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PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

WHEN we look around and trace the origin of some of the grandest schemes of which the world can boast, we find them to be the work of men who have given their time, their energy, and their experience in order that others might reap the benefit of their labours. They have striven to establish and maintain organizations for the assistance of their fellow creatures, sometimes at great personal sacrifice to themselves, but throughout they have acted with the utmost disregard of self, and have only thought of the benefits which they hoped would accrue from their exertions. Years afterwards they have perhaps seen the realisation of their fondest hopes, and although the result of the work they accomplished may be the talk of the world, it not unfrequently happens that they—the founders and early workers—are almost forgotten, unthought of perhaps, except by one or two with whom they worked in the prosecution of their desires.

We can fully believe it was not the wish of these philanthropists to win distinction when they worked so hard in years gone by, they did not think of the return they would receive for what they were doing, neither do they now lament having done what they did, even if they are without any reward save that to be derived from a clear and satisfied conscience; but is this the way to treat those who have done so much—to leave them unnoticed and unrewarded? It cannot be right, but how shall we alter it? If we make public heroes of all who win that distinction by their disinterested efforts to benefit the world at large, we shall at once put a check on the good work which is ever going on, for those who take the foremost part in it are of that class who do not care to let their left hand know what their right hand is doing, but there are ways in which they can be rewarded honourably and satisfactorily.

Applying these views to the Masonic Order we find that Freemasonry presents numerous instances of men who have done much with the hope of benefiting their fellows, with no other object in view than that of doing good. They have striven hard, have devoted their means and their time in the cause of humanity, and have neither had, nor looked for, any public reward for such services. We need not look further than the Charitable Institutions of Freemasonry for actual proof of this. Those noble Charities are really the outcome of efforts made years ago by such men as we have referred to, and they have been maintained during the many years they have been in existence, and are now being maintained, by the descendants of such disinterested workers, men on whom have fallen the mantle of benevolence, and who in turn will transmit it to others; for we can hardly imagine that the world will ever be deprived of a goodly proportion of men who consider it their duty to do their best to relieve distress.

Our views in regard to the rewards offered to brethren who work on behalf of the Masonic Charities are known to our readers. We consider them woefully neglected in comparison with the amount of good they accomplish, but at the same time we recognise there is a difficulty in making any alteration in existing arrangements, although that difficulty is surely one of sentiment rather than of reality. The brethren who act as Stewards on behalf of

the Masonic Institutions, or who support the Charities in other ways, really perform a public service, but Masonry has not yet learnt to recognise their actions in that regard, although we are not without evidences that a change is gradually taking place. What is really wanted is official recognition from Grand Lodge, and we yet have hope that this may some day be forthcoming. Already we find some of the Provinces undertaking the duty we would relegate to Grand Lodge—to publicly reward public services; and occasionally we hear of a private Lodge making a departure in the same direction, but these instances are so rare as to make them stand out the more prominently as exceptions to the general rule.

We recently had the pleasure of witnessing in a private Lodge, such a departure from custom as that to which we here refer, and we are convinced that the brethren then assembled must have felt with us that the innovation was well merited, and wished that it was of more frequent occurrence. A member of the Lodge had acted for three successive years as Steward for one or other of the Charities, and had secured no small amount of credit for his Lodge by the efforts he had put forward. No doubt he had reaped a most gratifying recognition from the knowledge that he had done something on behalf of the aged and the orphan, and there are perhaps some who will say he also has a reward in the shape of extra votes for future elections, but the members of his Lodge considered him worthy of yet further distinction, and they conferred on him the highest honour it was in their power to bestow when they publicly presented him with a charity jewel, the wearing of which is at all times a gratifying distinction, but when it is the gift of a Lodge the honour attached to it is far greater, and yet the instances when the jewel is thus publicly conferred are rare.

If we look at the matter from a strictly business point of view, we come to the conclusion that a Lodge does nothing more than is just when its members present the charity jewel to such of their number as secure the right to wear it, as it is the Lodge, rather than the individual Steward, which has the credit of raising the money it is intended the jewel shall attract, but the price charged by the Grand Lodge for the distinction is such as to deter many Lodges from doing what they desire in this respect. We are aware that what costs nothing is apt to be looked upon as of little value, but when we remember the price at which the right to wear the charity jewel is purchased, we must admit that argument does not apply in connection with it. As we have previously said, we should like to see Grand Lodge publicly recognise the exertions of brethren who act as Stewards for the Charities, by presenting the Charity jewel of Freemasonry to all who win the right to wear it, the same as is now done by a few of the Provincial Grand Lodges, and, as we have said, occasionally by Private Lodges.

The cost of the Charity jewel is, we imagine, the chief obstacle in the way of such a course as we propose, but this could be obviated by making a new design, or so modifying the existing one as to bring its cost down to a few shillings,—it is not the intrinsic value of such a distinction, but the fact that it is a badge of honour which makes it of value. Even if a jewel similar to that sold at the present time by Grand Lodge was presented, it would be a very cheap way of recognising the immense amount of good which is annually accomplished by those

on whose behalf the expense would be incurred. All must admit that Freemasonry reaps a great amount of credit from the Charities of the Order, even if they, in turn, owe their very existence to Freemasonry itself, and on this principle it is certainly not asking too much when we urge that Grand Lodge should defray the expense of decorating those who assist in such good work. At present it would appear that the governing body of Freemasonry puts a tax on Benevolence, for it is enjoined by the Constitutions that only a certain jewel may be worn by those who have worked in the cause of Charity, supposing they desire to wear any outward mark of having so laboured, and the price charged for that jewel—even though it only cover the cost—is far beyond what is necessary or desirable. Some of the greatest honours of the world are exemplified by an iron or equally inexpensive badge, and why could not this, one of the greatest honours of Freemasonry, be represented by an equally economical method.

Failing official and free recognition from Grand Lodge, we can only hope that each of the Provincial centres will ere long adopt the custom now carried out by the few, and that ultimately the members of each private Lodge represented at the Festivals of the Charities will consider they have not completed their duty until they have publicly presented a Charity jewel to each of their fellows who has the right to wear it. When that is done we believe that even greater interest will be taken in the Charities than is at present displayed by Freemasons as a united body.

MASONIC STUDY.

MOST Masons feel their strongest interest centreing in their own Lodges, partly because, if there be any ambition of promotion, it is there they must look for it; but another urgent reason is that they deem the time and zeal they expend upon their own Lodges a sufficient contribution to the general work. Of course, no Lodge can long continue to flourish without its own membership exhibiting an interest in its affairs, but they ought not to forget that a Lodge is but an atom in the general account, and that the work of the whole Craft is of paramount importance. In a general way brethren do not place as much value on this fact as it deserves, and their views are less cosmopolitan than they ought to be, considering the sacred ties which unite the body throughout the world. We do not believe that there is any desire to ignore or set aside the solemn obligations into which they have entered, but they are lukewarm in their desire to obtain knowledge, both in regard to the principles of Freemasonry and the doings of their brethren beyond their own narrow sphere. How many rest content with the meagre amount of light imparted to them when they are initiated, the majority taking for granted whatever is told them, without making the least further inquiry into the interesting subject. The manner in which this ceremony too often is performed can give but a very faint idea of what beauties are in store for those who, having been put on the scent, can follow it up and ascertain truths which, but for the glimpse thus given them, they would never dream of. Even were the ritual, in its original form, fully and clearly delivered at an initiation ceremony, and this is seldom the case, the amount of information conveyed in it should only incite brethren to know what really lies beyond, and put them in the way of exploring the wide field which awaits their cultivation. It too often happens that the devotion and mere routine and ceremonial in the Lodge prevents anything else being done. And then, when we take into account the general disposition to avoid study out of it, it is no wonder Freemasons are, to a great extent, ignorant of the real value of the Fraternity to which they belong. When this evil is known and admitted in many Lodges, the importance of holding meetings for the purpose of instruction cannot be denied, and we are confident that were such set on foot, they would prove a great success. The dominion of Masonry is only bound by the limits of the globe, and if we desire to fully appreciate the duties connected with the Craft, we must begin by understanding that the work of any particular Lodge or group of Lodges is but a small part of the whole, and only a real weight and value in the proportion it bears to the corresponding efforts of the rest. As a Fraternity, we have yet to consider and take to heart the real value of organised

effort—the effort not of one Lodge, and of one Grand Lodge, but the weight, the power, the influence of the whole Craft, moving forward in one given direction, and bending its energies to one well considered and attainable end. When we reach this point we shall understand the real meaning of Masonic principles, and our labours will be all the more fruitful in that we shall be travelling on a higher plane, overlooking at once the errors of the past, and the errors we have yet to avoid, ere we can feel that the Temple is completed, and our wages due. The mystic tie which binds us is the result of a series of profound indisputable truths, and though—

The world, with selfish rust and reckless stain
May mar its beauty,

it cannot touch its strength, and they must ultimately prevail. Let us, therefore, by thought, by study, and by action, endeavour to bring about among ourselves a more thorough appreciation of duty, a nearer relation to each other, and a broader field for the whole.—*Sydney Freemason.*

MASONRY AS AN INSTITUTION.

MANY Masonic writers employ much time, and expend much labour and ink, to prove or disprove the antiquity of Masonry. There is no doubt that the Institution is ancient, as it has existed from time immemorial, and there is abundant proof that no one living can tell the exact period of its first foundation. This being the fact, and few we think will dispute it, why waste time and labour upon what cannot be positively proven? It is the Masonry of to-day that should engage the attention of Craftsmen; its purposes, advantages and aims; not when and where it existed in the past. That Masonry has done much to enlighten the world must be apparent even to the youngest made member. Its teachings of reverence for the Deity, and Brotherly Love toward every man, has made it the institution that has outlived even dynasties and nations. Its principles of morality, equality and rectitude of life and conduct, have supported it amid many trials and persecutions; so that to-day the Institution flourishes all over the world where civilization extends, and is respected and esteemed alike by prince, peer and peasant. Let every brother practise out of the Lodge what is taught within it, and leave the question of antiquity of Masonry to the past. Let them look to the present and see if they cannot perform the true Masonic part in some way or other. We are sure there are many opportunities constantly presented to view, without Masons taking much trouble to find them, and by following them out they can prove to the world that Masonry is, indeed, the Institution that it claims to be.—*New Zealand Mail.*

THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

AT the last annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in his opening address, Grand Master Shryock said:

Almost coincident with the birth of the Republic, was first instituted the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The war which secured American independence had hardly ceased, when, upon the soil of this State—the first dedicated to civil and religious liberty—an assembly was appropriately held, which inaugurated the beneficent existence and work of this Grand Lodge in 1787, just four years after the recognition of the nation's independence.

Thus ninety-nine and one-half years ago this body was organised. Since then it has gathered in semi-annual communication two hundred consecutive times. It has seen Freemasonry grow, from a small and feeble beginning to a mighty organisation, binding thousands of men together in a revered Brotherhood.

One hundred years! Think of it, brethren! How many changes has that period witnessed? How many historic events it has recorded? How many convulsions it has survived? It saw the infancy of the Republic, when we were but thirteen sparsely settled States; it saw that beneficent instrument, the Constitution of the United States, adopted and applied; it saw the right to navigate the high seas vindicated by a young power then hardly twenty-one years old. It has witnessed the application of steam to all

the varied purposes of civilised life; the revelations of electricity, and all the wonders of that mysterious phenomenon; it has seen the little Republic, by whose cradle it sat, grow into a continental empire of thirty-eight States, ribbed with iron rails, upon which oscillates the commerce of a hemisphere. Wonderful changes it has observed in that eventful and historic period.

In the bosom of a century such as the last are stored the most wonderful achievements and events of the earth's existence. Wars and calamities, progress and development have filed before it: death, disaster and disease have marched in ghastly procession, and constant changes have marked the period as a stupendous step upward and forward for humanity.

But whilst all around changes have been going on perpetually, in form and substance, tenets and mission, Masonry has not changed. It has grown from a small to a larger body, but that is all. Improvement has been everywhere in that century of time save here; for the truth is perfection at all times and amid all changes. Built upon the immutable foundation of Truth, Love and Justice, it has seen the old pass away and the new adjust itself to the varying caprices of an energetic age, while it alone has fitted all times, all seasons and all events. Its principles being perfect, could not change; its truths being immortal, could not grow old; its blessings being personal could not stale. And so, after the lapse of one hundred years, we meet to-night to commemorate a centennial; to bow uncovered before the memories of our dead; to reverently close the century behind us; to begin with fresh fervour the grander century before us, and with careful hands and dutiful hearts to continue the work committed to us through all the centuries that have tested and hallowed our beloved Fraternity.

ELECTION DAY IN THE CRAFT.

ELECTIONS are always interesting, and sometimes exciting. Masonic elections are no exception to the rule. The Brother who has the most votes is the Brother who is elected, and hence each vote is a matter of interest both to the voter and to those who are voted for. Fortunately, in Freemasonry the methods do not obtain which are common in the profane world. There is not the same anxiety for office, nor a resort to means which are more than questionable for obtaining it. The ballot is pure in Masonry. There may be some quiet arrangements looking towards success, but the proprieties of the Fraternity forbid any indulgence in unseemly scheming, and the brother who should attempt it would deservedly meet with failure. While merit ought to be the criterion for office in every case, civil as well as Masonic, the large majority of the members of the Fraternity evidence by their actions their feeling that the first requisites for office in Masonry are, ability, high character, and good name.

The elections in the subordinate Lodges of Pennsylvania, which begin this week, will be unusually interesting from the fact that, for the first time in the history of the Craft in this jurisdiction, dating from the approaching St. John's Day two years' service will be required of Masters of Lodges in order to qualify them as permanent members of Grand Lodge. This rule will not require either the Senior Warden or the Junior Warden to necessarily serve as such for two years—only the Master must do so; but ordinarily both Wardens will serve for two years. At the same time it should also be remembered that neither the Wardens nor the Master are required to serve for more than one year except for the purpose of becoming a permanent member of Grand Lodge. While in office, as Warden or Master, they are members of Grand Lodge, and no brother need serve for two years as Master, unless he desires to attain thereby a permanent place in the Grand Body. By one year's service as Master he becomes a Past Master of his Lodge, with all the rights appertaining thereto.

By reason of the fact that many of the brethren elected during the current season will in due course serve for six years in all, instead of three years as heretofore, more than usual care is required in the selection of Lodge Officers. To elect an unqualified brother now will be to entail, possibly, years of regret and failure. Now, above all other times, the brethren should sink merely personal preferences, and have constantly and solely in view the respective merits of the brethren voted for.

What is it that mainly gives character to a Masonic Lodge? Its Officers. If they are inefficient, both members and visitors become painfully aware of the fact, the Lodge languishes, it becomes supremely uninteresting, and both members and visitors are conspicuous by their absence. We must keep up the standard of official ability if we would maintain the high character of Masonry? What are the first questions asked? Who is your Grand Master? Who is your District Deputy? Who is the Master of your Lodge? The Craft is primarily judged, not by its members, but by its officers. The latter are supposed to be in every respect representative, and the Fraternity at large is praised or blamed in accordance with the ability and reputation of its representatives. This is but fair. The members elect the officers, and the members receive praise or blame in proportion to the wisdom or carelessness they exercise in the choice of their rulers.

What are the requisite qualifications for an Officer of a Lodge. Briefly they are these: Ability to work, to teach and to govern, and a fair fame and good name among men. With these every Masonic Officer will be a success. The measure of his ability will be the measure of his success. All brethren are not alike able. A ready, reliable memory, a studious, reflective mind, impressive speech, discriminating intonation and gesture, are more or less gifts, but what we need in the chair of King Solomon every time is a gifted brother — one with as many gifts as we can command. Let it be the motive of every brother who casts a ballot to select absolutely the best candidate for the office. We cannot afford to take any but the best. Freemasonry in some jurisdictions, and in some localities in all jurisdictions, is not as dignified and respected as it should be. It is marked by a lower order of initiates and a lower class of officers. We must aim to secure the highest men we can look up to as men—brethren who can and will work with honour to themselves and credit to the Fraternity, officers who will be suns in the Masonic firmament. More especially should this be the aim of all members of the Grand Lodge. This is the superior body of the Craft. Here our mistakes, if mistakes result, will always be conspicuous. We cannot hide them. A Lodge is one of many Lodges, but a Grand Lodge stands alone. It is a sovereign body, and he who is its sovereign should be the embodiment of all the Masonic virtues. He cannot lack many of them—nay, any of them—without becoming more or less a marked man, conspicuous as a failure. Every candidate for Masonry is not qualified for membership, much less is every brother qualified for Masonic office. Some brethren delude themselves by thinking it matters little which of the candidates voted for is elected. Are they not all Masons? True. But possibly all of them ought not to have been, and whether this be so or not, every brother has not the requisite ability for office, nor the general high repute in the world at large. The Craft does not demand wealth, nor lofty, and it may be fictitious, social position in its Officers, any more than it does in its initiates, but it does require ability and character adequate to the performance of the high trusts reposed in its officials. Rulers who are supreme should maintain their supremacy, or at all events cause it to be respected, by their talents no less than by their official rank. Whenever the man is conspicuously smaller than the office, and rattles around in his chair, he will be uncomfortable himself, giddy in action, and an official failure. Let every Brother see to it that he is instrumental in elevating no such brother to office in any Masonic body during the present election season.—*Keystone.*

A NEW ORDER MERIT.—An "Order of Honourable Service" its being organised by the editor of *The Quiver*, having for its object the recognition of long and faithful domestic service. Prizes will be awarded in special cases. Applications for enrolment may be forwarded to the editor of *The Quiver*, La Belle Sauvage, London. An article on the subject is arranged to appear in the January number of that magazine.

WINTER REMEDIES.—HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT are the readiest remedies for the diseases now so rife and fatal. The adverse influences of the severe frosts, dense fogs, and piercing winds, have produced a terrible increase in the number and severity of chest diseases of all kinds, especially Bronchitis and Inflammation of the Lungs. Loss of time in the treatment of these and other similar diseases often means death. The Ointment should be briskly rubbed into the chest and between the shoulders according to the printed directions, which, combined with the internal action of the Pills, will lower the temperature of the blood, reduce the frequency of the pulse and respiration, and check the advance of the malady in good time.

Old Warrants (o).

No. 305, "Atholl" Register. 388 at the "Union." 269 from 1832, and 222 from 1863. St. Andrew's Lodge, London, (Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register," p 76).

ATHOLL Grand Master.

JOS. BROWNE S.G.W. WM. DICKEY D.G.M. GEO. BOWEN J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six, in ample Form assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful the Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullabardine, Earl of Strathsay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles and Earl Strange, and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c. Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful WILLIAM DICKEY ESQR. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful JOSEPH BROWNE ESQ. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful GEORGE BOWEN ESQR. Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the No. 305 cities and suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren viz. The Worshipful WILLIAM BRYCE, one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful HUMPHREY POPE his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful JOHN TITCHENER his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, aforesaid, at the Bell in Lower Thames Street (or elsewhere) in or near the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster upon the first and third Thursday in every Calendar month and on all reasonable Times and lawful Occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren WILLIAM BRYCE, HUMPHREY POPE, JOHN TITCHENER (with the Consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse and instal their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse and install their Successors, &c. &c. &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the Continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to their Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety and seven and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred ninety and seven.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

NOTE—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 9, Letter I.

Attached in tin cases are the *Seals* of the "Duke of Atholl," and the "Grand Lodge."

[Since the issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 12th September 1885, in which a list of our wants was given, we have received copies of four "Ancient," or "Atholl" Warrants, so that we now require only the following to complete the series of existing *Atholl* Charters. We again invite brethren of the following Lodges to forward to us transcripts (carefully noting all endorsements, numbers, &c.) of the warrants mentioned, as then we shall be able to give our undivided attention to those of extinct Lodges.—Ed. F.C.]

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| 1. Grand Master's Lodge. | 101. Temple Lodge. |
| 3. Lodge of Fidelity. | 143. Middlesex Lodge. |

PROVINCIAL.

110. R. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil.

DISTRICTS.

Barbadoes, 196. Bermuda, 214 and 233. Jamaica, 207 and 239.

THE CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.—With a view to give children an opportunity of participating in the Queen's Jubilee Celebration, the editor of *Little Folks Magazine* has arranged a scheme of considerable magnitude, having a direct bearing on this event. The scheme includes several competitions, which are divided into three classes, for girls and boys of varying ages, so that all children of from five to 16 years may compete on equal terms. There will be upwards of one hundred prizes, including three of the value of £20 each, and three of the value of £10 each. Full particulars and the regulations will be given in the January number.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

AT the last meeting of this Lodge, held 23rd November, at Derby, after the conclusion of the regular business, the W.M., Bro. W. Silver Hall, rose and said:—Brethren, you may remember that among the property of this Lodge was an antique sword, or Highland claymore, which not long since was in a very dilapidated condition. The blade was buried in rust, the basket hilt, which was a beautiful piece of steel work, was crushed nearly flat, either because some heavy weight had been dropped upon it, or possibly from its owner having sustained a fall from his horse, and of the lining of the hilt nothing but a few moth-eaten threads remained. This has now been most carefully and successfully restored and repaired at the expense of the Officers of the Lodge, in whose name I now have the pleasure of again presenting it to you. The hilt has been raised to its old form, replated, and relined, the blade, on which appears the name of the maker, Andrea Ferrara, has been burnished, and a sheath provided for its protection. Ferrara, as you may be aware, was a celebrated swordsmith, Italian by birth, who settled at Saragossa, in Spain, in the early part of the sixteenth century. Specimens of his work are still preserved in the Armoury at Madrid. The magnificent blades which were presented by Ferdinand to King Henry VIII., on his marriage with Katharine of Arragon, were supplied by Ferrara, while his weapons had a special reputation among the Highland clans. It is therefore not impossible that in this beautiful sword we have a relic of the visit to Derby of the Highlanders under Prince Charles Edward in 1745. In our Minute Books, which extend in an unbroken series since 23rd September 1788, there is no record that any such sword had been purchased by, or presented to, the Lodge. It is therefore probable that this beautiful weapon, which is at least 350 years old, has belonged to the Lodge since its consecration in 1785. If any brother, or friend, can throw any further light upon its history, we shall, I am sure, be only too pleased to hear from him. The sword, after having been passed round and greatly admired, was formally entrusted to the custody of the Tyler.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 276.

ON Thursday afternoon, 9th inst., the annual installation meeting was held at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford. The Worshipful Master Bro. W. Andrew C. Durrant P.G.J.W. occupied the chair, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. A. G. Maskell S.W., Wilson Metcalfe J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Langham S.D., T. R. Jarvis J.D., Andrew Durrant P.M. P.G. Treas. Dir. of Cers., T. Winniatt Smith P.G. Org. Organist, Sarel Tyler. There was also a goodly attendance of P.M.'s and members of the Lodge and visitors. The principal business of the evening was the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. Adolphus E. Maskell, which ceremony was impressively performed by the D.P.G.M. of the Province V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and at its close the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Andrew C. Durrant P.G.J.W. I.P.M., Wilson Metcalfe P.G. Steward S.W., William Langham J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Frank Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, James P. Lewin P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Secretary, Andrew Durrant P.M. P.G. Treas. P.P.G.S.W. Dir. of Cers., Frank P. Suttbery P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Organist, Rymer Jarvis S.D., James Tomlinson J.D., Charles Williams I.G., Frederick Smee and J. C. Creswell Stewards, Thos. S. Sarel P.G. Tyler Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the Installing Master, the W.M. was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. The Lodge also passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. James Nichols P.M., who has resigned the Secretaryship in consequence of leaving the town, after having held the office nine years; and a similar compliment was accorded Bro. J. W. Hair for the exemplary manner in which he had discharged the duties of Assistant Secretary during the same period. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was served by Mr. E. Panther Taylor, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. In responding to the toast of his health, the V.W. D.P.G.M., after thanking the brethren for their cordial reception, expressed his great regret that owing to being unable to leave his room this time last year he had not the pleasure of installing the I.P.M., which, as the son of one of their oldest and most respected P.G. Officers, he should have had so much pleasure in doing. Bro. Philbrick then congratulated the Lodge upon the large number of P.G. Officers present on this occasion, all of whom had done good work for Freemasonry in the Province. He feelingly alluded to the loss they had all sustained in the death of Bro. Joshua Nunn. The very last occasion on which he (Bro. Philbrick) was amongst his Essex brethren was on the occasion of the installation of that worthy brother as first W.M. of their youngest Lodge. He had no doubt that at the present time their minds had been exercised somewhat as to what part Freemasons were to take in the celebration of Her Majesty's jubilee. He could assure them—and the P.G. Secretary would bear them out—that no one felt more keen an interest in this matter than their P.G.M. Lord Brooke. Nothing, he believed, had really been decided on at present; but, knowing he should be in Essex that day, he had made some inquiries, and he believed he might tell them, without betraying any confidences, that it was the desire of H.R.H. the Grand Master to himself make some communication of his wishes on the subject. This communication would, no doubt, be shortly made; and they, as loyal citizens and Freemasons would, he was sure, gladly fall in with whatever their Grand Master desired. Other toasts followed, and some excellent vocal and instrumental music added to the pleasure of the evening. Among those present besides the Officers of the Lodge above mentioned were

V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar D.P.G.M., Bros. Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. W. Morgan Jones W.M. 697 P.P.G.C., J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., J. E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G. Assist. D. of C., G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Std. Br., and H. E. Tinckam P.M. 244 P.P.G. Swd. Br. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. D. Marshall S.W. 771, R. K. Bull and Warren H. Drake 1726, and H. Hay 1627. Also the following members of No. 276:—Bros. A. C. Veley P.M. P.G. Stwd. England, Arthur Goodchild P.M. P.P.G.W., E. Shedd P.M., A. Mead P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wks., J. S. Brown P.M. P.G.D., A. F. Ginn P.M. P.P.G.P., Bros. J. W. Hair P.P.G.R., John Taylor, F. H. Meggy, E. Durrant P.P.G. Stwd., &c.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, Essex, Bro. Walter Rowe W.M. presiding. The heavy storm which prevailed throughout the day greatly interfered with the attendance of brethren whose residences are distant from the Lodge-rooms, and apologies by telegram and post were more numerous than welcome. Amongst those present were Bros. F. Warner acting as S.W., James Stevens P.M. hon. member acting as J.W., G. D. Clapham P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, J. L. Franklin J.D., D. Milbank I.G., A. Rattray P.M. P.P.G.D., Mortimer Hall, John Wright, W. Rivers, P.M. Welch, C. Bins, R. Marsh, R. J. Scurr, R. Brazier, W. C. Sams, F. P. Adams 2136, &c. After confirmation of previous minutes, Bros. Welch and Rivers were raised to the third degree. In accordance with previous arrangement, Bro. Stevens then delivered a portion of his new lecture on Ritual and Ceremonial, and greatly interested the brethren whilst imparting much valuable instruction in Masonic working. A large amount of information on many important points in the F.C. and M.M. degrees were, on this occasion, condensed by Bro. Stevens within the limits of little more than an hour's space of time, and his remarks were listened to with the closest attention, and received general approval. After Lodge had been lowered to the first degree, Bro. G. D. Clapham P.P.G.R., and Bro. Rattray P.P.G.D. respectively moved and seconded, in eulogistic terms, a vote of thanks to the Lecturer, and this being unanimously agreed to, Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks for the reception accorded him. A few items of routine business were disposed of, and Lodge was closed and the brethren partook of an elegant repast. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the remainder of a very pleasant evening was passed in social harmony, to which Bro. Adams 2136, several members of the Lodge, and Bro. Stevens, by recital of well-known Masonic poems, greatly contributed.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 11th inst., at Leeds. The newly-installed Master (W. Bro. Chas. L. Mason P.P.G. Treasurer West Yorks) has inaugurated two improvements which will be heartily appreciated not only by the members of his own Lodge, but by the Masons of Leeds generally. Hitherto there have been but few lectures on the great principles and tenets of Freemasonry delivered in the Lodges of the town, but this reproach Bro. Mason has determined to wipe out. In connection with the Lodge of Prudence a large number of lectures have already been arranged for. At the regular meeting in January that distinguished Mason the Rev. Bro. A. F. Woodford P.G. Chaplain has promised to visit the town, where he is highly respected, and lecture in the Lodge of Prudence. He is sure to be welcomed by a large assemblage of West Yorkshire Masons. Another idea of Bro. Mason has been to officially invite the W.M.'s and Officers of the other seven Leeds Lodges to pay a visit to the Lodge of Prudence, and this is a new departure which is likely still further to promote that spirit of unity amongst the Brethren which happily already exists in so marked a degree in Leeds. On the 11th inst. Fidelity, No. 289, paid an official visit, being represented by the W.M. Bro. Alf. Scarf, and several Officers and Brethren, their reception being most cordial. The W.M. was supported by the following Officers:—Dr. Smyth I.P.M., Trevor S.W., Watson J.W., Abbott Treas., Middleton Sec., Scott Young S.D., Fretwell J.D., Jameson I.G., Rosser Chap., Howarth Organist, Atkinson and Storey D.C.'s, Butterworth and Milling Stewards, Barraud Tyler. The Hon. and Very Rev. A. P. Puray-Cnst, Past Grand Chaplain England, P.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, was present, in response to an invitation, to read a paper for the edification and instruction of the brethren. There were also present W. Bro. Embleton Prov. G.S.W. Bedford P.P.G.D., Craig P.P.G.D., Smithson P.P.G.D. Chairman of the Charity Commission, Wilson P.P.G. Treasurer, Glover P.P.G.D., France P.P.G.D.C. Brethren mustered in good force from Leeds, Huddersfield, Wakefield, Halifax, &c. The Mayor of Halifax (Bro. Horsfall) and his son were also among the visitors. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the distinguished brother from York saluted according to ancient custom, the ballot was taken, and found clear for, Mr. Charles Malcolm, surgeon, and Mr. Thos. Glover, commercial traveller. As these gentlemen were unable to present themselves they will be initiated at a Lodge of Emergency, to be held on the 1st of January next. Four other candidates' names were mentioned, a proof that this Lodge, the youngest but one in the province, is making for itself a position second to none. The routine business having been disposed of the Very Worshipful Brother the Dean of York P.G. Chaplain of England, and P.P.D.G.M. Berks and Bucks, then delivered his address, entitled "Practical appreciation and experience of the Craft." He said:—I must, in the first instance, express my thanks for the cordial reception you have given me. As loyal Masons you will I am sure always receive a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge with the cordiality shown to me. My only doubt is whether I have any *locus standi* in Lodge Prudence at all, and whether the part of prudence, so far as I am concerned, would not have been better shown by my having relegated the duty I have undertaken to discharge to abler hands

than mine. My only plea is that I have followed that principle which is one of the distinctive features of the Craft, namely, obedience, which should animate all Masons to try as far as possible to promote the welfare of the Craft. I come here in response to an invitation, and I hope my address may prove useful and acceptable to you. There are different ways in which Freemasonry may be treated. It may be treated historically, from an archaeological aspect, from a ritualistic, from a mystic aspect, and in many other ways. There are and must be in any system which has existed so long as Freemasonry a great deal which entices the interest of the different members of the Craft, and there must be an inexhaustible store and information to be derived from it. I cannot pretend to enter to-night into any of the aspects of Freemasonry which I have mentioned. I will only venture to speak of my own experiences as a Mason, and what I feel myself to be the practical advantages of being a member of the Craft. I am not a Mason of yesterday, some 40 years have passed since, as an undergraduate at Oxford, I was initiated, and I have never regretted that step. On the contrary, I experience a steady and increasing feeling of thankfulness that in that now distant epoch of my life I became a member of the Craft. I have always felt it an honour to be a Mason, and on a great many occasions I have found it to be of great practical utility. I have often been questioned as to the reasonableness of a Christian being a Mason, for outsiders have told me that at best Masonry is but a system of Doism, and therefore Christian men, and especially Christian ministers, should not belong to it. My answer has always been, that if Freemasonry was a thing of the present moment, if it were the creation of the day in which we live, then I should have had great hesitation in joining it. But Freemasonry has existed for a long period of years; it is as old as any form of religion which is known to have existed; it is coeval, we believe, with the first conception of the existence of a God; it was the very first foundation stone of religion of any sort or kind, and I must say that it seems to me that recognising in Masonry its venerable character, and recognising its past history, one does not feel prepared to reject that which was so eminently the earnest yearning of longing humanity for those very distant times. Freemasonry is like one of those grand notes which are evoked from an organ, whose depth of sound is the basis and foundation of beautiful harmonies, which are founded upon it. It seems to me that Freemasonry is like that, and whilst you would not accept the simple note as the whole of the music, yet in listening to the beautiful harmonies you would not forget that which underlies, and is the basis of them. Therefore Freemasonry deserves our reverence. It is not our religion; we do not profess that it is, but it has that religious character which is common to all religions, and whilst not disposed to give up the greater light and knowledge, to abandon our holy faith for the tenets of Freemasonry, yet recognising that Freemasonry is the substratum of religion, we value and reverence it as such. It has often been objected that it was not right for me to support Freemasonry when many things had in the past taken place in Lodges which could not be approved of by a Christian man; my answer has been that indeed the history of Freemasonry was like the history of everything else. In the history of the Church there had been seasons of use, and seasons of abuse, and, as a clergyman, I could not defend all that the Church had done in days gone by. The same might be said in regard to Masonry; as I should most strongly repudiate any attack upon the Church of which I am a minister, because of her shortcomings in days gone by, so on the other hand do I hold similar views with regard to Freemasonry. In its past history things had the place which I would gladly draw a veil over, yet there is much associated in Freemasonry which makes it not only consistent but desirable for Christian men and clergymen to be members of the Craft. The first thing which makes Freemasonry valuable is its unity. Whilst Masonry is entitled to reverence on account of its great antiquity, it is also entitled to reverence because it is supplying a want which I do not find to be supplied in any other way. It fosters a unity which is not to be found anywhere else, and unity was never more earnestly desired than it is in the present day. The reason I value it as a pattern of unity is because in the truest sense of the word it is unsectarian. It is not a system of latitudinarianism or unworthy compromise, but in the Lodge we can and do meet on a broad basis, and those who would be separated hopelessly in the world meet here as friends and brothers. As a clergyman it has thrown me into the society of men I should never have known but for Freemasonry; it has put me on a kind and friendly footing towards them which could not have been attained in any other way. Another great practical advantage in Freemasonry is the order to be found in our Lodges, both as regards subordinate positions and positions of authority. Here we see on the one hand the great advantage of obedience, and on the other the great honour of authority. If the spirit of subordination which reigns in a Freemason's Lodge so happily could permeate the world around us—the same ready spirit of obedience—some of the great questions which will have to be settled would be much more easily solved than they were likely to be as matters now stand. Authority in our Lodges is always tempered with moderation, because it is the authority of those who have learned to obey, and who therefore are the best qualified to command. Liberality is another great feature of the Craft. There is no ostentation in it, it is so quietly done that few know anything about it. Not until I became a member of Grand Lodge had I any idea of the extent of the Craft's liberality, or of the admirable manner in which this liberality is dispensed. If there were no other advantage to be derived from being a Freemason the manner in which our funds are distributed would be sufficient reason why I should rejoice at being a member of the Craft. I for one wish that what we do in this respect could be more widely known. Some people say that Freemasonry is a strange jumble of serious and secular things, and that is another reason why it is not consistent for a Christian to join it; but, after 40 years' experience as a Mason, I have never seen anything in the Lodge that is not consistent with true reverence and with the highest and most sacred truths we hold. In these days when the name of God is so apt to be forgotten I am thankful that in Free-

masonry there is a sober and solemn side to our meetings. Freemasonry is also valuable for the practical character it possesses in these days. Nobody can look at the course of events around us without feeling that the problems before us are as difficult, if not more difficult, than any which have presented themselves in the past, and we shall all admit that the solution of these problems will very much depend upon the temper of mind with which they are approached, and the possibility of their being discussed in a spirit of courtesy. In this sense Freemasonry will be a valuable instrument of dealing with the difficulties and complications of the future. So far from Freemasonry being an effete Institution and its day over, we need, as Masons, to gird up our loins and do the best we can to inspire others with the principles we value so highly, and which are of such inestimable value in the days in which we live. If Freemasonry is so valuable and of such practical utility, how can we, as Freemasons, promote it? Many of the prejudices against the system are disarmed, but prejudice dies hard, and as Masons we must do all we can individually to show that the attacks made upon the Order are not deserved. I see in this Lodge of Prudence you have a distinctive feature, and without laying down that other Lodges should necessarily follow it, yet it is a good thing to see that you by your action are showing that fermented liquors are not necessary to your enjoyment, that you can be happy without them as well as with them. Nobody can take part in our Lodges without going away a better and a stronger man. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by the I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was presented to the Dean of York for his admirable paper. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment, after which a most happy evening was spent, with music, song and speech.

PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

IT is evident that the "Jubilee" year of the reign of Her Majesty the most gracious Patron of our Masonic Charities, will be observed with much fervour by the Craft, and that in a variety of ways the respective Lodges under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge will celebrate with joy and rejoicing the auspicious occasion. Amongst the first, if not the very first, of those gatherings which will evince the devotion of the Order whose watchwords are, in the words of its Royal Grand Master, "Loyalty and Charity," may be noticed the ordinary meeting of the Percy Lodge, on Tuesday last, the 14th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, E.C. Under the genial presidency of its W.M., Bro. George Lambert P.G.S.B. &c., a large and representative assembly of Freemasons enjoyed the "labour and refreshment" which the Lodge provided as a first instalment of its "Jubilee" celebration; it being intended to mark the close of Bro. Lambert's second consecutive year of office—after service in the same capacity in the Percy Lodge in several previous years—and the accession of its new Master in a distinct and expressive manner, in a continuation of "Jubilee" festivities. The following members of the Lodge and Visitors took part in the interesting proceedings of this meeting, viz:—Bro. Geo. Lambert P.G.S.B. P.M. W.M., R. Rowell S.W., F. W. Lee J.W., H. C. Lambert P.M. Treasurer, W. B. Heath P.M. Secretary, J. T. Rowe P.M. S.D., R. W. Williams J.D., Geo. Cowell P.M. Dir. of Cers., John Read Organist, Chas. Lambert I.G., P.M.'s Geo. Cooper, F. Orchard, Dr. R. Cross, J. C. Carr, J. J. Caney; also Bros. J. F. Robinson, J. G. Cathie, R. W. Rogers, H. Marriott. Visitors—Bros. R. Costa P.G.D., J. Sampson Peirce P.G.D., F. Davison P.G.D., Greene P.G.Std.Br., H. D. Sandeman P. Prov. D.G.M. Bengal, Roebuck G.S.B., D. Woodman P.G.Swd.Br., Harding P.G.A. Dir. of Cers., Col. Peters P.G.S.B., Thomas P.G.A. Dir of Cers., E. Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, Binckes P.G. Steward, Peacock P.G. Stwd., J. L. Mather, Rev. Dr. Magnire 1964, Rev. John Rose J.D. 1964, Col. Moncrieff 10, Heard P.M. 449, Scott 1964, Drysdale 46, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, Bullock Prov. G.R. Herts, Laxton P.Prov.G.R. Middlesex, Matier P.S.W. Greece, Dr. Mickleby P.P.G.D., H. Mass ey P.M., Bradley 2021, Pendlebury P.M. 1056, Dodd P.M. 1194, Vince^{nt} 1194, Reynolds S.D. 1614, Morris 1789, Grellier J.D. 21, Archer I.G. Huguenot, Fowler 2021, Woodruff 957, Van Joel 957, Bellerby J.W. 2021, Godfrey 2021, Swain P.M. 449, Wright P.M. 1996, Hoale P.M. 92, Roumieu P.M. 1537, Blount Lewis P.M. 338, Monteuais I.P.M. 2060, C. J. Shoppees P.M. 382, Dingham P.M. 1464, Quennell W.M. 214, Owen P.M. 1287, Maples 574, C. J. Hampden Past Master 255, Palmer 143, Guenizant 1420, T. H. Potter Past Master 19, J. H. P. Wilson 259, Burne Worshipful Master 162. There were many apologies for inability to attend, amongst them being those of Bros. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of Middlesex. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Mr. Henry P. Marriott was duly approved of and initiated into the Order. Bros. R. Rowell S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Charles Lambert Treasurer, and Woodstock Tyler. A motion was made, for reference to the Audit Committee, of a proposal to recognise in a suitable manner the eminent services of Bro. Lambert on his again retiring from the chair of K.S., and notwithstanding that the W.M. deprecated further acknowledgment than had been already bestowed, the motion was unanimously agreed to. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was served in the new dining room of the celebrated Tavern, the altering and improvements of which, lately effected by Bros. C. and A. Painter, the proprietors, have been so deservedly appreciated by members of the Craft. It is needless to say more than that the menu and service together upheld the ancient reputation of the Ship and Turtle. The hearty reception accorded to the visitors during the repast by the W.M., whose generous welcome was earnest and cheering, was a fitting prelude to the subsequent proceedings. After grace had been sung the toast of The Queen was impressively given, the W.M. remarking that although the toast was at all times well received by every true Englishman, and in particular by Freemasons, it was especially fitting that now, in the very centre of the Jubilee year, and at what he might perhaps be permitted to call the Lodge's first Jubilee dinner, it should receive,

if possible, still greater emphasis. From Edward the Confessor to the present time no monarch had shed greater lustre on the British Crown than our good and excellent Queen, who in her gracious person united the best qualities of an admirable mother, a worthy governor, and a beneficent patron of our Order and its Charities. Whatever, said the W.M., might be the hopes of England in regard to succession, we may be assured of an earnest desire that our beloved Sovereign may have many years of life before her; and of all times and seasons none could be more appropriate than this Jubilee year of her reign in which to echo manifold the sincere wish God bless her. The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm, and the National Anthem was sung. In proposing the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the W. Master remarked that the fact of increase of Lodges from 990 to 2160 shewed the impetus and progress of Freemasonry under his rule, and that consideration being given to the power of Freemasonry in the direction of social advantages and the formation of valuable friendships, it would be seen what good even in that respect had been done during H.R.H. Grand Mastership. May God bless him and preserve him as chief head and ruler of the Craft. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers present and past was introduced by the W.M. in felicitous terms, having reference to what he termed our half jubilee dinner, to which he welcomed the Grand Officers present, with expectation that they might be seen at the full Jubilee dinner which the Lodge would doubtless give before its year was out. On this occasion there were present many *patres conscripti* of the Order, and many more would have attended but for engagements which could not be set aside. He should consider it a red letter day in the calendar of the Percy Lodge that the several brethren (whom he named *seriatim*) had accepted their invitation. He had hoped to have had the company of Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir Reginald Hanson, and the Sheriffs, of whom one, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Kirby, is a member of the Lodge, but civic duties could not be neglected. Bro. Hugh Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal having been compelled to leave, Bro. Sampson Peirce P.G.D. was named for response. Bro. Peirce regretted that circumstances had altered, within but a few minutes, when he felt that he was free from a call to make a speech, the worthy P.D.G.M. for Bengal being then present, but willingly acknowledged the compliment paid to the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and his colleagues in past and present Grand Office. Of the two first-named there could be no doubt that their Masonic qualifications and social position entitled them to the respect of all Freemasons; and his colleagues were certainly admirable representatives of the Order, as well in regard to Masonic work as the Charities connected therewith. As a Past Grand Officer he could say that those at present in office could not be surpassed for attention to such duties as were allotted them. The W.M. had been pleased to pay him a great compliment in recognition of his poor merits, and had spoken of the honour done to the Lodge by the attendance of other of those for whom he now returned thanks, but he was compelled to say that he thought the honour done was "on the other side," and that the guests of the evening would have a lively recollection of the hearty reception and courtesy which had been extended to them. The W.M. proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Officers—representing Greece, Hertfordshire and Middlesex Lodges—and the Grand Stewards. With the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Grand Lodges he was directly connected, and he was pleased to see the brethren to whom he had referred. With the toast he coupled the names of Bro. Fitzgerald Matier P.G.S.W. Greece, and Bro. Monteuais P.G. Steward, who respectively returned thanks, in brief but effective terms. The toast of the "Initiate" followed, and in respect of this the Worshipful Master waxed eloquent, prefacing his more serious remarks by some amusing and witty observations relating to the "ordeal" the "youngest son of the Craft" had undergone, and leading up to observations which merit consideration from all earnest members of the Craft. "Bear in mind," said the W.M., "that whilst I congratulate you (the Initiate) on your introduction into our Order, and am pleased to tell you that the word Mason is a password to any and every society, you are expected to discharge your duty, by adherence to our grand principles, and the ascent of our ladder of Faith, Hope, and Charity; that you may practise the latter virtue in the best interests of the poor and distressed. So you will gain by your association with us. What have I not gained by my connection with the Order? 'Love, honour—troops of friends.' In like manner may you also succeed, and it rests with your own efforts so to do. You have been asleep all the days of your life; you have now seen 'Light.' With its aid I am sure you will never regret your entrance into our Order." The toast was cordially received, and the E.A. song having been sung by the W.M., Bro. Marriott in response said that having been likened to a new-born baby, he must take a baby's privilege as to speaking, and until he grew up a bit and could do something he would not say much. Whatever represented an infant's impression of gratitude he desired to offer his newly-found brethren on this occasion of his entrance into Masonic life. Bro. Sexton sang "Sally in our Alley." Bro. Carr I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Lambert, not doubting that the distinguished body of Masons who must have attended on the eve of his vacating the chair after a second consecutive year of office to do him special honour, and those colleagues in Grand Lodge and in Provincial Grand Lodges who recognised his association with them, would admit that Bro. Lambert was one of those Masons whom forthcoming Masters should strive to emulate. In every respect his services to Freemasonry generally, and to the Percy Lodge in particular, had endeared him to the brethren, and he had their best wishes for the prolongation of his life and increased happiness. This toast was received with much enthusiasm, and in immediate response Bro. Lambert stated that though so long a period as thirty-nine years had passed since he, as Worshipful Master of the Percy Lodge, first trod the floors of the Ship and Turtle; he had seen great alterations during that time, including those so recently commenced and now approaching completion; he had never

attended the Lodge meetings without some cause arising for great satisfaction. Whether as Master on many occasions, or as Secretary or Treasurer on others, the interest and welfare of the Lodge had been to him of paramount importance, and he attributed the gratification he and his fellow members had received to the fact that they had never introduced as members any man whom they could have objected to introduce to their respective family circles. As Worshipful Master he wore a jewel which had been that of the late Bro. Peter Gilkes, and he was proud to know that the precepts of that worthy brother had ever guided the teachings and practice of the Percy Lodge. He had already expressed himself as gratified by the attendance of the numerous visitors on this occasion, and hoped that the jubilee entertainment he had suggested as forthcoming would also have their presence, and that of many civic magnates. He would at once propose the toast of the Visitors, and ask them to excuse him, as time was getting short, from naming each and all of them. There were more present than at any former meeting, and he hoped that the welcome which the Lodge had endeavoured to extend and the right-hand of fellowship he now offered would afford them the same amount of pleasure which their presence had afforded his fellow members and himself. Bros. Shoppee and Fredk. Binckes returned thanks in suitable terms; and, after the usual recognition of the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast, the proceedings, which had been enlivened by some excellent music, terminated.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE members of this Lodge held their regular meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Henry Martin, the Worshipful Master. He was supported by Bros. E. Thring S.W., Usher Back P.M. as J.W., W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, F. T. Bennett S.D., Lindfield I.G., P.M.'s A. Green, T. H. Lavers, F. J. Hentsch, Peirce, W. W. Morgan, and Visitors J. A. Collings, Isaac White 1949, G. W. Thompson 410, W. G. Jennings 1580, W. G. Oates D.C. 2096, D. Anderton 1901. The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Francis Henry Horscroft, who was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Burr. The ballot being unanimous in favour of the candidate, he was, later in the evening, regularly admitted to Masonic light. Bros. Henry Percy Harrison, Orilton Cooper, and George Cookrell were passed, after which Bro. S. W. Thompson of the Grove Lodge, No. 410, was, by request of the Worshipful Master of that Lodge, raised to the degree of M.M. After the closing of the Lodge, refreshments of a frugal character were partaken of, and the limited toast list customary on these off nights, was done justice to. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital songs.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday, 4th inst., when there were present Bros. E. S. Strange W.M., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. P.M. Grand Superintendent of Works Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., W. H. Pascoe Orzanist, A. W. Lloyd Steward, D. J. Kent, J. Potter, T. Baker, J. Willmot, H. Crane, L. G. Smith, A. W. Duret P.M. P.G.S., J. C. Craig I.P.M., N. Strange, C. Holcroft W.M. 1414. Bro. Josiah Willmot was raised, and Mr. Samuel Newman initiated, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent, and some excellent singing contributed by J. C. Craig I.P.M., H. Crane, Pascoe, Wallace, Lloyd, N. Strange, and Willmot.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE, No. 1891.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their Annual Meeting on St. Ambrose Day, Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. Berkeley, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, who was well supported by the Officers and other members, while among the visitors present were Bros. H. D. Aslett J.D. 1892, A. G. Boswell J.W. 1339, E. Rogers S.W. 1238, J. T. Bolding 91, J. D. Dick 2030, Capt. Nico's P.G.D. Supt. of Works Punjab, T. Rossall 1012, C. A. Walter P.M. 865, G. Towerzey 1158, R. D. Warner, W. F. Bates J.D. 1507, W. H. Rawkins 858, A. T. Bass late 247, H. Schlessinger 1017, G. Davis P.M. 1642, J. Baker 511, J. Gillingham P.M. 1238, T. Low P.M. 181, T. E. Crispe P.M. 680, R. Pierpoint P.M. 1828, C. Thompson P.M. 55, M. S. Rubinstein 1642, H. Nash 1017, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. Whitaker 1828, B. Ollendorf 1017, Henry Fress 25, C. Dawson-Phillips, &c. The business comprised the working of the first and third degrees, in addition to the installation, and the whole of this was most perfectly carried out by Bro. Dr. F. E. Pocock. Bro. E. T. Edwards was raised, and Messrs. George Henry Brook and Richard Chard were initiated. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Ludwig Lichtwitz, was, in due course, presented for installation, and was placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual formalities. He appointed the following as the Officers for the year:—J. W. Morley S.W., J. Skar J.W., W. H. Smith P.M. Treasurer, Thos. Holland P.M. Secretary, P. Perty S.D., F. Baxton J.D., W. E. Smith I.G., J. C. Couway Director of Ceremonies, W. Windsor Organist, Minard Steward, J. H. F. Taylor Asst. Steward, Potter P.M. Tyler. The addresses having been given by Bro. Dr. Pocock, Lodge was closed, and a banquet followed, but the arrangements made for the party were imperfect; the attendance was lamentably deficient, and as a consequence the after proceedings were shorn of the enjoyment usually looked for. Bro. Lichtwitz exerted himself strenuously, and

sought in every way to make his guests feel at home. On rising to propose the first toast he designated the Queen as the best and wisest of Sovereigns, and hoped she might long live to reign over her people. With the toast of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was coupled the health of the Grand Officers, a united toast, which the Worshipful Master considered needed no encomiums from him. Bro. Berkeley, the I.P.M., proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, whom he described as a zealous and enthusiastic Mason, winning popularity wherever he was known. Bro. Lichtwitz felt deeply sensible of the kind and flattering terms in which his health had been proposed. Much more had been said of him than he deserved, but he assured the brethren it would be his earnest endeavour to discharge his duties in such a manner as to merit the good opinion of every member of the Lodge. He trusted that, at the termination of his year of office, the brethren would be able to accord to him some meed of satisfaction. He next submitted the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, first of all acknowledging his indebtedness to Bro. Dr. Pocock for having installed him in so excellent a manner. To the other Past Masters he owed debts of gratitude for the courtesy and kindness they had shown towards him since the formation of the Lodge. They had all distinguished themselves, and required no eulogium from him. With the toast the Worshipful Master coupled the name of Bro. Berkeley, to whom he was especially indebted for the very kind way in which that brother had proposed his health. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of the Visitors. He was honoured that night by the presence of many distinguished guests, and he offered them a most cordial welcome. Since its formation the Lodge had ever warmly welcomed brethren of other Lodges who might occasionally favour them with a visit. Personally he thanked the guests for their attendance that day, and assured them that the more frequently they attended the Lodge, the more delighted the members would be. The toast was heartily received, and acknowledged by several of those present. The toast of the initiates followed. The Lodge had had much pleasure in adding two members to its roll, both of whom had that evening been admitted to a participation in the benefits of Masonic light. On behalf of the members of the Lodge he greeted them well, and offered them the right hand of fellowship. They had more to learn than had that night been imparted to them, and he was confident the more they saw of Freemasonry the more they would congratulate themselves on gaining admission to its ranks. Bros. Chard and Brook responded in effective terms. The toasts of the Charities and of the Officers were also given, and acknowledged, after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. During the evening some excellent songs were rendered under the direction of Bro. Windsor, Organist. Miss Kate Graves sang "If love were what the rose is," "To-morrow will be Friday," &c., while Miss Ada Doyle gave "Never Again," "The Minstrel Boy," and other pieces. During the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

A REGULAR Meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 2nd December, at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C. Amongst those present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M. P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorks W.M., W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D. Works S.W., W. Masters P.M. J.W., Fitz Herbert Wright P.M. P.P.G.W. Derbyshire Treasurer, J. L. Cooke Secretary, W. H. Bullock S.D., Theo. Carr J.D., Samuel Lamb P.M. D.C., J. L. Potts I.G., J. Woodall-Woodall P.M. P.G. Treasurer, &c., Edward Carr P.M., G. J. Wood P.M., H. J. Giller P.M., S. B. Bolas, Jas. Clayton, and Geo. Davis. The following were amongst the visitors:—R.W. Bro. T. H. Tilton D.G.M. New York City, T. C. Smyth P.M. 2069, A. P. Wood P.G. St. B. Notts, E. Berlandina 2108, R. D. Hewetson 1547, W. R. Heagerty I.G. 907, E. Archer 407 Malta, R. Townsend 1984, A. Toovay 1541, J. Cook 907, T. R. Temple 1384, W. B. Burnard I.P.M. 1662, H. Sadler W.M. 2148 Grand Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge and of two subsequent Emergency Lodges were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Frank Wright, colliery agent, Kilburn, which proved clear, and Mr. Wright being in attendance was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who also gave the charge. Bro. F. Smithson S.W. was elected W.M., for the ensuing year, and Bro. Fitz Herbert Wright was re-elected Treasurer, while Bros. Martin, Carr and Potts were appointed Auditors. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge Benevolent Fund towards the Masonic Charities. Bro. Smithson W.M. elect announced his intention of representing the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the same time presenting ten guineas, and endowing the S.W.'s chair. Heartly good wishes having been given by the Visitors, to whom the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge offered a very fraternal welcome, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the members and their visitors sat down to a substantial supper, at Freemasons' Tavern, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most happy evening was spent, many of the brethren contributing songs, which were greatly appreciated. During the evening W. Bro. Fitz Herbert Wright, Treasurer, generously intimated his intention to act as a Steward along with the W.M. elect at the coming Benevolent Festival, and that he would contribute twenty guineas to the funds.

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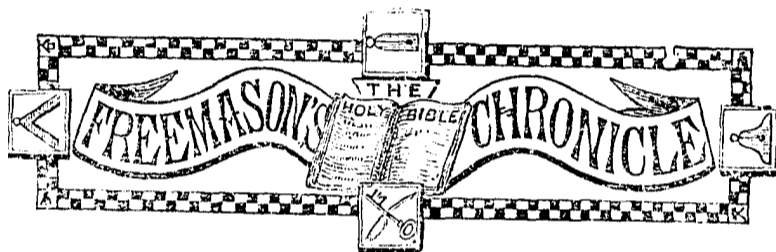
has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occa-
sion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic
Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any
information required, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of
applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain
donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire
was held on Monday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Gower-
street. The attendance was exceptionally large, every Lodge in the
Province being substantially represented. When the Provincial G.
Lodge had been opened, the beautiful hall was quite full in every
part, and presented a singularly bright and animated appearance.
The Provincial Grand Master (Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.)
was not present, but his distinguished and indefatigable Deputy (the
R.W. Bro. Haughton Charles Okeover P.G.J.W. of England) was at
his post, and presided over the business of the Lodge with his accus-
tomed geniality and tact. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master took
his seat at three o'clock, and was supported by an influential company
of visitors, and past and present Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. F.
Campion P.P.G.S.W. acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and
amongst those present we noticed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master
of Middlesex (Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.); the following Prov.
Grand Officers:—Bros. G. T. Wright S.W., W. L. Ball J.W., the Rev.
Herbert Price Chaplain, Thomas Cox P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, Wm.
Naylor P.P.S.G.W. Secretary, Samuel Robinson S.D., C. D. Hart
J.D., Percy Wallis Director of Ceremonies, Wm. Barnes Stand. Bear.,
W. Silver Hall Assistant Secretary, Vernon Greenhough Pursuivant;
the following Past Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. John Smith S.W.,
W. H. Marsden S.W., J. B. Coulson S.W., Henry Hillam S.W., Wm.
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Registrar, J. Blund J.D., the Rev. Thomas Orrell Chaplain, S. Steele
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W. L. Dodd Organist; Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Stowd. England,
John Chadwick Prov. G. Secretary East Lancashire; the following
Worshipful Masters:—Edgar Horn 731, W. J. Piper 802, J. Wobb
353, H. Pollard 506, W. Swire 625, Watkin Davis 631, E. J. H. Hos-
kyn 737, J. Chelmer, W. J. Allen 1739, D. Upton 1324, J. E.
Harrison 1225, J. Heathcote 1952; the following Past Masters:—
Bro. A. J. Waller, J. Copstick, P. R. Littleton, J. Holmes, R.
Greenhough; and a great many others. After the transaction of
formal business, the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges in the
Province presented their reports, all of which gave evidence of
amity and prosperity. Bro. H. Hillam submitted the report of
the Masonic Hall Committee, which mentioned that divers plans
were under consideration for enlarging the building and rendering it
better adapted to its requirements, and which made refer-
ence to a particularly generous offer on the part of the Rose Croix
Chapter to assist in the work of extension and improvement. It was
also stated that the demand of the Committee for increased rents had
been received in the most liberal spirit by every Lodge and Chapter
meeting in the building. Bro. J. B. Coulson announced that the
official report of the audit of the Provincial Grand Lodge accounts
was unfortunately not forthcoming, but he knew sufficient about

their financial affairs to be able to say that they were in a fairly satisfactory condition. Bro. G. T. Wright Chairman of the Charity Committee reported that they had had no candidate for admission into the Schools of late, but they would shortly present a deserving case for the assistance of the brethren. He added that the great demands upon their voting power last year were being rapidly made up. Incidentally, Bro. Wright pressed upon the sympathetic consideration of the brethren the duty of extending an increased support to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. Naylor Prov. Grand Secretary presented the report of the Bye-Law Committee, which recommended several alterations and improvements. It was recommended that the proposed changes should be printed and circulated amongst the brethren, with a view to their future consideration. On the motion of Bro. F. Campion, seconded by Bro. John Smith, Bro. Thomas Cox was elected Treasurer, unanimously and amidst applause. Bro. Cox, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren for electing him an Officer of Provincial Grand Lodge for the 22nd time. On the motion of Bro. W. H. Marsden, seconded by Bro. Cox, Bro. G. T. Wright was heartily and unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Charity Committee. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested in the following order:—

Bro. Percy Wallis	-	-	S.W.
V. G. Greenhough	-	-	J.W.
Revs. H. Price and C. W. Groves	-	-	Chaplains
J. B. Boycott	-	-	Registrar
W. Naylor	-	-	Secretary
Cawthorne Webster	-	-	S.D.
T. L. Roberts	-	-	J.D.
J. Haslam	-	-	Superintendent of Works
H. Arnold Bemrose	-	-	D. of C.
W. Dust	-	-	Assist. D. of C.
J. R. Turner	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. J. Walker and J. Orme	-	-	Standard Bearer
S. S. Waddington	-	-	Organist
W. S. Mill	-	-	Pursuivant
— Armfull	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
William Stone	-	-	Tyler
R. L. H. Mole, J. T. Lee, Glessop, } Thomas Oldham, and R. Hunt - }			Stewards,

After the proceedings the brethren dined together, the D. Prov. G.M., the R.W. Bro. H. C. Okcover P.G.W. (England,) presiding. The leading toasts were given with true Masonic feeling from the chair, the D.P.G.M. observing that whilst very few sovereigns of England had reigned so long as Queen Victoria, none had exemplified so fully the truly Christian and Masonic virtues of sympathy for suffering, and generous help for those who needed it. The allusions to the M.W.G. Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were equally happy, as were those to the Earl of Carnarvon. Bro. W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W., proposed the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, and the Chairman, in responding, glanced back on his Masonic history, and said the obligation into which he entered at a time of life when serious views of its duties are not commonly entertained, made a deep impression on his mind, and by that impression his character had in no small degree been influenced. He acknowledged with warm gratitude the kindness with which he had always been treated by the brethren, and he trusted that if any were disappointed that they had not that day received the office they might have supposed themselves entitled to, they would remember the difficulty of meeting all just expectations, and give him credit for an honest desire to act with impartiality. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., of Foremark, Derbyshire, R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex, also acknowledged the toast, and expressed his satisfaction with the admirable way in which the province of Derby is managed, and at the flourishing state of the Craft in the province. Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, was also called upon, and briefly responded. The Chairman, in proposing the P.G.M. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, said they all regretted that they were not more frequently favoured with his presence, but they appreciated the great claims on his time and attention, which fully explained his absence. They all earnestly wished him strength to play the great rôle which was allotted to him in the destinies of the country, for they all recognised him as one of our finest public men. Bro. Thomas Cox P.P.S.G.W. P.G. Treasurer, proposed the health of the Chairman, who briefly responded, and in doing so noticed with satisfaction not only the great numerical increase of Masonry in the province, but the far larger proportion who thoroughly mastered the ritual and spirit of the Craft. Bro. G. T. Wright P.P.S.G.W., proposed the Provincial Officers. Bro. Percy Wallis P.S.G.W. responded, and expressed his satisfaction and gratitude that he had been deemed worthy to be placed in that distinguished position. Other toasts followed, including the Visitors, which was proposed by Bro. John Smith P.P.S.G.W., and eloquently responded to by Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, Secretary to the R.M.J.B., who took that opportunity of thanking the Province for the noble effort made by the brethren on the occasion of the 1885 Festival of the Institution which he had the honour to represent. He noticed that the bulk of their contributions this year would be given to Bro. Terry; of this he could not complain; but he would be only too thankful for any crumbs which might fall from the rich man's table. After giving an outline of the position of the different Charities, Bro. Binckes concluded by heartily thanking the brethren for their reception of him that day.

Bro. Dickson, S.W. Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, was, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place at the next regular meeting in January.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Pennsylvania met in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on 11th December. Bro. E. Coppée Mitchell Right Worshipful Grand Master was in the chair, and the meeting was one of the largest ever held, about six hundred Officers and Past Officers of Lodges from all parts of the State being present. The annual election of Officers was commenced in the morning and continued until two o'clock, when a recess was taken until six o'clock p.m., to give time to count the votes. The result was as follows:—Bros. Joseph Eichbaum, Pittsburg, Grand Master; Clifford P. MacCalla, Philadelphia, Deputy Grand Master; J. Simpson Africa, Huntingdon, Senior Grand Warden; Michael Arnold, Philadelphia, Junior Grand Warden; Thomas R. Patton, Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer; Michael Nisbet, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary. Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund—Bros. Jacob Landenslager, Daniel Brittain, Edward Strickland, Alphonso C. Ireland, Daniel M. Fox. Trustees Girard Bequest—Bros. Samuel C. Perkins, Charles M. Provost, Azariah W. Hoopes, John L. Thomson, Alexander H. Morgan. The report on membership shows that there are 379 Lodges, and 37,341 Freemasons in Pennsylvania, there having been 1851 admissions and initiations during the past year, while 744 have been suspended and 574 have died. The Finance Committee's report shows the receipts of the Grand Lodge for the year were 118,072 dollars, and the expenses 115,735 dollars, the cash balance on hand being 2337 dollars. Of the expenses 63,975 were for interest on the Masonic loan, and 18,000 dollars for the sinking fund of that loan. The amount of Masonic loan outstanding is 1,279,500 dollars, and the securities and cash in the sinking fund amount to 364,772 dollars. The Officers will be installed at the Annual Communication, to be held on the 27th instant.—*Lancaster Daily Examiner.*

MARK MASONRY.

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ST. MARK'S LODGE (T.I.), BOLTON.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 9th December, at the Lodge Rooms, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 4:30 p.m., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. John Partington Prov. G.S.D. W.M., J. Kenyon P. Prov. G.S.D. I.P.M., E. G. Harwood S.W., W. Wadson J.W., N. Nicholson M.O., W. Court S.O., J. Barnett J.O., T. Naylor Registrar, G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, W. Cooper P. Prov. G.S.D. Secretary, Thomas Forrester Conductor, R. H. Phillips S.D., J. W. Eckersley J.D., Robert Jones I.G., Thomas Nightingale Steward; P.M.'s George Galloway Grand Senior Overseer, Robert Harwood Past Grand S.D., J. W. Taylor Past G.I.G., Thomas Morris P. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, James Horrocks Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, John Harwood Past Provincial G.S.D., John Alcock Past Provincial G.S.D., Bros. J. D. Murray Past Grand Standard Bearer. Visitors—Bros. W. Goodacre W.M. 359, Thomas Peake 142, Critchley, Johnson, Morris (2), Calderbank, Hindley, F. W. Brockbank, J. W. Hawksworth, Milner, Green, Holgate, J. W. Thompson, J. F. Skelton, W. H. Brown, and E. Gregory. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, three candidates were balloted for and approved, and one being in attendance (Bro. Stirling) he was advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Mason by Bro. John Kenyon I.P.M. and Bro. Partington W.M., both of whom acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. The Treasurer called the attention of the brethren to the fact that Bro. George Galloway, an old Past Master of the Lodge, who was promoted to the rank of Grand Overseer at the annual meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, had shown his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him by donating the sum of £25 to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Much gratification was expressed at the elevation of Bro. Galloway to his distinguished position, and his liberality was thoroughly appreciated. The promotion of the Worshipful Master (Bro. Partington) to the office of Provincial Grand Deacon was also noted, and the Worshipful Master was warmly congratulated by the brethren on his advancement to office in the Order. The Treasurer also announced that the following brethren had desired him to forward their names as willing to serve as Stewards on the occasion of the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund:—Bros. John Kenyon I.P.M., E. G. Harwood W.M., John Barrett S. Overseer. The balance sheet for the past year, duly audited, was presented and adopted. A Board of Installed Masters in the degree of Mark Master Mason was formed, and Brother Ebenezer Green Harwood S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Worshipful Master (Brother Partington), who then put the usual questions and received satisfactory replies; he was duly obligated by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.G.W., and proclaimed in ancient form by Bro. J. D. Murray Past G. Std. Bear., who also presented the working tools, the warrant, the book of constitutions, and the bye-laws. The charges to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Overseers, and Brethren were most ably delivered by Bro. John Kenyon, who, along with the other brethren who had taken part in the ceremonial, was highly commended for the manner in which he had discharged the duties allotted him. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Partington Prov. G.S.D. I.P.M., William Wadson S.W., N. Nicholson J.W., W. Court M.O., John Barrett S.O., Thomas Forrester J.O., G. P. Brockbank P.G.W. Treasurer, Wm. Cooper P. Prov. G.S.D. P.M. Secretary, R. H. Phillips Con., James Eckersley S.D., Robert Jones J.D., Thomas Naylor Reg. of Marks, John Alcock Past P.G.S.D. P.M. Dir. of Cers., Thomas Nightingale Time Keeper, J. W. Hawksworth Senior Stew., W. H. Brown Junior Stew., Johnson Or ;,

T. Higson Tyler. A portion of the ancient charges was read by the S.W. The usual banquet followed. This celebration festival has been one of the most successful for many years. The personal popularity of the Worshipful Master elect, who is now for the third time ex-Mayor of Bolton—having for two years previous to the appointment of his successor served the important and dignified position of Mayor, caused a large attendance of brethren anxious to do him honour on the occasion of his accession to the chair of A.; and several veterans, in the Order, who do not usually take a prominent part now in Lodge meetings, appeared in compliment to the new Master. The proceedings throughout were very harmonious throughout, and the announcement of the Treasurer that three brethren had agreed to act as Stewards at the Mark Festival was warmly greeted by the brethren. The presence of five present or past Grand Officers on the occasion, with many Provincial dignitaries, evinced the interest taken in the proceedings, and should be very gratifying to Bro. Harwood, who exerted himself to the utmost to make the meeting a thorough success. The efforts of Bro. Kenyon to revive the interest of the brethren of this venerable Lodge have been greatly valued, and this successful gathering must have been very satisfactory, as shewing due appreciation of his labours. All the Officers were thoroughly up to their work, and the most perfect harmony prevailed.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

A MEETING of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Thursday, 2nd December, George W. Kendrick jun., Grand High Priest, in the chair. The election of Officers resulted as follows:—Comps. Matthias H. Henderson, Sharon, Grand High Priest; James S. Barber, Philadelphia, Grand King; Alexander H. Morgan, Philadelphia, Grand Scribe; Thomas R. Patton, Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer; Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary. The reports throughout the State showed that there are at present in Pennsylvania 109 Chapters with 11,387 members, and three Mark Lodges with 1555 members. The Grand Officers will be installed on 27th December.—*Lancaster Examiner and Express.*

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Amongst the Companions present were G. Simpson Z., M. Millington H., J. Blenkin J., T. B. Whythead P.Z., J. T. Sellar P.Z., W. Brown P.S., G. Chapman S.N., Mennell, Thackray, Storey, Sharp, McGachen, Dalton, and others. The work consisted of the exaltation of Bro. J. Hall resident Tyler, as a serving companion. The election of principals and officers took place with the following results:—Comps. M. Millington Z., J. Blenkin H., Wm. Brown J., Jas. Kay S.E., Sir F. E. Milner, Bart., S.N., G. Chapman P.S., Rev. R. Blakeney Treas., and J. Hall Janitor. Supper was served at 9 p.m., and the Companions enjoyed a thoroughly social and musical evening.

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

IX.—INDUSTRY.

With tireless wing, the toiling busy bee,
Floats to and fro, throughout the sunny hour;
And from each flow'ry petal sips with glee,
The sweeten'd treasure of the ravish'd flow'r.
From day to day his willing labour holds,
To draw the riches of each nectar'd well;
His work complete, his sturdy wings he folds,
And stores his gleanings in the waxen cell.
The bee's example should each Mason move
To search the foldings of the Mystic Craft,
Where all the springs of pure fraternal love
Await the seeker, with a grateful draught.
Be workers, brethren, for the Noble Cause,
Not take the place of the useless drone,
But let your Industry command applause
From other minds, and satisfy your own.

X.—JUSTICE.

The acrobat, with nerve and muscle strong,
Steps boldly out to trace the aerial rope;
Apparently with ease he moves along,
And seems unconscious death may with him cope.
He poises lightly on the slender track,
In smiling confidence and tireless trust;
Moves safely over, comes as safely back,
And how is this? He keeps his balance just.
And each and all within the Mystic Band
Should strive to keep the path direct and true;
With feet firm planted, swerve to neither hand,
But do the working there may be to do.
The thoughts, perchance, may bid our footsteps stray.
Regardless of the dangers lying near.
The path of duty is a narrow way,
And want of Justice makes it costly dear.

WM. H. ORE, Grand Bard.

Sydney Freemason.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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"Sunshine and Stream." Riverside Revels written and illustrated by N. C. Bishop-Culpeper.

"The Little-One's Own Prize." Edited by Mrs. Elizabeth Day.

"Honesty is the Best Policy." An interesting tale by J. Myrtle, with 8 full-page illustrations by H. Leask.

"A Soldier's Son; or, Principle before Prejudice." A splendid tale for boys, by Philip H. Hemyng; illustrated by Arthur Hitchcock.

"The Midshipman; or, Never Hit a Man when He's down." A good tale for lads—inculcating good principles; by the same author, with illustrations by the same artist.

"The Fairy Prince and the Goblin." By Dorothea S. Sinclair, author of "Sugar Plums for Children," &c., &c., with numerous illustrations by good artists, engraved by W. Watson.

"The Enchanted Princess." By the same author, with full-page illustrations by the late Richard Doyle and Arthur Hitchcock.

"Little T's 'Tories.'" A first-class book of poetry for the young, by J. Fayle; illustrated by H. Leask.

WE have before us the above Prize and Gift Books for the Young, each and all of which are issued in that complete and artistic form so characteristic of the eminent publishing firm of Messrs. Deau and Son, of 160a Fleet Street. The first book under notice, "Sunshine and Stream," is exquisitely illustrated, and printed in colour, and will prove an acceptable present for the youth of both sexes. Of the "Little-One's Own Prize" we have spoken favourably from time to time, as we have received its periodical issues. Now we have the complete volume before us, we are confirmed in the high opinion we have hitherto expressed in regard to the artistic merits of the work. A more useful or acceptable book for children it would be difficult to meet with. The remaining works are included in Messrs. Dean's "Our Juniors' Library." The first three are specially suitable for lads. Each of them will be found to inculcate and establish a healthy tone in the mind of its readers. Of the contributions to this series by Dorothea S. Sinclair, we may say they are written in that charming and interesting spirit which pervades the writings of this gifted lady, while the illustrations are representations of the best efforts of that talented artist, the late Richard Doyle. The series is issued at such a price that nothing but a large sale could recoup the outlay that has been expended upon their production. We sincerely trust the works will command that attention they so eminently deserve.

MASONIC CHARITY.

We help the poor in time of need,
The naked clothe, the hungry feed,
It's our foundation stone;
We build upon the noblest plan,
For friendship rivets man to man,
And makes us all as one.

The widow's tear—the orphan's cry—
All wants—our ready hands supply,
As far as power is given.
The naked clothe—the prisoner free—
These are thy works, sweet Charity,
Revealed to us from Heaven.

—Victorian Freemason.

Bro. Carlo Grasse, S.W. New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, was, on the 3rd inst., unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. He will be installed in the chair of K.S. at the next meeting.

A Charity Society, to enable members to become Life Governors, &c., of the Masonic Institutions, is about to be started at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, held at the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury. Brethren wishing to join are requested to send their names to Bro. Dimsdale, Secretary, or to attend the meeting on Wednesday, the 22nd instant.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—At the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., Bros. Burgess W.M., Messer S.W., Fraser J.W., Hemming S.D., Putland J.D., Coste I.G., and a number of other brethren were present. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the second. Brother Ferguson, Preceptor, worked the first section of the lecture, after which Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Silvester acting as candidate. Brother Soffe answered the questions leading to the second degree, and Bro. Hemming worked the fourth section of the first lecture. Brother Humphries P.M. 167 was unanimously elected a member, and Brother Messer W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Lodge was then closed in due form.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Strand.—The new three act farce, "Bachelors' Wives" by F. Bousfield, was produced at a matinée on Wednesday, before a good audience. The farce, although not original, is of a laughable character, but the fun arises out of situations that we fear would hardly please an evening audience. The author's ideas could be spun out to any length, but he has wisely confined himself to three acts; still these will have to be considerably condensed before the work is reproduced. A briefless barrister, Frank Dayrell, has secretly married a ward in Chancery, Bella Berkeley, a lady in receipt of £4,000, which she would lose if her union became known. A friend of Dayrell, whose name bears a resemblance, it being Francis Darrell, comes on a visit to him, accompanied by a relative. Now, in the event of Dayrell marrying, these two will receive £300 a year, of which sum he will be the loser. Mr. Briggs, the uncle of Miss Berkeley, discovers his niece is married, and supposes it to be to a Member of Parliament. Frank has promised to entertain his cousin, William Wiggins, a Devonshire farmer, but puts him off. He entrusts the care of his spouse to Darrell, who passes her off as his wife; but when he is called upon to produce her, a clever servant girl comes to the rescue and says she is espoused to Dayrell. The piece now shows how Dayrell's baby is transferred from one to another, and at last placed in the luggage van of an express train about to proceed to Weymouth. Wiggins now gets into trouble with his wife. He wants to purchase a horse called Dolly, and Mrs. Wiggins seeing a letter with a reference to this Dolly in it mistakes the name for that of a young lady whom her husband wishes to be unknown. However, as may readily be supposed, all is brought right in the end; it turns out that when Bella Berkeley was declared a ward in Chancery she was eight years old instead of six, and this alteration in her supposed age is the means of securing her fortune to her. As Frank Dayrell Mr. Yorke Stephens displayed some fine acting. His part was certainly confusing, but he managed to get through it with considerable credit. The Bella of Miss Dora Vivian was another capital piece of work; Miss Lotinga, who now makes her first appearance on the stage, was passable as Mrs. Francis Darrell, while Miss Lottie Venne played the part of the servant with winning simplicity. The other characters were well sustained by Messrs. Sydney Valentine, Charles Dodsworth, T. B. Appleby, F. Bousfield, Clarence Blakiston, H. H. Morell, and Miss Elinor Aickin. At the conclusion the author was called for, and he received a hearty cheer as he passed across the stage.

Vaudeville.—A matinée was given here on Thursday, more for the purpose of exercising the histrionic abilities of M. Gospodin Lubimoff than for other reason. The piece chosen for this purpose was Dion Boucicault's romantic drama, in four acts, entitled "Grimaldi." This, as is well known, is founded on incidents in the life of an actress, and contains points that require careful handling. This undoubtedly it received in some parts on Thursday, but in others the result was exceedingly disappointing. The part of Grimaldi is one that requires power to make it effective, and certainly M. Lubimoff displayed this. Although rather indistinct in accentuation he made a good impression, scoring whenever an opportunity occurred. When in the last act he dictates the confession to Maltravers, he made the most of the situation. Again, in the third act, when Violet makes her first appearance on the stage, at the Nottingham Theatre, his anxiety attending the ordeal was exhibited in artistic style. The villainy of Maltravers was perfectly shown by Mr. Bassett Roe. This gentleman seems to exult in the trouble he causes, and gives a life-like realism to the part. In the last act, where Grimaldi fires the pistol, Mr. Roe rose to the occasion, while his rage when Lord Arthur Shafton threatens to write to the papers about him was effectively displayed. Mr. W. T. Hemsley as Lord Selwyn Dawdle was humorous, as also was Mr. T. P. Haynes as Wopshot. Mr. Charles Fawcett gave a natural rendering of the character of Lord Arthur Shafton, but Miss Mary Mordaunt, as Violet, was weak. This lady appeared unable to realise the part that had been allotted her. The Misses Olive and Ivy Wood in the third act danced with spirit, but Miss Gladys Homfrey was stagey as Julia. The principals received a call at the conclusion of the piece, which was followed by a humorous recitation capably given by Mr. Bassett Roe. M. Lubimoff also recited, his selection being "Abel's Death," from the tragedy "Cain."

ARRIVAL OF THE PARIS HIPPODROME.—The great hippodrome has left Paris for the first time since its institution; it is now safely under cover at "Olympia," Kensington. Some idea of the extent of this biggest of equestrian shows may be formed from the fact that they have brought over 400 artistes and assistants; 300 horses, ponies, elephants, deer, dogs, &c., 100 musicians, and a large number of Roman chariots and historical carriages and harness. Two special steamers were chartered to convey the hippodrome horses, company, and properties from Dieppe to Newhaven; and five special trains were used in the further transit to Addison Road Station, which adjoins Olympia. The journey by sea was very rough, but both horses and artistes will be prepared by Boxing-day to give Londoners an idea of marvellous displays. The hippodrome will have an immense advantage because of the unique position as to accessibility of Olympia from all parts of the Metropolis and the kingdom. Addison Road Station, which is at the doors of the New National Agricultural Hall, is directly connected with every line of importance in Great Britain, while 126 buses pass the entrance of Olympia daily. Thus for convenience of approach, the want of which has been the drawback of so many popular shows, Addison Road stands unique; this fact alone should go far to make Olympia reap that success which has been universally predicted for it.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly afford space to enable me to announce that Bro. W. Wither B. Beach, Esq., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival of this Institution, and that the same will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd February 1887.

I trust that the brethren who may have hesitated as to accepting the office of Steward, through the day not being fixed, and the Chairman being unknown, will forward their names and rank at once, in order that their appeals may be made to their different Lodges, and thus justify the Committee in its desire to place an additional number upon the list of annuitants from the 130 candidates seeking election, with at present two vacancies only, the more especially as being the Jubilee year it affords the opportunity of doing so, and of paying a compliment to Her Majesty the Queen, the Vice-Patron of the Institution.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

16th December 1886.

[It is with no small amount of satisfaction we learn that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has secured a Chairman for its next Anniversary Festival. This will take place on Tuesday, the 22nd February, instead of the 23rd, as previously announced. In the person of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Bro. Terry has secured one of the most popular and enthusiastic of our Masonic workers; a gentleman who spares neither time, money, nor labour whenever his services are in request. As Masonic ruler of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro Beach undoubtedly has a large following; moreover, he is popular wherever he is known. On this account we predict a successful result to his appeal on behalf of the Old People, for whom no one is more fitted to plead. Add to this the fact that the claims of the Benevolent Institution are at the present time most urgent, and we have a combination of circumstances which should tend to assure a handsome total as the result of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 1887.—Ed. F.C.]

"How to be Happy, though Single," is the title of a paper, by the author of "How to be Happy, though Married," which will appear in the January number of "Cassell's Magazine."

"ILLUSTRATIONS."—Mr. Francis George Heath's pictorial three-penny magazine, "Illustrations," in its January number, which will be published by Messrs. W. Kent and Co., of Paternoster Row, will include an article by Mr. Heath, entitled "The Charm of Fern Culture;" an illustrated article on "Hunting the Carted Deer," by Mr. Walter Winans; "Round about St. Malo," by Miss Margaret Thomas, the sculptress; and "Some famous autographs," including those of Lord Salisbury, Lord Randolph Churchill, and the author of "Lorna Doone."

TWO KINDS OF MASONS.—It is one thing to be recipients of good; it is quite another thing to be doers of good. One class of material is attached to the Masonic organization by the thought of what shall be gained by connection with such a society. The motive is that of selfishness, which may be of a higher or lower grade. Another class is influenced, at least in part, we hope, by the thought that if they take their place in an association which stands for morals and benevolence, they will be able to do more in the discharge of the duties of related life. It is their desire to be of service to others, and they seek admission to the Masonic Lodge, believing thus the door of opportunity will be opened for a wider and more blessed place.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

The square teaches us to regulate our actions by rule and line, and harmonize our conduct by the principles of morality and virtue. The compasses teach us to limit our desires in every station, that, rising to eminence by merit, we may live respected and die regretted.

MORALITY OF FREEMASONRY.—Freemasonry is strictly a moral Institution, and the principles which it teaches tend to make the brother who obeys their dictates a more virtuous man. The morality of Freemasonry requires us to deal justly with others, not to defraud, cheat, or wrong them of their just dues and rights. We are to minister to the wants of the destitute and afflicted. It strictly enjoins industry and frugality, that so our hands may ever be filled with the means of exercising that charity to which our hearts should ever dispose us.

The beauties of Masonry consist chiefly in the lives and fellowship of its members; there is a mystic cord that binds them together, whether in prosperity or adversity, in sickness or in health, in life or in death, at home or abroad, and death itself does not rend asunder this silver cord—for as long as the descendants of a Mason ask in his name "help" it is freely given! When a man becomes a true Mason the fountain of charity is opened up in his heart, and like the pure waters gushing from a rock continues to flow, dispensing happiness and joy.

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, 18th DECEMBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1732—King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street

- 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moo'gate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
- 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
- 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1627—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
- 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
- R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

- 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
- 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
- 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
- 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
- 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
- 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gatheshead
- 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
- 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
- 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
- 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
- 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
- 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
- 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
- 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
- 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
- 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
- R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
- R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
- R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
- R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
- 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
- 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
- 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maid's Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction)
- 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threave-calle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
- 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
- 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kensington, The Horns, Kensington. (Instruction)
- 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
- 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
- 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1472—Hendy, Three Crowns, North Woodleigh (Instruction)
- 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
- 1707—Eleonor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
- 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
- 2021—Queen's Westminster, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
- R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 11—Epoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
- R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
- R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
- R.A. 1345—Clayton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 258—Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
- 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
- 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
- 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
- 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
- 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
- 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
- 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
- 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
- 1006—Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourie, Cornwall
- 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
- 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
- 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
- 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
- 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
- 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
- 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
- 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
- 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
- 1764—Eleonor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
- 1911—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
- 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
- R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
- R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- R.A. 702—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
- R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
- M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
- 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst.)
- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
- 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 9 (Inst.)
- 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 9 (Inst)
- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
- 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
- 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
- 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
- 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
- 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
- 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
- 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
- R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
- R.A. 934—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
- 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
- 1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
- 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stauley Street, Bury, Lancashire
- 1511—Alexandra, Honsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
- R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
- R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
- R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
- R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 704—Jan den, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 751—High Cross, Coach and Ho., Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wo seley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1623—Frederic, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1623—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 7 (Inst)
- 1744—Royal Swoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Church, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street
- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
- 74—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Midleton, Francis hire
- 203—Ancient Order, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
- 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Broadshawgate, Bolton
- 591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1454—Ashbury, Justice Bird Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
- 1555—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1564—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1623—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 1623—Browerigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Northiton, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1822—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carsington. (Instruction)

R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
 R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
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 R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset

FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmaure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square
 Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 9
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

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