to go in answer to the appeal, as far as lies within his power. Wherever human woe and toil and sorrow may be relieved by the kindly touch of human sympathy and the generous exercise of a broad charity, there must the ennobling influence and teachings of Masonry be manifested in generous emulation as to who can do the most and work the hardest in the relief of the distress and the lightening of the burdens of life—

"Since heart from heart may borrow
Healing for deep heart sorrow."

Thus Masonry teaches us to make firm and lasting friendships based upon the practice of the virtues which most adorn and bless life. It is not so much *precept* as *practice* which we desire, and to this end all instruction tends. And yet we are to draw the distinction in these things between the charity and friendships bestowed upon the worthy, and the refusals given to those who are vicious, idle or depraved. The latter have no solid claim on the sympathy or countenance of Masonry, and when by accident they become invested with the mysteries, it is not a part of Masonic obligation to stand to and sustain them so long as they refuse to forsake their evil ways. It is the teaching of Masonry that virtue can alone prepare the heart for Masonic instruction, and it follows that whenever virtue departs all the force of obligation is destroyed, and the only claim which can then be asserted is the claim which is founded upon common humanity and common

suffering. Masonic obligation, then, teaches us to discharge the duties we owe to God and to man, and around these duties it draws a circle which cannot be passed for any pledge taken in support of itself. Masonry thus, by reason of its very limitations, becomes a prop, and more, a corner-stone to all that is good and noble and elevating in human life. The very mainspring of all its principles and all its work is the great commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength, and thy neighbour as thyself." Here is the heart of Masonry; here is its fundamental limitation; here is its hope and assurance of permanence and usefulness. Masonry is thus, by virtue of its very limitations, strong and vigorous. Appealing to all that is best and noblest in our nature, and lending its mighty influence to the faithful performance of each human duty, it builds itself when it strengthens men to the discharge of the obligations of life, and in retiring when other duties must be discharged, it gathers power and wins confidence. It intertwines in sacred chain all the obligations which sustain the home and the state, and with them its blessing is given to the bonds of friendship and the charities of life.

Let us recognize, then, the strength and the limitations of Masonry and with voice and hand foster what is thus founded on true humanity and the broadest philanthropy.

May this Grand Lodge of Oregon stand foremost in all that will extend the true principles of the Order, until the time shall come when its mission of charity and truth is accomplished and universal brotherhood rules the earth. Then let us

"Do good, not dream it all day long;
So then shall life, death, and that vast for ever,
Be one grand, sweet song."

Voice of Masonry.

THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

THERE was a period, long continued, in the history of most Masonic jurisdictions when the subordinate Lodges were under the immediate and sole supervision of the Grand Master of Masons. This custom began when the Lodges were few in number, and the Grand Master's supervision could be adequately maintained over them all; but it was continued after the circumstances became greatly altered, when the Lodges had largely multiplied, and when it was impossible for any one brother to superintend the work of such a host of subordinate Masonic bodies. The result was, these bodies became dissatisfied with the inattention to which they were subjected, and sought for some change of system which might improve their condition. This was the case in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as it was in other jurisdictions. Grand Masters themselves were dissatisfied with the then status of affairs, for they were conscious that it was physically impossible for them to visit all, or even a tithe of, the Lodges under their respective jurisdictions, so that both Lodges and Grand Lodges contemporaneously sought for some method of relief. It was found in the system of appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, who, in their several Districts, should represent the Grand Master. With a roll of Lodges of from five to fifteen in number under the Deputy's care, it became his duty to visit each one of them *at least* once in every year, to receive all communications from them, to advise and direct them, reporting and accounting annually to the Grand Master for the performance of his duties, and receiving such authority and aid from him from time to time as the circumstances required. This system has proved an admirable one—so admirable that it seems impossible to improve upon it. It brings the Grand Master home to each Lodge. It gives the District Deputy so circumscribed a territory, having so few Lodges within it, that it is possible for him to know each one of them intimately and well, to be familiar with their officers and active members, and to supervise, direct and correct the work in such a manner as to insure its proper rendition.

It follows from what has been stated, that the condition and prosperity of every subordinate Lodge depends very largely upon the faithful performance by the District Deputy Grand Master of the duties incumbent upon him. Any Lodge for a long period left to itself will almost necessarily fall into errors of practice, which will increase

in geometrical proportion with the flight of years, so that we can fancy a neglected Lodge might reach such a condition as scarcely to be recognisable as a Masonic Lodge. It is always easy to go astray—any Lodge having a ghost of a chance will do it. Even the most careful officers are sometimes forgetful. Hence the importance of constant supervision and direction.

What, then, are the primary, imperative duties of a District Deputy Grand Master?

(1) To visit each Lodge in his jurisdiction at least once in every Masonic year. Nothing but sickness should excuse one from the performance of this duty. The private business of the Deputy is no sufficient excuse. He should not have accepted the office if he could not find the leisure to perform its duties. To neglect this most important of all duties is to discredit himself with his brethren, and to directly injure the portion of the Craft committed to his immediate care. Nothing injures in this matter like neglect.

(2) At each visit the District Deputy has a number of duties to perform. His fraternal greeting of his brethren has a most happy effect. It places him *en rapport* with them. They are made ready to obey his behests. He goes among them as their friend and brother, seeking to advance their highest interests. He is, in consequence, always gladly welcomed. Early in each Masonic year he should make these visits. Let him make them when "the empire is peace," rather than wait until, possibly, some difficulty has arisen, and he has to officiate in the sometimes difficult rôle of a peace-maker. Once present, his first care should be to examine the minute book of the Lodge, and see that both in matter of substance and form it is correct. This done, and the necessary corrections indicated, his next duty is to examine the work of the Lodge, as performed by the Officers, correct it, and, if time permits, afterwards exemplify it himself. This is all important. The opening and closing should be made to conform to established usage, as should every other part of the ritual. Uniformity is important, because without it there soon comes to be an infinite variety. The standard work should be insisted on and carefully taught—not the possible Masonry of some other jurisdiction, but the actual Masonry of our own. To accomplish this, repeated visits may be necessary; whatever time is required should be unselfishly devoted to the duty. The Craft demands it, and the Craft should have it.

Supplemental to his own diligent performance of official obligations, the District Deputy should, from time to time, seek to obtain a Grand Visitation from the Grand Master, accompanied by his Grand Officers. This always is attended with the happiest results. It largely draws out the membership, it leads the officers to perfect themselves in the work, and it healthily stimulates the Lodges in all of their higher activities.

Happy are the Grand Lodges which have an able, conscientious, active and self-sacrificing body of District Deputy Grand Masters. They are ornaments to Masonry. They maintain its integrity, honour its Landmarks, insure fidelity to its usages and customs, and so supervise all of the Labour of the Craftsmen that it redounds to their own credit, and promotes the best welfare of the Fraternity.—*Keystone.*

EXPANSIVENESS OF FREEMASONRY.

THE Masonic system has a marvellous breadth of teaching and application. It includes ideas and principles that relate to the whole conduct of life. Its ceremonies and symbolism signify manifold private duties and public obligations. There is a wideness to Masonic inculcations which no other system of merely human origin may claim to possess. It is the glory of our Institution, founded upon a system which covers such broad ranges of thought and duty, that it cannot be held within the lines of a narrow, technical expression. The genius of Freemasonry demands diffusiveness; its natural tendencies require not only that there shall be a due expansion of its organic life, but that there shall be a broad, free application both of its principles and spirit, that so the world at large may be helped to better things.

At the recent consecration of De Satton Lodge, No. 2144, at Bowden, England, the orator of the occasion, Bro. the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, in treating of the universality of Freemasonry, used the following suggestive illustration:

"In the Arabian Nights we read of a fairy tent which a young prince brought hidden in a walnut shell to his father. Placed in the council chamber, it encanopied the king and his ministers. Taken into the courtyard, all the household stood beneath its shade. Brought into the midst of the great plain outside the city, it spread its mighty awning all around until it gave shelter to a host. It had infinite flexibility, infinite expansiveness, and infinite power of development. So it was with Masonry. It had covered Europe with its shadow; it had found acceptance with east and west, with African and American tribes, and it was still spreading in the world, and it operated unspent by its own divine and earnest vitality." The reference and its application are alike appropriate. No other institution has such fitness for universal reception, or addresses itself with so much of force and blessing to that one common human nature in which all nations and peoples have share. Its ministries are not limited to some one age or locality, to a special class of minds, or to some one phase of life and character. It is not bound by social customs or national prejudices and peculiarities. It knows no sect or party as such, and it rises above everything that is narrow and technical in its enforcement of grand truths which meet the wants of humanity everywhere, and the fulfilment of its mission to respect genuine manhood wherever found.

The Masonic Institution drives some stakes deeply down, and draws firmly certain lines that fix its character and work; but all this does not interfere with that catholicity and large-heartedness which belong to its expression. Whatever rules may be laid down and precise formulæ adopted, whatever limits may be appointed for the specific exercise of Masonic virtues and obligations, it should yet be remembered that the great, underlying principles of the Fraternity have a bearing upon the world at large, and in their natural diffusiveness must contribute an influence of help and blessing to mankind. It is a matter of just pride to all true Craftsmen that the Masonic system can be interpreted and applied in this broad way, and that its beneficent fruits may be gathered from so many branches. The spirit and sentiment of Freemasonry are finding expression in many organisations, permeating many of the enterprises and movements of these later days, and thus there is being accomplished a mightier and more blessed work than is shown by any numerical or financial exhibit.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—An announcement was made in one of the City Journals last week that it was proposed that I should be put in nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. In consequence of the solicitation of many friends in the Craft I had to some extent given my consent thereto, and a large measure of support was promised in that event. But for the sake of avoiding as far as possible a contest which at the present moment might be objectionable I have asked my friends to defer their kind interest until the next period of election when, I shall do myself the honour to offer myself in the manner they propose.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALBERT J. ALTMAN.

City Steam Works, Barbican, 1st December 1886.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE GIRLS' SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I sincerely trust that at the next election, for this or any other sort, that the House Committee of the Girls' School will feel themselves competent to manage their own affairs, without calling in the aid of the myrmidons of the law. I have every respect and esteem for those necessary evils the police, to whom we are so largely indebted for the peace and security in which we live, but I consider it nothing less than an insult to the brethren generally to markedly show them they are so unruly and misbehaved that it is necessary to call in the assistance of the men in blue to keep them in order. Robert's place is outside the house, to keep cowans out; not inside, to dictate to the members of Masonic or other bodies. If there must be distinctive aid, why not employ the Commissionaires?

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

MASONIC AND ANTI-MASONIC PROCESSIONS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

I MAILED last week to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE a photograph of the first page of the "Westminster Journal, or Weekly Miscellany," of 8th May 1742, containing a picture of a "Scald Miserable" procession on the previous 27th of April. There is also another caricature of the same turn-out of the mock Masons. I own a copy on a reduced scale, but the original broadside is thus described in Nichols' and Stevens' edition of Hogarth, Vol. II., p 159 et seq.

"The print, representing a view of the Somerset House in the Strand, is 3 feet 11½ inches in length and ten inches in width, and is intitled 'A Geometrical view of the Grand Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons, designed as they were drawn up over against the Somerset House in the Strand on the twenty-seventh of April Anno. 1742. Invented and engraved by A. Benoist,' " &c.

The procession of the Grand Lodge of 27th April 1742, together with the rival procession of the Scald Miserables, must have created a demand for the caricatures, for I find that "the great demand there has been made for the Westminster Journal of the 8th instant occasioned reprinting the following piece." The said piece is simply a sarcasm on Masonic processions, repeating the description of the Scald Miserables. In short, it seems that a second edition of the Westminster Journal was issued; thus the Masonic procession of 1742 brought out two distinct caricatures exhibiting the procession in different parts of London. Now I confess that I hitherto supposed that the "Scald Miserables" (as they styled themselves) made their first appearance in 1742. Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, however, assured me that he bought at Spencer's sale some years ago a broadside of a procession of Miserables of 1741, and referred me to Hone's Every Day Book for a copy of that picture, and I subsequently found that there was a procession of Scald Miserables in 1711. I must now, however, say something about the origin and evolution of our modern Masonic processions.

From Anderson I learn that on 24th June 1722 Grand Master Wharton came to Merchant Taylor's Hall, attended by some eminent brothers in their coaches. On the next 24th June the eminent brothers came in their coaches "duly clothed." After which they processioned around the table in the Hall. The next Masonic procession took place 27th December 1728. In 1730 the Masonic show was made more attractive, for on that occasion brothers without distinction rode in carriages, while the brothers of distinction rode in chariots. In 1734 the science of Masonic processioning was further improved by the addition of a band of music, which played grandly on trumpets, hautboys, kettledrums, and French horns. I must here, however, add that in America the science of Masonic processioning has been further advanced by the turn-out of hundreds, or even thousands, of great Masonic philosophers, wearing cocked hats and swords, and what not, who collectively look the picture of sublimity, and are generally admired by American gazers as nearly equal to a Barnum circus procession. In England, however, there was an opposition to Masonic processions from its very start; for no sooner had the "distinguished brothers, duly clothed," made their public appearance, than the Chinese Order of the "Gormagons" came also out in public procession, and these Gormagon processions may have been the cause of discontinuing Masonic processions between 1724 and 1728. Any-how, the Gormagons turned out in 1728 and 1730, and Harry Carey, in his poems, printed in 1729, gave us the following doggrel:—

"The Masons and the Gormagons
Are laughing at each other,
While all mankind are laughing at them,
Then why do they make such a pother?"

"They bait their hooks for simple gulls,
And truth with bait they smother,
But when they've taken their culls,
Why then 'tis—'Welcome Brother.'"

The said Carey was the author of "Sally in our Alley," and of "God save the King," the former was printed, with other poems of Carey, in 1729; the latter was composed later on. Carey was also the Doctor or Surgeon to the Prince of Wales, and as the Prince was a Mason Carey should have stopped manifesting his contempt for the Free-

masons. But it was not in his nature so to do. Well, the said Carey, a Mr. Whitehead, and some other jolly boys, managed to scrape sufficient money together, and organized a mock Masonic procession, on 19th March 1741. On the next day the following notice thereof appeared in the London Daily Post:—

"Yesterday some mock Free-Masons marched through Pall Mall and the Strand as far as Temple Bar in procession; first went fellows on jack-asses, with cowhorns in their hands; then, a kettle drummer on a jack-ass, having two butter-firkins for kettle-drums; then followed two carts, drawn by jack-asses, having in them the Stewards with several badges of their Order; then came a mourning coach, drawn by six horses, each of a different colour and size, in which were the Grand Master and Wardens, the whole attended by a vast mob. They stayed without Temple Bar till the Masons came by, and paid their compliments to them, who returned the same with an agreeable humour that possibly disappointed the witty contriver of this mock scene, whose misfortune is, that though he has some wit, his subjects are generally so ill chosen that he loses by it as many friends as other people of more judgment gain."

The Prince of Wales was so disgusted with Dr. Carey's doings that he dismissed him from his service, but that did not stop the jolly boys from repeating the fun on the next turn-out of the Grand Lodge, for besides causing a broadside to be published, a copy of which, as already mentioned, was obtained by Bro. Carson (but unfortunately burnt in the conflagration of the Cincinnati Temple), the newspaper of 28th April 1742 announced as follows:—

"Yesterday being the annual feast of the antient and honourable society of Free and Accepted Masons, they made a grand procession from Brook-street to Haberdashers' Hall, where an elegant entertainment was provided for them, and the evening was concluded with that harmony and decency peculiar to that Society.

"Some time before the Society began their cavalcade, a number of shoe-cleaners, chimney-sweeps, &c., on foot and in carts, with ridiculous pageants carried before them, went in procession to Temple-Bar, by the way of a jest on Freemasons, at the expense, as we hear, of one hundred pounds sterling."

As the 1742 procession, was ridiculed in two distinct caricatures, it seems to have damped the ardour of the Craft for public processioning, for in 1743 there was no Masonic procession. But as Carey died in 1743 our brethren probably imagined that the "Scald Miserables" died with him; hence, on 2nd May 1744, the Grand Lodge again paraded. But on the next day, the following statement appeared in the papers:—

"Yesterday several of the mock-masons were taken up by the constable empowered to impress men for his Majesty's service, and confined till they can be examined by justices."

This rather high-handed action of the constable doubtless encouraged those brethren who like to make a public show of themselves to try the experiment once more. Accordingly, the Grand Lodge again paraded in 1745; the books in my possession fail to quote any newspaper reports of 1745. But in Hone's "Every Day Book," Vol. 2nd, April 18th, there is a picture of a mock procession, and at the bottom of the picture is the following inscription:—

"THE SOLEMN AND STATELY PROCESSION
OF THE SCALD MISERABLE MASONs,

As it was martial'd on Thursday, the 18th of this instance,
April."

Thereon Mr. Hone remarks, "The year wherein this procession took place is not ascertainable from the broadside; but from the mode of printing and other appearances it seems to have been some years before that which is represented in a large two-sheet 'Geometrical View' . . . as drawn up over against the Somerset House in the Strand on the 27th of April 1742."

Now, I have carefully examined the dates of all the meetings of the Grand Lodge from 1717, and found that it never held a meeting on the 18th of April before 1745, when the Grand Lodge marched in procession; and what is more, the 18th of April in 1745 was on a Thursday. The picture in Hone's Book furnishes therefore evidence of a turn-out of the Scald Miserables in 1745. I however strongly suspect that the broadside from which Hone copied the picture was a second edition of the 1741 broadside, with the inscription changed in order to adapt it for

the 1745 procession. I have already stated that Bro. Carson referred me to Hone's picture as resembling the one of 1741, and the description of the *Daily Post* (above quoted) of the mock-masons' procession of 1741 coincides nearly with Hone's picture. But nevertheless the broadside from which Hone copied furnishes evidence of a Scald Miserable procession in 1745, and what is more, that very 1745 procession of the Miserables gave the final blow to Masonic processions in London, for in 1746 there was no procession, and in 1747 the Grand Lodge prohibited public Masonic processions. In country towns the good looking brethren, who like to show themselves for the admiration of the ladies, dressed up in their finery, do now and then obtain permission to turn-out, and thus gratify their vanity; but not so in London. Once, and once only, Preston and some members of the Lodge of Antiquity ventured to cross the street from their place of meeting to a church with their aprons on, for which they were suspended by the Grand Lodge from the Craft.

In Hogarth's works, above referred to, there is a caricature, with the following inscription, viz. :—

"The Mystery of Masonry brought to light by the Gormagons."

On which is depicted the Emperor of China, Confucius, with a long beard—"Done from ye original, painted at Pekin." Strange to say, I never saw a Chinaman with a beard. As China is called the "Celestial Empire," two dignitaries on the picture respectively carry the sun and moon, as emblems of celestuality. There are other ludicrous figures in the picture. The writer says :

"I should suspect that this plate was published about 1742, when the procession of the Scald Miserables had been produced to parody the cavalcade of Freemasons, who ever afterwards discontinued their annual processions."

But, in the first place, I have already shown that Masonic and Scald Miserable processions took place after 1742; and, second, I have always suspected that the caricature in Hogarth was originally not intended to ridicule Masons at all, but only the Gormagon processions—the plate must, therefore, have been engraved before 1730, as the Gormagons ceased to turn-out after that year—for, with the exception of the sun and moon (for which a reason has already been given) there is not a solitary emblem on the picture that Masons then used in their Lodges. The Masonizing of that caricature seems to have been what is called a second thought. The plate, in a measure, lost its value after the dissolution of the Gormagons, and the demand created by the turn-out of the Scald Miserables in 1741, and afterwards, probably suggested to the owner of the plate to alter the inscription, and thus make it again marketable. Indeed, Nichols says that, "To the earliest impression of this plate the name of Sayer—for whom it was re-touched—is wanting." Here then is an admission that the inscription was re-touched, and, if so, it is not improbable that it was altogether materially changed. I have shown that a second edition of the Scald Miserable broadside of 1741 had its inscription changed, in order to adapt it for a procession in 1745, and we all know that changing of inscriptions at the bottom of engravings is one of the tricks of the trade. The editor of Hogarth (Nichols) further informs us that Messrs. Laurie and Whittle possess the original plate, and that "it was re-published in 1798 by Mr. T. Phillips, and, on a smaller scale, in Mr. John Ireland's *Illustrations*, Vol. III. p 243, where see further account of it." Well, as I was anxious to learn all I could about that Hogarth picture, after considerable trouble I found a set of Ireland's Hogarth; the third Volume thereof was printed in 1804, but I could neither find therein the picture, nor any allusion thereto.

I have thus far examined every edition of Hogarth I could find in Boston, and but in one very recent edition I found the Gormagon picture inserted, without, however, any comment in the text. Still I hope that some inquisitive brother will pursue the inquiry, and will find out whether my conclusion about the Gormagon caricature is correct or not.

BOSTON, U.S.A., 19th November 1886.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Soldiers and Sailors.—These well-known and easily used remedies are especially serviceable and convenient for those who, like soldiers and sailors, are exposed to great changes of climate, and the hard-hips inseparable from their calling. Many of the diseases engendered in the system from these and other untoward causes can be checked and controlled by attention at their onset, and in Holloway's remedies will be found a ready means of relief, without hindrance from duty. Many a man is invalided and rendered more or less a burden to himself and friends from neglect of the early symptoms of his complaint, which calamity might be averted by timely resort to the use of Holloway's Pills and Ointment.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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MEDINA LODGE, No. 140.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 25th ult. The brethren assembled at the Lodge room, High Street, West Cowes; Bro. T. W. Faulkner presided, supported by the Officers and Brethren. Bro. Stock, Lodge 35, was advanced to the degree of M.M.M., after which the Wor. Master Elect, Bro. R. L. Robertson P.G.J.O., was installed for the second time as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Faulkner P.M. The W.M. then invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Rutland P.P.G. Org. S.W., A. Barfield J.W., T. W. Faulkner Treas., R. Cullingford Sec., A. Lee M.O., J. Halliday S.O., J. Leftwich J.O., T. M. Taylor S.D., A. Perry J.D., E. Poland Reg. of M., C. Stock I.G., E. Young Tyler. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where an excellent banquet was served under the supervision of Bro. J. Leftwich.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

AN unusually interesting and important meeting of this old Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at Cannon-street Hotel, when, in addition to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, there was a formidable array of work on the agenda paper, a notable item of which being the introduction into the Craft of Mr. Frederick Wootton Isaacson, M.P. for the St. Pancras Division of the Tower Hamlets. A numerous and distinguished company of members and visitors assembled, under the presidency of Bro. A. J. Henochsberg W.M., who was supported by Bros. Solomon Jacobs S.W., R. Paton J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. P.P.G. Supr. of Works Essex S. Secy, J. De Masquita S.D., Rev. M. Hines Chaplain, J. Da Silva P.M. Dr. of C. S., J. Lichtenfeld Steward, E. H. Norden I.P.M., A. Bassington P.M., M. I. Emanuel P.M., J. A. Gartley P.M., I. P. Cohen P.M., S. M. Harris P.M., H. J. Phillips P.M., W. Littaur P.M., and H. M. Harris P.M., together with about 40 other brethren, and Bro. J. Rawles Tyler. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Klingenstein P.M. 73, J. Lee Dale 948, J. Seigenberg 1668, J. Loftus 1306, H. J. Amphlett, and others. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, including a vote of five guineas to St. George's and twenty guineas as a testimonial to Bro. C. F. Hogard, the esteemed and indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge, the ballot was opened for the following candidates:—Messrs. Frederick Wootton Isaacson, M.P., D.L., F. R. Jones, I. Dancyger, and Isaac White. All were unanimously accepted, and the ceremony of initiation was performed in a masterly and impressive manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bros. S. Schumann and J. Solomons were then raised to the sublime degree, this ceremony being also perfectly carried out. The brethren next proceeded to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, their choice falling unanimously on Bro. Solomon Jacobs, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past twelve months. Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services. On the motion of Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M., it was resolved that the sum of two guineas be voted to the Frederick Binckes Testimonial Fund; and—on the motion of the Worshipful Master elect—"That the members of the Lodge do form themselves into a Committee to carry out the arrangements for the annual Ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge." It was subsequently resolved to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. A. J. Henochsberg on his retirement from the chair, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the ability and zeal with which he had carried out the duties of his office, and that ten guineas should be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The following brethren were elected to serve on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. M. Cohen P.M. President, H. M. Harris P.M. Vice-President, E. Gompus, E. J. Loewe, M. Abrahams, and R. Paton. Committee business having been concluded with the customary interchange of amenities, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday, 25th January, when the installation meeting will take place. Later in the evening a supper was provided by Bro. H. P. Kilby, the manager of the Hotel, the arrangements being admirably carried out under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kite. At its conclusion, the usual toasts were submitted, the Worshipful Master observing that, as the work in Lodge had driven them rather late, lengthy set speeches would be undesirable, and he would briefly give them Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft. Bro. E. H. Norden I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, spoke of the able manner in which he had performed the duties of his office, an excellent specimen of his work having been witnessed in the Lodge-room that day. Were it not that his successor was a good working Mason, they would be sorry to lose their present Master. The Worshipful Master, after thanking the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast, said, in respect of the work done during the year, he only hoped he had borne out the expectations they had formed of him when, twelve months ago, they elected him to fill the high and honourable position he now occupied. He trusted that his work had satisfied them; he could only say he had done his best to please them in every way. He thankfully acknowledged the support he had received from the Officers and brethren generally during his year of office, and he thought he might say without any egotism that the year had been as successful as many of its predecessors. He should have an opportunity of saying more on the night of the installation of his successor; and as time was on the wing he would content himself now with merely once more thanking them for their support, and for the handsome manner in which they had appreciated

his services by proposing a testimonial to him in the Lodge that evening. He then proposed, in felicitous terms, the Initiates, congratulating the Lodge upon the acquisition of four excellent members, one of whom had already made his mark in Parliamentary life. Bro. Isaacson, M.P., responded, in a lengthy and humorous speech, in the course of which he regretted he had lost many of the pleasures of this life, inasmuch as he should have joined the Craft twenty-five years ago. He was much impressed and gratified with the ceremony he had gone through, and the solemn and impressive rites he had witnessed would be remembered by him to his latest hour. The other initiates also acknowledged the toast in a few happily chosen sentences. Bro. C. F. Hogard said the Worshipful Master had desired him to thank them for the liberal manner in which they had supported him as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, his list had reached within a few shillings of £50; he warmly advocated the claims of that important Charity. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master elect, congratulated the brethren upon the wise selection they had made by choosing Bro. Solomon Jacobs as his successor in the chair. In him they had a thorough good Masonic worker, a young man of great energy in everything he undertook, and a brother who had proved himself well worthy of the position to which they had elected him. Bro. Jacobs having suitably responded, Bro. Hogard gave the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel, which, at the present time, amounted to just over £1000. They had had heavy calls upon them during the year, between £70 and £80 having been disbursed amongst necessitous brethren. The fund was essentially for the benefit of distressed brethren—members of the Lodge—who might need assistance; and it was done in such a way that no brother except the Committee knew who it was that had been relieved. The toast was acknowledged at some length by Bro. A. M. Cohen, the President of the Fund, who warmly exhorted the younger members of the Lodge especially to support the Fund. The Visitors were cordially welcomed, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Klingenstein, Dale, Seigenberg, Loftus, and Amphlett. The other toasts were the Past Masters, and the Officers of the Lodge. The proceedings, which throughout were of the most harmonious and enjoyable character, were varied by some excellent singing by the brethren.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their installation on Thursday, the 25th ultimo, at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C. Among those present were Bros. Alfred Le Grand W.M., A. C. Rees P.M. S.W., C. Pay J.W., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, W. J. Collins P.M., W. F. Smart P.M., E. Kidman P.M., W. J. Heath S.D., G. F. Edwards J.D., L. W. Hutchinson I.G., D. M. Forbes D.C., W. Johnston Assistant Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The Lodge having been opened the minutes were confirmed. The ballot was taken for five gentlemen, candidates for initiation, and being in their favour Messrs. Edmund John Beadle, Robert C. Wilson, Montagu Woolf, Charles Sanson Taylor, and Tom Lester were duly admitted to a participation of the benefits of Masonic light. Lodge was then advanced, and Brother A. C. Rees P.M. was regularly installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He was saluted in the three degrees, and then appointed the officers for the year. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. Saxby 1297, Henry Guy W.M. 1706, James Burn Organist 1539, Henry Garrud P.G.P., G. Noyes 666, Cooper I.P.M. 1298, Medwin W.M. 192, Bilby W.M. 615, James Johnston jun. P.M. 55, H. Von Joel 957, Ries 144, Alabone 151, Lowe 1962, Hawkins P.M. and P.Z. 65, Allen S.W. 1065, W. W. Morgan jun. At the conclusion of the repast the Worshipful Master submitted the customary toasts. The first, that of the Queen, he said was one which was always sure of an enthusiastic reception at a Masonic gathering. They had especial pleasure in honouring this toast at the present time, in view of the fact that Her Majesty was about to celebrate the jubilee of her accession to the throne. The next toast was that of the Grand Master. Wherever Masonry was known the name of His Royal Highness was also known. He was very active in performing the duties attached to his high office, and whatever he did in connection with Masonry was known throughout the world. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, followed, and was enthusiastically received. Bro. Le Grand then assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Rees had been before the brethren of the William Preston Lodge for years past, and had steadily advanced, step by step, towards the high position he had that night attained in their midst. In each of the offices he had filled he had won the esteem and regard of his brethren and would no doubt win fresh honours in his new position. He was not entirely a stranger to the office of Worshipful Master, as he had passed the chair many years back in another Lodge. He (Bro. Le Grand) felt their Master would fill his office with distinction to himself and with credit to every member of the Lodge. He knew he need hardly ask the brethren to support the Worshipful Master, as they were all so anxious to do honour to the present occupant of the chair, who would have the entire support of the Lodge during his year of office. The Worshipful Master rose with some amount of diffidence to reply to the very flattering way in which his health had been received. His business pursuits had kept him away from the Lodge very often in the past, but he hoped, now that the brethren had placed him at the head of affairs, to amend in this particular, and to be able to regularly attend the duties of his Lodge. He felt his term of mastership had opened well, as they had had five gentlemen initiated into the Lodge on the day of his installation. Referring to some remarks of Bro. Le Grand as to his having previously filled the office of Master of a Lodge he would, if they approved, give them a brief outline of his Masonic experiences. Many years back he was living on the gold fields of

Ballarat in a tent as a gold digger. In course of time a dispensation was granted from the Grand Lodge at Melbourne for a Masonic Lodge to be formed at the diggings, and he was one of the first initiates of that Lodge, which was named the United Tradesman's Lodge. As a member of that body he soon discovered the good feeling which was displayed by brethren towards each other, and had been very much impressed with his earliest experiences, especially at the way in which strange Masons were received and welcomed by their brethren. As might be imagined it was very wild and rough in those days at Ballarat, and it was not an unusual thing for strangers from all parts of the world to come to the diggings. The reception accorded to such of them as happened to be Freemasons was of such a nature as to make him feel really proud of being a Mason, but it was only of the same character as he found existing in other parts of the world among Freemasons. His next experiences were in New Zealand, where he became one of the first Officers of a Lodge at Dunedin, being elected some two or three years later as its Master. There again he experienced the good feeling existing among Masons, which he might say was not, perhaps, so fully shown in England as it was abroad. He felt one had to travel to fully appreciate it. When a travelling brother arrived in a strange place he at once asked if there was a Lodge, and if there was, he was sure of receiving such a welcome as made him at once feel he was among friends. Later on a dispensation was granted from the Grand Lodge of England for a Provincial Grand Lodge—as it was then termed—of New Zealand, and he had the honour of being appointed first Sword Bearer of that Lodge. Subsequently he filled the office of Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, and was also a member of the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence of the Colony. He next found himself in Pernambuco, in the Brazils, and great was his surprise at there finding an English Lodge. His reception by the members of that Lodge was most hearty, as might be imagined when he told them that carriages were placed at his disposal, homes were thrown open to him, and everything done which pointed to that good feeling which follows Freemasons all round the world. In conclusion, he might say that wherever he had been the right-hand of fellowship had been outstretched to him as a Brother Mason. His remarks had been somewhat foreign to the toast, but they had perhaps interested his listeners as much as anything else he could have said; at the same time he fully recognised the honour which had been conferred on him by the members of the William Preston Lodge and would do his best to promote its welfare. He had next to propose a very important toast—that of the Initiates. He did not think that since the Lodge had been constituted they had ever had five initiates on one evening before, they had had four, but, as far as he could learn, never five. He felt sure the toast would that evening be drunk with enthusiasm. He hoped the Initiates would give Freemasonry their earnest attention, that they would work in it zealously, and that they would put their love thoroughly into it. The newly-admitted brethren severally responded, expressing their determination to make themselves worthy members of the Craft, and feeling from what they had heard that a great honour had been conferred on them in admitting them as members of the Order. Brother Woolf felt he could take a crumb of comfort—on the principle that a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind—from the fact that there were four other initiates in a similar position to himself that night and he could take another crumb of comfort in remembering that one and all of those around him had, at one time or another, been placed in a position similar to that the Initiates then occupied. He felt it was a great honour to be admitted as a member of the Lodge, and to have the privilege of calling himself a Free and Accepted Mason. The present was the first opportunity he had had of calling so many distinguished brethren as were around him by the name of brothers, and of breaking with them the bread of friendship. He felt he should have their heartiest support in his endeavours to become a good Mason, and he assured them he should do his utmost to deserve that designation. He should live in the hope that at some time or another he might rise to the dignified position now occupied by the Worshipful Master. The next toast, the W.M. said, was another important one—the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Le Grand. He was so well-known, and his goodness of heart and good feeling to the brethren generally was so much appreciated, that it was not necessary to say much in submitting the toast. Never a chance had arisen but he had come forward and fulfilled his duties as a Mason, while in regard to matters of charity there had never been a call during his years of office that he had not responded to, and that most ably. In every sense of the word he was a true Mason, and in saying that he meant all that a good man could be. Bro. Rees felt he had a very difficult task in following so distinguished a Master as Bro. Le Grand had been. That brother tendered his thanks for the toast. Not only throughout the length and breadth but throughout the ritual and the ceremonies of Freemasonry there pervaded the same kindly feeling. So kind were all the usages and customs that it was ordained that the retiring Master should, immediately he left the chair, sit for a year at the left of the W.M., where he might bask in the sunshine of the reigning Master, instead of at once being shot to the bottom of the line of Past Masters. During the two years he had occupied the chair the Lodge had lost a great many members from death and other causes, but they had had but one initiate until that night—the last of his term of office—when they had had the pleasure of receiving into their midst no less than five gentlemen. Looking back he felt there was much for which he had to thank the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge, while he had also to acknowledge the cordial and kind manner in which he had been treated by every member of the Lodge. What little he had accomplished had simply been done in the execution of his duty. The charity box having been sent round the contents were, as is usual in this Lodge, put up and sold to the highest bidder. On this occasion the "desirable lot" realised £3 10s, a welcome addition to the Charity Fund of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The custom of visiting led to a beautiful exchange of ideas, while by intermixing one Lodge with

another the brethren learnt to appreciate each other. They were that night honoured with the presence of three Worshipful Masters, and, as he should have mentioned when proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, by a Past Grand Officer of England, in the person of Bro. Garrod. That brother was extremely gratified at the manner in which Bro. Le Grand had initiated the five gentlemen received into the Lodge that day, and was much pleased by the way in which Bro. Miller had installed the new Master in the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Gay having endorsed the remarks of Bro. Garrod, was followed by Bro. Medwin, who referred to a gathering which took place some ten or fifteen years back, when the members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge and of the William Preston Lodge dined together, he thought under the presidency of Brother George Newman, who was a member of the two Lodges, and at the time Worshipful Master of the Lion and Lamb. The Worshipful Master had that evening called to his mind times he had spent in the Australian colonies, where as they had been told one truly experienced the value of Freemasonry, and felt the true hand of fellowship. Other replies were given, in many cases the speakers referring to the custom prevalent in this Lodge of displaying the banners of each of the Past Masters at the meetings. The toast of the Past Masters followed. They were passing along year by year, but many of them clung to the Lodge, foremost among them being Bros. Miller and Worrell, the Treasurer and Secretary, who were always to be found at each of the meetings of the Lodge. It was often that Past Masters became careless after leaving the chair, but with the William Preston Lodge it was different—some of the Past Masters were invariably present. Bro. Miller had that day rendered the ceremony of installation in a most gratifying manner, while as regarded Bro. Worrell, he might truly be described as one of their most indefatigable members. He had discharged the duties of Secretary for the past twelve years, and the Worshipful Master felt it was about time the members shewed, in some tangible manner, their appreciation of what he had done for them during that long period. Bro. Miller was the first to respond. It was at all times a pride and a pleasure to him to do anything for the Lodge. Bro. Worrell tendered his thanks. He was reminded by his banner that it was in 1873-4 that he filled the chair of Master in the Lodge. From that office he had gone direct to that of Secretary, and had just entered on his thirteenth year in that capacity. He had always endeavoured to fulfil the duties of the office to the best of his ability, and hoped that he might be spared for many years more to discharge the duties of Secretary of the Lodge. If the newly-admitted brethren were anxious for work they would find a fair field in their Lodge, while if they regularly attended the meeting of Lodges of Instruction they would discover the gems and diamonds of Freemasonry. Bro. Kidman added his thanks. He always endeavoured to study the comfort of the brethren and always strove to do his best in the discharge of his duties as Steward of the Lodge. Bro. Smart referred to the pleasure he felt in having seen two of his friends admitted that day and assured the brethren he should always strive to promote the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Collens felt especially grateful to the Worshipful Master, inasmuch as it was on his introduction that he (Bro. Collens) had been admitted as a member of the Lodge. Nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to have acted, as he had that day done, as Director of Ceremonies and present him—his father in Freemasonry—for the benefits of Installation. The health of the Officers was next submitted, the Worshipful Master terming this the "working" toast. If the Officers only gave attention to their duties the success of a Lodge was assured. The Senior Warden assured the brethren it was the earnest desire of the Officers to give the Worshipful Master the heartiest support, while the Junior Warden said that deeds rather than words should prove the sincerity of their desires. Each of the other Officers replied in turn. Brother Forbes, the Inner Guard, referring to the loss they had experienced by the death of Brother Past Master Newton, for whom, and for two other members, the Lodge was draped in mourning. Bro. Miller then referred to the part Bro. Newton had taken in the past career of the Lodge. It was, indeed, through him the Lodge was what it was. About the year 1863 he and some fourteen others had joined the William Preston Lodge, which was at that time on its last legs, having but four or five members. It then met at Putney, but was immediately removed to Upper Norwood, from whence it had been removed to its present quarters at the Cannon Street Hotel. All who knew the part Bro. Newton had taken in that revival especially mourned his loss, which too was regretted by all who were acquainted with him. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE second regular meeting of this Lodge for the present session was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 9th ult., when there were present:—Henry W. Kedgley W.M., T. A. Dickson S.W., G. Reynolds acting as J.W., W. Bourne P.M. Secretary, W. F. Thorpe acting as S.D., S. Hewitt acting as J.D., George Stacey P.M. Org., Charles Ralph acting as I.G., John Potter Tyler; G. Coleman P.M., W. S. Simeon Jacobs P.M., Charles Kedgley P.M., Charles Lane, Robert Potter, Turner Wilson, Charles Tomlinson, W. R. Faulkner, W. R. Green, W. A. Dowling, Henry Willis, J. Citron, H. Schefferns, James Woodward, G. H. Reynolds, W. Unwin, and George H. Foon. Visitors:—Bros. W. Root 1273, George Gitten 2146, T. R. Beaufort S.W. 217 Sec. 2143, W. A. Biney A.W.S. 879, S. Renaut S.D. 1626, A. Lefeler Treas. 1950. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. A ballot was taken for Mr. William Robert Faulks—proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds S.D., seconded by Bro. E. Mills—to be a member of the Lodge; this proving unanimous, that gentleman was informed of the same, and then initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Lodge resumed to the second degree. Bro. Jacob Citron having answered

the usual questions leading to the third, the Lodge was resumed to that degree, and he was then raised to the dignity of Master Mason. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. On the third time of rising letters were read from Bros. B. Solomon J.W. and J. May saying they were unable to attend that evening, on account of domestic affliction, at which the brethren expressed their regret and sympathy. The W.M. having received the "hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a capital repast was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini. On proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M. made special allusion to the anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and said that since the formation of the Lodge they had met twice on that day, viz, in 1880 and that night. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. G. Coleman P.M. in taking the gavel into his hand to propose the health of the W.M. said it gave him great pleasure to do so. There was no need to sing his praises, he was held in high esteem by all, and had been since his entrance into the Covent Garden Lodge. Since occupying the chair his work had in no way deteriorated, it was a credit to him, and during his year of office had given satisfaction to all. He would ask them to drink his health in a bumper and wish him well. The W.M. in reply said he thanked them all for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk and also for the kind words which had fallen from the lips of Bro. G. Coleman. At every meeting he had had one or two initiates, and it was a pleasure to him to feel and know he had given the brethren every satisfaction. He trusted that the Lodge would still go on and be prosperous, and that his successor would have plenty to do. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Initiate, said new blood in the Lodge always cheered a W.M. on. Every Initiate gave greater strength to the Lodge. He trusted that their newly-made brother would in time become a good working Mason, and prove to the world that he never repented joining the Covent Garden Lodge. The Initiate, Bro. W. R. Faulks, in reply, said he was much impressed with the ceremony of initiation, and would endeavour to remember the words of their W.M., and become a good Mason and a credit to the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, and said it was always a welcome toast. They were always pleased to see them. Their number was small, but that was no doubt on account of being Lord Mayor's Day. He hoped they had all spent a pleasant evening, and would call on Bros. Lefeler and Beaufort to reply. Bro. Lefeler Treasurer 1950 replying said he thanked them all for a very pleasant evening. He could well remember the consecration of the Covent Garden Lodge, and would give any brother a welcome to the Southgate Lodge should they wish to come. He was delighted at the excellent way in which the work had been done, also the wish of the brethren to make visitors happy. He had never visited any Lodge in London where all business was carried on so well. Bro. T. R. Beaufort S.W. 217 said he thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which the visitors had been received and entertained. Social feelings reigned with all. No visitor had cause to complain. The musical part as well as the working part in the Lodge was exceptional. He had not the least idea on receiving the invitation to the Lodge he would be so much satisfied, and thanked them all for the hearty manner in which the visitors toast had been received. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the P.M.'s, coupled with it that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Their Treasurer, Bro. E. Jacobs P.M. and Bro. John Jacobs I.P.M. had that evening gone to dine with the Lord Mayor. But all knew how well the P.M.'s worked for the welfare of the Lodge, and he would ask Bro. W. Bourne P.M. Secretary to respond for them. Bro. Bourne, in replying, said it was not the first time he had had to return thanks for the P.M.'s and himself. It was a pleasant duty, and he could assure them all of the kindness they received at the hands of the Lodge. Brevity was the soul of wit, and he would not say much. As to himself the kind remarks which had fallen from the W.M. he could fully appreciate. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Officers, and in doing so, spoke well of them all. Bro. T. A. Dickson Senior Warden was working well and would be their Worshipful Master next year. He wished him a good year of office, and felt sure he would give satisfaction. Their Junior Warden, Brother B. Solomons, was away on account of domestic affliction. The office had been filled that evening by Bro. G. Reynolds, who was much esteemed and well-known to the brethren as Secretary to the Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Mother Lodge. Bros. Thorpe as S.D., and Hewitt as J.D., had done their work well, and in Bros. G. Coleman P.M., and C. Ralph, he had two most excellent Stewards, who attended well to the comfort of everyone. Bro. T. A. Dickson, thanked the brethren for all their good wishes, saying he hoped to give great satisfaction to them all, and follow the good example set by their W.M. Bro. G. Reynolds also thanked them for the kind and hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and also for the way in which the W.M. had spoken of his Secretaryship of the Lodge of Instruction, at the future meetings of which he hoped to see many of their faces. The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. C. Ralph, Wm. Bowen P.M., C. Tomlinson, T. A. Dickson, James Woodward, T. R. Beaufort, Simeon Jacobs P.M., and the beautiful violin playing of Mr. W. Fuller, accompanied by Bro. S. Lorne on the piano (selections from Faust).

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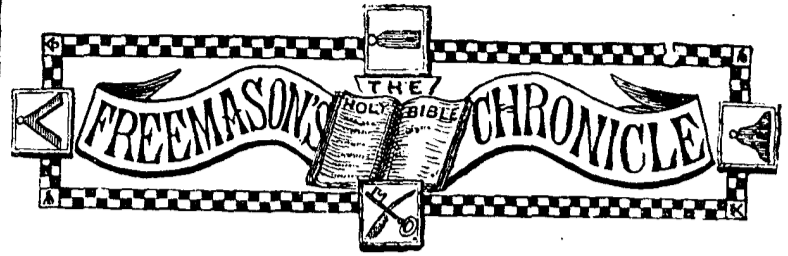
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was
held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on
Saturday, the 27th ult., under the banner of the Dobie
Chapter, No. 889. Amongst the Companions present were
Most Excellent General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.,
H. C. Leigh Bennett P.Z. 370, F. West P.Z. 463 P.G.
Scribe N., Charles Greenwood M.E.Z. 410 P. and acting
P.G. Scribe E., J. Hamer Owens 463 P.G. Prin. Soj., Thos.
Wakley jun. 1395 P.G. 1st Assist. Soj., Thos. Wood 1149
2nd Assist. Soj., Arthur H. Bowles 1395 P.G. Registrar,
John Rhodes P.G. Organist, and Comps. R. T. Elsam,
Arthur E. Taylor, E. D. Frost, Charles C. Tyler, L. G.
Dundas, H. M. Hobbs, C. H. Woodward, Geo. Yaxley,
H. S. Vickers, H. J. Strong, G. D. Lister, and fifteen
others. The Chapter having been opened in ancient form,
the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter were
read and confirmed; the roll of the Chapters in the Province
was called over; and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's
accounts were duly presented, read and approved, and
ordered to be entered on the minutes. E. Comp. George
Price was unanimously re-elected Provincial G. Treasurer.
M.E. Comp. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., then
appointed and invested the following Officers:—

Comp. Fred. West P.Z.	-	-	H.
R. T. Elsam P.Z.	-	-	J.
Chas. Greenwood M.E.Z.	-	-	Scribe E.
H. E. Francis P.Z.	-	-	Asst. do.
C. E. Oldridge M.E.Z.	-	-	Scribe N.
Joseph Steele M.E.Z.	-	-	Prin. Sojourner
S. W. Lambert P.Z.	-	-	1st Asst. do.
A. W. Wells	-	-	2nd do.
H. Saxelby	-	-	Registrar
Geo. Yaxley P.Z.	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. E. Taylor P.Z.	-	-	Standard Bearer
W. Ackland	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
H. M. Hobbs	-	-	Asst. do.
H. E. Vickers	-	-	Organist
R. Potter	-	-	Janitor
T. Bowler	-	-	Asst. do.

The Grand Superintendent then referred, in feeling
terms, to the great loss sustained by the Province in the
recent death of Companion Charles Greenwood P.Z., P.G.
Dir. of Cers. Eng., P.P.G.H. and Provincial Scribe E.,
which he said was felt most keenly by all who knew
their late Companion, and especially by the Masons of
Surrey. The Grand Superintendent further remarked
that several suggestions had been made by Companions in
the Province to the effect that some tribute of respect to
the memory of their late Companion should be made. It
was, however, a difficult matter to know what form this
tribute should take, so as to be not only acceptable to the
Companions at large, but to the members of their deceased
Companion's family, and also a permanent memorial of the
high esteem and affection in which he was held. The
Grand Superintendent concluded by suggesting that the
Charity Committee of the Province should form themselves
into a special Committee for the purpose of considering the
steps to be taken, with a view to carrying out the proposal,
and expressed a hope that the Principals and Past Prin-
cipals of the Province would attend at Golden-square on
Thursday next for that purpose. Comp. Francis endorsed
the remarks made by the Grand Superintendent, and re-
ferred to his personal acquaintance with their late Com-
panion, which had extended over a period of thirty years;
he concluded by moving a vote of condolence to the
family of Companion Greenwood. At the banquet which
followed Companion Frederick West P.G.H. requested
permission to propose the health of the M.E. the First
Principal of the entertaining Chapter, as he (Companion
West) was compelled to leave before the conclusion of

the entertainment. Companion West commended highly the care and attention evinced by the M.E.Z. and Companions of the Dobie Chapter in their reception of the P.G. Chapter. Referring to his recent appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he said he would endeavour to be present at the meetings of Lodges and Chapters in the Province as often as possible, and that he would take a deep interest in all affairs connected with the welfare of Masonry in Surrey. He intimated his desire that he should receive notice of the meetings of all Lodges and Chapters in the Province, and in conclusion asked the Companions to drink with enthusiasm the health of the M.E.Z. and the other members of the entertaining Chapter. After the M.E.Z. had fittingly responded to the toast proposed by Companion West, who as before mentioned was obliged to leave, and therefore had proposed the first toast out of the usual order, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Several songs were contributed by the Companions present; the musical arrangements being carried out under the supervision of Comp. H. E. Vickers P.G. Org., who accompanied at the piano. The banquet was of an excellent character, and having commenced at 4 o'clock the Companions were enabled to leave Kingston by an early train, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A CONVOCATION of this Provincial Grand Chapter was holden in the Mechanics' Institute, Wood-street, Wakefield, on Wednesday, 24th ult., by the invitation of Chapters Unanimity 154, Wakefield 495, and Sincerity 1019, when there were present the following Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers:—

Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past G. Prin. Soj. Superintendent, Rev. Wm. Collings Lukis, M.A., H., Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., J., C. L. Mason Past H., John Booth Past J., John Dunning Kay Past J., Benjamin Broughton Past J., Henry Smith S.E., Henry W. Pawson S.N., James Bedford Past S.N., John Wm. Fourness Treasurer, George Marshall Past Treasurer, John Heaton Cadman Registrar, Jonas Craven, William Brewin Alderson, John C. Malcolm, J. Kitson Ibberson Past Registrars; Charles Crabtree Prin. Soj., C. T. Rhodes 1st Asst. Soj., W. T. Beanland 2nd Asst. Soj.; Samuel H. Stock, Samuel Slack, Henry Wm. Maleham, J. W. Monckman, Robert Craig, George Althorp, William Frederick Tomlinson Past Sojourners; John William Turner Sword Bearer; Thos. Denby, Reuben Williamson Past Sword Bearers; Arthur A. Stott Standard Bearer, William Delaunoy Director of Ceremonies, Edmund Lord Asst. Director of Ceremonies; Henry France, John Wordsworth, W. F. Smithson, John Read Dore, John Barker, Edward Poppleton Past Directors of Ceremonies; Christopher Wm. Fincken Organist, William Ash Asst. Organist, Herbert G. E. Green Asst. G.S.E., Joseph Dobson as Steward; Dr. W. R. Thomas, Thomas Richard Vaux, William Watson Stewards; Joshua Lee Janitor; and Acting Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions of the following Chapters, viz.: 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 308, 380, 387, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 827, 837, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1283, 1462, 1513.

Apologies for absence from Companions Jackson and Gaukroger 61, Britton 139, Naylor 154, Newsome, Dr. Senior, Critchley, and Fox, 208; Lee 265; Wilford Kaye, Starkey, and Ruddock 275; Gibson 289; Harrop and Sykes 290; Arnison and Drury 296; Hill, Evans, and Lupton 302; Austin 306; Cooke and Gaukroger 307; Hirst and Blackburn 337; Steele and Stewart 380; Normanton and Roberts 448; Lowrance and Hartley 495; Beanland 600; Shaw 827; Bateman and Dr. Crow 837; Schofield 1214; Marshall 1283; Embleton and Gratton 1513, and others. Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent and Officers entered at 4 p.m., and Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, and the Grand Superintendent, after the usual salutation, delivered the following address:

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS,—At this period of the year we assemble to take note of the progress of Royal Arch Masonry during the past six months, and to transact such business as may lie before us. It is most gratifying to observe that the work undertaken by its responsible officers has been faithfully and efficiently accomplished, with credit to themselves and honour to this exalted degree. The enthusiasm displayed is strongly evinced by the increase in the number of members and Chapters, and should the recovery in trade continue I doubt not in time there will scarcely be one Master of the 940 in this Province who is not also a Royal Arch Mason; towards this achievement I am sure your officers will not fail to use every legitimate influence. I feel very proud to meet you this afternoon, to acknowledge your salutation, and to express my high sense of your kindness and the support you give to the office which it seems to be your pleasure that I should try to fill. Our meeting is under some-

what exceptional circumstances; not having received an application for this autumn gathering, we have had to cast about for a suitable place, and our friends in the three Wakefield Chapters most willingly undertook to receive us, viz.:—Unanimity 154, Wakefield 495, and Sincerity 1019. You see, Companions, since our numbers have so largely increased it is not everywhere sufficient and suitable accommodation can be obtained, and then there is the increased cost, which is a serious consideration where Chapter funds are often limited; in May 1883 we experienced a similar difficulty, and this Hall not being available the Wakefield Chapters, by my request, conveyed their furniture and paraphernalia to the Town Hall, Pontefract, where we had a very successful meeting, and on the present occasion the Wakefield Chapters have determined to bear the entire cost. In the most graceful language it is in our power to command, we desire to convey to these Chapters our appreciation of their most opportune liberality and kindly welcome. In order not to trespass too heavily on private Chapters, and to encourage the continued growth of our meetings, which I much desire, and to give the smaller Chapters an opportunity of sometimes receiving us, it is proposed in our revised By-Laws to pay the expenses properly incident to these meetings, and I recommend as an understood practice, in future, all Companions attending pay for refreshments. The annual subscriptions to Chapters are so limited in amount that few can indulge in the luxury of entertaining Grand Chapter, the cost of which is seldom less than £20. I am told that Companions have strong opinions on this question, which I commend for consideration to your good sense and wisdom, but in my humble opinion some such understanding might, in future, remove any obstacle such as I have mentioned, and which has tended to delay an earlier meeting this November. When we met at Barnsley, on 10th May, we had for the first time before us the newly revised Royal Arch Regulations, confirmed in London five days previously, copy of which had been furnished by Grand Chapter to every Chapter under English Constitution; and it became necessary that we should revise our own By-Laws, which had been in force since 30th November 1858; accordingly you appointed a most learned, competent, and representative Committee to carry out this important work. This Committee held its first meeting in Leeds on 29th October, and after many subsequent conferences, and proofs submitted to every acting Principal and Chapter, our Registrar is enabled to present to us, what I fully believe to be, a perfect set of By-Laws, which are in complete harmony with the new Royal Arch Regulations. The hearty and zealous, and rapid manner in which the Prov. G.S.E., Comp. Henry Smith, and all other members of the Committee have laboured in this matter, is another illustration of the aptitude to get this business over shown by members of the Craft in this province. Should you adopt this revised edition this afternoon we shall be able to confirm it in May 1887, and forthwith obtain the certificate of M.E. the First Grand Principal. On 4th August Supreme Grand Chapter granted a Charter for a Chapter to be attached to Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, and on 3rd instant a Charter for Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham, and I have requested E. Comp. C. L. Mason to perform the ceremony of consecrating the former, and E. Comp. Ensor Drury the latter; we welcome these additions to our Roll, making 38 Chapters. I may mention that in May our Brethren and Companions of Wakefield gave a Concert, which produced the noble balance of fifty guineas for the Masonic Charities. It now becomes my melancholy duty to allude to the loss by death of many valued and distinguished Companions, amongst the number I may mention T. G. Andrews, F. W. W. Booth, J. Buckley Sharp, and W. Beanland, all of Bradford; and this town has sustained a severe loss by the death of a venerable Freemason, viz., Martin Edward Naylor, who had been a member of Unanimity Lodge considerably over half a century; these Companions, by their conduct, so far as we can judge, practised the grand moral lesson inculcated by this beautiful degree. Lastly, may I ask suggestions for the most desirable method of commemorating the Jubilee of our most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in 1887. You are acquainted with the letter of our Royal Grand Master, dated 30th October 1886, to the Mayor of Windsor, wherein he states his conviction that the anxiety to commemorate, in some special manner, Her Majesty's Jubilee is felt as warmly in Provincial towns as in any part of the Queen's dominions. Should a similar communication be addressed to supreme Grand Chapter, this Provincial Grand Chapter will take practical steps to honour adequately this auspicious event; may I suggest that we adopt a resolution similar to that passed by Provincial Grand Lodge, on 20th October, "That the consideration be left in the hands of the Charity Committee." Finally, Companions, in peace, love and unity I commend this Chapter, of which the Sanhedrim of the Jews of old is a type, to your care and keeping, believing, that by the great attributes of the mysterious words, To the all wise, all powerful, and all present Being, around whose throne we may be hereafter permitted to stand, you will steadily pursue the acquisition of true wisdom, by searching out Jehovah's great and glorious works, for promoting his honour and glory, for the benefit of mankind, and your own individual welfare.

The Roll of Royal Arch Chapters and the Roll of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers was called. The minutes of the meeting held at Barnsley, on 10th May 1886, were presented, taken as read, and confirmed. It was moved by Comp. J. Heaton Cadman P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Registrar, seconded by Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z. 304, P.P.G.H., and resolved, "That the Provincial Grand Lodge By-Laws, as revised by the Advice Committee, and submitted for consideration and approval to every one in G. Chapter, be adopted, in the place of the By-Laws in force since 1858." It was moved by Comp. J. R. Dore P.Z. 275, P.P.G.D. of C., seconded by Comp. Rev. Dr. Smyth, Z. 1042, Prov. G.J., and resolved, "That the best thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to the Committee

for their arduous and successful labours in the revision of the Provincial By-Laws." The grand Superintendent said he was prepared to receive suggestions as to the best method of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee by this Province in 1887, and it was moved by Comp. Tew. Grand Superintendent, seconded by Comp. Dore, P.P.G.D.C., and resolved, "That it be left in the hands of the Charity Committee to prepare a scheme to be laid before next Prov. Grand Chapter in May 1887." E. Comp. C. L. Mason proposed, and Comp. John Wordsworth seconded, "That it be a recommendation from this Provincial Grand Chapter that, in future, Chapters entertaining Prov. Grand Chapter allow members attending to pay for refreshments." Comp. Joseph Dobson, Z. 289, on behalf of the Leeds Chapters, invited the Grand Superintendent to hold the Annual Meeting, May 1887, in Leeds, after which Provincial Grand Chapter was closed according to ancient custom. 108 Companions afterwards sat down to tea, the Grand Superintendent presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and with the assistance of the Musical Companions a very harmonious evening was spent.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 896.

THE following Officers were invested and installed at the meeting of the Chapter of Concord, at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday evening, the 25th ult. Comps. Horton Z., J. Robertson H., T. Dartnall J., J. Cole Treasurer, Weston S.E., R. W. Lees S.N., S. Clarke P.S., Osborne and Fewings A.S., and Vane Janitor. The installation ceremony was performed by Comp. E. C. J. Coles. Thanks were accorded to the Z., Comp. Arthur.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

AT an emergency meeting of this Chapter, held on Monday evening, the 15th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., F. R. Stubbs and W. Sharpe were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. Comps. T. B. Whythead P.Z. presided as Z., G. Balford P.Z. as H., J. Blenkin J., Jas. Kay S.E., G. Chapman S.N., W. Brown P.S.; G. Simpson P.Z. and many other Companions were present. At the conclusion of the ceremony many of the Companions adjourned to the York Lodge, where a meeting was being held to receive the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett. The rest dined together and spent a pleasant evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held on Wednesday, 24th ult., in the Baths Assembly Rooms, Lower Bridgeman-street, Bolton. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by the Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George Mellor. Bro. W. O. Walker Prov. S.G.W. and Bro. James Beard Prov. J.G.W. were also present, and there was a large attendance of provincial Officers Present and Past. Of the 95 Lodges in the Province only four were not represented. An important subject for consideration was as to the most desirable method of commemorating by the Province Masonically the jubilee of Her Majesty's reign next year. The Provincial Grand Master said that several suggestions had been made as to the form such commemoration should take. One was that the Masons of the Province should carry out a portion of the work of restoration at the Manchester Cathedral. He had been personally to see what was the nature of the work, and he learned that there was a portion which they might undertake at a cost of £1,200, and as an alternative there was the required muniment room which would entail an outlay of £3,000. Another proposition had been made that as there was a great want felt in the metropolis of the Province of a temple for the Masonic Order, an effort should be made to raise the money wherewith to build a more dignified and more commodious place of assembly than they now had in Manchester, where they might hold their Lodges, their Encampments, and their various high degrees more conveniently than they could in the existing Masonic hall. Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the minutes of a committee meeting, held in October last, with regard to the jubilee commemoration. From that meeting a circular was sent to the Lodges of the Province asking for their opinions. At an adjourned meeting of the committee on Monday, replies from 24 Lodges were read. Of these, 11 were in favour of the establishment of a university scholarship for the sons of Masons in the Province, five were in favour of the erection of a Masonic Temple in Manchester, five Lodges expressed no definite view beyond their desire to act upon the feeling of the Province, one of the replies suggested the erection of almshouses, another that an effort be made to increase the benevolent fund to £10,000, and a third that a wing be added to one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. After considering the replies the committee decided to recommend that whatever amount could be raised in the Province should be applied to the purchase of presentations or votes in the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. They further recommended that a great Masonic Festival, in the shape of a reception and ball, be held next year in Manchester, and that a committee be appointed to carry

out the arrangements for such Festival. The Provincial Grand Master said that, recognising the fact that they did not all belong to the Church of England, he thought the subject of Cathedral restoration was not one for them. There were difficulties in the way of the erection of a Masonic Temple in Manchester as a Provincial effort. They belonged, however, to a charitable Order, and in the matter of charity there would be no difficulty. Bro. Jas. Heelis, P. Prov. G.R. formally proposed that the jubilee be celebrated by the establishment of a scholarship in the Victoria University, and this was seconded by Bro. Jas. Beard Prov. J.G.W. Bro. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. J.G.W., moved as an amendment that the recommendation as to the purchase of presentations and votes for the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows be adopted. This was seconded by Bro. J. A. Birch P. Prov. J.G.W., and on being put was voted for by a large majority. A second amendment in favour of the acquisition by purchase of St. Mary's Church, Manchester, with the object of turning it into a Masonic Temple, was brought forward, but had no seconder, and Bro. Hine's amendment was carried as a substantive resolution. It was afterwards decided that the Charity Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and also the Charity Representatives of the Lodges of the Province connected with the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution, should form a general committee to arrange for next year's jubilee festival in Manchester. The Prov. Grand Master announced that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held in Manchester, on the 11th or 18th May 1887. Four brethren were nominated for the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, viz.:—Bros. W. Nicholl P.M. 317, W. W. Warburton P.M. 163, Evan Williams P.M. 327, and Samuel Warburton P.M. 1052. The appointment will be made in May next. The latter part of the proceedings was presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Starkie being compelled to leave early. Bro. E. W. Irving P.M. S.W. 1170 presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge a set of consecrating vessels. The gift was acknowledged by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Irving, and was recorded upon the minutes. Before separating the brethren voted 200 guineas from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, in the proportion of 100 guineas to each fund.—*Manchester Courier.*

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

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EBOR COUNCIL (T.I.)

A MEETING of this Council was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Amongst those present were Bros. B. Langley Mills, M.D., W.M., T. B. Whythead P.M. Treasurer, G. Simpson P.M., H. C. Pockersgill S.W., William Brown J.D., Major McGachen I.G., J. T. Sellar and M. Millington. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. H. E. Cousins P.M. and Donald Grant, and those brethren were admitted to the several degrees for which they were qualified, the chair work being done by Bro. T. B. Whythead. At the proper interval a banquet was served, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies the members met and enjoyed a few social hours together.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will give a discourse on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Third Degree in Freemasonry at the Roslyn Lodge, No. 1543, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, Essex, on Wednesday next, the 8th instant. The Lodge will be opened at 6:30 p.m. precisely, and the W.M., Bro. Walter Rowe, trusts that all members of the Lodge and sister Lodges in the locality will avail themselves of this opportunity for acquiring Masonic knowledge.

In our report of the meeting, last week, of Lodge No. 56, it was unintentionally referred to as the 149th, instead of the 150th anniversary. The Lodge was constituted in December 1736.

The efficiency of Masonry does not consist in its numbers. It is quality, not quantity, that determines power. The chisel of steel will sever the thickest bar of iron, and a Lodge of thorough Masons—brethren who have a hearty, deep, and abiding love of the Craft—will exceed in power, influence, and ultimately in numbers, any Lodge of half-hearted and feeble Masons, no matter what they may profess, or in what capacity, or under what auspices, they assemble.

A society of Jesuits in Italy is said to bear a close resemblance to Freemasonry, at least as regards forms, practices, symbols, &c. The *Italia-French* paper published in Rome—designates this society as "Black Masons," and intimates that it includes a class of the Fraternity who have little love of liberty or progress.

The Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) during the past year relieved the necessities of 36 brothers, 272 widows, and 41 orphans, at a cost of 13,616 dollars (about £2,700) exclusive of other unrecorded charities.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Grand.—That promising actress Miss Marie de Grey made her re-appearance here on Monday, on which occasion she produced a new piece. This, an original high class comedy drama, by Mr. Frank Harvey, entitled, "Lord Marple's Daughter," proved to be of a weak and uninteresting character; indeed, not till the end of the last act was there anything to interest the audience. Nothing to laugh at, nothing to cry at, or, hardly, any one to sympathise with. This, indeed, is not a very interesting state of affairs. The author has fallen into an error that always makes a play tedious—repetition. This was most palpable in the second act, where Margery tells the tale of her lover visiting her two or three times over. The same error was committed in the last act, when the husband's troubles had to be related. Again, Mr. Harvey has written soliloquy speeches which are tedious, and certainly could be almost dispensed with. In fact, the whole play courts the "pruning knife," but even then "Lord Marple's Daughter," could hardly be made agreeable or entertaining enough to warrant its being seen on the stage. The play opens at the house of Lord Marple, who, consequent on a son's extravagance abroad, is almost ruined. Lord Marple has two daughters, and it is soon evident he intends one of them shall be the means for his retrieving his fortune. One Ralph Garth is staying at the house, and he has fallen in love with Margery. This young lady, however, has secretly bestowed her affections on a penniless man, Wayne Darrell. Garth proposes to Margery, but she refuses him; however, as she is led to believe that Darrell is false, she accepts Garth's offer. This brings the first act to a close. When the curtain again rises we see Garth's home in the country. Here Darrell secretly visits Margery, who now learns the trick that has been played upon her. She appeals to Darrell to take her from her husband, whom she declares she cannot love. This he declines to do. Their conversation has, however, been overheard by Amos Roach, the partner of Garth. On the return of Garth, and Isabel his sister—who by her misrepresentations has brought about the mischief—from a country ball, Margery confronts this sister and tells her husband how he has been duped in order to save her father from ruin. Garth's business has in the meanwhile gone to the bad; he now requires £10,000 to save his credit. He appeals to his friends, but they are either unable, or will not lend him the amount. He is at a loss what to do, when Margery brings him the money. She has discovered that Roach has been robbing his partner, but he has given her £10,000 to leave Garth's house with him. Margery tells her husband she has discovered how he has been deceived. Garth, with others, have overheard this conversation; the partnership is dissolved, and Margery declares she has at last learned to love her husband. This brings to a termination a play that may be described as of the weakest. Miss De Grey has secured the services of several well-known actors, but, unfortunately, has cast them wrongly. Miss de Grey represents Margery. She has considerably improved since we last saw her; her emotional powers are more developed, while her style is both pleasing and effective. The part of Ralph Garth was in the hands of Mr. J. D. Beveridge, but he seemed ill at ease. The character was altogether unsuited to him; still he was earnest, if not telling. Miss Maude Digby, as Isabel, had certainly one of the best characters in the piece. Mr. Matthew Brodie, a fop; and Miss Agnes Hewitt, as his lover, were good. Messrs. Eille Norwood (Wayne Darrell), and George Warde (Amos Roach), were weak. Mr. H. Pagden was passable as Lord Marple, while Mrs. Ernest Clifton gave a capital rendering of Garth's mother. The piece met a kindly reception from a section of the audience, but on the whole the result was not satisfactory.

Strand.—On Wednesday afternoon Miss Florence West gave us another opportunity of judging of her abilities. This time she produced a new and original comedy, in three acts, entitled "Gladys." This has been written by Mr. Arthur Law, who can be congratulated on his latest work, for he has invented a piece that is interesting throughout. The author has travelled on lines somewhat familiar to the majority of playgoers, but he has made up for this by framing his piece with considerable skill. The piece starts at the studio of an artist, where we are introduced to Gerald Lockhart, Frank Meredith, General Sir Peter Peplow, Colonel Faulkner, and Mr. and Miss Gladys Fairlie. Gladys Fairlie has been giving sittings to Gerald Lockhart unknown to her father, and on the afternoon the play opens intends to give the final one. Gerald has, however, invited several friends to come and inspect some pictures, but when they arrive he gets rid of them at once by telling them the pictures are not finished. Colonel Faulkner, however, has his suspicions aroused, and communicates with Mr. Fairlie; that gentleman visits the artist while Gladys is in his room. Gerald, however, manages to hide Gladys, who makes her escape unperceived. When Colonel Faulkner finds the bird flown, he tries to convince Fairlie that what he has told him is true; he shows him Gladys' portrait, but Gerald has in the meanwhile managed to daub the picture over, so that it is unrecognisable, thus defeating the enemy. The second and third acts take place in Junglepore, and here we see Gladys has married Colonel Faulkner, who is living on what he can swindle his friends out of. The play proceeds to show he is detected while cheating at cards by Frank Meredith. In the end Faulkner is killed by a man named Dubois, whose sister he had married some six years previous. This leaves all clear for Gerald Lockhart to marry Gladys. Here Miss Florence West has unquestionably a more pleasing part to perform than the one she last undertook. Gladys has some difficult work to get through, but Miss West came off with flying colours, and achieved a decided success. Her acting was full of feeling and emotion, while in the lighter parts she was certainly at her best. Mr. Lewis Waller as Gerald was good, while Mr. Royce Carleton gave us as true a portrayal of the villainous Colonel Faulkner as we could wish to see.

Messrs. C. Blakiston, Compton Court, Sidney Paxton, Charles Dods-worth, and S. Lee V. Marino, with the help of Miss Annie Rose, completed a good all-round caste. At the conclusion the principals were called, after which Mr. Law bowed his acknowledgements in answer to loud calls for the author.

Institute of Painters in Oil Colours.—This exhibition, like most others in these times, gives evidence of much talent and capability devoted to trivial and inartistic ends. Capable artists, instead of applying themselves seriously to the business of learning to paint, endeavour to catch the public eye by some silly joke or inane story. Every now and again there is a run on a particular kind of subject. One year it is "Scriptural" subjects that are the rage, another "Lovers," the next "Poverty," the next "Babies;" at present it is "Babies and dogs," or "Babies and cats," or "Babies and cats and dogs." One is amazed at the stupendous inanity, at the untiring iteration, at the plentiful lack of wit of these "enfantillages." A foreigner may well wonder whether English art is entirely devoted to obtaining the appreciation of girls fresh from the boarding-school, of prattling babes and carates' tea parties. Is there no power, no dignity, no virility? Instead of imagination we have sentiment, instead of beauty prettiness, instead of finish elaboration, instead of grace elegance. But luckily the thing is curing itself. Grown men and women are getting sick of the maudlin sentimentality and galvanic humour of the popular style. In the illustrated catalogue of this gallery alone there are no less than six perpetrations depending for their interest merely on some pun connected with animals. Now the British public has an extraordinary notion that repetition is wit, but we imagine that it has found out that a thing may be repeated once too often, and will dismiss not only this particular branch of illustration, but everything that is not an outcome of the artist's own thought, labour, and talent. Indeed there is no occasion for despair. We see in various unobtrusive canvases the evidence of a new life and a new departure, which is sure at first to be virulently attacked, but which may yet greatly influence English art. There are a few pictures which stand out from the mediocrity of the whole by their qualities. No. 75, "An Egyptian Study," by Cecil M. Round, is an atrociously clever work, finished in the true sense of the word, that is, every detail stands in its proper place, and does not, as it were, jump out of the picture. We say atrociously, because the effect of the whole is very ugly and merely impels us to admit its unmistakable cleverness. Sidney Starr's "Idle," No. 86, is charming; a young girl leaning back idly on a sofa. It is a pretty subject, rightly seen and excellently painted. J. J. Shannon's "Study" is most artistic, as indeed all his work is, but it is not his best effort this winter. Melton Fisher is a well-trained artist; "In Mask, old Venetian," is a powerful study, and anybody who wishes to know what flesh-painting means should not miss it, but somehow we see in this what is more obvious in his other picture here,—No. 196, "Flirtation," a kind of continental vulgarity, which reminds us of a box of wax vestas. No. 228, "News from Abroad," by A. Chevalier Taylor, is a delicate arrangement of cool greys and pinks, rather in the style of Fred Brown's work. E. J. Gregory shows his great powers in "Kept In," No. 637, a gorgeous portrait of a sulky young beauty. Among landscapes are noticeable No. 150, "A Slumbering Village," by Joyston Hetherington, with a pale citron sky. "Harvest Moon," No. 503, by Edward Stott, seems to have been inspired by Millet, and has much of his poetic charm and imagination; but also his faults, the thick paint and the spotty colouring. Why, for instance, should a white duck be dotted over with pink and blue and green dabs? White is white. Arthur Hacker's "Cockle Gatherers," No. 637, is a broadly painted work, but as with many others in this Exhibition we see that the artist is accustomed to water-colour, and does not quite utilize all the advantages of oil as a medium. There are probably several other works which would reward a careful search, but private view day being really public reception day, neglect of such is unavoidable.

The three-act farce which we announced last week has having been submitted to Mr. Edward Compton, is entitled "Bachelors' Wives;" it will be produced at a special matinee at the Strand, 15th. Dec. Miss Lottie Venne and Mr. Yorke Stephens will be in the caste.

Mr. Henry Irving has accepted the dedication of Mr. Edwin Drew's new volume, *Reciting and Reading*.

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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, 4th DECEMBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1264—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1550—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1691—Faversham, Crown and Anchor, 79 Church Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Christwick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottons, Eastwood
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

- 112—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Longbeach Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
80—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Emp' rates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
318—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
375—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorate, 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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1660—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—King's and, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1591—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Prohiby, Free-mason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Tranquility, Bull Hotel, Preston
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightonsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Temper Fidelity, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybil, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
822—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1160—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Nentune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1330—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Cher-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Colch Arms, Market Drayton
1579—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
85—Pensance, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
189—Jonna, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stoney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, Kin's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1011—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1157—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W
1293—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Averley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1406—Mount Pelgambra, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1510—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Proceeders, Broad Street, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dalwich-road, 8.45 Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Gauden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
154—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Priory-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
209—Etojian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45 (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havana.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Ginstade, Wighton Buzzard
960—Buta, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furress, Masonic Temple, Ulverson
1002—Skidlaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1131—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Ralet
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyno
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 116 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1488—St. Elith, Castle Hotel, Amble, Auckland
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, S.151X Street, W7
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveland.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Burningham
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barabury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kew, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners, The Legend, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wyea Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southampton, at 8.30. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
143—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
28—United Strength, The Hope, St. Hope Street, Regent's Park, at 8.30 (Inst)
58—La Tolérance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
781—Wandsworth, Red Lion, Wandsworth, at 8.30 (Instruction)
902—Birgvene, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1335—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Finsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Naus Hotel, Alldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 210 St. John-road, at 8. (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mark-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsa Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, Jona Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct

- 1000—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
- 1022—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cannon-row, New Road, at 8. (In.)
- 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Ar-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Church-yard, at 7. (Inst.)
- R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- 64—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
- 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
- 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
- 126—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
- 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
- 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
- 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
- 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
- 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
- 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
- 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
- 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
- 387—Aircade, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
- 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
- 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
- 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
- 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
- 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
- 697—United, George Hotel Colchester
- 750—St. Ivano, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
- 765—Kilnsmere, Masonic Hall, Knaconra, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 851—Working Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Wortaing
- 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
- 864—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Saw, near Oldham
- 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Kopergate, Pontefract
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
- 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 1060—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
- 1064—Loroug, Bull Hotel, Burnley
- 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
- 1208—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Kainsgate
- 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
- 1248—Demison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Foxteth Park, Liverpool
- 1398—Balwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1424—Browning, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Gatham
- 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1611—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1620—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
- 1647—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1652—Llandloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandloes
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
- 1646—Come Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slathwaite
- 1652—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 179—Southdown, Hurlpierpoint, Sussex
- 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
- 2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
- R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
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- R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lamoath, at 8. (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 634—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 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