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THE JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

WITH the utmost possible promptitude, dependent upon the convenience of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, we have been placed in possession of the date fixed for the great Masonic Jubilee Commemoration at the Albert Hall, namely, Monday, 13th June. This announcement has been conveyed to Masters of Lodges officially by the Grand Secretary, with the request that they will notify the fact to the brethren who intend to be present as soon as possible. As a consequence, there has naturally been a large amount of agitation in the various Lodges, almost amounting to rivalry, as to who shall be the privileged ones to meet His Royal Highness on that memorable occasion; and in some instances slight difficulties have arisen as to the apportionment of the tickets. Of course we cannot put more into a quart pot than it will hold, and the Albert Hall, as was proved on the occasion of the Prince of Wales's installation, twelve years ago, can at the utmost accommodate some eight or nine thousand, even when packed as closely as figs in a drum. Care has, therefore, had to be exercised by those who have had to make the arrangements for this gathering to provide against anything like a plethora of applications for tickets of admission, which would have been the inevitable result had no limit been placed on the number of representatives from each of the Lodges. Even now, considering the extent of the roll since the accession of our present Most Worshipful Grand Master, a serious obstacle would be presented if every Lodge within the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge were to send up its minimum of five; but it may be reasonably assumed that some of our more distant Lodges may not require the number of tickets stipulated—for reasons that are obvious. In order to meet the case as far as possible, and to reduce the feeling of disappointment that might otherwise be caused by members of Lodges wishful to be present on an occasion so momentous in the history of English Freemasonry, the Grand Secretary points out in his circular that "as a large number of Lodges have expressed a desire to be furnished with more than five tickets, it would be advisable if Lodges were to state any extra number they may wish for, so that in case there should be any left they may be distributed *pro rata*." The almost invariable rule adopted at Lodges we have attended is that the Master, one of the Wardens, and one of the P.M.'s are selected as the representatives on the occasion; the two tickets remaining being allotted by ballot. Of course there are many who look askance at the affair, and would rejoice at even the slightest chance of being included in the favoured company. Bearing in mind the deep disappointment felt by brethren who were unable to gain admission at the Albert Hall on the occasion of His Royal Highness's installation, we could have wished that a building of more adequate dimensions had been at the disposal of the executive for the Jubilee Festival; still there can be little doubt that all these matters have been taken into consideration, and the best provision made that is possible under the circumstances. An erroneous impression is conveyed by a paragraph that has found its way into some of the newspapers, to the effect that the gathering on 13th June is a "special meeting of Grand Lodge," but this, of course, is so absurd that it may be dismissed without comment. The real and ostensible

object of the meeting is to formulate and present an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the completion of the Fiftieth Year of her benign and Prosperous Reign, and by that means to testify to the loyalty and devotion of the thousands of her subjects owing allegiance to English Freemasonry. That the assemblage will be one of the most brilliant and imposing ever witnessed in this or any other country, from a Masonic point of view, goes without saying, and we can only offer our congratulations to those who are already, or who may become, the fortunate possessors of tickets they will admit them to one of the most splendid Masonic demonstrations the world has ever seen.

The following is the full text of the circular:—

FREEMASON' HALL, GT. QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.
5th May 1887.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to inform you that His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to fix Four o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 13th June next, for the Masonic Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall.

May I request that you will be good enough to notify this to the brethren who intend to be present, as soon as possible.

As a large number of Lodges have expressed a desire to be furnished with more than Five Tickets, it would be advisable if Lodges were to state any extra number they may wish for, so that in case there should be any over for disposal, they may be distributed *pro rata*.

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE.
G. Sec.

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual general meeting of the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held on Friday, the 20th inst., when a proposition will be submitted to the Subscribers that a Committee be appointed to consider the desirability of altering the day of election; such Committee to confer with those appointed by the two other Institutions, and to report on the matter. There is no doubt this Committee will be regularly appointed, and in due course will consult with the representatives of the other Institutions, with, we hope, satisfactory results. There is another proposition on the agenda of a somewhat similar character, but that we may expect to see withdrawn, if the Committee of Inquiry is appointed. The next business to be transacted will be the annual election of Annuitants, which promises to produce as severe a struggle as any which have preceded it.

We learn from the balloting papers that altogether there are one hundred and twenty-eight candidates, of whom thirty-one only are to be elected to immediate annuities, and six others to deferred annuities, so that there will remain at the close of the poll no less than ninety-one old people for whom the Benevolent Institution can do nothing for at least another twelve months. The number of candidates to be elected will be increased before the election, so as to allow of the filling of all vacancies which may have been caused by death between the time of issuing the ballot papers and the opening of the poll, thus the number of the unsuccessful will be correspondingly diminished, but we cannot look for any great

relief from this cause, and the fact remains that about two-thirds of the candidates eligible for election will be unable to obtain any present relief from the Charity. What their chance may be of living to take part in another contest it is not for us to say; doubtless many of them will be spared, while some are sure to be called away ere they have another chance of competing for the coveted aid provided by the Craftsmen of England. It would be wrong to say that any deaths which may occur before next year's contest among those unsuccessful at this election would not have taken place had it been possible for the whole of the present candidates to be admitted to a participation in the benefits of the Institution, but unfortunately cases have arisen where an unsuccessful candidate's death has been accelerated by want of those comforts an annuity would have secured. Bearing these facts in mind—the number of candidates and the possible hardships which may be in store for those unsuccessful at the coming contest—it behoves us to do all that lies in our power in aid of this Institution, which dispenses the charity of English Freemasons among the aged of both sexes, but is at present unable to do all that is required of it, for want of the necessary funds.

Of the one hundred and twenty-eight candidates fifty-one are aged Masons, and for these the balloting papers proclaim but nine vacancies—of which *six* are to receive immediate annuities and three deferred, thus leaving forty-two candidates for whom no benefits are available. Of the male applicants one now appeals for the sixth time, two have taken part in four previous elections, one in three, and twenty-two in one, while the remaining twenty-five now appear on the lists for the first time.

The widows eligible for the election are seventy-seven in number; of these one now applies for the ninth time, two for the seventh, eight for the fifth, seven for the fourth, thirteen for the third, and twenty-one for the second, while twenty-five make their first application. There are twenty-eight declared vacancies available—twenty-five for immediate annuities, and three for deferred—so that the proportion of annuities available is larger in this branch than in the Male, in consequence of the large number of extra Widows' vacancies declared as a means of celebrating the Jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen.

We feel that little good can result from our entering into any lengthened analysis of the different candidates, or of the special features which render them eligible for the annuities they seek to secure. The particulars supplied to each subscriber are sufficient to awaken the strongest feelings of sympathy, and to attempt anything like a comparison between the merits of the respective candidates would perhaps do more harm than good, and would doubtless hurt the feelings of many of those on the list—a list from which it would be difficult to name one case of ineligibility, for be it remembered that the laws of the Institution only allow its benefits to be applied for by those really too aged to work, and for whom no adequate provision exists. All we can ask is, for each Subscriber who has not already pledged his vote to run through the list—lengthy though it be—and if he does not there find one candidate for whom he thinks his sympathy is requisite, he will at least be convinced of the great need there is for this Institution, and of the very strong claims it has on the Masons of England. If he cannot render any further help himself, in the way of funds, he may be able to influence others to do so, as it cannot be denied there are yet thousands in our midst who are able to give something who have not yet enrolled themselves on the list of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

G. LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received copy of an Abstract of the Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "in union with the Most Ancient and Honourable Grand Lodges in Europe and America, according to the Old Constitutions." A Special Communication was held in the city of Malden, on Tuesday, 27th February last, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic apartments of the Mount Vernon Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Henry Endicott presided, supported by the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Abraham H. Howland jun.

and a full attendance of Grand Officers. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, a procession of the Grand Officers was formed by the Grand Marshal, and escorted by a Committee of the Past Masters to the Lodge-room, where the members of the Mount Vernon Lodge were assembled, together with a large number of visiting brethren and ladies. The Grand Master was cordially welcomed by Bro. G. L. Griffin Worshipful Master of Mount Vernon Lodge, who resigned to him the Oriental chair; and the Grand Officers assumed their respective stations. Prayers were offered by the Grand Chaplain, the working tools were surrendered by the architect, Bro. C. L. Davenport, and the customary examination of the new building was made by the Grand Officers. The report being satisfactory, the Grand Master solemnly dedicated the apartments to Freemasonry, to Virtue, and to Universal Benevolence, in accordance with ancient form and usage and the ritual of this Grand Lodge; and the Grand Marshal made the proclamation accordingly. The Grand Master then delivered a lengthy and eloquent address, in the course of which he congratulated the brethren upon the auspicious occasion which had called them together. The influence of an institution revealed itself most clearly in the minds of the men who had honoured its principles and cherished its observances. It was to this test indeed that all institutions were finally brought for the verdict of humanity. Masonry had never been left without its witnesses, and on its rolls were the names of many men known far beyond its own ranks, for their high and enduring services to their fellow-men. Among them all no name stood higher than the Brother whose birthday they observed with grateful affection. Not only great in those qualities which distinguished him as a soldier and statesman, but equally faithful in the duties of domestic life and as a private citizen of the Republic, he was to them a noble example of those virtues which Masonry sought to inculcate. Too generous for bigotry in any form, too modest for self-seeking, too great for rivalry, he entered the Lodge room, a Fellow Craftsman and a brother, desiring only to advance the interests of the beloved Institution, and to manifest in his daily life the value of its life-guiding principles. Let the memory of Washington be to them, as a Fraternity, the same inspiration it had been to the nation he laboured to establish—a help towards carrying out, now and ever, those principles which he held dear. He then spoke of the pleasure it afforded the representatives of the Grand Lodge to congratulate the Mount Vernon Lodge on the completion of their Masonic home. Let it be something more to them than a fitting and convenient place for the performance of those Masonic duties to which it would be primarily devoted, important as these would ever remain. Let it also be a constant and strong inspiration to the fulfilment of every duty of life. As they assembled month after month in those rooms, might their beautiful ritual never fall on careless or inattentive ears. Might its principles so animate their hearts that every time they left the Hall it should be with a firmer determination to illustrate in their lives the truths which it was their aim to perpetuate. Let it be understood that to say of a man, "He belongs to Mount Vernon Lodge," was tantamount to saying of him, "He is a good man; one who would rather suffer wrong than commit it; who would endure injustice rather than be unjust; he is a good citizen, a faithful friend, an honest man." Again, the Grand Lodge was glad to represent to-day the interest which every Lodge felt in the welfare of every other Lodge. Each one was a bright gem in the circlet included under their jurisdiction; and if a single one of these were dimmed in its lustre it would be felt by the others, just as an injury to any part of the body was known throughout the entire system. So, too, the prosperity of one conducted to the stronger life of all. Fraternity was one of the mighty watchwords of the Order. In this Temple they met on a common footing. Forgotten were the differences of sect, of class, of political party. On this fraternal feeling much of the prosperity of a Lodge depended; and that they already knew the truth of this was shown by the united effort which had enabled them to build this new home. At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, he introduced the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Fielder Israel, who added a few words peculiarly appropriate to the occasion. The Grand Officers then withdrew to the place of opening, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form. A sumptuous banquet followed,

and an entertainment, consisting of music and character delineations, concluded the exercises of the evening.

A Quarterly Committee of the Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, 9th March, when there was a very large gathering, under the presidency of Bro. R. M. Field Deputy Grand Master. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form and prayer offered by Bro. the Rev. C. H. Leonard, D.D., the records of previous Communications were read and approved. Certain bye-laws were presented and adopted. The Recording Grand Secretary announced the death of Bro. Jonas A. Marshall, M.D., of Fitchburg, who served the office of J.G.W. in 1854. It was resolved to prepare and present a memorial of the deceased for the records of Grand Lodge. The charter of Mount Holyoke Lodge, which perished in the fire that destroyed the Hall at South Hadley Falls, in 1870, was renewed. The sum of 500 dollars was placed at the disposal of the Committee on Charity. Some time was spent in considering the report of the Committee on Bye-laws, and the report of the Commissioners on Trials, both of which were adopted. An interesting report was presented by Bro. R. Briggs on "Collection of Masonic Relics," and a standing committee was appointed to collect, preserve, and display such articles of Masonic interest as they might be able to gather, in the Masonic Temple, at Boston. After the transaction of some minor business, a vote of sympathy for the Grand Master, in his protracted illness, and an expression of hope for his speedy recovery, was passed, which terminated the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

"MASONIC RECORDS" AND BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

BY BRO. JOHN LANE.

HAVING no desire to continue a controversy with Bro. Norton, I nevertheless feel it necessary, in reply to his last communication, to say that it is no answer whatever to my former articles, and I am very much afraid Bro. Norton has not carefully read my "Notes on the Early Minute Book of the Premier Grand Lodge of England," for if he had apprehended the full meaning of the facts they contain, he would scarcely have made such mistakes as his last article furnishes.

Bro. Norton, in introducing much extraneous and irrelevant matter, contributes very little towards a satisfactory settlement of the point at issue, whilst all I have attempted to do has been to *chronicle facts* and to draw from them the most probable and reasonable inferences. Having read over and studied all Bro. Norton desired me to do, and notwithstanding his sweeping condemnation of my conclusions, I do not withdraw any statement I have written on the subject of No. 79.

Bro. Norton's references to the engraved lists are manifestly open to serious question. How is he enabled to say that "the second Engraved List did not appear until two years after the first?" The earliest edition of the Engraved List, known as that of 1723 (because it bears that date on its first page), is in the Grand Lodge library, and is comprised in *five* pages. It contains a Lodge dated 27th March 1724, and must therefore be a 1724 edition of the List. The imprint ("Printed for and Sold by Eman Bowen, Engraver in Aldersgate Street"), which appears at the foot of the *fourth* page, as well as the date "1723", indicate a previous edition, so that there must have been one late in 1723, another in 1724, and we know very well there were, at least, *two* editions in 1725. Bro. Norton cannot surely be in a position seriously and dogmatically to affirm even that the first Engraved list of which we at present have any knowledge was the first that was ever issued, much less that there were no Engraved Lists issued between 1725 and 1729, or between 1729 and 1734. I am confident Bro. Norton cannot rely on either of the worthy brethren, with the weight of whose authority he sought to overwhelm me on 26th March, to concur in his wild and improbable conjecture.

But leaving what may be doubtful for what is certain, I am bound, *in the interests of truth*, to object entirely to Bro. Norton's statement in relation to the List of Lodges (of 1731-2) in the Grand Lodge Minute Book, which, he says, "contains not only the numbers and locations of the Lodges, but also the names of the members of every Lodge,"

and he adds, that he himself has "seen that record," and that "the record was written between 1730 and 1732, and contains one hundred and four Lodges."

I have, I think, shown conclusively* that this List was compiled very late in the year 1731, receiving additions from time to time down to the end of 1732, and that it contains only 102 Lodges and not 104. There are two blanks, to which I will refer presently. Now, history is being built up largely from statements such as Bro. Norton uses, and when he tells us he has actually *seen* the record which (as he alleges) *contains the names of the members of every Lodge*, of course he might reasonably expect to be believed. Unfortunately, Bro. Norton's statement is only about half true, for the names of the members are attached to only 54 of the Lodges out of the total number of 102. Now, if Bro. Norton's "statements of facts"—facts that can be tested and examined—are so incorrect and unreliable, what may we expect his conclusions and inferences to be?

To his question as to when the Grand Lodge of England ever granted two charters with one and the same number, I beg to refer Bro. Norton to the Preface to my "Masonic Records," pp. xviii, xix and xx.

The two blanks in the 1731-2 List do not help Bro. Norton's case at all, but are strong evidence in corroboration of the inference I drew, that there was a Lodge (*I do not say where it was located*), having the number 79, previous to that which subsequently appeared at the "Castle in Highgate."

The Grand Lodge records contain all the evidence I know of that will assist in a settlement of this question. No. 42, warranted 25th May 1725, at "King Henry 8th's Head, St. Andrews Street, near ye Seven Dials," appears only in the Grand Lodge Minutes for three meetings, in June, November, and December 1728. After that period it never attended, and it is out of the Lists in 1731-1733. A Lodge, however, appears on 13th December 1733, at the "Salutation, Billingsgate," which bore the same number 42, no less than *five years* after the period when the original Lodge ceased to be represented. No. 67, again, is still more conclusive. Warranted on 16th April 1730, at "Dick's Coffee House, Gravel Street, Hatton Garden," it attended Grand Lodge for the last time on 28th August in the same year. Then it ceases, its existence having been of very short duration, and was removed from the Lists. Late, however, in 1738 (I give this on the authority of Anderson, its first attendance at Grand Lodge being 31st January 1739), a Lodge appears at the "Castle at St. Giles's," with the same number 67, an interval of *eight years* having elapsed since the attendance of the original Lodge. On Brother Norton's own showing the old Lodge must have been erased, by virtue of the Grand Lodge Law of 24th February 1735.

I consequently draw a very plain common-sense inference, viz., that the vacant No. 79, as well as the vacant Nos. 42 and 67, were granted or assigned to, or were taken with the consent of Grand Lodge by, other brethren who united to form entirely new Lodges, altogether separate and distinct from the Lodges which previously bore the same numbers, and I commend this view of the subject to Bro. Norton's careful consideration.

In closing these remarks, I should add that during the printing of the early sheets of my "Masonic Records," I was unable to make such a minute and detailed analysis of the early London Lodges as I have more recently done, otherwise I should have distinguished the Lodges Nos. 42 and 67, above referred to, as 42*a*, 42*b*, 67*a* and 67*b* respectively, in a manner similar to that of No. 79.

I must thank you for allowing me to trespass so much on your space, and Bro. Norton will be good enough to understand that, so far as I am concerned, the discussion of this subject is ended.

* *Freemason*, 19th March 1887.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE, No. 28.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Monday, 25th April, two brethren were passed to the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. A. Farlowe, was duly installed into the chair, by Bro. J. Boulton. The following were appointed Officers:—Bros. Newland S.W., Meyers J.W., W. Paas Treasurer, Crombie Secretary, Biles S.D., Debenham J.D., H. Paas (son of the respected Treasurer of the Lodge) I.G., and Barret D.C. Sums of five guineas each were voted from the Benevolent Fund to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, to be placed on Bro. Boulton's list. Masonic business having thus been brought to a close, the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner. The usual toasts were drunk, interspersed by some excellent singing, from Bros. Newland, Debenham, Barrat, and Price. The following visitors were present:—Bros. Armytage, Christian, D'Ardenne, Trew, C. P. Farlowe, Hakowell, Notley, Price, Tonkin, Balestra.

LODGE OF THE MARCHES, No. 611.

A GRAND Masonic Ball, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held under the auspices of this Lodge (of which Bro. Rowland J. Venables D.P.G.M. Shropshire is the W.M.), in the Ludlow Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday evening, the 20th ult., under the patronage of Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire; Bros. J. D. Alleroff P.G.Tr.; R. J. More, M.P., P.M.; and his Worship the Mayor of Ludlow, H. T. Weyman Esq. The following brethren officiated as Stewards, viz., J. Gray 262, A. S. Townsend 117, Roff King 601, J. E. Brooks, F. Cox, J. Cross, T. Everall, C. F. Keysell, E. Leake, H. Lloyd, R. McBean, Arthur Marston, J. Nickson, W. Norton, J. Peacock, W. Putman, T. Roberts, T. J. Salwey, W. E. Sharp, V. H. Valentine, R. G. Venables, C. W. Wickstead, J. H. Williams 611, H. T. Wakelam 1432, H. E. Roberts 1621, W. L. Southwell 1621, A. G. Hudson 892. The brethren present wore full Masonic clothing (by dispensation), and officers of the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces, and members of the Ludlow and other hunts, appeared in uniform. The room was profusely decorated, in the west side the banner of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117; above this a trophy of flags, shield, and streamers. Next came the banner of St. John's Lodge, Wellington, No. 601, over which was a trophy of flags, streamers, and shield, Prince of Wales plume. Then came the banner of Castle Lodge, Bridgnorth, No. 1621; above being placed a trophy of flags, streamers, and shield, with the Royal monogram in gilt on a blue ground. Next we observed the banner of the Audley Lodge, Whitchurch, No. 1896, with trophy of flags, streamers, and shield, Royal Standard. In the left corner of the room, on the North end, were staged genestas, cinerarias, hegonias, and castor oil plants, above being fixed a trophy of flags, shield, and streamers. In the centre, at the north end of the room was placed a device, with the motto "Andi, Vide, Tace," below which was a crown and motto, "Lodge of Marches, 611," designed and exquisitely painted by Mr. R. Roberts, Corve Street (son of Alderman Roberts). Between the north-east door and the mantelpiece was suspended an oil painting of the Hon. Miss Ledger, the female Freemason, and painted by George Lowe, of Stockport, in 1857. This picture formed a great centre of attraction to the fair sex. In the centre of the wall was placed the Royal Coat of Arms, flanked by Royal Standards and Naval ensigns. From the Royal Arms was suspended the magnificent banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the banner of the Lodge of the Marches, designed by Mr. Robert Roberts, the title and borough arms being most beautifully worked in silk by Miss Ada Putman, daughter of Bro. W. Putman, P.G.D. This banner has also a representation of the Prince of Wales's plume, in real ostrich tips, provided by Mr. R. Roberts. Between the mantelpieces stood a splendid specimen of the New Zealand flax plant, from Downton Hall Conservatory, together with calceolarias and spirea. The supper room was also tastefully decorated with flags, &c. The whole of the decorations were successfully and satisfactorily effected by Mr. Singleton Tomlinson, High Street, under the direction and personal supervision of Mr. Arthur Marston, Dinham. The time pieces for use in the ball room were supplied by Mr. E. Robinson, Broad Street. The supper was of the most recherché description; Mr. Henry Carter, of the Castle Hotel, catering with his usual ability, and giving the utmost satisfaction to the Committee and members generally. The waiting arrangements were under the personal supervision of Mr. James Harris, Corve Street. The cloak rooms were in charge of Mr. S. Cooke, Mr. James Harris, and Miss L. Vale. Wines were supplied by Mr. C. F. Keysell, Bull Ring, Ludlow. Dancing commenced about 9.20, to the inspiring strains of Mr. Arthur Price's celebrated string band, and was kept up with much spirit till after midnight, when the members adjourned to supper, after which dancing was resumed and continued with much zest till the "wee sma' hours" of the following morning. Mr. C. W. Wickstead ably officiated as M.C.

PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON, No. 1996.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, High-street, Acton, on Monday, 2nd inst. There were present Bros. F. Botley W.M., E. Monson jun. S.W., J. A. Cammell J.W., E. F. Earl Treasurer, E. H. Sugg Sec., C. E. Botley P.M. Dir. of Cers., C. W. Francis I.G., W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. P.M., G. Wright I.P.M., S. Gissing-Skelton, F. A. Russell. Visitors—Bros. W. Hirst P.M. 15, C. Andrews P.M. 77, J. Dale 1613, P. G. U. Pickering P.M. 35, D. Sugg 1719, W. H. Russell P.M. 40, A. M.

Hiscocks 72, Capt. R. Gray 858, Robert Clay 766, and others. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. A. Cammell was then presented as W.M. elect and duly installed into the chair, according to ancient custom, by Bro. F. Botley I.P.M. in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Monson jun. S.W., G. Wright for Bro. J. Ward J.W., who was on account of illness unable to be present; C. W. Francis S.D., A. J. Phillips I.G., J. E. Harrison Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably given by the I.P.M. Bro. S. Gissing-Skelton, being a candidate for the second degree, answered the usual questions and withdrew. Lodge resumed to the second, when Bro. S. Gissing-Skelton was duly passed to the degree of F.C. by the Worshipful Master. The letter received from the Pro Grand Master was read and considered, the brethren electing five of their members to attend the meeting. Other business having been transacted, the W.M. was heartily congratulated by the visitors present, and Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the Lyric Hall, Ealing, where a very excellent banquet was partaken of. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Botley, who said he felt proud of having installed so worthy a brother; he had had the opportunity of watching the steady progress of the W.M. from the foundation of the Lodge, their Worshipful Master being one of the founders; he had done his duty to the satisfaction of the brethren and of his conscience. The Worshipful Master thanked Brother Botley for the manner in which he had given the toast, and the brethren for the kind way in which they had responded to it; he was very pleased indeed to be in the position of their Worshipful Master, and trusted they would have a very pleasant year together. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. F. Botley I.P.M., and concluded by pinning to his breast the handsome P.M.'s jewel, presented by the brethren as a mark of esteem and appreciation for the services rendered during his year of office, and expressing a wish that he might be spared for many years to wear it. Bro. F. Botley thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and for the very handsome jewel which had been presented to him. The toast of the Past Masters was duly proposed, and responded to by Bro. W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. P.M. &c. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bros. W. Hirst, C. Andrews, and others. The brethren very much appreciated the musical programme (under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg P.M. 452, P.P.G.O. Surrey); it was as follows:—The National Anthem, Dr. J. Bull; Solo, Miss E. Bloomfield; "God Bless the Prince of Wales," B. Richards, Bro. E. Monson jun.; Song, "My mother bids me," Haydn, Miss E. Bloomfield; Part Song, "The Maiden of the Fleur de Lys," Sydenham; "The Clown's Song," Bro. P. G. U. Pickering; Glee, "Here in cool grot," Mornington; Song, "The Village Blacksmith," Bro. W. H. Russell; Duet, "Trust her not," Balfe, Misses E. and A. Bloomfield; Song, "Tell her I love her so," De Fayo, Bro. F. Botley; "A Song of the Four Seasons," Graham, Miss E. Bloomfield; Song, "London Bridge," Bro. C. E. Botley P.M. The rendering of the songs and duet by the Misses Bloomfield were rapturously encored. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

UNDER the most gratifying auspices, the installation meeting of this young but vigorous Lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday. There was a goodly attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. W. R. Phillips P.M. 975, Worshipful Master. Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial position, was submitted and approved. Bro. John P. Houghton was then presented as the Worshipful Master-elect, and having assented in due form to the usual interrogatories, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony of installation was performed in impressive and perfect manner by the retiring Master, Bro. Phillips. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted with honours in the three degrees, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. W. R. Phillips I.P.M., E. Dare S.W., H. Sapsworth J.W., W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, J. M. Marjason S.D., F. A. Crew J.D., A. Aldin I.G., R. Messum D.C., W. Rainbow Organist, T. Covell and J. Aldridge Stewards and F. G. Mitchell Tyler. The W.M. addressed a few suitable observations to each as to the nature of his duties, and expressed confidence as to the support they would one and all accord to him during his year of office. The charges to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Officer with considerable elocutionary effect, and the entire ceremony was gone through in a manner that conduced much to the satisfaction and edification of all present. Subsequently the ballot was opened for Mr. George Brodie Wheeler, who had been proposed by Bro. Ford, and seconded by Bro. Blasby P.M. The voting was unanimously in favour, and the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the ceremony being worked by the new Master in a style of perfection which gave promise of proficiency during his year of office. Propositions were handed in for two candidates and one joining member at the next meeting, and the W.M. announced, amidst the applause of the brethren, that Bro. Sir John Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., had very kindly offered to present the Lodge with a set of firing glasses. The gift was accepted with demonstrations of welcome, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the hon. baronet for his handsome present, to be recorded on the minutes. During the evening reference was made to the serious illness of Bro. Maton, an esteemed member of the Richmond, and the

present Worshipful Master of the Royal Alfred Lodge at Kew, and the hope expressed by the W.M. for that worthy brother's speedy restoration to health and resumption of his Masonic duties was cordially endorsed by all present. The five tickets available for the Royal Jubilee Commemoration Festival, to be held at the Albert Hall on the 13th of June, were allotted. Some formal matters of business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed amidst hearty good wishes, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in the most approved fashion by Bro. Ambrose. In testimony of the excellence of the cuisine and the general arrangements, the remark was overheard that although in the ordinary acceptance of the term one "cannot have too much of a good thing," yet the manner in which the comfort and convenience of the brethren had been studied by mine host far excelled that which we are accustomed to at meetings of the kind, especially out of London. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. H. Nicholls S.C. 642, W. J. Johnson 975, W. A. Dawson P.M. 1768, A. Kent 211, N. C. Camden J.D. 975, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, E. W. Warner W.M. 1793, E. Smith 1768, W. Hilton P.M. 780, J. Belsham I.G. 733, H. D. Marshall W.M. 771, E. Dalzell W.M. 1519, R. W. Heney 144, A. Hubbard 813, F. H. Cozens Organist 907, W. J. Willcocks 1538. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, remarked that it was a toast which needed no embellishment at his hands, but he must briefly refer to the present year as a memorable one in the annals of the country, completing as it did the Jubilee of Her Majesty's glorious reign. Those who held prominent positions, either in public or at the head of Masonic Lodges, must consider themselves singularly fortunate in being in any way associated in their official capacity with this memorable year. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. In proposing the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the W.M. observed that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was always to the fore in the discharge of his public duties. As an evidence of his practical interest in Freemasonry he had recently appointed his son, Prince Albert Victor, as Senior Warden of Grand Lodge, and on every possible occasion he displayed the most active zeal in promoting the welfare of the Craft over which he ruled so admirably, and to the universal satisfaction of the brethren. The next toast was that of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. In proposing it, the Worshipful Master said many of the brethren present knew as much about the Grand Officers and the able manner in which they carried on the business of Grand Lodge as he did himself; it was a recognised fact that they were all earnest in the work they had undertaken, and discharged their important functions in the most exemplary manner. Bro. Phillips then assumed the gavel, and proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Worshipful Master, a toast he felt sure would be cordially received by all who knew the good qualities of Bro. Houghton. He had gone through the offices in the Lodge in a most satisfactory way, and from what they had seen of his working they might confidently look forward to a happy and prosperous year. Their W.M. was known and respected by every member of the Richmond Lodge, all of whom wished him success in the onerous position he had undertaken. Bro. Dalzell here sang the pretty ballad, "Mary of Argyll," in excellent voice, and was loudly applauded. The Worshipful Master having thanked the brethren for the kindly reception they had given to the toast, assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to promote the well-being of the Lodge and to enhance the comfort and harmony of the brethren. He trusted he might be able to realise the anticipations that had been so generously formed by his predecessor, and that he might fulfil the duties of the chair with satisfaction to all around him. If that were their verdict at the termination of his official year, it would be the greatest reward that he could covet. Bro. R. W. Heney here gave a humorous operative selection, which proved immensely entertaining, and for which he was vigorously applauded. A hearty welcome was extended to the Visitors by the Worshipful Master, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see so many members of other Lodges present on the occasion. He hoped they had seen sufficient to induce them to pay another visit to the Richmond Lodge at no very distant date. Bro. Marshall, in his response, regretted that the duty had not been entrusted to one more competent to do justice to it, but it was his earnest and sincere wish that their excellent Worshipful Master might experience a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Houghton had not shown that diffidence customary to those who appeared in the chair for the first time, and which was perhaps pardonable; he congratulated the Lodge upon the choice they had made of a Master, who it was already evident was capable of well discharging the duties of his office. Bro. Warner said this was his first visit to the Richmond Lodge, and he must say he had been greatly impressed by the admirable work which had been conducted by the Installing Master. The new W.M. seemed to be following in the footsteps of capable predecessors, and supported as he was by such an efficient body of Officers, his year could hardly fail to be a success. Bro. Dawson also had pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent manner in which the work of the Lodge had been carried on, but with such a Preceptor as their immediate Past Master, Bro. Phillips, it was not difficult to account for the high state of efficiency to which the brethren of this Lodge had attained. Other Visitors also repeated, combining their testimony as to the excellence of the work witnessed in the Lodge room, and the handsome hospitality with which they had been entertained. The health of the Initiator was next given from the chair, and cordially received. Bro. Wheeler, in responding, returned his sincere and heartfelt thanks for having been admitted a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He had been deeply impressed by the ceremony, even more so than he had anticipated, although he had not experienced more of the vicissitudes of the ordeal than he had been led to expect. He hoped to make progress in the art, and become a creditable and useful member of the Lodge.

The part song, "By Celia's Arbour," having been sung, the W.M. proposed the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Officer, and the Past Masters, in doing which he alluded to the valuable services they had rendered to the Lodge, and which he felt assured they would continue to do. Having paid a deserved tribute to his predecessor, who had so well performed the ceremony of installation that day, he presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him at the last meeting of the Lodge. In doing so he expressed the hope—which was shared by all the brethren—that Bro. Phillips might long live to wear it, as a memento of the esteem and regard in which he was held by every member of the Richmond Lodge, and as a reminder of the happy hours he had spent in their association. With respect to the other Past Masters, Bro. Blasby was the father of the Lodge, and had done everything he possibly could to further its best interests, ever since its foundation. Bro. Digby, the second Master, had proved himself to be a competent worker, whose heart and soul were bound up with the welfare of the Lodge; and with three such Past Masters they could scarcely fail to work harmoniously and unitedly together. It was a satisfaction to have such a backbone of support to aid the Worshipful Master in carrying out his laudable undertakings. Bro. Hubbard here sang Elliott's charming song "To the Clouds," with such effect as to elicit an enthusiastic encore, in response to which he sang with equal success "The Diver." Bro. Phillips, in response, thanked the brethren for the jewel which they had voted him, and the W.M. for the kindly expressions which had accompanied its presentation. During the three years he had been in the Lodge he hoped he had been able to render himself of some assistance to it, and he heartily thanked those Officers who had so zealously supported him all through his year. That had made the fulfilment of the duties most agreeable to himself, and he hoped he had succeeded in giving satisfaction to the brethren. Bros. Blasby and Digby also responded. The compliments paid to the Treasurer, Secretary and Officers of the Lodge were also duly acknowledged. During the evening a selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. W. C. Rainbow, Organist of the Lodge, and the proceedings were throughout of a most enjoyable description.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday, the 27th of April, when there were present:—Bros. Hugh M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. L. Levoy S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Organist Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., W. Lane Tyler, George Price P.G. Treasurer Surrey, Rev. G. P. Merrick P.P.G. Chaplain Surrey, D. Guedalla, E. C. Leaver, R. W. Wilson, J. C. Leaver, E. C. Holdsworth, L. Percival, C. Holden, and H. H. Aston. Visitors:—Bros. W. H. Ranson W.M. 1790, J. Kelvington S.D. 1790, and W. Fox Hawes S.D. 463. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the emergency meetings were read and confirmed, with the exception of the resolution altering the day of meeting. The ballot was taken for Mr. Lionel Percival, and being unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated into Freemasonry. The Secretary having read the bye-laws, Bro. F. T. Ridpath S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, Bro. J. C. Leaver Treasurer, and Bro. W. Lane Tyler. The W.M. gave notice of motion, as follows: That the meetings of the Lodge take place on the second Saturday instead of the fourth Wednesday of the month, and that the Installation Meeting be changed from May to June. The Master-elect having expressed his wish to be present at the Meeting, at the Albert Hall, in June, one ticket was appropriated to him, and it was resolved that the remaining four tickets should be balloted for. An Audit Committee having been appointed, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—

At the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 21st April, Bro. D. Hills as W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. J. L. Barrett S.W., A. S. Josling J.W., John Tattersall S.D., F. Rush J.D., J. H. Gaskin I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. and Treasurer, W. J. Ball Secretary, J. K. Pitt, F. J. Smith, M. Spiegel, and other brethren. The work comprised the opening in the three respective degrees, the first section and ceremony in M.M. degree, and the closing ceremonies. A very satisfactory evening's instruction was afforded to all present.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., Bro. James Stevens, the Preceptor, rehearsed the ceremony of installation of W.M., placing Bro. A. Josling in the chair of K.S.; this brother invested, with appropriate addresses, J. K. Pitt S.W., F. Rush J.W., J. Fogdon S.D., J. L. Barrett J.D., J. Gaskin I.G., W. H. Paddle P.M. Treasurer, and W. J. Ball Secretary. The other brethren present included Bros. M. Spiegel, who acted as P.M. and D.C. throughout the installation ceremony, H. Whitehouse, F. J. Smith, F. Bailey, &c. The Audit report was produced and read at this meeting, and a favourable balance was shown in the treasury. It is intended to increase the attractive character of this Lodge of Instruction by the purchase of additional Masonic regalia, and also constitute a second Charitable Association in aid of the Masonic Charities on the lines of that lately closed, and which was so eminently successful.

The agenda of work for the remainder of the present session is arranged as follows, viz.:—12th May, Ceremony in second degree and second and third sections of lecture; 19th, Ceremony in third degree and third section of lecture; 26th, Fifteen Sections. 2nd June, Ceremony in first degree and sixth and seventh sections of lecture; 9th, Ceremony in second degree and fourth and fifth sections of lecture; 16th, Ceremony in third degree and address by Preceptor; 23rd, Résumé of the foregoing work in all degrees;

30th, Preceptor's Night—Entry drill, social board and close of season. Members of other Lodges will be heartily welcomed at these meetings.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Monday, when there was a fairly good attendance, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. L. Wall. Amongst those present were Bros. G. M. Lion S.W., I. Botibol J.W., J. L. Lyons Treasurer, Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary, W. Gardiner S.D., H. Lazarus Steward, S. Van Noorden Organist, and others. The Visitors included Bros. W. Banberg 217, W. Shurman P.M. 1471, E. A. Beer 1471, J. Speller 1677, T. Berg 1613, G. Grey 1900, A. Jacob 1474, C. Lionel Rees W.M. 120, J. Jones S60, G. Lewis 2018, J. Ridley 219, and W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. Lodge having been opened in due form and the usual routine business disposed of, the ballot was opened for Mr. George Chamberlain, who had been proposed by Bro. Isaac Botibol, seconded by Bro. J. Harward. The voting was unanimously in favour, and the candidate was duly initiated by the W.M. Advancing to the second degree, Bros. Garrard, Pluckrose, Ansell, Cohen, Onken and Waller were passed; and subsequently Bros. Mitchell, Lyon, Lowrie, Rosenberg and Bernstein were raised to the sublime degree. The somewhat formidable agenda was got through with the greatest promptitude and accuracy, and the working throughout was much appreciated by all present. There was a strong demand for the five tickets available for the Jubilee gathering at the Albert Hall, on Monday, 13th June, and no doubt these will in due course be allotted to the satisfaction of the recipients. Several applications for relief were received, and two petitions were presented for recommendation to the Board of Benevolence. One of the latter the brethren agreed to recommend. An appeal for aid was sent in by a distressed brother, and as result—aided by a "whip round" at the banquet table—the sum of £5 was realised. At the close of Lodge business the brethren partook of a banquet, at which the loyal and other toasts were honoured. Bro. Dewsnap I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, the toast being cordially received and responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Wall. The Joppa Benevolent Fund was not forgotten, and in connection with that subject Bro. Myers P.M. told the oft-recited tale of good effected by means of that organisation. The initiate met with a hearty reception, and Bro. Chamberlain acknowledged with thanks the honour which had been conferred upon him by being admitted into the Masonic ranks. For the Visitors responses were made by Bros. Rees, W. W. Morgan, and Shurman; and the Officers severally acknowledged the recognition made of their services by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Dawson, in the course of a forcible and well-considered speech, made reference to the present position of the Joppa Lodge, and argued that however well it might have stood in the past, it was never in a more sound and flourishing condition than at the present time. Some excellent songs were given; the artistes engaged being the Misses Maude Vickers and Annie Buckland, Bros. Mackway, and P. Van Noorden (Organist), with his talented son.

Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571.—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at Auscu's Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on the 21st ultimo, when there were present Bros. G. Westfield W.M., Blake S.W., J. Ives J.W., Sword S.D., A. C. Bailey J.D., Carter I.G., T. Duffield P.M. Preceptor, George Hughes Secretary, T. Lewis P.M. Treasurer, C. J. Hunter, Gregory, and Low. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gregory candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Blake. Bro. Hunter answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Hunter duly passed. Lodge resumed to the first degree. The W.M. gave the first section of the first lecture. Bro. Charles Valentine Hunter, of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, was elected a member. Bro. Duffield Preceptor will occupy the chair at the next meeting, Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, 25th ultimo. Bros. Snook W.M., Stretch S.W., Clark J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Bull I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Osborn acting as candidate. After discussion, it was carried unanimously that Lodge continue open during May, and adjourn over June, July, and August.

On Monday, 2nd inst. Bros. Caskey W.M., Clark S.W., Turner J.W., Hancock Asst. Preceptor, Hazel I.G., Collingridge Secretary. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bull candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in second and third degrees. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for Monday next.

Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—At the meeting held on Thursday, 25th April, at the Whetstone Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., there were present:—Bros. H. W. Smyth W.M., Child P.M., Jennings J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Wood S.D., Cross J.D., Cavers Steward, Stonnill I.G.; Stroud, Cockrill, Benton, Cotton, Craggs, Higginson, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Benton candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Brother Cotton candidate. The first and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his occupancy of the chair, for the first time. The annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction took place on Wednesday, the 27th April. The creature comforts were liberally provided by the host, Bro. Cavers, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by a large number of the brethren.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Comedy.—"The Red Lamp," the piece selected by Mr. Beer-bohm Tree for his opening, is from the pen of an author whose only previous venture was produced at a matinee;—it did not prove successful. The work under notice, however, is far in advance, so much so that we can hardly imagine it is by the same author. Still this is the case. Mr. Outram Tristram has done his present work excellently and thoroughly. "The Red Lamp" deals with Nihilists, and their attempts on the life of the Czar. The interest is sustained for at least three acts, but after that it falls off considerably. This is to be regretted; the situation at the end of the third act works the excitement of the audience up to such a pitch that they are disappointed when they find such a tame ending. When all was in readiness for the final crash—anticipated every moment—neither crash nor climax came; in its stead a poor and uninteresting finish. The author's ideas in some instances are weak. Does he really think such a man as Allan Villiers (of the New York Herald) would be able to gain admission to a Princess, in such a way as he gives illustration to; to be regarded moreover as a protector and helpmate?—why not have made him some near relation? This is one of the most improbable eventualities in the play. Again, his idea of placing a red lamp in a central window, in every one's way, with a view to warn the conspirators when danger threatens, is weak. Still, for these mistakes he has somewhat made amends; Paul Demetrius (of the Secret Police) is a character that engrosses thought and attention while on the stage; there is something weird-like in his looks, while his wily ways and suspicious manner make you feel he knows your every thought. Such a character as this is the one Mr. Tree has chosen, and worthily indeed is his choice warranted. The make-up adopted is something extraordinary. The suspicious eye, the change from mirthful vein to a serious consideration of business must be seen to be realised. A more artistic portraiture could not be conceived. Under these circumstances, Mr. Tree unquestionably carries off chief honours. After him comes Mr. Laurence Cautley, as Prince Alexis Valerian; that such a man should be mixed up with a gang of Nihilists is incomprehensible; still, such is the author's view; it is the Prince that is chosen to fire the mine intended to destroy the royal procession. Mr. Cautley's rendering of the part is most artistic, and his electionary powers are admirably displayed. Mr. Charles Sugden makes a cool and inoffensive Villiers, the friend of the Princess; but the abilities of Mr. C. H. Brookfield were simply wasted on the part of General Morakoff. Mr. Robert Pateman was scarcely at ease as the leader of the Nihilists, still he well exerted himself. Mr. Charles Dodsworth made an earnest but revengeful Kertch. Lady Monckton has been entrusted with a part beyond her reach. Miss Marion Terry has little to do as Olga Morakoff, but she displayed care. A word of praise must be bestowed on Miss Rosina Filippi for her clever representation of a waiting maid. The dresses, supplied by Messrs. Russell and Allen, and the uniforms by Messrs. L. and H. Nathan, are perfect in every respect. The scenery is exceptionally good.

Criterion.—At a matinee here, on Monday, 25th April, Mr. Gilbert Parkhurst submitted to the public Messrs. Sydney Grundy and Joseph Mackay's "May and December," an adaptation from "La Petite Marquise." The authors had had some difficulty in getting the Lord Chamberlain's licence to perform the play, but in its present form there was nothing to warrant its suspension for over five years. The plot deals with an old man, Sir Biblio Magniac, who has married a young and fascinating woman, but soon finds their tastes and pursuits differ. He is engaged in writing a book, on the pursuits and habits of the monks of the 13th century, while Lady Magniac is of a romantic turn of mind, and thinks of little else besides Onida's novels, and a romantic attachment she has formed with an acquaintance of Sir Biblio, Captain L'Estrange. Owing to their incompatibility of temper the married couple consent to a friendly separation. Lady Magniac by this means flatters herself she will be enabled eventually to marry the gallant Captain. This gentleman, however, though by no means reluctant to a little flirtation, has no intention of going further, even though Lady Magniac were free. The Captain leaves the house, and Sir Biblio arranges with a barrister the details of the deed of separation. Lady Magniac arrives the following morning at a country inn; here the Captain is stopping, with a view to some shooting. The lady meets him and is about to throw herself into his arms, but the Captain advises her to return home. This she does the same evening; meanwhile, a friend of hers, Madeline Fenton, has arrived, from Scarborough, and hearing of Sir Biblio's conduct faints in that gentleman's arms. The servants witness this, and inform Lady Magniac. Mutual explanations ensue; the wife promises to take more interest in his work in the future, and to aid Sir Biblio to find out whether monks rode horses or not in the 13th century. We cannot congratulate the authors; the interest is not sustained, and the thoughtless wife never really wins our sympathies. Miss Kate Rorke struggled hard, but she had a part that defied her abilities to make it interesting. As a fussy barrister, with a 15 year old brief, Robinson v. Jones, about a mangle, Mr. W. Blakeley is entitled to praise. Mr. Gilbert Parkhurst and Mr. E. W. Gardiner, as Sir Biblio and Capt. L'Estrange respectively, had no opportunities; but a word of praise is due to Miss L. Cowell, for her clever impersonation of Jane, a servant girl. A fashionable audience (including the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Teck) was present, but the work was received coldly.

Gaiety.—When a man has built a reputation in one line of business and then starts in another, there is always some interest evinced in the result. Consequently with some amount of curiosity we wended our way to the Gaiety on the 25th ult., to see "Twice Married," a comedy drama in three acts. Messrs. Clement O'Neill and Harvey Sylvester have crowded their work on ideas which are far from original, while the dialogue is commonplace. Still, if we judge

from the reception given it by the friendly audience present, we might pronounce it a success. One of the parts undoubtedly has a fascination for Mr. Leslie, but we think his choice unwise; with such powers for making fun we thought it a pity he should waste the greater portion of his time. The story may be briefly told. Mark Jessop has married a widow, whose first husband "went wrong;" after a while this husband's death is announced in the papers. Later on, the supposed dead husband returns, but rather than live with him again, Margaret, who has gone through the marriage ceremony with Jessop, disappears. On Mark discovering this, and not knowing the reason, he becomes demented, and does not recover until Margaret returns, which she does when she hears that Jessop's daughter Cissy is about to marry her villainous husband, Luke Valpy. How the latter is discovered to be a murderer, and on being pursued by a police officer falls into the adjoining canal and is drowned, is shown in the last act. This leaves Mark and Margaret unfettered, while Cissy pairs off with a schoolmaster, brother to the murdered man. Mark Jessop is a character hardly suited to Mr. Leslie's capabilities, nevertheless he made the most of the loving husband, while his grief at his wife's disappearance was well expressed. Mr. Leslie did not exaggerate; at all times he was consistent and natural. The part of Luke Valpy was admirably portrayed by Mr. Percy Lyndall, who displayed judgment in some curious situations. The part of the schoolmaster was entrusted to Mr. E. D. Ward, while Mr. George Shelton was an amusing detective. Mr. W. T. Elworthy played a Yankee sailor, but he had nothing to do with the plot. Miss Henrietta Lindley gave a finished portrayal of the wrongs of Jessop's wife, while Miss Lillian Gillmore made a fairly good Cissy. The part of the servant girl was essayed by Miss Cicely Richards, who was fully equal to the demands made on her. On the call for the authors, one of these gentlemen came forward and bowed his acknowledgments.

Princess's.—Mr. William Gillette's interesting drama, "Held by the Enemy," as we anticipated, is drawing good houses, and this will continue to be the case for some time. Since originally produced, at a *matinée*, the first act has been curtailed, with advantage; the knife has also been exercised with the third act, but this could still bear more pruning. The continuous arrival of military news at last becomes monotonous. The bright and amusing dialogues provided for Susan McCreery and Mr. Bean are now given with more spirit than heretofore, and as a result they cause frequent roars of laughter. The piece has by this gained considerably, while the artistes engaged work earnestly and well together. Mr. Charles Warner repeats his quiet rendering of Colonel Prescott, while Miss Alma Murray is seen to great advantage as Rachel McCreery. Messrs. Yorke Stephens, E. W. Gardiner, William Rignold, Charles Overton, S. Calhaem, with Miss Annie Hughes and Mrs. Canninge, all render excellent support. The hospital and court-martial scenes call forth hearty applause.

In consequence of Miss Grace Hawthorne having secured a lease of the Princess' Theatre, from 8th July, and feeling she cannot do justice to the management of two theatres, she has sold her lease of the Olympic, to Miss Agnes Hewitt. This lady will commence her managerial career on or about the 1st June, and will inaugurate her season with the production of "A Golden Band," by Henry Hermann and Rev. Freeman Mills. Miss Hawthorne's present season will terminate on this (Saturday) evening. The theatre will then remain closed for three weeks, for purposes of renovation.

Mr. Henry Hermann has been specially engaged by Miss Hewitt to assume the managerial reins at the Olympic Theatre. This is a guarantee that this lady desires the patrons of the house to receive every courtesy and attention.

On Saturday, 23rd ult., a special Smoking Concert was given at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Hospital. The chair was occupied by Bro. Geoffrey Thorn, who was assisted in the vice-chair by Bro. R. P. Forge, whilst Bro. Jas. Bayne officiated as musical director. Excellent arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the audience were made by the hon. treasurer, Bro. John Baker, and the hon. secretary, Bro. W. T. Farquharson, and the affair passed off with the most complete success. A capital programme, consisting of part songs, piano solos, songs, quartets, recitations, &c., was submitted to a highly appreciative company, the various items being genuinely applauded. As a result the hon. treasurer has a surplus of twenty guineas to hand over to the Institution in whose behalf the concert was held.

Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, has long been a favorite trysting-place of Freemasons of London and the suburbs, and, more especially of recent years, the number of Lodges and Chapters held at this old established and admirably arranged City hotel has enormously increased. Much of this success was no doubt due to the excellent and courteous manner in which Bro. Clemow conducted the business of the hotel, during the last 13 years; and on his retirement from that position, to assume the proprietorship of a large hotel at Boston, in Lincolnshire, the brethren of several Lodges determined to mark their appreciation of his attention to them in substantial form. On Monday, 25th ult., therefore, Bro. Clemow was entertained at a banquet, at Anderton's, and was presented with a purse containing one hundred sovereigns, and an illuminated address, conveying to him an expression of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the subscribers. Much as the people of Boston were to be congratulated upon Bro. Clemow coming to reside amongst them, they in London were exceedingly sorry to lose him. Bro. Clemow acknowledged the testimonials with characteristic modesty, saying that the gifts were a most gratifying souvenir, not only to himself, but to the members of his family. Bro. John Barnett Jun., of the Domatic Lodge, presided on the occasion.

Saturday, the 14th instant, has been appointed for the Private View of the Summer Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 16th inst.

Obituary.

THE obsequies of Bro. Colonel Tanner-Davy, J.P., Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Devon, took place in Roseash parish churchyard, near South Molton, on last Friday week, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, including a numerous muster of the Mark and Craft Masons of the Province. The bier and grave were surrounded by floral tributes, amongst which were a beautiful wreath sent by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, another by the St. George's Mark Lodge, No. 15, Exeter, and one from the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. H. Stocker. Other wreaths and crosses were sent, by Lord Poltimore, Lord Fortescue, Miss Harding (schoolmistress of Roseash), the school children's choir, and inhabitants of the village, and the guardians of the South Molton Union. The directors of the Devon County School at West Buckland, presided over by Lord Fortescue, passed the following resolution:—

The directors cannot meet without expressing their deep regret at the death of their lamented friend and colleague, Bro. Lieutenant Tanner-Davy, and their grateful sense of the valuable services he had so long rendered to this school, and the great loss it has sustained in his death, and beg to tender their sincere condolences to Mrs. Tanner-Davy in her bereavement.

A vote of condolence has also been forwarded to the relatives of the deceased from the members of the Jordan

"FAIRY LAMPS" FOR DECORATION.

THE grace and charm of a ball-room or a banquetting saloon very largely depend upon the character of the embellishments that are called into requisition, and the manner in which they are disposed about the apartments. Up to within recent date decorators, in making up for these gay and festive scenes, have had to content themselves mainly with garlands and festoons, either of natural or artificial flowers, entwined around the ordinary gas standards or chandeliers, fringing the frames of mirrors, or interlaced amidst the folds of curtains and other drapery used in contributing to the picturesque *coup d'œil*. But, as in every other branch of artistic science, novelties and improvements have of late found a place in popular favour, and amongst them—probably the most unique and beautiful—are the "fairy" lamps manufactured by Mr. Samuel Clarke, of the Fairy Lamps and Fairy Light Works, Child's Hill, London, N. For some time past "society" has been familiar with specimens of the Queen's Barmese ware supplied by this eminent firm for decorative purposes at important banquets, balls and fêtes, both in town and country; and they have as frequently been noticed and admired at the private residences of the "noble and the great," lending charm and beauty to scenes of domestic and social festivity. This ware, being of the nature of glass, produces a most lovely effect when illuminated, the blending of delicate tints, from peach to yellow, being the most perfect and exquisite that radiated heat can make. We understand that the discovery—for it was rather that than an invention—is due to the United States, but the ware is now manufactured in London, under a patent, and we have lately seen one or two instances of the rare beauty and softened brilliancy which are imparted to public festivities by means of these "fairy" contrivances. The lamps are made in a great variety of beautiful designs, in chandeliers, candelabra, brackets, bowls, &c., which, sparkling and glittering amongst the flowers of a ball or dining room, give to the whole an aspect suggestive of the fairy cave of Aladdin, or other reminiscences of the "Arabian Nights." Some of the coronas and clusters of lights depending from the ceiling are of exquisitely pretty design, richly cut, and in a variety of delicate hues—blue, citron, rose, &c.; whilst others, singly and in groups, spring from artistically shaped and cut vases, adorned with flowers, that give a *récherché* finishing touch to the otherwise beautiful effect. In other cases they are hung in front of mirrors, pier glasses, and girondelles, which of course heighten the brilliancy of the "fairy" light; and some of the Parian and Cleveland varieties are absolutely unique for their beauty and effect. We mentioned last week, in our report of the installation meeting of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, at Watford, the agreeable surprise experienced by the company there assembled at the sight of over three hundred and forty of these "fairy" lamps, which adorned the banquetting hall, and the opinion then unanimously expressed was that it surpassed any means of illumination or decoration ever previously witnessed in that district. It can thus be readily imagined how fairy-like would be the effect of a greater number displayed in the baronial hall, the conservatories, and corridors of a mansion, at a time of some special gathering of the *élite*, or in the huge marquees we so often see erected in connection with charitable and other fêtes, both in London and in the country. To all intents and purposes these lamps are a decided acquisition to the decorative art, both public and private, for we have seen many instances in which "home parties" have been rendered all the more delightful by the use of these soothing and pretty appliances on the tables of the dining or drawing room. There can be little doubt that the more they are known the more extensively they will be brought into requisition for public and private entertainments; and the fact of the patentee receiving not only a special gold medal, but a resolution of thanks from the Council of the Royal Botanic Society of London, for his "great assistance at their evening fêtes," in June and July last year, speaks volumes for the appreciation in which this invention is held. No one should miss the opportunity of paying a visit to the show rooms of this firm, 31 Ely Place, E.C., where there are special illuminated displays every Tuesday and Friday evening.

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THE THIRTEENTH CONVOCATION of this PROVINCIAL
GRAND CHAPTER will be held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stan-
more, on Saturday, the 14th of May, at Three o'clock p.m. precisely.

The Banquet will take place at the Abercorn Hotel, at 5 p.m. Tickets 8s 6d,
exclusive of wine.

N.B.—Companions intending to remain for the banquet are requested to send
their names to the Prov. G.S.E., with a remittance, before Wednesday, the
11th May, as no ticket will be issued after that date.

In order to make arrangements for the conveyance of the Companions and
their Visitors, it is necessary that every Companion should inform the
P.G. Scribe E. not later than 11th May, whether he intends to be present or
not, and the number of Visitors he intends to bring.

Brethren, to reach Stanmore in time for the opening of the Chapter must
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Moorgate Street, 11:20 a.m. King's Cross, 11:28 a.m. } Enquire if necessary to
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J. F. H. WOODWARD,

Prov. G. Scribe E.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E., 27th April 1887.

MAY ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the
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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

AMELIA M. MAHOMED,

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introduced the Shampooing and Vapour Baths into England, in 1784.
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assistance of the present applicant, until his sudden death, in 1872.
Up to the present time the candidate has earned her living as a
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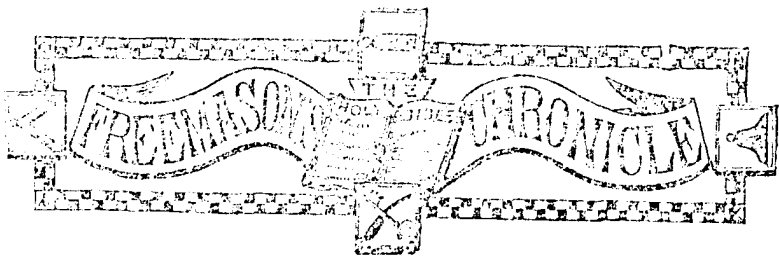
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

ON Wednesday last the Quarterly Convocation of
Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of
England was held at Freemasons' Hall, Comp. Robert
Grey, President of the Board of General Purposes,
occupying the chair as M.E.Z.; Comps. Gerard Ford,
Grand Superintendent of Sussex, as H., and Thos. Penn,
Past President of the Committee of General Purposes, as J.
After the usual preliminary business, the acting-President
announced that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales
was again installed as Z., that the Right Hon. the Earl of
Champernon had been re-appointed as Pro Grand Z., the
Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Grand H., and the Right

endeavour to be present. It is with much regret I have to announce the death of our excellent friend Companion John Hirst, of Upper-mill, on the 29th March; he was an amiable and highly esteemed gentleman, and a distinguished member of this Chapter. In making my selection of Officers for the ensuing year, I have endeavoured to recognise merit to the best of my judgment, and to spread the offices as much as possible. In conclusion I thank you for your courteous salutation and your patience in listening to this "Jubilee Address." I hope you may all rejoice in its celebration, and heartily testify your loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign with pardonable pride in her many virtues, together with the beneficent character of her long, prosperous and eventful reign.

The roll of Royal Arch Chapters, and the roll of Present and Past Grand Officers having been called, the minutes of the meeting held at Wakefield, 24th November 1886, were presented and confirmed. Companion J. W. Fourness P.Z. 289 Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his balance sheet, which showed a balance in the W.R.U. Bank, Dewsbury, on 30th April, of £243 12s 7d. On the motion of Comp. C. L. Mason, Comp. Thomas Harrison P.Z. 296 was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers, as follow:—

Comp. John Wordsworth	-	-	H.
Frederick Laxton	-	-	J.
Henry Smith	-	-	Scribe E.
Dr. W. R. Thomas	-	-	Scribe N.
Thomas Harrison	-	-	Treasurer
J. G. Hutchinson	-	-	Registrar
James Kaye	-	-	Prin. Soj.
Thomas R. Vaux	-	-	1st Asst. Soj.
William Watson	-	-	2nd Asst. Soj.
Robert Thompson	-	-	Sword Bearer
Fred. W. Turner	-	-	Standard Bearer
Davis R. Glover	-	-	Director of Cers.
Thomas Gaukroger	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
George Carbert	-	-	Organist
Herbert G. E. Green	-	-	Assist. G. Scribe E.
Joshua Lee	-	-	Janitor
T. Bateman Fox	-	-	
William Redgard Massie	-	-	Stewards
Benjamin Preston	-	-	
W. C. Ellisdon	-	-	

The Present and Past Prov. G. Officers were then saluted. It was resolved that a donation of Fifty Guineas be made from the funds of Provincial Grand Chapter to the "Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations" to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Widows' Fund, £26 5s to each "Presentation." Also "that a donation of Three Guineas be made from the funds of Prov. G. Chapter to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India." The best thanks of Provincial Grand Chapter were given to the Companions of the four Leeds Chapters for the perfect arrangements they had made. Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed according to ancient custom. Tea was provided in the banquet hall at 5.30, and upwards of sixty-five Companions partook of it, Companion Mason presiding.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE Installation Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 28th of April. Comp. Dr. Corrie Jackson Z., Dr. Jagielski H., Comp. Bieling J., and Comp. H. Reed P.S. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Bro. William Taylor, Polish National Lodge, No. 534. This proved to be unanimously in his favour, and, being in attendance, he was exalted to the supreme degree by the M.E.Z. A ballot was then taken for the Principals for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were elected:—Dr. Jagielski Z., Bieling H., Reed J.; Dr. Renner P.S., Kelsey and Fauser 1st and 2nd Assist. Comps. Paas P.Z. and Nowakowski P.Z. were re-elected Ezra and Treasurer respectively. After the Companions had retired, the various Officers were installed by Comp. Palmer P.Z. in a manner most impressive. On the members being re-admitted, Dr. Jagielski presented the retiring Z., Dr. Jackson, with a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted, for the manner in which the duties of the Chapter had been performed. He trusted Comp. Jackson would long live to wear it. All the business being finished, the Companions retired to the banquet room. On the cloth being cleared the usual Royal Arch and Loyal toasts were given. Comp. Jackson proposed the health of the M.E.Z., whom he wished a happy and prosperous year of office. Comp. Jagielski having suitably replied, proposed the health of Comp. Palmer, to whom they were so much indebted for the able and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of installation of Principals. Comp. Palmer replied; it always had, and always would, give him a very great deal of pleasure to perform any service which he might be called upon to do for the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of their new Companion,—Taylor. He congratulated him on his early advancement in Freemasonry, and hoped he would long continue a member of the Polish National Chapter. In reply Comp. Taylor stated that he had derived a great deal of pleasure from the way in

which the ritual had been worked by Comp. Jackson; he hoped in due time to aspire to the chair which the M.E.Z. now so ably filled. The next toast was that of the Visitor, Comp. Tongue, the W.M. of the Polish National Lodge, who, in response, said that he regretted that when he was made a Royal Arch Mason he did not know of the existence of the Polish National Chapter; he thus had joined the Eclectic. He hoped when some of his many duties were completed to become a member of the Polish National Chapter. After this the Officers were complimented, and the Janitor's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

The ceremony of Installation of Principals will be rehearsed, for the last time this session, at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, corner of Cannon Street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., to commence at half-past five o'clock. The usual exaltation ceremony will afterwards be rehearsed. Members will please take note that the session will end on the 24th of May.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ILKESTON MARK LODGE, No. 373.

A GREAT gathering of Mark Masons assembled at Ilkeston, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., to consecrate a new Mark Lodge there. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened at the Temperance Hall by W. Bro. Percy Wallis P.G.D. Eng. P.P.S.G.W., and a great number of candidates were duly advanced. The Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. William Kelly, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, were then received, and the ceremony of consecrating and dedicating the new Lodge was ably performed by R.W. Bro. Kelly, assisted by W. Bro. S. S. Partridge P.G.D. Eng. P.D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Thomas Cox D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Percy Wallis, W. Bro. Henry George P.G.A.D.C. Eng., &c., &c. W. Bro. J. Cox then took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. Charles Maltby as W.M. of the Ilkeston Lodge, No. 373. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master again took the chair and proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge in due form. The reports of the Masters of Lodges, the Committee of General Purposes, the Registrar and the Treasurer, having been received, were adopted. The new bye-laws were also adopted. Bro. Samuel Cleaver was re-elected Treasurer. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then read his annual address, in which he alluded to the great progress of Mark Masonry in the Province, particularly in Derbyshire. Bro. Kelly also remarked upon his re-appointment as P.G.M., an office which he has held for 26 years, and to the sound financial position of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master then invested his Officers, as follow:—

Bro. T. Cox	Deputy G. Master
W. J. Freer	Senior Warden
G. H. Percival	Junior Warden
Butler Wilkins	Master Overseer
J. H. Thompson	Senior Overseer
J. Howell	Junior Overseer
Rev. R. C. Faithfull	Chaplains
Rev. C. W. Groves	
S. Cleaver	Treasurer
S. A. Marris	Registrar
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Edgar Horne	Junior Deacon
J. Wiggins	Superintendent of Work
J. D. Harris	Director of Ceremonies
W. Boughen	Assistant Ditto
C. Maltby	Sword Bearer
A. Woodiwiss	Standard Bearer
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The sum of 55 5s was voted, to be placed upon the list of Bro. T. Cox as Seward at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Two guineas was also voted to the Fred. Blackes presentation fund. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Rutland Hotel, where a very capital banquet was served by the host, Bro. Daykin.

By an inadvertency, in our report of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, at Watford, last week, in speaking of the "fairy" lamps which added such grace to the lodge-room and banquetting-saloon, the name of Child was mentioned as supplying them; this should have been Bro. Clarke, of "fairy-light" fame, of Child's Hill and Ely Place, London.

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CHILDREN'S MASONIC CARNIVAL AT READING.

ON Thursday, the 21st April, the New Town Hall was the scene of one of the most interesting gatherings which have ever been seen in Reading. Early in the present year the Worshipful Masters of the various Masonic Lodges of the town met for the purpose of considering in what way the Jubilee of the Queen's Accession to the Throne could be most fittingly celebrated by themselves and their children and friends. As might have been anticipated, various schemes presented themselves and much anxious thought was devoted to the subject. Of course the question was very soon disposed of as far as the Masons themselves and their friends were concerned. But the difficulty was about the children—how could they be helped to celebrate the auspicious event, and how could matters be managed so as to make it live in their memory, and mark it as something always to be looked back on with pleasure? At last the brilliant idea presented itself that the Jubilee should be celebrated by holding a Children's Carnival and Fancy Dress Ball in the New Town Hall, and this seemed to fit in so well with the inclinations of those having the matter under consideration, that it was carried unanimously. Meetings were subsequently held, and it was finally arranged that the Worshipful Masters and Worshipful Masters Elect of all the Masonic Lodges in the town should form themselves into a committee, take the matter in hand and carry it out at their own individual expense, so that the funds of their Lodges should not be touched. The following are the names of the brethren who thus took upon themselves the responsibility: Bros. J. W. Martin W.M. 414, W. Ravenscroft W.M. 1101, C. H. Tench W.M. 2043, F. J. Ferguson W.M. 235 (Mark), E. Margrett W.M. Veran Council of St. Lawrence, No. 18, J. E. Sydenham W.M. Elect 2043, and W. W. Ridley W.M. Elect 235 (Mark). The Committee thus formed met many times to consider the necessary arrangements, and the first idea soon expanded. It was decided that the fact of its being a children's carnival should always be kept steadily in view, and though friends might be invited to look on and assist in helping to make the little ones enjoy themselves, yet the children should be the honoured guests on the occasion, and should stand first all through. It was next decided to invite in the first place the children of Masons residing in Reading and the neighbourhood, and then, as far as possible, the children of friends, the ages being limited between 4 and 14; that the children should be accompanied by their mother or lady friend, and that the balcony should be reserved for those invited to view the Carnival. The next question considered was as to the date when it should be held, and as most of the children eligible would be at school when the general festivities took place in June, it was settled to fix the date during the Easter holidays, and accordingly the day was decided on. These preliminaries having been adjusted, the invitations were sent out—the invitation card as well as the card of admission and the programme being unique in design and execution. We may mention that they were designed and executed by Mr. W. G. Lewton, under the direction of Bro. W. Ravenscroft, Worshipful Master of Greyfriars Lodge. Letters expressing regret for not being able to be present were received from Prince and Princess Christian, the Earl and Countess Carnarvon, the Earl and Countess Jersey, and several others. The balcony was crowded with brethren and friends who had been invited to see the Carnival, and it was one of the great troubles of the worthy hosts that they were totally unable to provide places for many who had expressed a wish to be present and all of whom they would have been pleased to see. Among those to whom invitation cards were sent was the Queen. An invitation was also sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as most Worshipful Grand Master of the Craft, as indicating the event. Both the Old and New Town Halls were engaged, including the Council Chamber, Committee Room, &c. The Old Town Hall was divided into three compartments, the lower end being converted into retiring rooms, the centre serving as the cloak room and the upper end being devoted to refreshments. The Committee Room was also devoted to a refreshment department. Very elaborate arrangements had to be made for the entrance and reception of the numerous guests. Visitors to the balcony were received at the entrance leading to the passage under the main Corridor, and conducted up the stairs direct to their seats; communication with the other parts of the hall being temporarily divided off. The children and their friends were received at the main entrance to the Old Town Hall, and passing up the steps were conducted to the cloak room, and from thence to the Council Chamber where they were received and cordially welcomed by the seven hosts and their ladies. As they passed out of the Council Chamber each one was presented with a programme, and they were then conducted to the New Town Hall, where an organ recital by Bro. Tibbutt was given during the assembling of the guests. The Past Masters and present Officers of the Lodges acted as Honorary Stewards, and the duties were divided among them as follows:—At the entrance stood two Tylers, Bros. Hommings and Stevens; in the cloak room Bros. Parry, Stubington, Greenaway, Rayner, Millard and E. Ridley; to introduce guests, Bros. Pulley P.M., Flanagan P.M., Withers P.M., Creed, Hawkes and Tabbs; programmes, &c., Bros. W. Ferguson P.M. and Oules P.M.; in corridors to conduct guests, Bros. Dold, Slaughter, Hukins, Bennett and Hewett; in body of Hall, &c. Bros. Sherwood, Hickie, Tibbutt and Blackwell P.M., Webb P.M., J. Hawkes P.M., Miller, Mount P.M., Stransom, Hill, James and Lindars; in balcony, Bros. Reed, Sherwin, Hayward, Hart, Lawes, Stewart, J. Brown, Sparrow and J. T. Brown. Bros. F. J. Ferguson and J. E. Sydenham officiated as M.C.'s at the dancing; Bros. E. Margrett P.M. and W. W. Ridley P.M. superintended the refreshment department; Bros. Ravenscroft and Tench undertook the general disposal of the stewards, and Brother Martin generally superintended the arrangements in the balcony. In addition to the special duties assigned to them, all the stewards did their utmost generally to ensure the success of the Carnival, and, it must be said, with the most perfect success. The entrance steps, the corridors and both sides of the large hall were covered

with crimson carpet, lounges, settees and chairs being plentifully sprinkled about. The corridors and halls were splendidly decorated with flowers, shrubs and moss banks, and a large number of fairy lamps and Chinese lanterns gave the whole a most pretty and charming effect. Around the balcony of the large hall Masonic emblems were suspended, adorned with trophies of flags. The decorations were respectively entrusted to Messrs. Sparrow, of the West End furnishing warehouse, Oxford-road, and to Mr. Phippen, of Broad-street, who executed the work in a highly satisfactory manner. The refreshments were supplied by Mr. Smith, of Broad-street, and gave entire satisfaction. Dispensations having been granted from the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., and by the Prov. Grand Master of the Mark Province of Berks and Oxon, the Earl of Jersey, to wear Masonic clothing on the occasion, all the brethren appeared in their aprons and white kid gloves and the Officers past and present in the collars and jewels of their respective rank. When the children and other guests were assembled, the scene was one of extreme grandeur and beauty, and one which will live long in the memories of every one who witnessed it. Five o'clock was fixed for the arrival of the guests, and the scene for a long time after that hour was one of the liveliest description. At the proper moment the signal was given to commence the programme with the ever-popular Royal Punch and Judy Show and the comic Dog Toby, in act I. of that tragic history. We need say no more than that the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, old as well as young. The band (which was provided by Mr. Davis) then struck up a polka, to the merry tune of which the gaily berobed young folks danced with all their might and energy. Next came a quadrille, and then a conjuring entertainment by Professor Howard, late of the Egyptian Hall and Crystal Palace. This was followed by a Schottische and Quadrille Parisienne, and then the Mirthful Living Marionettes appeared, introduced by Mr. Hal Masque, the eloquent ventriloquist of the Crystal Palace. The first part of the programme was brought to a close by a procession of the children, which was most effective and pretty. Having assembled in the cloak room, they were formed into two's, and then headed by Bros. Ferguson and Sydenham, who were followed by four page boys—Masters Percy and John Ferguson, Master Harold Ravenscroft, and Master Launcelot Martin—carrying wands, the procession, with the assistance of Bros. R. Bradley, C. B. Tabbs and the other stewards, moved along the corridor, passed up the centre of the large hall, at the end of which were the worthy hosts, who again gave a hearty welcome to all. The procession then divided, the alternate couples passing right and left back again down the hall. The movement of the procession was made to a march played by the band, and when all had passed round the march ceased and a jolly polka was danced in downright earnest, to the evident delight of every one present. An interval then took place for refreshments, promenading, &c., and the second part of the programme opened with a Chinese entertainment by Foochoo Chico Jokoco, in which birds, rabbits, Guinea pigs, &c., were introduced. This proved highly amusing, and a galop and the Highland Schottische succeeded. Then Mr. Felix Pietri, the musical clown, appeared, and he was followed by the second act of Punch and Judy. Early in the course of the evening Bro. C. Murdoch ascended the platform, and addressed a few words to the children. He reminded them that they were assembled to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee, and he felt sure that the novel and interesting way in which they were carrying out the festivities would never be effaced from their memories. Their kind hosts proposed now to despatch a telegram to the Queen in the following words:—

"Children at Masonic Carnival, assembled at Reading to celebrate the Jubilee of the Accession of their beloved Sovereign, send her their loyal and affectionate greeting."

Bro. Murdoch asked the children to express their approval of this, and immediately every hand was held up in token of acquiescence. When the programme had very nearly come to an end, Brother C. Stephens, in a few well-chosen words, proposed on behalf of the children a most cordial vote of thanks to their kind hosts for the most pleasant and enjoyable Carnival which they had been holding, and asked them to carry this with three cheers. This was done with the utmost enthusiasm, and then the Highland Schottische was danced as a finale. We may mention that the dancing of this Schottische was one of the most pleasing and charming features of the evening. The lights having been lowered, a portrait of the Queen was thrown on the screen by the aid of a powerful lantern, provided by Mr. Lewis, of Broad-street, and all joined most heartily in singing the National Anthem. The utmost praise is due to the Worshipful Masters and W.M.'s elect of the various Masonic Lodges for the completeness of the arrangements for the Carnival and the most entire success with which every part of it was carried out. From the hour of meeting—about five o'clock—until a few minutes before ten when the festivities were brought to a close, no single hitch occurred. The little folks present, one and all, evidently most thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it may safely be said that they will never forget the Children's Masonic Carnival of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Year.

The following is a copy of a letter received in reply from Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to the telegram referred to above.

Aix les Bains, 22nd April 1887.

Sir,—I am commanded by the Queen to assure you that it gave Her Majesty much pleasure to hear of the celebration of the Jubilee of the Queen's accession by the children of Reading.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) HENRY PONSONBY.

F. J. Ferguson.

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 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
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 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Deutson, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 7. (Instruction)
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 1645—Colre Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Skidawaito
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 R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
 R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
 R.A. 1549—Stannmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stannmore

THURSDAY, 12th MAY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collegio-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)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lion's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Green Road, E.C. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Crayon-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 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—Joyent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2163—Derby Allcroft, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
 R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Coventry
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Southfield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hall, Penrith, Cumberland
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Mason's Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Loughborough
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North Shields
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Brighton, Brighton
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Acerington
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Room, Glasgow Green
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dean House, Hindley
 1540—Granbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1553—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1607—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester

1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Cole-shill
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoe-buryness
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Cusworth. (Instruction)
 1911—De La Pre, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 240—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
 R.A. 464—Hwlfordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southampton
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
 R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 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—Ranchagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1293—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. 1—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Portland Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square
 Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M. 1—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Onse Street, Goolo
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Park Lane, Harrogate
 1087—Beandesert, Assembly Rooms, Gorn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
 K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 14th MAY.

173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farm & s' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Tadmorden

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