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## LOYALTY AND CHARITY.

THOSE of us who saw the Prince of Wales installed Grand Master of English Freemasonry will never forget the scene or the event. It was indeed a fitting and glorious ending of a period of great anxiety for our excellent and Loyal Order.

Under the presiding auspices and energy of the Heir Apparent to the Throne, English Freemasonry could now move on, fulfilling its mission and extending its stakes, and despite many antagonists and vituperative slanderers, hold the "even tenour of its way" against all comers.

And those of us who can still recall the cheer which greeted the Grand Master's assurance that he "never should forget that day," will also agree with us that no promise has been better kept in the unchanging interest he has taken in Freemasonry, and the open adoption and illustration he has from time to time afforded to the world of the time honoured principles and precepts of our Craft.

On that memorable occasion he gave us a watchword that may well serve the present generation of Freemasons, as most truly expressive of the esoteric teachings of Freemasonry on two great heads, at any rate of didactic morality, Loyalty and Charity.

Both words are very expressive, far-reaching, and full of meaning and vitality.

They aver abstract and concrete truths, very dear to the mind and heart of Freemasonry, and such as are intimately, and intensely, and unchangeably bound up with its most cherished traditions and its most direct practice and its most beneficial teaching. With these words ever before it, emblazoned in golden letters on its elevated banner, Freemasonry to-day is marching on, north, south, east and west, a compact and fraternal phalanx, smiling at the fears of the timid, repelling the calumnies of the mendacious, confronting the weapons of the hostile, intent simply on its own great aim and work, increasing the store of human happiness, and in the name of God and of religion, enforcing the mild lessons of true toleration and expansive benevolence, and advancing the peace, happiness, civilisation, and union of all children of the dust.

Our Grand Lodge will have before it, at its next Quarterly Communication, two motions covering the ground these very Masonic averments and duties are intended to illustrate and develope.

Grand Lodge will be asked at its next meeting, in the name of the Grand Master, both gracefully and befittingly, to make a grant to aid in relieving *honest* poverty and expressing sympathy towards the *really* unemployed. It will further be invited, on the motion of the Deputy Grand Master, to vote a sum of money to celebrate with Masonic loyalty and affection the Silver Wedding of our Royal Grand Master and the Princess of Wales.

Both of these propositions appear to us singularly appropriate and well-timed.

They seem thoroughly to represent the true idea of such grants when proposed and made, namely, being both reasonable and seasonable, judicious and well imagined. There are times and seasons in our lives and in the progress of sublunary events, when we feel more or less moved to do this or do that, more or less inclined to evidence by unmistakable acts, that our hearts are in our works, our sympathies in accord with our professions.

And such seems, for many reasons, our present position in the current of human affairs, and the passing onward of our Masonic life, and therefore it is we deem such proposals worthy of the occasion, and fully deserving the fraternal support of an unanimous Grand Lodge.

In the family happiness and peaceful prosperity of our Grand Master and his charming consort we shall all of us feel the most abiding and loyal interest. Whilst as regards the wants of many honest sufferers, in the present agricultural and commercial depression, especially affecting our great metropolis, we shall, on the truest principles of Freemasonry, agree with the motives and ideas of such a well-intended motion. Indeed, it will be matter of pride to us all, that our Grand Lodge, rising above any narrow, or limited, or sectional consideration, whether of technical or constitutional objection, will appear before the Order and the world, faithful to its motto of Loyalty and Charity, ready and gratified to be enabled to avow its unchanged fealty to its Royal Grand Master and his family, dear to us as Freemasons and citizens, and as willing and pleased to be permitted to express its fellow sympathy with many on whom privation and trial, sickness and want, have laid a heavy and painful hand.

## THE USE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

ONE of our Correspondents puts it in this way :  
"What is the nature of the office of Grand Representative? What are the functions of the officer—if he is an officer? What are his powers, when and where does he exercise them? Is he a minister plenipotentiary, a consul, or what? And if he has no powers, *what's the use* of such appointments?"

We have seen these questions, perhaps not as tersely presented, in many reports on Correspondence and otherwise, and we propose now to answer all hands in a few sentences.

The system of Grand Representatives between Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Commanderies, the National Bodies, *et al*, is of decidedly modern origin, for it is within our personal recollection when it was not. But it has gradually increased in favour until now it extends to all regular Grand Bodies throughout the habitable globe.

This brings us to the first question above stated, and the answer to it really covers the whole ground, namely, that it is to represent by an individual named with the concurrence of the Body from which the Representative presents his credentials, and that to which he is accredited, the assurance of mutual amity and esteem. Nothing more. The Representative has no powers or prerogatives except those of fraternal courtesy. As for instance, when at the Annual Communication of the G.L. of New York, we are present, Louisiana presents through us as her Representative her kindest and most fraternal regards, and, in like manner, New York, through her Representative in Louisiana, sends loving Brotherly greeting to the Brethren of that jurisdiction. This and nothing more.

We are neither minister plenipotentiaries nor even Consuls, but only the representatives of that mutual good will and kindly feeling that ought to exist among Brethren bound in the indissoluble embrace of the mystic tie.

But think of it, Brethren, how proud is the position of one, who being present in the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited, can rise in his place and say, "Here." Recollect that in that response you answer not only for the Grand Lodge you represent, but for the Brethren who owe it allegiance; that you are their spokesman and answer for them; that you in your person are empowered to say the Grand Lodge of — is here, and by and through me presents you its most cordial good wishes, not only for health and stability, but that to and yours may be given length of days and all prosperity.

It should be, if it is not, a proud source of ambition to represent the Craftsmen of another jurisdiction, and to feel that in your person they are present at the particular body near which you are their representative.

So let it ever be, and so understand the position of Grand Representative that in his person are represented not only the Grand body he is called to represent, but its kindest and most loving remembrance, and so let it be that when a Brother is called to represent a Grand body near another, he may feel the value of being able to say: "I have the honour to represent —." Seek no powers beyond those of fraternal courtesy; ask no attention but that given to another and equal power, but take pride that in you and through you a corresponding organisation is present, and through your hand-grip you communicate the fraternal sentiments of thousands who neither have nor probably ever will see the presence in which you stand.

This is our idea of a Grand Representative, and somehow it seems to us to meet the occasion. We have enjoyed the honours of the Craft; have talked to the Brethren freely in these columns and elsewhere, but among them all we now, in our declining years and with our whitening hairs, recall nothing that gives us more pleasure than the several representations we hold as the *alter ego* of the Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights who have honoured us as their Grand Representative.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

## ALMOST A MASONIC SENSATION.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

ALL have heard that Adam, Noah, Moses, Pythagoras, &c., were Masons, but to the best of my knowledge no Masonic writer had ever discovered that Homer was claimed to have been a member of our Craft before I found it so stated in Lucian's Works, printed in London by Samuel Briscoe in 1711.

Lucian flourished in the second half of the second century of the Christian era, he knew a great deal about the old gods and goddesses of the upper as well as the lower regions, and his writings consist mainly of dialogues, between gods as well as men. Now in the lower regions there is a place called "Hades," the said place is mentioned in the revised edition of the New Testament. Hades is encompassed by a stream of water; in short, it is an island, the used-up souls of all dead men and women are carried to the said island, and Captain Charon, who owns a ferry boat, takes all the ghosts across the stream to Hades. It is rather singular that while Charon must have seen untold millions of souls, that up to the days of King Cyrus he had never seen a living human being, or any kind of light; at last, curiosity prompted him to obtain from Pluto, the governor of Hades, permission for a month's holiday, to visit the surface of the earth. Charon evidently got up here in some outlandish place, and not knowing geography the poor fellow was in a pickle, for he did not know where he could find a man; but as luck would have it, Mercury, who was a son of Jupiter, as well as his errand boy, was carrying a message from Jupiter to some one on the earth; he recognised Charon, while he was still on the wing, and so he came down to him.

After the usual salutations of "How do you do, old boy, I'm glad to see you?" &c., Mercury asked Charon what brought him there, &c. Charon answered that he wanted to see live men and live women, and would like to know how they amused themselves, &c.; and, said he, "My old friend Mercury, who knows all the inns and outs of this strange place, I want you to take me to a habitation of men, and show me other strange sights that you may be acquainted with upon this globe." "Oh!" said Mercury, "you must really excuse me, I cannot do it to-day. You know that Jupiter is very particular as to

time with messengers, and if I should fail to appear before him at the required time, he will kick me down to the lowest regions, so I must be off." "But," said Charon, "Mercury, you are very ungrateful. Have you forgotten how kind I behaved to you when you took a pleasure trip on my ferry boat, and how I saved you from danger, &c. Thereupon, Mercury made up his mind to go on a tramp with his old friend even at the risk of being kicked for it.

The above narrative is the gist of the introduction to the dialogue, for the rest I refer the reader to the book itself; I must however add, that several hundred years before this dialogue took place, the soul of Homer was ferried by Charon across the stream to Hades, and during the passage Homer entertained his fellow passengers with reciting his poetry. Charon, somehow, sucked in every word that Homer said, and he retained every word until his meeting with Mercury; hence the conversation between these immortals, was frequently spiced with Homeric verses. Now, on page 363, of the second volume of Lucian's works, I was startled with the following statement, viz.:

"Mercury.—They are true as oracles. Why should those wise men lie so? Let us then pluck up Ossa, as that Mason Homer directs in his verses."

"What!" exclaimed I, "is it possible that Masonry existed in the days of Homer, and that Homer himself was a Mason?" My head began to whirl; I thought I already heard the loud crowing that was going up from the luminous conductors of the *Keystone*, the *Voice of Masonry*, the *Masonic Advocate*, and other Masonic orthodoxies, about their faith, logic, &c., and in my excited imagination I thought that our most wonderful Mason, Bro. Rob Morris, had already manipulated a Homer Masonic lecture, and repeated it on ninety successive nights in ninety different places. I was tortured with a conviction that my old opponents would not fail to discharge their batteries of gibes, sneers, and ridicule at poor me. Had I been as void of conscience as some writers, who when they jump at a wrong conclusion imagine that they are bound in honour to stick to it, through thick and thin, I should have been "mum" about my discovery; but I was averse to hiding truth behind a bushel, and conscience whispered into mine ear, "Courage, Bro. N.; do your duty, and shame the evil one." Well, I did my duty, and I set my opponents a good example. But, alas! will any of them follow a good example?

The result of my inquiry will surely astonish the whole Craft, for had Oliver made known my discovery thirty years ago, Homer would have Masonized in the twinkling of an eye, without an "if" or a "but"; no one would have questioned, and no one would have doubted. But now, even the very highest degreers laugh at it. One of my friends, humorously imitating the Yankee twang as represented on the English stage, said, "Oh, yes, I guess Bro. Homer wore a cocked hat, and marched in Knights Templars' procession." A "thirty-thirder" proposed to have Bro. Homer dubbed S.G.C. of the A. and A. Rite; another, of a John Bullish nature, exclaimed contemptuously, "Bah! Mr. Cashen, the translator of that dialogue, was probably a Mason, and he lied the same as others did, and some still do, for the sake of enhancing the antiquity of the Craft; and," he added, "I won't trouble myself to investigate it."

"But," said I, "If you believe so, it is your duty to prove it. Remember that our Boston Masons are humbugged not only with a multiplicity of the older moonshine rites, but they have now here a Constantine Cross rite, a Mystic Shrine rite, a Rosicrucian rite, and last, not least, we have here already a 9th Rosicrucian degreer. And if we do not investigate the Homer question, we will ere long be humbugged with a Homer rite too. You will soon learn that all the Past Grands and all the present Grands of every Masonic stripe, as well as all the orthodox Masonic editors, have all been Homerised gratis for the purpose of serving as decoy ducks to allure the noodles, and when they have become sufficiently numerous, if you have any ambition to shine in the Grand Lodge, you will be drawn into the Homer vortex, as you have been drawn into a dozen other humbugging concerns."

The result was, my learned friends were induced to investigate. One of them bought a French edition of Lucian, and therein it is "Excellent Architect Homer," another Brother read from a Latin edition, "Architectus Homerus," and in the Greek edition it is, "Kai o Architecton Homeros."

Therenpon the most learned Masons in Boston unanimously decided, that if even Homer was some kind of an architect, there is not a shadow of evidence that either Mercury or Lucien ever thought that Homer was a Mason. I therefore, hereby and herewith caution all high degree mongers, and high degree hunters, to take notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly. *So mote it be.*

Boston, 11th November 1887.

## GOETHE AS A FREEMASON.

IN Germany, as in the United States and Great Britain, those who have been the leaders of men in intellectual, moral and social life, have been Freemasons. Eminent examples in the past are Brothers Fichte, Herder, Wieland, Lessing and Goethe. Greatest of them all, and one of the most gifted men ever born into the world, was Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Well may we be proud of such a man as a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Like Benjamin Franklin, he was not only actively interested in the Craft in his youth, but as well throughout his mature years, and up to the period of his death, at the ripe age of eighty-two years. The laying of the Corner-stone of a monument to Goethe, in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, on Monday, 14th November 1887, with Masonic ceremonies, renders it eminently fitting that we should at this time refer to his Masonic career.

Goethe was made a Mason at the age of thirty-one years, on 23rd June 1780, in the Lodge Amalia, of Weimar, Saxony. It was nearly two years later, on 2nd March 1782, that he received the Master Masons' degree, in the same Lodge, and on the same evening with the Duke Carl August, afterwards Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar. Goethe has been very happy in his Masonic biographers. Bro. Findel gives an excellent sketch of his Craft life, in his "History of Freemasonry;" Bro. Herr Pietsch has published a spirited pamphlet entitled "Goethe as a Freemason;" Bro. Stern a similar sketch under the same title; while Bro. Robert Freke Gould, in his recent "History of Freemasonry," says: "Both Herder and Goethe are to be classed among the 'writers of the Craft.'" The Lodge Amalia was dormant for some years, during the German wars, but was revived in 1808, and in 1810 Goethe was chosen W.M., but modestly declined the honour. In 1813, a Lodge of Sorrow was held in memory of Bro. Wieland, the philosopher and poet of the romantic school, and the translator of Shakespeare's plays into German, before which Lodge Goethe delivered a Masonic oration, commemorative of his Brother Mason and poet, and in the presence of Duke Carl August, and other Freemasons of the royal family.

The Lodge Amalia celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Goethe's initiation as a Freemason, with great *éclat*, on John the Baptist's Day, 24th June 1830. Goethe was then eighty-one years of age, but not too old to show his interest in, and appreciation of, the occasion, which he did by a Masonic poem which was read at the Festival, entitled "On the Honourable Fraternal Festival of St. John's Day, 1830." Soon after this celebration, he wrote to his friend and Brother Mason, Zelter, as follows respecting the Jubilee celebration: "It is very polite and complaisant of you to have celebrated your Masonic Jubilee at the same time that I did mine. On the eve of St John's Day, fifty years ago, I was made a Mason. The Brethren of the Lodge have celebrated this event with the greatest courtesy, and I warmly replied to the kindly sentiments expressed on my behalf." Bro. Findel says of our distinguished Brother, "From the day of his initiation to the end of his life, Goethe remained attached to the Brotherhood, for he laid as a fitting oblation on its Altar the purest offerings of his intellect."

These literary offerings were seven Masonic poems, or songs, respectively entitled, "The Lodge," "Silence," "Symbolism," "The Funeral Lodge," &c., which, Findel adds, "like a flash of lightning, illuminated the innermost recesses of our community." Goethe died on 22nd March 1732, and on the following 9th of November, the Lodge Amalia held a Lodge of Sorrow in his honour and to his memory. On this occasion Bro. Von Fritsch said: "For more than fifty years Goethe devoted himself to the Brotherhood. Each event of importance, each festival of the Lodge, awakened a most lively interest in his mind, so that all speeches, songs and arrangements of any consequence were first submitted to him for examination

and approval." Bro. Pietsch, in his sketch of Goethe as a Freemason, gives his application in full for initiation and membership in the Fraternity, and also the text of a Masonic address delivered by him before the Lodge Amalia.

If the life of Goethe was eminently Masonic, so was his death, for the last words he uttered were those words of fullest Masonic import to Freemasons, both before and since—"more Light!" Goethe awoke to immortality to have his prayer answered.

The very spirit of our Fraternity was exemplified in Goethe's wonderful career. The universality of Masonry was paralleled by the universality of his genius. He was an artist, a student of architecture, an idyllist, an allegorist, a novelist and a philosophic poet and dramatist. He was as industrious as though he had received few or no intellectual gifts from the Creator. A Hercules in stature, an Apollo in countenance, a favourite of fortune who was not spoiled by his advantages, he was in literature the peer of Shakespeare, like him a universal genius and a citizen of the world, belonging not merely to his own country, but claimed, honoured and having his books read by all civilised peoples, each in their own language. Like Shakespeare, also, he was an admirable delineator of female character, and the last line he ever penned—the conclusion of the second part of his *Faust*, reads

The ever womanly draws us on.

Goethe merits especial praise for his redemption of the old Faust legend from its usual finale, and his making Light triumph over Darkness, good over evil. Mephistopheles claims Faust's soul, and summons his devils to assist him in securing it as his prey. Angels come to Faust's rescue, and scatter roses through the air to purify it. Mephistopheles himself is for the moment entranced by the beauty of the angels, he neglects his purpose, and fails to seize the immortal part of Faust, which the angels bear aloft to Paradise, singing as they go:

This member of the upper spheres  
We rescue from the Devil,  
For whose strives and perseveres  
May be redeemed from evil.

Such a man is worthy of a statue, and Freemasons of all others might appropriately and lovingly, as they did, lay the corner-stone of the monument to his memory now in course of erection by his German brethren and admirers in Fairmount Park.—*Keystone.*

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

- No. 2215—The Anfield Lodge, Liverpool.
- 2216—The Egerton Lodge, Swinton, near Manchester.
- 2217—The Windermere Lodge, Windermere.
- 2218—The Rickmansworth Lodge, Rickmansworth.
- 2219—The Lodge Mandalay, Mandalay, Upper Burma.
- 2220—The Albion Lodge, Woodstock, South Africa, W.D.
- 2221—The Te Awamutu Lodge, Te Awamutu, Auckland, N.Z.
- 2222—The Frederick West Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey.
- 2223—The Monaro Lodge, Cooma, N.S.W.
- 2224—The Fairfield Lodge, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.
- 2225—The Perak Jubilee Lodge, Taiping, Perak, Malay Peninsula.
- 2226—The St. David's Lodge, Rhymney, Monmouthshire.
- 2227—The White Horse Lodge, Westbury, Wiltshire.
- 2228—The Dene Lodge, Cookham, Berkshire.
- 2229—The Lathom Lodge, Liverpool.
- 2230—The Centennial Lodge, Sidney, N.S.W.
- 2231—The Talbot Lodge, Stretford, Lancashire, W.D.
- 2232—The Stella Lodge, Vryburg, South Africa.
- 2233—The Old Westminsters' Lodge, Regent Street.
- 2234—The Onslow Lodge, Guildford, Surrey.
- 2235—The Port Curtis Lodge, Gladstone, Queensland.

Mr. William Abbott, of Tokenhouse Yard, London, desires to state that the use of his name by a firm assuming the title of Abbott, Page and Company, was totally unwarranted, as there was not, nor has there ever been any one of the name of "Abbott" in the so-called firm. John Neil, who was the moving spirit in this combination to defraud innocent country investors, having absconded, an effort is now being made by the creditors, whom Mr. William Abbott is assisting, to bring Neil back to England to stand his trial for frauds which amount to over a quarter of a million sterling.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

A NOTABLE gathering of Suffolk Freemasons and visitors from London, together with representatives of Lodges in adjoining Provinces, took place at Sudbury, on the 25th ultimo, on which occasion Bro. William Inglis Mason, M.D., was installed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master into the chair of K.S. in the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224. The utmost resources of the Freemasons' Hall and its contiguous apartments were called into requisition, and by the good management of those entrusted with the arrangements for the meeting the large company enjoyed the advantage of an orderly celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of the establishment of the Lodge. Amongst the numerous brethren assembled were Bros. Henry C. Pratt W.M., W. Inglis Mason, M.D., S.W., C. Joslin J.W., V.W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. P.M. Chaplain. M. Reid J.D., C. M. Mauldon Dir. of Cers., B. H. Hurst Organist, W. Bailey I.G., F. Wheeler P.M. P.P.G.Reg. Suffolk Secretary, J. Hills P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, F. W. Jennings P.M. P.P.G.S., W. G. Walford P.M., C. W. Grimwood P.M. P.G.S., H. Welham P.M. P.G.S., W. H. Smith P.M. P.P.G.S.B., D. Alston I.P.M., G. H. Grimwood P.M. P.P.G.S., H. S. Oliver, J. S. Stnart, E. Andrews, W. T. Salzmann, G. G. Wherlow, S. Carlton, E. S. Garret, G. Whittle, Napoleon Aprile, W. Lambton Lewis, G. Grant, G. Marrells, C. H. Sewell, R. S. Joy (Mayor of Sudbury), J. C. Sheehan, C. A. Row, W. Simpson, A. Grimwood, W. J. Moye, T. Grimwood, and other Lodge members. The Visitors' list included Bros. W. Cathbert Quilter, M.P., Fredk. Binckes P.G.S. P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.I.B., James Terry P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.B.I., Clarke P.G.P. P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, James Stevens P.M. P.Z., John G. Oliver P.P.G.S.W., C. Cooke P.P.G.J.D., Z. Hunt, E. H. Inman, R. G. Killett and G. Corpus of 2154, C. E. Porter 879, B. B. Syer 1823, J. O. Green W.M. and E. W. Moore of 388, F. C. Atkinson 376, E. W. Nunn and J. Hodges of 1592, A. Taylor and S. Honeywill of 332, S. B. Sparling, J. J. C. Turner and C. Osmond of 51, A. Penraven 114, E. Gowers 1024, C. A. Adams 63, J. T. Gant 959, W. Clarke 115, J. H. Batty 22, H. J. H. Ward, J. H. Vaux and J. A. Grew of 650, R. Bullen 943, R. J. Symonds and Henry Youens, besides several others who omitted to sign the attendance book. A procession having been formed by Bro. Clarke, the brethren entered the Lodge-room, whilst Bro. Hurst played a grand march on the organ, and the Lodge was immediately thereafter opened in due form. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting were confirmed, and the Lodge being properly advanced, Bro. W. T. Salzmann was raised to the degree of Master Mason. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, then assumed the chair of K.S., and installed as W.M. for the ensuing year Bro. William Inglis Mason, the Board of Installed Masters numbering twenty-five, and the work being admirably performed, Bro. Clarke acting as Director of Ceremonies, while the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Brothers G. H. Grimwood and C. Emmerson respectively. The W.M. Brother Mason after having received enthusiastic greetings and congratulations appointed and invested his Officers, in the following order, viz.:—Bros. Joslin S.W., Lord J.W., the Rev. C. J. Martyn Chap.; Hills Treasurer, Wheeler Secretary, Reid S.D., Bailey J.D., Mouldon D.C., Andrews I.G., George Steward, Hurst Organist, Sholl Tyler. The following gentlemen were then introduced and received the benefit of initiation, in the following order:—The Rev. David Hughes, B.A., Clerk in Holy Orders and Vicar of Long Walsingham, initiated by the W.M.; Harris Hills, initiated by Bro. Pratt; and the Rev. William Edmund Dixon, Curate of Long Melford, initiated by his Rector, the D.P.G.M., who subsequently delivered the charge to the neophytes. The performance of these ceremonies, in most careful style, with excellent musical accompaniment, and reverential attention to the sublime ritual, made a deep impression alike on the newly initiated members, as on all others who had the qualification of hearing and witnessing the proceedings. The claim for the "poor and distressed" was made in open Lodge, and was liberally answered by all who at that "moment" were in a position to practise charity. By the very thoughtful arrangements of the installing Master, the three Initiates of the evening had the opportunity of hearing the admirable addresses to the Principal Officers and Brethren with which the ceremony of installation terminates, and shortly, after hearty good wishes had been tendered, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and sacred music, and the brethren for a brief while separated. The banquet was provided under the direction and supervision of Bro. Joseph George, one of the Stewards of the Lodge, and the much respected proprietor of the "Rose and Crown" Hotel, at which place the members of, and Visitors to, the Lodge assembled. In the large and very tastefully decorated ball-room, the tables had been profusely ornamented with flowers, choice plants, and an exquisite device, forming an inscription of the name of the Lodge in variegated leaves; and the general effect on entry deserved the expressions of satisfaction with the admirable taste of whoever might have carried out that portion of the decorations. Nor did the "good things," which were almost immediately placed on the tables, diminish in the least the favourable anticipations of really choice and well selected viands and of highest class wines. In a word the banquet was a success in every respect, and reflected the greatest credit on the purveyor, the management, the *cuisine*, and the service of one of the most comfortable Hotels in Suffolk. A splendid liberality pervaded the whole business of dining, and cheerfulness and hilarity marked the opening of the Post prandial proceedings. Want of space will interfere with any lengthened report of the speeches, which struck us as being, on this occasion, more than customarily effective and to the purpose. In proposing the Loyal toasts the W.M. referred to the "unswerving loyalty" of the Craft to the Throne, and the devotion of the M.W.G.M. to the welfare of the people, as evidenced by the time given by him in presiding over assemblages whereat his presence and

patronage would promote the interest of the middle classes, and his later proposal for a liberal grant from Grand Lodge at this season of necessary assistance for the unemployed and poorer fellow creatures. A touching allusion was made by the W.M. to the regretted illness of Bro. the Crown Prince of Prussia, and the hopes he expressed for his recovery were earnestly endorsed by all present. The purely Masonic toasts were mostly entrusted to brethren below the Chair, the W.M. adopting a system which should, in our opinion, find greater favour than it does throughout the Craft. The continued utterances of one speaker, no matter how eloquent and elegant his language may be, somewhat tires his hearers in the course of a long evening's toast list, and Bro. Mason's distribution of the toasts gave opportunity for the display of other talent, lessened the strain upon his own power of endurance, and gave general satisfaction to his guests. Bro. J. F. Hills proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and Grand Officers present and past," and, after eulogizing the efforts of the Principal Officers on behalf of the Order, expressed his gratification that in the persons of the Dep. P.G.M. Bro. Martyn, Bros. Binckes and Terry, and Bro. Clarke, the Stour Valley Lodge was graced by the presence of four Grand Officers as probably no other Lodge in Suffolk had hitherto been. Bro. Clarke returned thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers, remarking that this year could never be forgotten in Masonry, if only from the fact that so many illustrious Masons had been admitted to the roll of highest Masonic honour in the Jubilee year of our Most Gracious Patroness the Queen. Bro. Joslin, proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk the Right Hon. Lord Henniker P.G.S.W.; the V.W. D.P.G.M. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, present and past," particularly complimenting the Dep. G.M. on all the many acts of kindness and generosity performed by him with respect to the Suffolk Lodges but more especially in connection with the Stour Valley Lodge; to which toast Bro. Martyn responded, expressing regret for the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master whose engagements were at this time very numerous, but who had promised attendance at an early opportunity. The toast, said Bro. Martyn, was a most comprehensive one in connection with which personally he might observe "the least said the soonest mended." Well he could not be otherwise than grateful for all the encouragement he had received from this Lodge, which of all others knew how much his heart was in Freemasonry and he hoped to be able to continue his efforts both in behalf of the Province and the Lodge for a long time to come. Of the Prov. G. Officers generally he desired to speak highly, as a body of excellent and efficient men, of whom a good sample are members of the Stour Valley Lodge. It had given them great pleasure to have enrolled amongst their ranks Bro. Body, who had been appointed as one of the Jubilee Officers, in recognition of the great labour and consideration he had given to the good and welfare of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. For each and all he tendered sincere thanks for the acknowledgment of the toast. Bro. Henry C. Pratt proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. W. Inglis Mason, of whom he said it was difficult to speak in terms of sufficient commendation for all he had done for the Lodge since his initiation. Though "made" a Mason but five years ago, as shown by the register of the Lodge proceedings, there was another register not far away which recorded that he was "born" a Mason some forty years since, and whether before or subsequent to his connection with the Stour Valley Lodge, his record as a thorough good Mason by name and nature alike was established. No better evidence of his popularity was needed than that of his present surroundings, and the regard of his numerous friends testified to the quality of his principles, whilst his work in the Lodge made manifest the quality of his ritual. That his year of Office would add considerably to the welfare of the Lodge and redound highly to his credit there could be no doubt. He was skilful, just and generous; a Doctor moreover, and that might be useful—and he felt sure would add a lustre to all Masonic undertakings within his province. Bro. Pratt concluded a very cheery speech, which was heartily received, by calling for an enthusiastic reception of his proposal. There was no mistake about the character of the greeting the W.M. received on rising to reply, for the applause was again and again renewed. When he could at length obtain a hearing, he modestly deprecated what he was pleased to term the over-praise of his good friend and Brother Pratt, stating however that it had been his great wish to become the W.M. of Stour Valley Lodge, in order that what he might be able to do in promoting its welfare, prosperity and progress, he should have the opportunity to carry into effect. His year of office should speak for itself when the proper time came. His best should be done, and he trusted that best would be good for the Lodge and all concerned, and give satisfaction. Bro. Mason spoke briefly, but very earnestly, and was warmly cheered on resuming his seat. The health of the Installing Master was proposed as a separate toast, and Bro. Martyn, referring to a song which Bro. Gowers had sung in the interval, "Bid me discourse," said he should not take that as a hint to extend his remarks, for he thought he had discoursed quite enough for the day both in and out of Lodge, and to be called upon to return thanks twice in one evening was somewhat of a "strong order," and one which he would prefer reduced to a single line. He could but repeat in the words, "I thank you," all he had previously uttered in reference to himself. But he had now the opportunity to speak of another good brother, and to give honour to a man to whom honour is justly due. Everything under his rule had gone smoothly and successfully, and spite of all the good qualities his successor undoubtedly possessed, he (the present W.M.) would have something to do to break the record. To perform thoroughly the duties of a Worshipful Master is not at all times an easy task, but Bro. Pratt went into the work heart and soul, and all knew how during his year of office he had stuck to it. Deeds more than words had characterised his labours, and now let deeds more than words reward him. He (Bro. Martyn) was for the moment the mouth-piece of the members of the Lodge, their Deputy in another

sense than that usually appertaining to him, and as such he now offered to Bro. Pratt a small token of sincere regard, and an earnest of the sincerity of their appreciation of all his efforts, and their thankful acknowledgment thereof. The spontaneous gift of his brethren which he now asked Bro. Pratt to accept would doubtless be valued by him ten thousand times more when he reflected upon the work which has merited it, and he felt sure that there was not one present who did not pray the G.A.O.T.U. to spare him many years to wear it. The Deputy P.G.M. here attached a very handsome and massive gold P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Pratt's breast, and referring to his own P.M.'s jewel, of many years ago, and the great pride with which he had worn it, paraphrased "Verdant Green" by saying, "Which I've been a P.M. myself, sir, and I know your feelings," and called upon the brethren to drink to the health of their Immediate Past Master. Bro. Pratt's reception was a "a good second" to that of the W.M. After a brief expression of thanks for the kind words of Bro. Martyn and the present which had accompanied them, in acknowledgment, as he said, of "work done for the love of Masonry and not in expectancy of return," Bro. Pratt proposed the Masonic Charities, enlarging on the manner in which the grand principles of the Order—Brotherly Love and Charity—were being carried out in the present day, and reading some very interesting statistics relating to the several Institutions. He was pleased to find Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, and Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, amongst their guests on this occasion, and would couple their names with the toast. We have not space to give at length the excellent speeches of those Brethren in response. It is only necessary to observe that they severally set forth the particular benefits rendered by the respective Institutions to which they are accredited, and acknowledged much assistance heretofore rendered by the Lodge. It is always interesting to listen to the very excellent addresses these worthy Brethren deliver on such occasions. On this they somewhat excelled themselves, and though the hour was late their remarks were generally appreciated; so much so, that a collection in aid of an intending Steward (Bro. Oliver P.M. 1008) for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution was made on the conclusion of Brother Terry's speech, resulting in a total of £13. Bro. W. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P. for the Western Division of West Suffolk, proposed the health of the Initiates, to which those Brethren severally responded, in choice terms of thankful acknowledgment to the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors, thirty-five in number, was responded to by Bro. James Stevens. That of the Past Masters and Officers was proposed by Bro. C. A. Row; and the Mayor of Sudbury (Bro. R. S. Joy) proposed the Musical Brethren, in reference to which toast we cannot conclude our report without congratulating both vocalists and instrumentalists on the full success which attended their efforts to add to the enjoyment of all present. The violin solo by Bro. F. B. Smythies deserves special mention as a brilliant execution of a very difficult composition. The Tyler's toast, at the most unusual hour of midnight, terminated a festival which will be long remembered in Sudbury, and which was certainly one of the most interesting and enjoyable réunions it has been our good fortune to attend.

#### LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

THE installation of Bro. Renben E. Buckle as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place in the presence of a large number of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, Commercial Road, Landport, on Thursday, the 17th ult. The brethren present were Bros. J. Godding W.M. 1776, S. R. Ellis P.M., C. J. Adams P.M. P.P.G.J.D., William Miles P.M. P.G.D.C., J. P. Foster I.P.M. P.G.S., E. S. Main P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. J. Stanley P.M. P.D.S.G.W. (Gibraltar), W. R. Fowler P.M., E. Naylor P.M. P.P.G.S., W. A. Hill W.M. 309, T. Whiteman 309, W. Beuttell W.M. 342, W. Gunnell P.M. 342, H. Croucher P.M. 342, A. G. German W.M. 1069, J. Mitchell W.M. 1428, C. W. Bevis W.M. 1834, W. J. Borrow W.M. 1958, W. Dart W.M. 2074, E. A. Wells P.M., A. E. Bone 1834, J. H. Lyon 309, G. Huggett 487, H. Simes 487, W. Bate 487, B. Hardy, W. J. Pawsey 2153, J. E. Spurrell 177, G. C. Inkpen 257, T. Pengeley 202, H. Coleman 1428, T. W. Holdstock 2153, R. E. Buckle S.W. 1776, G. Aylward J.W., W. F. Westerman Sec., W. White jun. S.D., W. L. Green J.D., John Guyatt D.C., T. F. Wilton Organist, W. J. White Assistant Organist, H. Cook Steward, J. Colyer, R. A. Renfree, H. J. Brock, W. M. Brock, W. Aldridge, J. Biden, W. Learmouth, W. Perry, E. Buun, E. Izod, E. Palmer, G. Leggatt, A. Grant, E. J. Quinton, G. Chamberlain, H. L. Woodeson, W. Mead, J. E. W. Guyatt, W. Maybour, G. H. Mead, and Parkinson and Exell Tylers. The ceremony of installation was carried out in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. W. Miles, and won the approbation of all present. Subsequently the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Aylward S.W., Westerman J.W., Fowler Treasurer, Guyatt Secretary, Izod S.W., Cooke J.D., Renfree I.G., Stanley D.C., Learmouth and Pack Stewards, Wilton and White Organists. The Tylers were also reappointed. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. (Bro. Godding), in recognition of the satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office, and the retiring Treasurer (Bro. Hancox) was made a vice-president, with ten votes, in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Benevolent Institution, for his services during the last four years as Treasurer. At the conclusion of the proceedings in the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a *récherché* banquet was served in a manner reflecting great credit upon Mr. Pearce, the Steward of the Freemasons' Club. The customary Masonic toasts having been duly honoured (interspersed with vocal and instrumental music), the proceedings were brought to a close at 11.30 p.m., the brethren having spent a most enjoyable evening.

#### THE ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1585.

MONDAY evening last may be fitly described as an "extraordinary one in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, when an unprecedentedly large number of members and visitors assembled at the Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, in anticipation of a visit from Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S., P.G. Sword Bearer, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It had been previously announced that Bro. Binckes had kindly consented to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, an announcement that attracted this numerous muster, in spite of the unfavourable weather. Although, in the strict sense of the word it was a rehearsal, yet the ceremonies were invested with such realistic force, vigour, and solemnity, that we should not be doing justice to those who took leading parts if we did not say the whole of the ritual was carried out in a manner more approaching a highly finished performance than anything we have witnessed for many a long day. All throughout the evening a spirit of harmony and devotion to the work in hand pervaded the assembly, which was certainly one of the most successful and enjoyable ever remembered in the annals of the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction. Every preparation for the reception of the company had been made by Bro. Webb, proprietor of the hotel, whose arrangements afforded the utmost satisfaction. Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Edward Ayling P.M., who was supported in the Wardens' chairs by Bros. Collick I.P.M. of the mother Lodge, and W. Radcliffe P.M. 211, whilst amongst others present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, Major Godson Godson P.G.Std.Br. Surrey, Usher Back P.M. 211, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, James Stevens P.M. P.Z. D. of C., W. Carter P.M. 141 I.G., G. Bugler P.M. 975, C. Radford P.M. 1420, M. Spiegel Past Master 188, E. Dare Senior Warden 2032, H. Sapsworth J.W. 2032, Featherston, Webb, and between forty and fifty others. The Presiding Officer having appointed his Officers pro tem, Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the brethren being arranged in order, the hymn "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid" was sung, the musical arrangements being efficiently directed by Bro. J. A. Collings Organist 1693. The presiding Officer then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, as follows:—We are assembled here this evening for the ostensible purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Lodge of the Order of Freemasonry, and I have complied with a request to preside with a very large amount of gratitude, and with feelings of extreme pleasure. The constitution and consecration of a new Lodge must always be an object of interest in the Order, inasmuch as it affords another opportunity of enlisting under its banners additional Brethren who will exert themselves to the utmost in promoting the sublime principles on which our Order is founded—an Order which we sincerely and justifiably think is ranked amongst the finest Institutions in existence for the mitigation of human distress and the promotion of human happiness. I accept this position with a large amount of diffidence, and I should curtail my observations were it not that I desire to explain why I occupy so high a position this evening. I am the more induced to do so after the too severely eulogistic terms in which your Worshipful Master, Bro. Ayling, has brought me under your notice. I hope you will give me credit for sincerity in the few remarks I am about to make to you, and which are not those usually addressed to Brethren on occasions like the present; but as we have no banquet to follow this ceremony, and consequently no opportunity will be offered to express myself on the subject, I will do so now, and will be as brief as possible in the observations that I have to make. I am one of those who never desire to have credit attached to one to whom it does not justifiably belong. Never, in the course of my thirty-five years' career as a Mason, and an attendant at our Masonic ceremonials, have I professed to be a preceptor or instructor. I have always been content to occupy the position of a learner. Occasionally I have undertaken the duties which I am about to endeavour to discharge this evening. Whether the ritual as you will hear it from me is a standard or accurate one, or that which you will be bound to follow implicitly, I will not say. I am an admirer of the ceremonials of Freemasonry, one who loves to listen to the rendering of them when those ceremonies are performed in a dignified manner. The more accurate and the more impressive the better. Although I have never professed a strict adherence to word perfectness, yet I love to hear the ceremonies correctly and impressively performed. Every one who has had any experience will agree with me that the impression made upon a candidate will be but a poor impression if the ceremony is slurred over or rendered imperfectly. At the same time, I am prepared to admit that from the initiation ceremony up to the installation, I have attended meetings which have been marred, from my point of view, either from being hurried through or more or less imperfectly performed—or from an over-elaborate attempt at finished oratory—in each case an unacceptable substitute for a careful, but studied elocutionary delivery. There are three ways of doing anything—you may do it, you may do it imperfectly, or you may do it well. Many are content with "doing it." I counsel all to strive to "do it well." Now, in reference to our Masonic ceremonies, I am quite content if I find Brethren who will take care; if they will be distinct in their pronunciation, and give the requisite emphasis to their delivery. Do not expect me to come up to the ideal I have placed before you. I am not here to give you instruction. This is the first time I have been present in your Lodge, and I esteem it an honour and privilege to have been permitted to perform the ceremony of consecration and installation here. I do not wish to be thought a dogmatic professor of any portion of our Masonic ritual. I have delivered it to the best of my ability, and so I will now; and, as a stranger—although I do not like to use the term in connection with Freemasonry—I am sure I shall have your sympathy and indulgent assistance. The position I occupy in a Lodge like this involves a considerable amount of responsibility, and I ask you simply to bear with me, assisted by the talented Brethren

around me, while I endeavour to render the ceremony of consecration and installation not altogether unworthily. I will now call upon the Director of Ceremonies to state what steps have been taken on behalf of the petition which has been presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Bro. James Stevens made a brief explanation, and the petition and warrant were taken as read. The Officers named therein were approved by the brethren in Masonic form, after which the Presiding Officer called upon Bro. W. W. Morgan to deliver his promised oration, of which the following is an outline:—

BRETHREN,—I have been called upon by your Presiding Officer to address a few words to you on this occasion, and in complying with his request I ask you to accompany me in thought to a gathering where fancy presents before us an assembly of our forefathers, who have been summoned from all parts to aid in the commencement of a grand work such as that connected with the building of one of our noble Abbeys. In the old days, when the means of locomotion were not so adequate as now they are, the embarking on such an enterprise was a matter of great moment, and very naturally a hope would arise in the stranger's breast that those with whom he was about to be associated, perhaps for a course of years, would be men who could prove themselves Brothers in the true sense of the term. Thus the younger members, who might from report have heard that Craftsmen who had gained name and fame in connection with brilliant achievements in other splendid works, already brought to a completion, were to join their band of toilers, and would thus be stimulated to endeavour to attain to like distinction. Now, you who have gathered here have had explained to you, by the Presiding Officer, the object for which we have assembled; and I—metaphorically the individual who has your spiritual welfare nearest at heart—have been asked to say a few words upon the principles and aims of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. That is the rôle I have undertaken to play this evening, and I confess I enter upon it with some amount of diffidence, though at the same time I feel convinced that what I may say will be received by you in the fraternal spirit in which it is offered. Although this is but a rehearsal of the Installation ceremony, we desire to make it as realistic as possible, so that all who take part in these proceedings may derive profit and edification from the work we may achieve. Now I would particularly urge upon you to exercise care in the selection of those who, from time to time, you may be called upon to admit into your ranks. In a new Lodge every effort should most especially be directed by the promoters to introduce only such men into our society as will bear their share in the heat and burden of the day. Let it ever be remembered that one cantankerous spirit may be the means of establishing a spirit of discord into the best regulated of our assemblies. Consequently the antecedents of all who desire to join our ranks should be carefully looked into before they be submitted to the ordeal of the ballot. An esteemed friend, in addressing the brethren of his Lodge the other day, well observed, "Were I to attempt to answer fully and categorically the question—"What is Freemasonry?"—it would take more time than we have at our disposal just now, and I must therefore only attempt to do so in part—in outline, that is to say. If I asked a brother in this room, "What is Freemasonry?" I should have the prompt reply, "A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." True, but it is evident that this condensed description of Freemasonry, though suitable enough for a short examination, does not profess to give—nor does it in effect give—a full solution of the query, "What is Freemasonry?" Our worthy brother, whom I have just quoted, then dilated upon the subject so near his heart, and fitly described Freemasonry as a world-wide Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, bound together by certain leading principles, and fixed on an immutable basis, so that it is able to outlive the passing away of kingdoms and dynasties, "to survive the wreck of mighty empires, and resist the destroying hand of Time." Its abstract or foundation principles may be said to be Fraternity, Human Sympathy, Love of Truth; while its concrete or active development is to be found in its respect for Law and Order; its toleration, its reverence for religion, its illimitable Charity and Brotherly Love. In its Fraternity it seeks to enrol a phalanx of persons of different countries, sects, opinions, and colours, in one firm bond of loving union and concord, for the great aim of "being happy and communicating happiness;" all permeated and influenced by goodwill one to another, kindness and humanity for the children of the dust, mutual respect, mutual confidence, mutual support, practical Brotherhood. In its expressions of Human Sympathy, Freemasonry should enforce what is really the great aim of life, "to leave the world better than we found it," by infusing in all around, and extending on every side of us, those kindly and engaging sympathies of the human heart and affection which always seem to remind us of a Divine Original, and which, when duly cultivated and religiously directed, tend more than anything else to the happiness of society, the welfare of our race, and the civilization of mankind. I might expatiate at considerable length, did time permit, upon the principles inculcated in Freemasonry, by its Love of Truth, and respect for Law and Order; but most of you are already familiar with what I should have to say upon a subject so closely interwoven with the being and lifeblood of our Order. It is, however, necessary that we should glance for a moment at the Illimitable Charity which characterises Freemasonry, and which is expanding year by year, in spite of commercial depression and the many other drawbacks of which we hear so much. In the first place there are our Charitable Institutions, in whose behalf during the current year the enormous and unprecedented sum of about seventy thousand pounds has been contributed as the free-will offering of the Craft. Some of you may perhaps be sceptical as to the correctness of this statement. Well, then, let me explain. In February last, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £19,000 was the amount realised; the Girls' School Festival produced nearly £12,000, while at the third Festival of the year, held in June last, that on behalf of the Boys' School, where our friend the Presiding Officer is at the helm,

the amount announced as the contributions for the year was £11,000. These three sums conjoined give us roundly £42,000. To this we may add the £3,000 voted by Grand Lodge, and the £6000 resulting from the Jubilee Gathering at the Royal Albert Hall. We have 2,000 guineas from West Yorkshire, and 1,000 guineas from East Lancashire as Jubilee Presentations. To this add the grants from United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter, with the sums devoted to the assistance of our distressed brethren by the Board of Benevolence, and you will find I am within bounds when I approximate the total at £70,000. In short, so generously are our Institutions supplied that they are able to maintain, clothe and educate 250 boys and 240 girls; to succour the aged and infirm, by granting annuities to upwards of 400 old men and widows. But this is not all, for in various parts of the country local Charities have been founded, all of which are doing excellent work, and emulating the example of the older Institutions. The outside world cannot see the process by which this splendid edifice of Benevolence is raised and maintained, but it can, and does, judge from the magnificent results published every year, as to the truly humane and philanthropic work which is being carried on by the Mason Craft. Freemasonry is an Institution founded upon, and growing out of the necessities of men, as social, intellectual, and religious beings. It has demonstrated its capacity for adapting itself to these wants in all ages of human experience. Amid the rivalries and antagonism of active life there is a longing of the soul for Brotherly Love, and for such relations as will satisfy the necessities of our social nature. It is upon this principle that our Order is founded, hence it cannot fail to exist; it must grow, and prosper necessarily with the growth and development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive, it is not obtrusive. It makes no issues, it sets up no rivalries with other institutions; but, gathering up the ages, it recognises the inner cravings of the soul and the universal Brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to His higher and better deeds. In conclusion, let me exhort you that in all your undertakings there be a system of pulling together, a mutual striving and determination to do all you possibly can for the promotion of the true interests of Freemasonry, and more especially its great work of Charity, and let no man turn thoughtlessly aside and say "I have no time." It may cost the sacrifice of a little leisure and trouble each to bear his share of the labour of carrying on the work of the Craft, but let each one consider that what as an atom he may be able to do, may be the means of conferring happiness, blessing, and comfort upon those who are the recipients of our bounty, and that every such deed will be rewarded by the approving smile of the Great Architect of the Universe, who is able, and will compensate for any service rendered to Him and to His cause.

The hymn "O, praise our God to-day" was sung, and that after the Invocation, "O, give thanks to Him who made," and the solemn ceremony of consecration was then carried out in every minutia, all of it being performed with a precision scarcely faultless; the hymns and musical responses were heartily rendered by the brethren. The Lodge was then duly dedicated and constituted. There was a "call off" for a few minutes. On resuming, the ceremony of installation was gone through in equally elaborate form. Bro. E. Ayling the Worshipful Master elect being presented by Bro. W. W. Morgan. The brethren withdrew for a space, while the Board of Installed Master went through their work, and on their return to the Lodge they saluted the new Master with appropriate honours. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers, and the addresses were delivered by Bro. Binckes, who went through the whole of the business in a manner that rivetted the attention and elicited the admiration of all present. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Usher Back, in a lengthy and felicitous speech proposed that the most cordial thanks of the brethren be accorded to Bro. Binckes for the splendid Masonic and intellectual treat he had afforded them, and congratulated the Lodge upon having enrolled on its list of Membership so illustrious and distinguished a Mason. The resolution was seconded by the Worshipful Master, and carried with enthusiasm, and the vote was acknowledged by Bro. Binckes in feeling and eloquent language. Bros. James Stevens P.M. and J. A. Collings, were unanimously elected honorary members, in recognition of their services, and several members having been accepted, Lodge was closed in form and with an abundance of harmony and good feeling.

#### WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THERE was a large attendance of Brethren at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on Thursday, the 24th ult., on the occasion of the Installation of Bro. William John Heath into the Master's chair of this Lodge. Amongst the large number of brethren present there were Bros. A. C. Rees W.M., W. J. Heath J.W., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. and Treas., William Worrell P.M. and Secretary, G. F. Edwards S.D., Lewis W. Hutchinson J.D., Edwin Brooks D.C., E. Kidman P.M. and Henri Heck Stewards, and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; Past Masters W. J. Collins and Alfred Le Grand; also Brothers W. F. Smart, F. G. Barns, W. Johnston, J. Ward, P. Bolte, J. Greenslade, J. Goode, C. T. Hitchens, J. G. Kemp, J. F. Haden, J. T. Crawford, Dr. Jacob Pickett, Dr. H. E. Trostrail, E. Beagle, R. C. Wilson, M. Woolf, C. S. Taylor, T. Lester, J. H. Brookes, W. Shoobert, &c. The Visitors were Brothers J. J. Woolley P.M. 15, Benjamin Thomas S. 1000, Henry Garrod P.G.P. W.M. 719, E. O. Robinson 140, W. Teekham Withington 907, James Stevens P.M. 1216 1426, W. B. Robinson Chaplain 1491, John Hermann W.M. 1329, W. S. Page W.M. 186, C. F. Hills P.M. 13, W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M. 890, P. Balme 1706, J. E. Spurrell J.D. 157, Richard Thorn, Richard J. Parker 907, Thos. Grove P.M. 1769, and Jas. H. Hawkins P.M. 65. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock, and after previous minutes had been confirmed, Bro. P. D. Rees (a brother of the W.M.) was duly raised to the third degree. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and after addressing the Brethren on the nature of the Secretarial duties, the W.M. especi-



ally called their attention to the exemplary manner in which their Secretary, Bro. William Worrell, a P.M. of the Lodge, had discharged the functions of that office during a lengthened period of years. His devotion to Masonry in general, and the William Preston Lodge in particular, had been such that his fellow-members had resolved amongst them that such energy and zeal as he had displayed should not go unrewarded; and he had now on their behalf to make a presentation, voluntarily subscribed and distinct from the funds of the Lodge. He did so with the greatest pleasure, knowing well how fully deserved was the tribute to be awarded. Bro. Worrell having been called forward, the following testimonial, illuminated on vellum and in a massive handsome frame, was read:—

"The William Preston Lodge, No. 766, held at the Cannon Street Hotel, London. In recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Wm. Worrell P.M., as Secretary of this Lodge for upwards of thirteen years, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodge desire to express their appreciation of the unvarying courteous and effective manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of the office, and have great pleasure in accompanying this testimonial with a purse of gold. Signed on behalf of the subscribers:—A. C. Reed W.M., A. Le Grand P.M., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. and Treasurer, F. G. Barns Hon. Secretary. London, 24th November 1887."

With the testimonial the W.M. then placed in Bro. Worrell's hand a fairly-sized and plethoric "porte monnaie," and wished him long life to look upon the former, and pleasure in disposal of the contents of the latter. Bro. Worrell briefly returned thanks, deferring until a later period of the evening a more full expression of his grateful sense of the presentation. The chair of K.S. having been vacated, Bro. W. Jerrett Miller undertook the duties of Installing Master, very ably and effectively placing Bro. W. J. Heath therein as W.M. for the ensuing year. In due course the appointment and investment of Officers took place, in the following order, viz.:—Bros. Edwards S.W., Barns J.W., Miller P.M. Treasurer, Worrell P.M. Secretary, Brooks S.D., Heck J.D., Ward I.G., Greenslade D.C., Goode Assist. D.C., Kidman P.M. Steward, Haden Assist. Steward, Reinhardt Tyler. The addresses on installation were delivered by Bro. Miller, very impressively, and indeed the whole of the ceremonial of installation and investment left nothing to be desired as a careful rendering of the important ritual. The Lodge having been reduced to the first degree, some routine business was disposed of, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet was held in the large pillar room of the Cannon Street Hotel, Bro. Kilby the manager of that establishment giving careful supervision, and securing the comfort of the guests, whose wants were readily and abundantly supplied. After the cloth was cleared the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with laudable brevity, leaving time for song and recitation, with intervals of chat, which passed away the evening in the most agreeable manner. In response to the toast of Grand Lodge Officers, whom the W.M. characterised as "all honourable men," and of whom Bro. Garrod, an old friend and esteemed Mason, was one, Bro. Garrod thanked the Brethren for the welcome accorded to him as a Past Grand Officer, and reciprocated the pleasure in respect of his attendance. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. A. C. Rees, in terms of appreciation of his work and labour in the Lodge whilst occupying subordinate offices, and with which the Brethren had been at all times satisfied. There were prospects of his having a fine year of office as W.M., and he (Bro. Rees) felt sure there would never be the least regret that Bro. Heath had been placed in the exalted position of ruler of the Lodge. To this the W.M. responded, saying that he now feared the Chair of W.M. was not all his fancy had painted it, and that he had but entered upon many cares in connection with his Office, still he hoped that at the termination of his year of rule he might be able to point to a record which would not disgrace the Lodge or be otherwise than acceptable to the P.M.'s who had preceded him. He hoped also that the brethren of his Lodge might "be to his virtues very kind, and to his faults a little blind." The toast of the "Visitors" was given by the W.M. "good true hearted Masons, men who had done good service," and he read a long list of well-known names, welcoming all in the name of Masonry, and calling on Bros. the Rev. W. B. Robinson, Dr. Kempster, John Hernaman and James Stevens to respond. From each of these brethren thanks were offered in admirable speeches which want of space alone prevents us from giving in extenso. Bro. Dr. Kempster took occasion to interest the Brethren in the connection of William Preston, the author of "Masonic Illustrations," with the name of the Lodge. Bro. Hernaman descanted on the past of Freemasonry, and Bro. Stevens a little on the present; but all agreed that none of those on whose behalf they responded could do otherwise than feel the greatest satisfaction with the proceedings of the evening. The W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M., after referring to the zealous services of the past, presented him not only with a P.M.'s jewel as the gift of the Lodge, but also with a solid gold Jubilee jewel on behalf of Bro. P. D. Rees (his natural brother), in remembrance of his initiation and subsequent progress during the year of Jubilee. Bro. Rees replied that if he had done the duty he undertook to do, and as it would seem the Brethren considered he had done, he was amply repaid by their kind marks of appreciation. He thanked them for the handsome jewel they had presented to him, and his natural brother for his kind gift. He considered it had been a privilege rather than a duty to have the opportunity of initiating, passing, and raising him, and the jewels he now wore would ever remind him of his year of pleasant labour. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters (including Installing Master, Treasurer, and Secretary), the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. In respect of the former, responses were given by each of the P.M.'s present, Bro. Worrell taking occasion to refer to the handsome gift of the Brethren of the Lodge in very expressive terms. He trusted that the framed testimonial might hang on the walls of his dwelling until the recipient should be no more, and that then it might be transmitted to those who would honour it no less than he should do. As to the other portion of their gift, whether large or

small in amount, for as yet he had not ventured to ascertain, the good feeling which had prompted it was more to him than even its intrinsic value. In the course of the evening songs were given by Bros. Hawkins, Grove, and Robinson, and recitations by Brothers Garrod and James Stevens, whose rendering of "The Three Great Lights" gave general satisfaction. A most enjoyable evening was passed by all present, and the Brethren separated at a reasonable hour in harmony and good fellowship.

## THE THEATRES, AMUSEMENTS, &c.

—:o:—

- DRURY LANE.**—Every evening at 7.30, PLEASURE.
- HER MAJESTY'S.**—Every evening at 8, PROMENADE CONCERTS.
- LYCEUM.**—Every evening, at 8.15, A WINTER'S TALE. Preceded by a Farce.
- HAYMARKET.**—Every evening at 8, THE BALLAD MONGER. At 9, THE RED LAMP.
- CRITERION.**—Every evening at 8, A DOUBTFUL VICTORY. At 9, THE CIRCASSIAN.
- GAIETY.**—Every evening at 7.15, WOODCOCK'S LITTLE GAME. At 9, MISS ESMERALDA.
- ADELPHI.**—Every evening at 8, THE BELLS OF HASLEMERE. At 7.15, Farce.
- PRINCESS'S.**—Every evening at 7.30, EDITHA'S BURGLAR. At 8.15, SHADOWS OF A GREAT CITY.
- GLOBE.**—Every evening THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. Preceded by a Farce.
- SAVOY.**—Every evening at 8.30, H.M.S. PINAFORE; or, THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR. Followed by, HOMBURG.
- TERRY'S.**—Every evening at 8, OFF DUTY. At 8.45, THE WOMAN, HATER.
- PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—Every evening at 8.30, DOROTHY. At 7.45, JUBILATION.
- ST. JAMES'S.**—Every evening at 8.45, THE WITCH. Preceded by PETTI COAT PERFDY.
- VAUDEVILLE.**—Every evening at 8.45, HEART OF HEARTS. Preceded by a Farce.
- OPERA COMIQUE.**—On Monday, AS IN A LOOKING GLASS.
- COMEDY.**—Every evening at 9, THE BARRISTER. At 8, Farce.
- STRAND.**—Every evening at 8.15, SULTAN OF MOCHA. At 7.30, A MERRY MEETING.
- OLYMPIC.**—Every evening at 8, THE POINTSMAN.
- TOOLE'S.**—Every evening at 8.30, DANDY DICK. At 8, Farce.
- AVENUE.**—Every evening at 8, THE OLD GUARD.
- ROYALTY.**—Every evening, FRENCH PLAYS.
- GRAND.**—This evening at 7.30, Farce. At 8.15, IN THE RANKS. On Monday, MONTE CRISTO JUNR.
- STANDARD.**—This evening at 7.30, Farce. At 8, FUN ON THE BRISTOL.
- SURREY.**—Every evening at 7.30, Farce. At 8, A DEAD MAN'S GOLD.
- SADLER'S WELLS.**—Every evening at 7.30, THE TWO ORPHANS.
- PAVILION.**—Every evening, at 7.40, THE STRANGLERS OF PARIS.
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has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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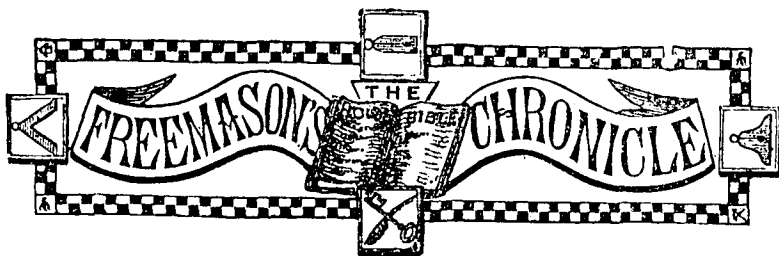
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Great Queen Street, W.C.



QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF  
UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th December 1887, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th September 1887 for confirmation.

2. To consider the following notice of motion from the Most Worshipful Grand Master;—

"That the sum of £500 be voted from the Fund of General Purposes as the contribution of Grand Lodge towards the relief of the present distress amongst the deserving poor of the metropolis."

3. Nomination of Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Nomination of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence.

7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the ensuing year.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, Battle ... 50 0 0

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| A Brother of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 1550, Plymouth                | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London ...               | 75  | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, London ...      | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Stability, No. 217, London ... | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Fletcher Lodge, No. 1031, Birmingham                 | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, London ...                 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, Bolton ...              | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, London                | 75  | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1446, London               | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London ...  | 100 | 0 | 0 |

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of November, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4,443 15s 8d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £20 19s 10d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
15th November 1887.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. By the R.W. Brother the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master :—

"That in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage, or the 'Silver Wedding-day' of their Royal Highnesses our M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales, which will occur on the 11th March next, Grand Lodge do vote the sum of £500 for the purchase of some suitable gift to Her Royal Highness, expressive of the affection and loyalty felt by all the members of the United Grand Lodge of England towards Her Royal Highness and Her Illustrious Consort, their Grand Master, and that this gift be accompanied by an address of congratulation on the auspicious occasion."

2. By Brother Maurice Spiegel, P.M. of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London :—

"That the Grand Lodge present a congratulatory address to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master and to Her Royal Highness His Gracious Consort, on the celebration of their Silver Wedding, the same to be enclosed in a suitable artistic casket."

APPEALS.

1. By Brother Stephen J. Thompson, Worshipful Master of the St. George's Lodge, No. 440, Montreal, against an Order of Brother Lieut.-Col. William Henry Hutton P.G.D. Deputy District Grand Master of Montreal, suspending him from his office—on the ground that the said Lieut.-Col. W. H. Hutton had not been legally appointed Deputy District Grand Master of that District.

2. By Brother Frederick Lee P.M. of the Unity Lodge of Sydney, No. 1169, Sydney, New South Wales, against a decision of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, on his complaint against Brother John Frederick Hill the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 1169, for refusing to admit him into the Lodge, after he had been excluded therefrom by resolution of its members.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

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

Brother JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President.  
Bro. CHARLES A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.  
And none others were nominated.

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

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| BRO. BRITTEN, GEORGE POLE ... | 183  |
| BROWN, WILLIAM PETER ...      | 90   |
| CULL, THOMAS ...              | 1446 |
| CUNDY, GEORGE A. ...          | 901  |
| DAIRY, CHARLES ...            | 141  |
| GRIEVE, JAMES BURGESS ...     | 1351 |
| HASLIP, LEWIS CHRISTOPHER ... | 813  |
| MERCER, DAVID D. ...          | 1641 |
| READ, GEORGE ...              | 511  |
| SPAULL, FRANCIS R. ...        | 1768 |
| TAYLOR, ROBERT J. ...         | 144  |
| WOODWARD, ALFRED COOPER ...   | 1538 |

And no more than twelve were nominated.



## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

THE Royal Arch Masons of this Province held a Provincial Grand Chapter on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Tiverton. Through the hospitality of the Mayor Companion T. Ford jun. P.Z. 1125 P.P.G.T., a large number of the Companions lunched with his Worship at the Town Hall, on their arrival early in the afternoon. The Mayor presided, and amongst others present were:—

Companions W. G. Rogers Prov. Grand Second Principal, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. Grand Third Principal, J. Brewer P.G.S.E., W. Vicary P.G.S.N., J. Kinton Bond P.G.T., J. A. Orchard P.G.P.S., Major J. J. Daw P.G.S.B., Geo. Huxham P.G.D.C., H. L. Friend P.G.O., John Stocker P.P.G. First A.S., J. B. Crabb P.P.G. First A.S., A. Bodley P.P.G.S.N., A. Andrews J. 1125, W. B. Haydon H. 1125, J. H. Lloyd P.Z. 1125, C. G. Vicary H. 1136, Thos. Parkhouse, P.Z. 1125, E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G. Reg., James Griffin P.Z. 70, H. Stocker Z. 112, W. E. Williams P.Z. 1125, W. Packham J. 112, J. Page P.Z. 112, W. Gregory P.Z. and Treas. 112, W. Densham P.Z. 112, H. S. Gill First S.B. 112, John Lane J. 328, Geo. Pollard H. 251, John Dodge P.Z. 328, W. Easton P.Z. 112, W. Taylor Z. 328, W. Bartlett D.C. 1125, R. F. Loosemore First A.S. 1125, J. F. Ellerton Second A.S. 1125, J. Searle Steward 1125, R. B. Cutlin, C. Marshall Hole and Mackoy.

After lunch was concluded, the health of Comp. Ford was heartily drunk, and the Companions then adjourned to the Masonic Hall. There the handsome and elegantly-fitted Lodge-room of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, was arranged as a Chapter room for the occasion, and the Convocation was opened. The Most Ex. Comp. Viscount Ebrington, the Provincial Superintendent, was unavoidably absent in Wales, and the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. W. G. Rogers Prov. 2nd G.P., supported by the Officers for the year:—Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. 3rd G.P. acting as 2nd G.P., T. Ford jun. Prov. 3rd G.P., J. Brewer P.G.S.E., W. Vicary P.G.S.N., J. Kinton Bond P.G. Treasurer, J. A. Orchard P.G.P.S., J. B. Crabb P.G. 1st A.S., John Lane P.G. 2nd A.S., Major J. J. Daw P.G.S.B., T. B. Patterson P.G.St.B., George Huxham P.G.D.C., and H. L. Friend P.G.O. Comp. A. Andrews presided at the organ. There was also a large attendance of Companions who, in addition to those at the luncheon, included J. Olver P.P.G.P.S., J. Jerman P.Z. 112, J. Howell H. 1284, T. Prust D.C. 328. The Prov. G. Treasurer presented his statement of accounts, which, after payments of 42 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and current expenses, shewed a balance in hand of £29. The accounts were adopted. Comp. W. Densham, on the proposition of Comp. J. Stocker, seconded by Comp. R. Hambly, was unanimously elected Treasurer. Comp. J. Stocker and Comp. E. T. Fulford were elected auditors. The sum of 25 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the money to be placed to the lists of the Stewards, Comps. J. Brewer and the Rev. W. Whitley. A vote of condolence to Companion Blanchard, expressive of sympathy with him at his continued ill-health, was carried, and a gratuity of two guineas was voted to the Grand Janitor's usual allowance. The Bye-Laws Revision Committee reported that they had not yet been able to complete their work. They were re-appointed to continue the revision. The acting Prov. G. Superintendent announced that the Companions invested as the Officers for the ensuing year were:—

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| Comp. W. G. Rogers 444 | - | - | 2nd Principal            |
| Jno. Brewer 251        | - | - | 3rd Principal            |
| Major G. C. Davie 251  | - | - | S.E.                     |
| J. H. Lloyd 1125       | - | - | S.N.                     |
| W. Densham 112         | - | - | Treasurer                |
| R. Hambly 156          | - | - | Registrar                |
| G. R. Barratt 189      | - | - | P.S.                     |
| Jas. Jerman 112        | - | - | 1st Assistant Sojourner  |
| Jas. Griffin 2025      | - | - | 2nd Assistant Sojourner  |
| J. T. Browning 105     | - | - | Sword Bearer             |
| J. W. Stanbury 1099    | - | - | Standard Bearer          |
| J. Dodge 328           | - | - | Director of Ceremonies   |
| R. Cawsey 230          | - | - | Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies |
| T. Brooks 328          | - | - | Organist                 |
| P. L. Blanchard 444    | - | - | Janitor                  |

Thanks were voted to the Companions of the St. Peter's Chapter, and to the Mayor, for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they had received the Provincial Chapter. This closed the business of the Convocation.

Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., had this week a serious fall, when going to a meeting at Kidderminster. He severely sprained his right leg, and will be compelled to remain indoors for some time.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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### BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I assume that Bro. Norton's letter in your last issue is a bit of excellent "chaff," and meant as an ironical commentary on what he conceives to be (Bostonically) the condition of the Philadelphian evidences.

Did he seriously intend it as a renewed claim for Bostonian primacy in Masonic life and progress, it will not escape your penetration or that of your readers that as amusing a reply is at once forthcoming.

I therefore await Bro. Jacob Norton's answer to this little query of mine before I take up your space, and weary perhaps your readers, with a reiteration of the contrasted claims of Philadelphia and Boston.

Fraternalty yours,

PHILADELPHOS.

### THE HIRAM LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should not have trespassed on your space so much had I not been afraid that the high authority of Bro. W. J. Hugan, and deservedly so, might induce many, at once and *primâ facie*, to decide the matter in debate as against the Hiram Lodge. I therefore put in a plea, on the good Masonic ground of fair play and fraternal consideration, to hear both sides and not to pre-judge the graver question at issue.

To suppose that the hasty action of the G.L. of Connecticut, (ill-advised and ill-founded as I believe it to be), can settle the question, is, to my mind, an utter impossibility.

If it were so, any such conclusion would be pregnant with results, fatal to the best interests of Freemasonry.

In his natural anxiety to support the American view and decision our able Bro. W. J. Hugan stated, as it seems to me, the case *far too broadly*. Whether we have regard to legal, historical, or precedential ground, I see nothing in his reply which militates with the humble protest I have raised Masonically, using a free Masonic Press for that purpose. On the contrary, as I read his words, his very reply strengthens, instead of weakens, the foundation truths of my entire argument, and protest.

I need not, for many reasons, do more to-day than simply re-explain what it is I am really contending for.

Bro. Hugan, in his original clear statement, laid down three points, as follows:—

1. That all Lodges joining a Grand Lodge gave up their old Charter and took out a new one.
2. That as all Lodges were incorporated thus in a Grand Lodge they were bound to that Grand Lodge; and,
3. That to a vote passed by a constitutional majority obedience was due, and with its reasonableness, or the contrary, we had nothing to do.

To this I replied that though the custom was to a certain extent so, no doubt there was really no law on the subject, and that this custom had its exceptions.

In the case of Canada, the English Lodges officially and ostentatiously surrendered their Charters.

In the case of the Lodge Hiram no surrender was made, asked, or contemplated.

The Charter was registered as the evidence of Masonic legal existence.

In the great union of 1813, (not, of course, ignoring the treaty between two equal Grand Bodies), all the antient Lodges still worked under their original Charters. By this I meant there could be no such universal law of surrender of Charters, and therefore it must be *limited*.

Bro. Hugan contends the case is not relevant. I think it is very relevant "quoad" his original averment.

As regards Lord Zetland's interference, it seems to me by no means to justify the positive allegation of Bro. Hugan. Lord Zetland, G.M. of the English Grand Lodge, insisted that the Hebrew members of the Grand Lodge of England should be received as Visitors in a foreign body, where Hebrews were non-receivable.

Why? Bro. Hugan I submit hardly, for some reason, sees the force of his own admission. Lord Zetland held that by the landmarks of Freemasonry there was properly no exclusion of Hebrews, and yet he considered he had a right to demand and enforce, (on the possibility of non-intercourse), on a foreign Grand Lodge governed by a "constitutional majority," the admission of brethren barred by their own unwise laws.

Surely this is "going behind" the constitutional, (as regards their own laws), decision of a Grand Lodge with a vengeance.

Bro. Hugan virtually concedes the point I contended for by introducing in his reply the words "*any vital matter*" in respect of a Grand Lodge decision.

As Bro. Hugan originally put it,—a very acute correspondent understood his words like myself,—there was no re-consideration possible of a constitutional vote of a Grand Lodge by others. I said there surely must be, especially as regards the landmarks.

As Bro. Hughan concedes that point gracefully, my humble contention is at an end.

I can hardly believe that the Hiram Lodge, composed as it is of the great educated classes in America—judges, lawyers, the medical profession, clergymen, and the like,—can have made such a blunder as to have raised a false issue on a purely “infantile” matter, as Bro. MacCalla puts it.

As I understand, it is the alteration of a usage, since 1750, and by which alteration the ceremonial to be enforced is “out of touch” with that in use when the Lodge was warranted, and joined on the old landmarks, the newly-formed Grand Lodge of 1789, and especially with the normal usage of Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, from which it originally derived its “locus standi” and its “vital breath.”

Yours fraternally,

LEX.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In Bro. Sadler's recent very interesting and valuable work the opinion of our esteemed Bro. Thomas Fenn is quoted (a very high authority) in favour of the *unschismatic* character of those independent Lodges and brethren who set up the Antient Grand Lodge. The argument seems to be this: “being outside the formation of 1717, they were never in it, and therefore cannot be properly termed *schismatics* from a body which they never belonged to.” I do not think it needful to inquire here if the proposition can be actually validated, it is sufficient for my purpose now to give Bro. Fenn's and Bro. Sadler's theories.

Bro. Hughan, in last FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, seems to think the Grand Registrar is prepared to endorse the views he (Bro. Hughan) has so characteristically expounded. I rather doubt, on the contrary, if that learned and courteous official will care to commit himself to an “*ex parte*” opinion on matters which do not come before him in any tangible or authoritative form.

But if Bro. Fenn's view is correct, and Bro. Sadler's arguments valid, may not Hiram Lodge put in, on similar grounds, a plea for legality and regularity?

If the Lodges and brethren were within their legal rights in 1735, a lawful Grand Lodge existing since 1717 at any rate, in setting up an independent Grand Lodge, what is to render Hiram Lodge either clandestine, schismatic, or irregular, when, in 1887, by a change of landmarks and a breach of the compact of 1789, it becomes independent and falls back on its undoubted legal Warrant of 1750?

Yours very fraternally,

FAIR PLAY.

## THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly allow me the opportunity of informing the Craft in general, and members of Grand Lodge in particular, through the medium of your widely-circulating journal, that Bro. Asher Barfield will, on Wednesday next, be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Barfield was initiated in the Medina Lodge, No. 35, West Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, on the 1st June 1846, and is a P.M. of that Lodge. He joined the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, then held at Kensington, on the 10th April 1850, was W.M. in 1853, and was elected Treasurer in 1855, and still holds that office in the Lodge, of which he is now the senior member. Bro. Barfield was a founder of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681; is a P.M. and the Treasurer. He was also a founder of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, and for some time held the office of Treasurer after its consecration, and is now an honorary member of the Lodge. He is I.P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, Portsmouth, which is a Lodge of Installed Masters only. Bro. Barfield is a P.P.G.D. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and was elected W.M. of the Medina Mark Lodge, No. 140, at Cowes; but the distance from London prevented him accepting the honour of office this year. He was exalted in the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in March 1853, was Z. in 1858, and is now the senior member and Treasurer of the Chapter. He is also a P.Z. of the Andrew Chapter, No. 834, Hammersmith, and a founder and honorary member of the Stuart Chapter, No. 504, Bedford, and also a member of the Harmony Chapter, No. 309, Fareham, Hants. In addition to his Masonic services, Bro. Barfield is Patron of all the Institutions, and has served 10 Stewardships to the Girls' School, 11 to the Boys' School, and 11 to the Benevolent Institution.

I must apologise for taking up so much of your valuable space, but as Bro. Barfield has received so many promises of support from influential quarters, I am desirous of making his intended nomination known as widely as possible, and look forward to March 1888 with every hope of success.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. READ P.M. 511, 1767, &c.

## BRO. GOULD re YORSTON AND OTHERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to see that you have reprinted Mr. Josiah H. Drummond's letter to the *Masonic Token* (Portland, Maine). Yorston and his assistants appear dissatisfied with having pirated my book, and if we may judge from the recent deliverance of Mr. Drummond, are desirous of emulating the Harpies, who not content with mere pillage, were accustomed to be foul and bespatter those whom they plundered.

What measure of truth there is in Mr. Drummond's statement,

that I have acted dishonourably and am a liar into the bargain, I shall, on my return to London, ask the readers of the CHRONICLE to determine, after placing before them a variety of facts which Mr. Drummond finds it convenient to omit. Though to be quite candid, I must freely admit that he more than makes up the aggregate in number by a quantity of baseless insinuations, derived from sources which he does not name.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

30th Nov. 1887.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, J.P.

ON Friday, the 25th ult., at a Vestry Meeting of the parishioners of St. Bride (Fleet Street), a gratifying presentation was made to Bro. Horace B. Marshall, J.P., who for the past two years has held the office of Senior Churchwarden. The chair was taken by the Rev. E. C. Hawkins, the vicar, who expressed the very great pleasure it gave him to have the privilege of being the medium of asking Mr. Marshall to accept a slight testimonial of the high regard in which he was held by his fellow-citizens. The words of the testimonial expressed in admirable terms the high appreciation that his fellow-parishioners had of Mr. Marshall's services, and showed the warmth of the feelings entertained towards him by them. Speaking to those who knew him well, he need not enlarge on his municipal services, his sagacious counsel, and his cordial co-operation, zeal, and liberality in all that appertained to the welfare of the parish of St. Bride, but it came within his province more particularly to thank him in the most public manner for the assistance he had rendered him in the management of the ecclesiastical affairs of St. Bride. Personally he thanked the Vestry for electing the Officers they had to assist him during the time he had been Vicar. He was sure he was only conveying the voice of the Vestry when he assured him that his fellow-parishioners all heartily congratulated him upon his successful career, and when he expressed the hope that he would live many years to carry on the important business transactions in which he was engaged, and to forward the many useful works with which he was identified. He had great pleasure in presenting Mr. Marshall with a beautifully-executed work of art, on which the sentiments and opinions of his fellow-parishioners were expressed, and he added the hope that it might long adorn the walls of his home. The reverend chairman then presented Mr. Marshall with a beautifully-illuminated address, the work of Mr. Jackson, of 44 Great Russell Street. The scroll work was very elaborate, a figure of St. Bride in the centre being prominent, and the rest of the work serving to identify the present with the recipient's connection with the parish. The address, in old English characters, was as follows:—St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London.—At a public Vestry Meeting, held in the Vestry of the above parish, on Friday, the 25th November 1887, the Rev. Edward Comerford Hawkins, M.A., the vicar, in the chair, it was resolved unanimously—“That the best thanks of the parish are justly due, and are hereby most cordially presented to, Horace Brooks Marshall, Esq., J.P., the retiring Senior Churchwarden, for the valuable services rendered by him while holding that office during the past two years, for the assiduous and unremitting attention he has given to and for the able and zealous manner in which he has discharged the important and onerous duties thereof, for his indefatigable exertions in securing the entire redecoration of the church and chancel, the erection of a new east window, and the reconstruction of the organ, the result reflecting the highest credit on himself, and being eminently satisfactory to the parish. His generous and unbounding liberality to all the charities brought under his notice justly entitled him to the commendation of the citizens of London, and the earnest desire he has evinced on all occasions to co-operate with and carry out the wishes of his fellow-parishioners in any object tending to the welfare of the parish elicits their warmest praise.” Mr. Marshall, who was heartily applauded in acknowledging the presentation, thanked the chairman for the kind and flattering way in which he had conveyed the resolution of the vestry to him. When he (Mr. Marshall) entered upon the duties of Junior Churchwarden of the parish, some five years ago, it was in somewhat troublous times, for an attempt was then being made to withhold the funds of the parish from their proper custodians. His colleague, the Senior Churchwarden, with the energy that characterised all he did, step by step, however, overcame the difficulties and obstacles that stood in the way, and it was to Mr. Paterson that they were in a great measure indebted for obtaining the requisite funds to complete the alterations and additions to the church. It was no doubt a comparatively easy thing to be generous and lavish with funds that people had not contributed themselves, but in the expenditure of the endowment fund of St. Bride's Church the restoration committee had acted wisely and economically. It was with great satisfaction that he was enabled to inform them that he retired from office with every liability connected with the restoration of the parish church discharged. The tastefully-illuminated address with which they had presented him would always be highly valued by him, and when in the distant or, what might be, the near future it was handed to his son, he was sure he would preserve it as a valued record of the belief of his fellow parishioners that he (Mr. Marshall) had endeavoured faithfully, and to the best of his humble ability, to discharge the duties entrusted to him by his fellow-parishioners of St. Bride's.—*Morning Advertiser*.

LARGE photographs of the Temple, taken immediately after the fire, on 4th May 1833 (suitable for framing), 5s each; or framed in oak, securely packed, sent to any address in the United Kingdom, carriage paid on receipt of cheque for 15s. Masters of Lodges should secure this memorial of the old Temple for their Lodge rooms.

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## KILBURN LODGE, No. 1068.

ON Monday evening Bro. Seager-Hunt, M.P., and Bro. J. Aird, M.P., honoured the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, with a visit, upon the invitation of Bro. T. H. P. Hartley. The Lodge meets at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn, of which Bro. Hartley is the proprietor. There was a very large number of visitors and members of the Lodge present, including Bros. Stephens P.M. 1245, C. Walker P.M. 1305, Thos. Miustrell P.M. 87, 1928, Lock P.M. 151, Humfress W.M. 733, D. Chester P.M. 180, Sanson P.M. 1491, Foreman P.M., Bailey, Lidington, Bennett, J. H. Johnson, S. Brooks Secretary, Hixon, Dickenson, J. H. Hartley, H. Hartley, F. Price, F. Whitlock, J. G. Brewer, H. Lyons, W. Truman, A. S. Ginger, A. Price, Towers, Chappell, G. Price, Mostyn, Page, Platt, Higgins, Philips, Terry, Groome, Smith. Bro. Bennett was elected W.M. of the Lodge for the year ensuing, and a valuable Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. F. B. Fletcher, the Worshipful Master, for his admirable services in the chair during the past year. The Brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent repast, which was served under the personal direction of Bro. Hartley in a manner which deservedly obtained for him the warmest approbation of all that were present. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts were given by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Fletcher, and heartily drunk. The Health of the Worshipful Master was then given by the Immediate Past Master, who paid a well-merited compliment to the services of that gentleman in the chair during the year. The Worshipful Master, replying, regretted that the visitors had not had an opportunity of seeing the working of the excellent staff of Officers by whom he had been assisted. In proposing the health of the Visitors, he congratulated the Lodge upon having been honoured with the presence of Bro. Seager-Hunt, M.P., and Bro. J. Aird, M.P. Unfortunately the labours of members of Parliament at the present time were unduly hard. But a few years ago Parliament rarely sat after three o'clock in the morning, but now it adjourned at all kinds of unbecomable hours. He was quite certain that men who were prepared under such circumstances to sacrifice their time and their health for the benefit of their fellow men and for the improvement of the laws of the country ought to be doubly honoured. Bro. Seager-Hunt, who was loudly cheered, responding, thanked the members of the Lodge for the hospitable reception which had been accorded to the Visitors. On behalf of the Visitors, who had received such a cordial welcome, and who had been able to enjoy themselves so agreeably, he could only hope that the Lodge would continue to prosper in the future as it had done in the past. Not only did they hope that, but they also desired that Masonry would continue to grow in the affections of the English people. It had been said that they were a secret society, and that their constitution prevented them telling to the outside world what went on in the Lodge, but when they came to look back through the countless ages through which Masonry had existed, and see that, age after age, it went on increasing in the number of those who belonged to it, this should be a warning to all outside their Craft, as well as to those within it, that it must exist upon principles which it attempts to inculcate—principles which go to make citizens throughout the world, and particularly in the Empire in which they lived and thrived. Bro. Aird, who also was enthusiastically received, remarked that he most cordially agreed with the sentiments which had been expressed by Bro. Seager-Hunt. It was a great pleasure to him to be present at the Lodge meetings of Freemasons, which did so much good to those around them, and which no doubt, by the charitable efforts which were made by the members, set an example which was followed by many other institutions. In charitable works, however, Masonry had ever maintained the lead. It was at such gatherings, that they met many friends who otherwise, perhaps, they would not have the opportunity of meeting. Among those whom it had been a pleasure to him to meet on that occasion were Brothers Kialmark, Welford, Stephens, Walker, and, not least, their good friend Brother Hartley, who had paid him the very great compliment of asking him to come and dine with the Lodge. The pleasure which he had anticipated had been fully borne out, and he thanked the Worshipful Master and the brethren for the hearty welcome they had accorded him and the other visitors. The health of the W.M. elect was next proposed, and other toasts followed. A most enjoyable evening, which was enlivened with songs and recitations, was passed.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Monday, at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Marks W.M., Stretch S.W., Collingridge J.W., Marks S.D., Onsworth J.D., Beaumont I.G., Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Dearing candidate, Bro. Stretch was elected W.M. for Monday next, and after routine work Lodge was closed.

## ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 70.

A meeting of this Chapter, at the Huysho Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Thursday, the 24th ult., Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. Third Grand Principal, presented to the Chapter a pair of miniature, beautifully hand-painted Royal Arch tracing boards, in a handsome gold frame, on which was a panel bearing the following inscription:—

“Presented to Chapter St. John's, No. 70, H.R.A., by ex-Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (223, 494, and 2025), P.P.G.P.S., Prov. Third Grand Principal, November 24th 1887.”

The picture is a fellow one to that given by Comp. Lemon to the Sincerity Chapter, No. 189, at the installation meeting last January

## THE LATE SHIPWRECKS OFF CAPE HORN.

**EXTRACT** of letter from David James (late Master), of the barque “Colorado,” of Glasgow.—“Having lost our ship on Staten Island, on the 5th of July last, and having saved neither effects nor provisions, we were then compelled to travel over the island for ten days, subsisting on nothing but shell-fish and seaweed. On the 19th July we came across another shipwrecked party, of seventeen, the surviving part of the crew of the British ship “Dunskeig,” of Glasgow, fourteen having perished through exposure. Now, the ship was lost on the 23rd of June, and a lot of the cargo, consisting of Epps's cocoa, was washed ashore out of the wreck. There was nothing saved except the cocoa, and we, numbering twenty-five men, were kept alive on it up to the 20th August, when we were rescued by the steamer “Mercurio,” of Buenos Ayres, and landed there on the 13th of September.

“Too much praise cannot be given to this cocoa for the preserved state that it was in, after being in the bottom of the sea, in the wreck of the “Dunskeig,” for a fortnight, and then washed ashore, and lying on the beach and rocks of Staten Island for about six weeks, subject to the exposure of the severest weather on the face of the globe.

“The island is situated in a region of perpetual ice, snow, and storms; and after all this test, it was as fresh and dry as if in the works.

“As we had a good stock of it there, we used it in a liquid state for drink, and also made it in a thick state, like porridge, and we also baked it on the fire, which made splendid bread, and kept us alive and warm on this barren island.”

A Convocation of the Joppa Chapter, 188, was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, 28th ult. When the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. Lewis Lazarus was the recipient of a handsome silver claret jug as a testimonial. This is the third time Comp. Lazarus's services have been recognised by the members of the Joppa Chapter.

The Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839, is now held at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside, every Tuesday, from 7 to 9 p.m. Bro. J. Dixie W.M. 453 is the Preceptor, Bro. A. H. Williams P.M. 1839 the Treasurer, and Bro. Max Mendelssohn 212 the Secretary. The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, will, on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge of Instruction.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

- 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8  
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
1466—Hera Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street  
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
25—Robert Burus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)  
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
1227—Union, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
1319—Asa, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road  
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington  
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Murylbone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue  
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly  
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)  
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwon  
382—Royal Union, O'quers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge  
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield  
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth  
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby  
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall  
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth  
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull  
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).  
166—Union, Criterion, W.  
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).  
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maitland Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.  
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road  
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W  
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square  
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich  
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow  
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)  
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30  
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford  
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (In L.)  
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.  
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
263—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax  
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle  
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Strand, Gloucestershire  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lincolne, Brighton Buzzard  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford  
995—Furress, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth  
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar  
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham  
1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesey  
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Walsall  
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
1822—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Charn, Suffolk  
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester  
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.  
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
R.A. 615—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper Street, Manchester  
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport  
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviour's, York  
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.  
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
M.M. 161—V. Alton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall  
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsley, at 8. (Instruction)  
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)  
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Inst and Inst)  
223—United Strength, The Hope, St. George's Road, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)  
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
720—Penmore, Bulham Hotel, Bulham, at 7. (Instruction)  
781—Mercant Navy, Silver Tavern, Great Court, E. (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
902—Bargoyne, Goose and Gander, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
1293—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hawks Hotel, Up. Rownland-rd. S.W.  
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields

1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 293—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow  
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton  
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton  
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea  
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street  
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan  
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1620—Marborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax  
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea  
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool  
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds.  
 R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram  
 R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe  
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
 R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness  
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

#### THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, 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.)  
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 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 Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 4. (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, Craven-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)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)  
 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)  
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly  
 R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London  
 35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland  
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Salisbury  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, London, S.W.  
 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  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trade-st., Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-in-Ly-by  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne  
 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  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable  
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.  
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.  
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

#### FRIDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 9. (In)  
 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.)  
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)  
 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Belis, Hammersmith. (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)  
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.  
 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)  
 2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)  
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff  
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Strefford-road, Hulme  
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate  
 1037—Beaudeart, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

#### SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 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 Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1923—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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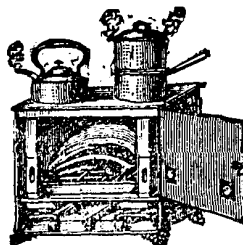
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