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A DESPERATE CASE.

THERE now remain but a few days ere the first anniversary meeting of the year in connection with the Central Masonic Charities will be numbered with the events of the past, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons having been fixed for Wednesday, the 29th instant, when it will be celebrated at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the Chairmanship of Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master South Wales (Eastern Division).

We assure our readers the outlook in connection with this celebration is far from being as cheerful as it might be; indeed, we are more than ever convinced this year's contributions on behalf of the Benevolent Institution will produce a result bordering on failure, as viewed in connection with the experience of the last few years. It is not, however, too late for something to be attempted, in order to lessen the disaster which appears so imminent, and we take the opportunity of once more impressing on our readers the urgency of the case, and the actual necessity which exists both for united and personal activity. At the present time the Board of Stewards for this month's Festival is far short in point of numbers to what it has been at similar periods in recent years, and although we believe that all who have undertaken the office of Steward are desirous of doing their very best on behalf of the Old Folks, there is no gainsaying the fact that there is such a strong counter attraction at present before the Craft as to all but nullify the efforts which are being put forward. So far, we believe, there is no "premier" list even dreamt of from a London Steward, and the Provinces this year present an all but complete absence of "grand" totals; the one absorbing topic among charitable Craftsmen being the Centenary Celebration of the Girls' School, and until that event is passed, and honoured as we feel sure it will be, there seems to be little hope for anything else being thought of which may require the exercise of that most excellent Masonic attribute—Charity.

We have headed these remarks with the title "A Desperate Case," and our present purpose is to make a "desperate" appeal for help on behalf of the aged of both sexes, who are unfortunately compelled to crave assistance from their brother Masons. The number of brethren who have already given their names as Stewards, and who are working on behalf of the Festival, forms but an insignificant proportion of those who are eligible for the office. Still the Institution is thankful to them, and they will reap a reward. We will not ask these brethren to do as much as lies in their power—that they have done, and will continue to do; but we ask them to go further. Their number, as we have already said, is smaller than has been the case in years gone by, but if each one will endeavour to secure a sum of ten guineas

at least beyond what he had hitherto considered the limit of his list, they might make up in quality for what they lack in quantity. This is bold advice, and having realised the difficulty there is in securing donations for our Charities we are prepared to hear that its general adoption is an impossibility, but under such circumstances as at present exist nothing should be impossible, and we hope there are many who will prove that our suggestion is far from being an impossibility. There is but one matter to which we need refer, to impress on our readers the necessity which exists for the adoption of such a plan as that we now propose—there are over one hundred and thirty approved applicants for the next election, and the number of vacancies at present available will not allow of even one in seven of these applicants being elected to the benefits of the annuity they seek, and, in the opinion of experienced Craftsmen, fully deserve. On the efforts of the Stewards for the forthcoming Festival depend to a very considerable extent the extension of the benefits which these figures prove to be so desirable.

To the large majority of English Craftsmen, brethren who have not yet enrolled themselves among the Stewards, we also make a "desperate" appeal. It is true there are now but two clear weeks in which to make up a list, but what might be accomplished in that brief period provided a band of enthusiastic workers could be induced to undertake the work? We will not repeat the many arguments which are used to induce brethren to enter upon an advocacy of the cause; this year they have not realised as good a return as is desired, and therefore we must adopt other methods, although we think the figures given above,—of the number of approved candidates and the number of available vacancies,—should be sufficient for the purpose. The grounds on which we base our special appeal is that the needs of the Institution and of the Craft require increased support year by year, whereas, on the present occasion—in consequence of the great efforts being made on behalf of the Girls' School—there is every appearance of a tremendous falling off in the returns of the Festival. To lessen this, and to strive to remove it altogether, should be the desire of all who read these lines, while to assist in doing so they should enrol themselves among the Stewards for the Festival. They may not be able to do much during the few days yet left for them to work in, but every contribution secured—be it an annual subscription of only five shillings, a Life Governorship, or a three-figure list—will all go towards securing the desired end, which we sincerely trust is not so far off as many would have us believe; indeed, we can never imagine the Masons of to-day will forget the claims of those who have borne the heat and burden in years gone by, or that they will leave a stone unturned to render them all the assistance their present necessities require.

If we have not succeeded in accomplishing the task

we set ourselves when we commenced these remarks, we must ask our readers to supply for themselves the necessary colouring—we assure them they have “A Desperate Case” before them, and no amount of influence which they can bring to bear in relief of it will be too much, neither will it be bestowed on an unworthy cause. A more just or sincere outlet for the gifts of those charitably disposed it would be impossible to discover, the aim of the Institution being to help those who have not been unmindful of the wants of the distressed in days long past.

LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE LODGE OF ECONOMY, No. 76.

WE cordially thank Bro. T. Stopher P.M. and I.P.M. 76, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, P.Z. of Chapter 52, for the volume of extracts, compiled from the minute books of his Lodge, he has forwarded to us. But we hope he will excuse us if we express an opinion that he has somewhat marred his work by the brevity he has exercised. True, we may be criticising him unjustly; he has had the documents before him, and perhaps can tell us he has extracted every item of interest, whereas we can only express the opinion that the books of a Lodge ranging from 1802 to the present time should be more prolific than he has shown these to be, although the volume he has prepared abounds with items of interest to those who make a study of the doings of bygone days. We have tried, on more occasions than one, to compile the history of a Lodge from its minute books, and have been surprised to find how little was recorded therein which might be deemed of general interest, while, on the other hand, we have been struck with the portly volumes some historians have been able to produce from similar details. Perhaps we have chanced to drop upon almost barren ground; undoubtedly it appears that Bro. Stopher, in dealing with the Lodge of Economy, of Winchester, has not found one of the most prolific sources of information.

Bro. Stopher starts with a dedication, which we fully endorse, and which we think might be wisely extended to the Craft in general. He addresses the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of his Lodge, and hopes that the information contained in the extracts “will increase the interest of the members in the old Lodge, and will add to its popularity and prosperity.” Undoubtedly this must be the case, for no Mason can look back on the past career of a Lodge which has existed upwards of one hundred and twenty-seven years without feeling a pride in its doings, or making an effort to promote its welfare on every possible occasion; we love new friends, but revere the dear, dear friends of old.

The Warrant of the Lodge, which is transcribed in the extracts before us, presents one particular feature of interest to the general body of Masonic students, it being the only known instance under the Grand Lodge of “The Ancients” of a renewal or confirmation of a Warrant, the confirmation in this case having been rendered necessary through the destruction by fire of the original document. The Warrant is not of the usual “confirmation” character, but appears to be a copy of the one first granted, the original dates and names being inserted, with a note at the end to the following effect: “This Warrant is renewed, the Original having been burnt, this 7th April 1801.”

The first Minute Book of the Lodge seems to have met an even worse fate than the original Charter, for it appears to have been lost some thirty years ago, without a copy being available for purposes of renewal, as was the case with the Warrant. Our Brother Stopher is therefore compelled to start his extracts on the 27th December 1802, that being the first entry in the Book, which he tells us has on its cover a stamped label, marked “No. 111, Lodge of Economy.” This first entry, and others later on, are curious, as recording a proposition that “all the members who had not passed the chair should pass this evening,” by that ceremony, we learn from a later minute, “becoming prepared to pass the super-excellent degree of the Holy Royal Arch,” the brethren referred to being “installed in form.” The second minute, under date 13th of January 1803, refers to the Lodge as No. 88, and records

a decision that a petition be presented to the Lodge at Southampton, praying that a member be made a Royal Arch Mason. From this point we do not think we can do better than reproduce the summary of Bro. Stopher's work which recently appeared in a local paper, the *Hampshire Independent*. This is as follows:—The chair was filled in 1802 by Bro. Earle. The records show that in the scanty population of that day a second Lodge (195) existed in Winchester, and there is an account of a squabble between a brother of each. The walking to church in honour of the Holy St. John the Baptist was a custom then and since. For a few years the Officers were appointed for six months. There are various notices of relief to prisoners for debt in gaol who are Masons. The Lodge in 1806 met on Sunday Eve, and two prisoners of war were initiated. The King's German Legion contributed several initiates, and thirteen French officers (prisoners), en route to Portsmouth, visited the Lodge in 1810. False certificates were used by mendicant brethren. The effects of the conviviality of those times is curiously marked in the minutes thus:—“Nearly the whole of the brethren were ‘indisposed.’” This was in 1812, whilst in 1813 Lord Wellington's victory and the patriotism of Englishmen resulted in a “trifling inconvenience to the intellectual capacity of some of the brethren,” but they closed in “perfect harmony.” A gastronomic humour in 1813 pervades an entry:—“There was some other business, but Bro. Wilkinson, having provided an hot supper, and there being a doubt that it might be *overdone*, it was thought proper by the Master to close the Lodge at 10 past nine in an harmonious manner.” The union of the two Grand Lodges in 1814 is recorded in a full minute as a new era.” The first record of the title Lodge of Economy is 1816, and it is the first mention then of a Provincial Grand Master. A brother's child was christened St. John, after the patron saint. Eight members of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton, and five from the Peace and Harmony Lodge, Romsey, attended the Masonic funeral of Bro. Inggs, in October 1819. In the same year a letter was “read from several Romsey brethren, who propose opening a Lodge there.” As touching music in the ritual, a hand organ was purchased for £10 in 1826, and, after much neglect and a resolution “to dispose of the organ on the first opportunity, it was balloted for at a five shilling lottery in 1833, by which time its barrel was much worn.” The foundation stone laying of St. John's Hospital, 1833, and St. Maurice Church in 1840, are recorded in the briefest terms for such notable functions. On 12th October 1838, it is recorded that “the brethren of our Lodge visited the Provincial meeting at Southampton, and joined the procession and ceremony of laying the first stone of Southampton Docks, which was performed by our worthy Brother Sir Lucius Curtis, and an excellent sermon preached at St. Mary's Church on the occasion by our Rev. Bro. Brookfield.” The minutes were confirmed on the 18th June 1840 by Joseph Lobb P.G.S. by command of the D.P.G.M. An address was presented to Sir Lucius on his appointment as Provincial Grand Master in 1840, and next year a letter of condolence was sent to the gallant Admiral—who lived at Anspach House, Southampton—on the death of his wife, “to which a most kind reply was sent to the W.M. Bro. Captain Neville.” The minutes of this day conclude as follow:—“Harmony reigned, brotherly love prevailed, and the shouts of Israel were heard afar.” In 1840 an honourable brother is thus recorded:—“Bro. F. Knosyorkis returned the 10s which he had received as an alms.” Such an act has not yet been experienced by the present Masonic Almoners. Attached to the book are copious details and dates of the brethren and Officers for the past eighty-seven years, and the oldest brother mentioned is Brother Jacob Jacob, who was installed in 1824, and has just answered the last summons to “Grand Lodge.” He was, we believe, the oldest Mason in the Province. The Centenary Festival was celebrated on the 29th January 1861. The record shows that the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing obtained recognition of the Economy by Grand Lodge as a “Centenary Lodge.”

Passing now from the days of long ago we come upon one of the most recent events in Masonry, this year's installation meeting of the Economy Lodge, of which the following is a brief account:—

ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

THE installation of Bro. James Harris as W.M., being the third time he has filled that honourable position, took place on Wed-

nesday, the 25th ult. in a full Lodge, the ceremony being ably performed by the P.G.M. Bro. Beach, M.P. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Stopher I.P.M., Carter S.W., Sharland J.W., Jacob Treasurer, Gamon Secretary, Brockley S.D., Pickstock J.D., Searle Organist, Stopher and Marks D.C., Colson I.G., Matthews and Tebbutt Stewards, Sims Tyler. In the course of the closing formalities, the W.M. expressed his and his brethren's deep regret at the absence, from illness, of Bro. T. Stopher, to whom it was intended to present an illuminated address, expressive of the deep regard of the Lodge, to be followed shortly by a jewel of honour as P.P.G.S.W., and he desired Bro. W. Stopher to convey to his brother their regret and their regards, and the illuminated address, with seventy-two names attached thereto, on which address, beautifully written and decorated by Mr. John Smith, are these dedicatory words:—

"In recognition of his untiring zeal and energy in the cause of Freemasonry in general, and in the old Lodge of Economy in particular, during the twenty-three years in which he has held office in it."

The various symbols and jewels of the Craft are artistically depicted in the margin of the vellum. Hearty good wishes were offered from the various Lodges represented. After a cordial vote of thanks to the P.G. Master for his attendance and welcome visit, the Lodge, after an awkward delay, sat down to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Clowser.

A ROYAL PRESENTATION.

SIR J. R. SOMERS VINE was installed as Worshipful Master of the Savage Club Lodge, on Tuesday, in the presence of the Earl of Lathom (Deputy Grand Master of England), the Earl of Londesborough Past Grand Warden, with other Grand Officers and a large number of Masonic friends, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, was the Installing Master. The ceremony having been duly and impressively performed, Sir Somers Vine invested the following Officers:—Bros. Catling S.W., Chapman J.W., Barnside S.D., Ebbetts J.D., Fisher I.G., Edward Terry P.M. P.Z. P.G.S. Treasurer, Duffy Secretary, Beveridge Director of Ceremonies, Henry Nicholls Organist, Terrott, Northcott, Soman and Walsham Stewards, and Swan Tyler. Bro. Edward Terry ably discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies during the installation. Sir Somers Vine said that he had a most gratifying announcement to make to the Lodge, viz., that they had received a special mark of favour from his Royal Highness the Grand Master, who had presented them with a Master's gavel, which was used by Her Majesty the Queen in laying the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute. This gavel is solid ivory, and bears a silver plate, with the following inscription:—"This Master's Gavel, used by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in laying the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute, the Jubilee memorial of the Queen's reign, on July 4th 1887, was presented to the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2192, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order and Honorary Member of the Lodge, 1888, Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine W.M., Bro. Thomas Catling S.W., Bro. W. E. Chapman J.W." Subsequently the installation banquet took place at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Worshipful Master Sir Somers Vine was supported by the following Grand Officers:—The Duke of Abercorn, C.B., Grand Master of Ireland, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Herschell Past Grand Warden, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Past Grand Warden, Augustus Harris W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes. The W.M., in proposing the Grand Master and other Grand Officers said, that twelve months ago the Grand Master graciously allowed them to enrol his name as an honorary member of the Lodge, and that day his Royal Highness had handed to their reverent care a highly interesting and historical emblem of the Craft. The Earl of Lathom, in replying, said that as regarded his Royal Highness the Grand Master, they all knew well he had done his duty, Masonically as in every other way. Sir Somers Vine next proposed the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Ireland. The Duke of Abercorn, in responding said, that the Deputy Grand Master had just said that it was criminal to make long speeches, and as he, the speaker happened to be an Irishman, they could well understand that he did not wish to come under the criminal law. He was sure that if any of them visited Dublin they would receive a hearty welcome from their Irish brethren. He was especially glad to be present to do honour to his friend Sir Somers Vine. He understood that they had been entertaining a king and queen, Messrs. Herbert Campbell and Harry Nichols, that night who had had to leave to take their position on their thrones in another place. Nothing which he had recently read in the papers had filled him with more interest and sympathy than the sad story which had deprived them of a member of the Lodge who was beloved and respected by them all. Sir Somers Vine, in proposing success to the Savage Club Lodge, said that twelve months ago they commenced their career by resolving, not without some misgiving and with all due deference to the rules of the Order, that they would restrict the membership of the Lodge to members of the Savage Club. The result had far exceeded their most sanguine expectation. If they excluded the joining members announced that day they had a roll of sixty members. Charity, the foremost principle of the Order, had not been forgotten by them. They had established, and he hoped on a permanent basis, a benefit fund for the relief of distressed brethren, and they had contributed to the National Memorial of the Queen's Jubilee and other objects. They had been able to clear off their liabilities, and were in the happy position of having a balance at their bankers. They had had a period of cloud and depression through the mysterious disappearance and tragic fate of their beloved brother and Secretary. In Archibald

McNeill the world lost a good man and the Craft a bright example, and his most enduring monument would be the Savage Club Lodge. The next toast given by the Worshipful Master was the Visiting Brethren, and Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., responded in a humorous speech. Lord Herschell gave the Worshipful Master, and spoke in highest terms of the qualities of Sir Somers Vine, remarking that he exhibited marvellous zeal, industry, and energy in everything he undertook, combining with those active qualities geniality, kindness, and promptness, which rendered him eminently well fitted for the position of Master of a Lodge of Freemasons—Sir Somers Vine in reply, expressed his gratitude to the members of the Savage Club for the kindness which he had always received from them. In giving the next toast, that of the Installing Master, he referred to the great services rendered to their Lodge by Col. Shadwell Clerke. The Grand Secretary having replied, Sir Somers Vine proposed Our American Brethren, and Bro. Benjamin Folsom, in acknowledging the toast, said that Masonry had produced some of the best men in the United States, but never an anarchist or a dynamitard. The health of the Officers of the Lodge having been given, and responded to by Bros. T. Catlin and W. E. Chapman, the proceedings closed in the usual manner. The band of the Grenadier Guards performed during the banquet, and in the course of the evening, a capital entertainment was given, to which the following contributed:—Henry Bracy, Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Frederick Mervin, Richard Temple, Edward Terry, Henry Pyatt, William L. Barrett, E. Beuding, Charles Bertram, Arthur Coombes, Theodore Drew, Charles Du Val, G. Jacobi, E. J. Odell, Louis Paul, and William Rignold. Bros. Edwd. Plater, R. Hilton, Albert James and Henry Lester sang several glees, the entertainment being under the direction of Bro. Charles Townley (Geoffrey Thorn), who also rendered some of his popular compositions.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, 2nd inst., at 6.30 p.m. Bros. Barrett W.M., Owens S.W., Tattersall J.W., Smith S.D., Gomme J.D., Lazarus I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Paddle P.M. Treasurer, Pitt P.M. Assistant Preceptor, Ball Secretary, Belchamber, Berry, Nash, May, and others. Lodge having been opened and minutes read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master very ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Belchamber acting as candidate and answering as to proficiency. On the second time of rising Bro. Owens was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the members present resolved themselves into a full Committee for the purpose of completing the necessary arrangements for the Smoking Concert to be given by the Lodge on the 23rd instant, and which promises to be a most successful entertainment. Lodge having been closed, the Benevolent Association in connection therewith held a meeting, at which two ballots for Life Subscriberships to the Masonic Institutions were taken. These were declared in favour respectively of Bros. Lazarus and Tattersall. The brethren then separated, in peace and harmony.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer presided, and there were present Bros. W. H. Perryman, S. Brooks, W. B. Daniell, W. J. Murlis, F. Adlard, J. L. Mather, G. Ward Verry, A. H. Tattershall, James Brett, G. Bolton, Hugh Cotter, E. West, Dr. Jabez Hogg, C. H. Webb, T. Cubitt, C. H. Driver, W. Hilton, J. J. Berry, C. Kimpton, W. Belchambers, Joseph Clever, A. Forsyth, and James Terry (Secretary). After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of two male annuitants. Then the Warden's report was read. The lists of candidates were agreed to, and the vacancies for the election in May declared, the number as regards the Male Fund being 67, with 16 vacancies (13 immediate and 3 deferred), and on the Widows' Fund, 64 candidates and 7 vacancies (4 immediate and 3 deferred). A notice of motion by Brother Birch having been handed in, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

A grand Masonic ball was given on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Athenæum, Limerick, by the members of Eden Lodge No. 73 (I.C.). The attendance numbered over two hundred ladies and gentlemen. The hall was decorated with much taste, and when dancing commenced it presented a brilliant appearance. The fine band of the Sherwood Foresters performed a choice programme of music.

At Terry's theatre this afternoon (Saturday) Mr. Edward Terry will produce for the first time in London, the one act play "Darby and Joan," by Messrs. Bellingham and Best. Mr. Terry will sustain the dual parts of a young naval officer of twenty and an admiral of seventy. Miss Clara Cowper will undertake the two other characters in the piece. We may add that the play in question has met with considerable success in the country.

One of the best pantomimes of the season, viz.: "Jack and the Beanstalk," at Covent Garden, will terminate a successful career on Saturday evening next. This pantomime has created endless amusement, and we advise our readers to pay the theatre a visit before the season terminates.

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OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your last issue contains some remarks on a subject whereon I differ from those around me, but I appear to have your support, and I hope the insertion of my letter following your own observations may have the effect of setting matters right between the older brethren of my Lodge and some of its younger members—at the head of whom I, the Inner Guard, appear to stand.

I must first tell you we are frequently honoured with visits from brethren of distinction, that is to say distinction outside Masonry, more particularly than Masonic, for some of our visitors were initiated years after me, and I am only a "youngster," as our Past Masters have it. Well, I have to announce these visitors, and here comes the rub. I, as a Mason, have been taught the lesson of equality, and I try to practise it. When Captain So-and-So, or Major This or Colonel That desires admittance I drop the "Captain," "Major," "Colonel," or what not, and simply use that dear term of equality—Brother. This is sacrilege I may tell you, and I could hardly describe all the evils that are predicted as coming fast upon me were it not that I treat the matter somewhat in the form of a joke. As a youngster I like talking and arguing with my elders, and this has hitherto supplied me and them with a "subject for discussion?"

Now, Brother Editor, I want to know what is right for me to do? I do not wish to act contrary to what is proper, nor do I wish to be advised to give in to my elders; indeed, I do not believe they wish that, only they cannot ask any one's opinion—they are all so capable of forming one for themselves. If it is right to bring naval or military titles into Masonry, I cannot see why you should object to the Churchwardens, Town Councillors or Vestrymen being so described, and if neither of us are right I fail to see where the equality comes in we hear so much about. "Rank is but the guinea stamp, the man himself's the gold," is my idea of the basis on which equality should be preached. The nobleman outside is a nobleman in Masonry only so long as he acts up to the noble principles of the Craft, and, although it may be the practice with some to show their knowledge of mundane affairs within the Lodge, I consider they prove by doing so, as you say, that they have not made themselves masters of the lesson to be learned within.

If it is right to use the titles to which you and I have referred I would go further, and say it would be correct to call a Mason Bro. Tallow-Chandler Brown, Bro. Cheesemonger Jones, or Bro. Butcher Robinson; and if not, why not?

Trusting you will excuse the frivolity of my remarks, and that your readers will also be charitable to a Junior.

I remain, yours, &c.

I.G.

P.S.—I have refrained from referring to the title "Reverend." Here, I confess, I give in, and in thus showing my inconsistency I may perhaps prove I am wholly wrong.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.

AN Encyclical letter from the Pope to the Bavarian Bishops, in which His Holiness bans Freemasonry, has called forth, from the *Cologne Gazette*, a leading paper in Germany, the following rejoinder, which we reproduce, as being interesting to members of the Mystic Craft:—

The present Pope has already, on several occasions, in imitation of his predecessor, given expression to most outspoken and denunciatory opinions on the subject of Freemasonry. Like Pío Nono, he believes that Masonry is inimical to all religion, and, in particular, that it seduces young men into impious ways. Such a condemnation, in the very face of what is actually the case, is to be explained only from a confusion with Freemasonry of other secret Brotherhoods that have sprung up exclusively on Italian soil, and which are possible only there. To represent Freemasonry as hostile to all religion and civil order is both illusory and nonsensical, and the Pope, in his recent letter to the Bishops of Bavaria, was misled into the spreading abroad of this delusion. This is how he characterises Freemasonry:—

"Farther, worthy brothers, set much stress upon carefully guarding your flocks from the danger that threatens from the side of Freemasonry. The insidious wiles and artifices of this Society, which works in darkness, which is full of all guile, and extremely dangerous to the State, were fully laid before you on another occasion in a special Encyclical, when the ways and means of combating its influence successfully were pointed out. However, it can never be vain to exhort Christians to abstain from any connection with this mass of crime, for, though the Society from the first conceived a deep hatred against the Catholic Church, has hardened itself in this respect, and kept the flame of its spite burning, yet it does not always practise its hostility openly, but more frequently acts with underhand cunning. Above all it may, in most regrettable fashion, lead astray inexperienced and untutored youth, under the guise of pious and benevolent intention."

Such utterances should not be taken seriously. Inexperienced youth in Germany has no sort of admission to Freemasonry, and to repre-

sent a brotherhood that has the German Emperor, his son the Crown Prince, and pretty much all the heads of noble houses in the number of its adherents, as especially dangerous to the State, can impose on no one. It is, besides, well known that in the first decades of the present century the best part of the Catholic clergy was numerously represented in the Craft, which is notoriously of pronouncedly Christian origin, and has the chief saint of the Catholic Church, John the Baptist, for patron saint. Even after Masonry incurred the hatred of Popes, and that because it incurred the hatred of the Jesuit Order, an endeavour was put forth—and that not unattended with success—to raise Christ's foster father to the place of the Baptist, while, in the oldest and most important Church prayers, for example in the Confiteor, St. John occupies the place of honour next after the Virgin Mary and the Archangel Michael, and Joseph is not even mentioned, whose recently-acquired precedence indicates a noteworthy success of the "Redemptionists," who, in the mouth of the people are often called "Joseph's Brethren." To the best of our belief there does not exist, even to the present day, any formal binding prohibition against joining Freemasonry, and it is very questionable whether in Catholic opinion (in the strict sense of the term) to be a Freemason is in itself sinful, although it is undoubtedly looked upon as dangerous. It can hardly then be regarded as mere accident, in view of the repeated calumniations of which the Craft has recently been the butt, that Emperor William, in a recent communication to the Rostock Lodge, declared that "Freemasonry is particularly fitted, not only to educate its members to true religious feelings, to the joyful performance of the duties laid upon them towards their family, their profession, and their other public and social relationships, really to benefit them by sustained self-improvement; but also to assist very materially the collective interests of humanity." Every educated man knows that our Emperor and his son fill the highest positions in the Craft, and we think it would have been becoming if, in view of this, in the as a whole somewhat enigmatical communication to the Bavarian Bishops, the insipidity—to use the mildest term—had been avoided of describing Freemasonry as dangerous to the State. Such nonsense cannot possibly have much prospect of attaining its end.

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XIX.—"SECRECY."

The thoughtful housewife in her thrifty cares,
To keep supplied with bread her household need;
Briskly and deftly for the task prepares,
And takes of flour and water perfect meed.
Down in the silky depths the yeast is laid,
To work in silence, and unseen, its way,
Till by its power the snowy mass is made
Of airy lightness 'gainst the coming day.
And so should Masons do the good they can,
Without parade, and ostentatious show;
But, like the leaven, bless their fellow man
In "Secrecy," which but recipients know.

XX.—"TEMPERANCE."

The noble horse prefers the spring
Of pure and wholesome water
To any sparkling wine you bring
Though from renowned quarter.
And e'en from that, when thirst is o'er
It loses all its sweetness,
He turns aside—will drink no more,
"Enough!" ensures completeness.
Our appetites should be controll'd,
No matter what their founding;
The body's health we should uphold,
Not by excess confounding.
The tongue and heart should be restrained,
Lest they may bring disaster;
Ambition curbed—the passions chained
And "Temperance" will master.

WM. H. ORR, G.B.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 4th instant. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer occupied the chair. He was supported by Bros. S. Richardson, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., J. Larkin, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., J. L. Mather Assist. G. Dir. of Cers., George Motion, F. Adlard, F. W. Ramsay, Dudley Rolls, G. Corble, H. Venn, J. Moon, T. Griffiths, R. J. Tucker, A. R. Motion, James Motion, W. Maple, J. Lee Dale, H. J. Giller, J. S. Cumberland, Geo. P. Gillard, F. Binckes P.G.S.B. (Secretary), &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information, while the report of the Audit Committee was read and approved. Petitions on behalf of two boys were considered and approved, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in October. Three applications for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained. Some discussion arose in reference to the action of the House Committee in dealing with a pupil who had misconducted himself, and as a result a series of notices of motion was handed in for future consideration. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the Committee adjourned.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THE installation of Bro. Henry Cooke as the W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, 2nd instant, at the Lodge Room, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, in presence of a large number of the Craft, including Bro. Goble Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Holbrook Provincial Grand Registrar, Rev. A. A. Headley Provincial Grand Assistant Secretary, and the following Installed Masters:—Bros. Lancaster P.P.G.R. 56, Goldsmith P.P.G.J.W., R. Barnes P.P.G.S., Gieve P.P.G.D.C., Cawte P.P.G.J.W., J. Mason (Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), Niven P.P.G.S.B., Gilmour P.P.G.S.; Bros. Beuttell, Hewett, Mumby, Buckle, Mitchell, Williams, Bond P.P.G.S.B., Powell P.P.G.D.C., Hill and Gieve. There were also present Bros. Birch, Levy, Crouch, Love, Haydon, C. O. Smith, E. Smith, Bolitho, Cooper, Bate, Robins, Broughall, Lyon, Heath, Reader, Homan, Penton, Dr. Scott, Arnold, &c. The ceremony of installation was conducted in an efficient and impressive manner by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Hill), to whom a vote of thanks was passed, after which he was presented by Bro. Cooke, on behalf of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services during his year of office. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Hill I.P.M., Williams S.W., Crouch J.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain, Goldsmith Treasurer, Rev. A. A. Headley Secretary, Love S.D., Smith J.D., Haydon I.G., Cooper Org., Bolitho D.C., Bate and Broughall Stewards, Eames Tyler. During the ceremony Bro. Love sang the anthem, "Be thou faithful unto death" ("Elijah") in finished style. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a *récherché* banquet was served by Bro. Bond. Bro. Cooke presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being interspersed with a capital programme of vocal music.

ST. CYBI LODGE, No. 597.

THERE was an exceptionally large number of members and visiting brethren present on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the annual meeting, held at Holyhead. The Lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock, when the ceremony of passing Bros. G. Smith and G. H. Taylor was proceeded with, after which Bro. Platt, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, entered the Lodge-room, and was saluted with the customary Masonic honours. The installation of the W.M. subsequently took place, the Installing Master being the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was assisted by the retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. O. T. Williams. Bro. E. M. Jones (the W.M. elect) was presented by Bros. Jones and Evens. The ceremony of installing the W.M. was most efficiently performed. He appointed his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Williams I.P.M., Hall S.W., Martin J.W., Rev. O. W. Jones Chaplain, Jones Treasurer, Lloyd Secretary, Hughes Dir. of Cer., Griffith Organist, Owen S.D., Jones J.D., Wells I.G. Gray S.S., Seaborn Williams J.S. On the motion of Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, seconded by Bro. Williams, it was decided to contribute 25 guineas towards the fund for procuring a Life Presentation for the Province of North Wales in connection with the Girls' Masonic Institution. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master thanked the members of the Lodge for their munificence, and expressed a hope that the Province of North Wales would not be backward in contributing the amount required to secure a Life Presentation to that commendable Charity. It was unanimously decided to present Bro. Dr. O. T. Williams with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge during the past year. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren banqueted at the Prince of Wales (L. and N.W.R. Co.) Hotel.

ST. EDWARD'S LODGE, No. 966.

THE members celebrated the Festival of St. John, on the 26th ult., the event being made special by the presence of Bro. Col. Foster Gough D.P.G.M. Meeting at 2.45, at the Mechanics' Institute, the installation of Bro. W. E. Challinor was proceeded with by Bro. W. Davenport, after which the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follows:—Davenport I.P.M., Burton S.W., Flanagan J.W., Ward Chaplain, Gibson Treasurer, Davenport Secretary, Clemesha S.D., Phillips J.D., Allen D.C., Wardle Organist, Gailey I.G., Milner Steward, Gaunt Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and partook of a banquet, prepared and served in Bro. Swift's best style. The after proceedings included the usual Loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly proposed and responded to in a series of appropriate speeches. A number of capital songs enlivened and diversified a very pleasant evening.

EQUITY LODGE, No. 1384.

THE members celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic-rooms, Central Hotel, Widnes, Br. John Patten W.M. in the chair, when Bro. Dr. Cooper was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, according to ancient custom. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. James White. There was a good attendance of brethren. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. Patten I.P.M., Williams S.W., Claye J.W., Kyle Treasurer, Goff Secretary, White S.D., Walker J.D., Shepherd I.G., Saye Steward, Jas. White Dir. of Cers., Holt Tyler. The ceremony of installation being over, the brethren dined together at Bro. Parkes', under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to. During the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. John Patten, from the brethren of the Lodge, in appreciation of his services as W.M. Bro. Patten suitably responded, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and stating that his services had been a pleasure to him, and he hoped the Lodge would have a prosperous

future. A special Jubilee jewel, subscribed by members of the Lodge, was presented to Bro. James White P.M. for his services to the Lodge during the last fifteen years. Bro. White thanked the brethren for so marked an appreciation of his services. Much as he prized his P.M.'s jewel, he valued much more the one presented to him by the initiates during his year of office as W.M., but both had been eclipsed by the beautiful jewel now presented. He felt how little he deserved it, but hoped to merit it by future service to his Lodge.

FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1513.

ON Thursday evening the 2nd instant, the festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren, at their Lodge-room, Masonic Hall, East Gate, Barnsley. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Ensor Drury, Green Provincial Grand Sec., John Barker, S. Slack, T. Newton. Bro. W. R. Massie was the Installing Master. The Rev W. S. Turnbull officiated as Chaplain. Previous to the installation of Bro. C. F. Seward, Bro. Massie moved a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. W. T. Embleton for his kindness in beautifying the Lodge-room. The W.M. also, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Senior with a copy of "Gould's History of Freemasonry," in three volumes handsomely bound, in recognition of the services rendered during the alteration of the Lodge premises. Bro. Seward appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Massie I.P.M., Finkin S.W., Senior J.W., Embleton Treasurer, Frankland Secretary, Cheatter S.D., Ingall J.D., Smith D.C., Fountain Organist, Lingard I.G., Smith and Browne Stewards, Rogers Tyler.

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

A LARGE gathering took place in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 31st ult., on the occasion of the installation meeting. The Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, the W.M., Bro. W. Balchin jun., presiding, supported by his Officers. The important business of the afternoon was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. J. Heald. The ceremony was admirably and impressively performed by Bro. Balchin; the charges being given by Bros. Hawkes and Broadbridge, and the address to the brethren delivered by the Deputy Prov. G. Master Bro. Gerard Ford. The W.M. then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Edwards S.W., Isworth J.W., Bostel Secretary, Broadbridge Treasurer, Morris S.D., Sawyer J.D., Wood D.C., Cole Organist, Collins I.G., Stride and Tester Stewards, Wood jun. Charity Steward, Hawkes P.M. to serve on the Masonic Rooms Committee, Hollands, Hurst, and Guyon the General Purposes Committee. The retiring W.M., Bro. Balchin, was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, which had been voted to him by the brethren in appreciation of the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. Saye's. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The D.P.G.M., in responding to the toast given from the chair, of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master the Duke of Connaught, the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past, testified to the interest H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught took in the prosperity of the Province. So large a gathering that evening—one of the largest he had ever seen in the room—testified to the vitality of Freemasonry in Sussex. The toast of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. Balchin, was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. Heald, on rising to respond, met with the heartiest of receptions. The Visitors, proposed by brother Kube in a humorous speech, was acknowledged by Bros. Tweed, Laynter, and Pierpoint. Bros. Billing and Burrows responded for the Worshipful Masters of the Province, and Bro. Balchin for the Past Masters of the Lodge. The toast of the Initiates was acknowledged by Bros. Clark, Thornton, and Griffiths, and that of the Officers of the Lodge by Bros. Edwards, Isworth, and Sawyer. During the evening an excellent programme of vocal music, arranged by Bro. Cole, Organist, was ably sustained by Miss Maud Boud, Miss Minnie Freeman, Bro. R. Clower, Bro. R. Nicholson, Bro. E. Broadbridge, and Bro. Cole; a pianoforte solo by Bro. Kube proved an enjoyable item. A humorous recitation was also given by Bro. Bull.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 2042.

THE annual meeting took place on Wednesday, 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. This Lodge was formed some four years since, under the presidency of the late Bro. J. Skeaf, for the purpose of gathering together the musical brethren under one warrant, and to raise, if possible, the standard of musical work in Masonry. The success in this and other ways has been very great, and the assembly, including nearly 40 Past Masters and P.G.O.'s, was a recognition of the efforts put forth during the past year, under the able Mastership of the retiring W.M. Bro. J. Queen. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. A. Muir S.W., was presented by Bros. Sergeant and Martin, and the manner in which Bro. Queen performed the installation ceremony was so highly commented that a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded. The following are the Officers appointed for the year:—Bros. Queen I.P.M., Nichols S.W., Lewis J.W., Rev. H. G. Vernon Chaplain, Smith Treasurer, Lowten Secretary, Faragher S.D., Burrows D.C., Bamford I.G., Ewart Organist, Muir S.S., Evans J.S., Williams A.S., Martin D.C., Williamson Tyler.

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SWAN OF AVON LODGE, No. 2133.

WERE we asked to account for the success which attends some Lodges, and the failure of others, under apparently similar circumstances, we confess a task would present itself which we should find it very difficult to deal with. There are some things in Freemasonry, as well as outside it, which baffle explanation, and which cannot be satisfactorily accounted for on any general principles, and this subject, on that account, becomes one of the most difficult we are called upon to deal with. With equal justice we might point to the prosperity or the apathy in regard to Freemasonry in certain districts. In some quarters one or more Lodges flourish in the most satisfactory manner, while in others, which seem to present exactly similar features, Freemasonry languishes, or at best only carries on a kind of precarious existence; never rising to any position, or making any impression on the surrounding district. On this principle we may perhaps account for the fact that the town of Stratford-on-Avon was for many years during the last decade unrepresented on the Roll of Grand Lodge, in spite of its being one of the best known places throughout the world. As the birthplace of Shakespeare, it has perhaps received more attention from students and others than any place of similar dimensions, while the number of inquiries which have taken place with the view of proving whether Shakespeare was a Freemason or not would, we should have thought, have given it a Masonic tendency strong enough to maintain at least one good Lodge. But past events prove the contrary. On the 28th June 1859 a Lodge was warranted for the town, and was consecrated there under the title of the Bard of Avon, with the number 1080 on the Register of Grand Lodge. When the revision of numbers took place in 1863, this Lodge became No. 778, and about this time it appears to have sunk to a very low ebb; indeed, it hardly existed, its membership being only just sufficient to keep its name on the Roll. In 1872 a dispensation was granted, authorising the removal of the Lodge, and that year it found a new home—as Bro. Lane tells us in his “Masonic Records”—at the Angel Hotel, Staines; it was subsequently removed, in 1873, to the Greyhound, Hampton Court, and in 1884 to the Mitre Hotel at the same place, and there it has since continued to meet. From the time that Stratford lost the “Bard of Avon,” in 1872, until two years since, it was without a Masonic Lodge, a fact which, as we have said, is to be wondered at, when we consider the numerous attempts which have been made to associate Shakespeare, and through him the place of his birth, with the Craft. The Lodge which two years back filled the void at Stratford-on-Avon, is known as the Swan of Avon, No. 2133, and its members celebrated, on Tuesday, their third installation, on which occasion Bro. George Boyden was duly inducted into the chair of King Solomon. The meeting of Tuesday took place at the headquarters of the Union Club, and was presided over by Bro. C. R. Garnett W.M. Prov. G.D., who was supported by a goodly array of members and visiting brethren. The business of the meeting comprised the confirmation of the rules of the Masonic Club, an institution which has sprung up in connection with the Lodge, and these having been considered by the brethren, the third degree was conferred on Bro. Everard, after which the W.M.-elect was presented and installed. In both these ceremonies the work was carried out with a strict regard to detail; and in a manner we seldom witness either in London or the Provinces. The Worshipful Master appointed the Lodge Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. C. Instans S.W., J. F. Burke J.W., A. C. Pickering Treasurer, J. Smith Secretary, E. Birch S.D., J. Downing J.D., J. H. Caseley Organist, G. M. Bird D.C., T. C. New I.G., E. Deer Steward, R. Lunn Charity Steward, J. Wilmore Tyler. Brother Garnett now delivered the addresses, and on the completion of the ceremony was warmly complimented on the satisfactory termination of his labours; these had extended over the two years since the consecration of the Lodge. A Life Governorship was then drawn for from the funds of the Charitable Association which has been established in connection with the Lodge, and other matters having been disposed of the Lodge was closed. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. E. J. Seymour P.G.S.W. P.M. 301, F. Binckes P.G.S.B., G. M. Fayerman P.M. 395, Jas. Collins I.P.M. 567, W. H. S. Pinner I.P.M. 395, H. D. Morin S.W. 395, A. B. Holte P.M. 1041, J. Boddington P.P.G.A.D.C. P.M. 567, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, C. J. Collins W.M. 74, M. J. Rowley 1507, S. A. L. Swann 51 (I.C.), H. Haynes P.M. 284, &c. The annual banquet followed, the catering being in the hands of Brother E. Deer, under whose direction the tables had been most artistically laid out. A great portion of the success under this head was due to the profusion of flowers which had been provided by Mrs. Hill, the wife of an esteemed member of the Lodge, and to whom a special compliment was paid for her kindly help. At the conclusion of the banquet, the customary list was honoured. Speaking to the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master referred to the gigantic strides Freemasonry had made since Her Majesty had been seated on the throne of England. The Senior Warden gave the second toast, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., which was heartily received. The third toast—the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers generally—was proposed by Bro. Past Master Alderman Bird, and with it was associated the name of Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer. Our popular brother, in reply, fully recognised the importance and comprehensiveness of the toast entrusted to him. Bro. Pickering proposed the fourth toast, and made happy allusion to the popularity which Lord Leigh had gained for himself as Provincial Grand Master. He had given a vast impetus to Freemasonry in Warwickshire, and was well and favourable known to every Freemason in the Province. Bro. Everard proposed the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers, present and past, of Prov. Grand Lodge, and in the absence of the Deputy associated with it the name of Bro. Lord Edward Seymour, who, in responding, regretted the absence of Bro. Collins. For himself he was proud to be a guest at the Swan of Avon Lodge. Two years back he had assisted at the consecration, and was highly gratified at the way in which the Lodge had progressed since. The health of the Worshipful Master was next given

by Bro. Garnett I.P.M., and in reply, Bro. Boyden stated it had been remarked he must be a brave man to follow so capable a Master as Bro. Garnett. Well, he thought so, but he hoped to prove, by his actions, that he had not been rash in taking the office. He should strive to fulfil his duties satisfactorily, and hoped the brethren would not have occasion to exercise the quotation, “Oh, what a falling off was there.” When the Master next rose he referred to the establishment of the Lodge, two years previously. He spoke of the energy and zeal shown by the Immediate Past Master, who had been a constant attendant at the Lodge of Instruction, and had spared no exertion to advance the cause of Freemasonry in Stratford-on-Avon. He had now the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Garnett a Past Master’s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the members, as a mark of their appreciation. In reply, Bro. Garnett said he felt at a loss how to express himself. Of one thing, however, he was assured,—the brethren knew how to keep a secret; this had been fully borne out by the surprise which had come upon him when their Master presented the jewel he had just received. He had never anticipated anything of the sort, and, perhaps, had he been consulted in the matter, he should have said—No. He assured them he appreciated the many compliments that had been paid him. The toast of the Visitors was entrusted to the Junior Warden, and was responded to by Bro. Collins, who spoke of the estimable manner in which the work of the Lodge had been carried out. Brother Morgan also responded, and thanked the brethren generally for the hospitality they had shewn, and the general desire every one in the Lodge had evinced to minister to the comfort of their guests. For the Past Masters Bro. Bird replied. Brother Lunn, the Charity Steward, submitted the toast of the Masonic Charities, and in the course of an excellent and well-considered speech sketched in outline the establishment of the Masonic Institutions and the progress they had severally made. Brother Binckes replied; he referred to the unique and eloquent manner in which the toast had been introduced by Brother Lunn. The element of charity evidently pervaded the Lodge. As had frequently been remarked Freemasonry must not be looked upon, in any shape or form, as a benefit society. Bro. Binckes spoke in the most appreciative terms of the services rendered by their Provincial Grand Master to the Institutions, more particularly the one which he had the honour of being associated with. The Festival of the year 1862 was the first one with which he was most directly associated in his then new capacity of Secretary, and on that occasion Lord Leigh did them the honour to preside. At that Festival the Stewards collected a total of £3,600. Since then Lord Leigh had repeated that kindness, and had presided on more than one occasion, and the Institutions fully recognised what he and his Province had done for them. The brethren of Warwickshire had invariably supported the Charities, and five years back nobly contributed their share towards securing that Grand total which, even up to now, stands an unbeaten record as regards charitable contributions. He especially acknowledged his indebtedness to Bro. Pearce, who had kindly promised to place at his disposal the amount he had secured that evening. He appreciated the efforts which were being made on behalf of the Central Institutions, notwithstanding the counter claims of Local Funds. Brother Binckes’s remarks throughout were received with much favour, and the happy allusions he made to local surroundings were heartily applauded. The other toasts comprised the Officers of the Lodge, and that of the Tyler, which latter brought the business to a conclusion. The proceedings of the evening were diversified by songs and recitations, while on the following day several prominent members of the Lodge did their best to make the visit a memorable one for their guests. The many features of interest with which the borough abounds were visited, and their special association with the Immortal Bard was fully brought home to those entertained.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 1st instant. Bros. Collings W.M., Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Sec., Harding S.D., Sandalls J.D., Oliver I.G., Walkeley Tyler, Collick I.P.M., Pardoe P.M., Boehr P.M., Mansell P.M., and sixteen other brethren. Before opening the Lodge Brother Collings, alluding to the death of Brother Strong, the W.M., stated that before his illness had reached its fatal termination, their Brother had written, asking him to take the chair that evening, and Brother Collick having gracefully acquiesced he thought the Lodge could not do better than carry out the wishes of their late Master. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Grover, Hunt and Green were raised to the third degree. Bros. Desmond and Organ were passed to the degree of F.C. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Arthur Tite, who was originally proposed by the late W.M., seconded by Bro. Robinson; also for Mr. George Arthur Knight, proposed by Brother Grundy and seconded by Bro. Harding. The ballot proved in favour of these candidates. Mr. Tite was not present, but Mr. Knight was duly initiated by Bro. Collick, Bro. Collings having temporarily vacated the chair. On the W.M. rising, the Secretary read letters from two members, tendering their resignations. These were accepted, with regret. Brother Tildesley proposed and Brother Robinson seconded Mr. F. W. Foord for initiation at next meeting. Brother Wing, as an old friend, proposed a vote of condolence from the Lodge to the widow and family of the late Brother Strong, and that a wreath from the Lodge be sent to the funeral. This was seconded by Brother Collings, and, supported by several other brethren, was carried unanimously. After hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed in due form. Owing to the bereavement the Lodge had sustained the usual banquet was deferred.

At the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, 6th inst., Bro. H. H. Wells was installed as Worshipful Master of the St. Botolph’s Lodge.

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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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OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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- H. C. DAMANT P.M. 35, Cliff Road, West Cowes.
- *T. W. FAULKNER P.M. 35, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.J.G.W., York House, W. Cowes.
- *GILES P.M. 35, P.P.G. Supt. W., Bridport, Dorset.
- R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND P.M. 693, P.Z. 175, P.P.S.G.W., Hare Court, Temple.
- MANNERS P.M. 35, Collector of Customs, Falmouth.
- *G. A. MURKILL P.M. 35, P.Z. 175, P.P.G.S.D., Gloster Hotel, West Cowes.
- F. NEWMAN P.M. 175, 551, 693, 1884, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.S.G.W., Ryde.
- G. PACK P.M. and P.Z. 175, P.P.G.J.D., Yelf's Hotel, Ryde.
- *ROBERTSON P.M. 35 and 2169, P.G.S., East Cowes, Isle of Wight.
- *F. RUTLAND W.M. 35, P.G. Orgt., Ivy House, West Cowes.
- *SADLER, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of
The R.M. Benevolent Institution
are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1848-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:—

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- G. P. BRINTON P.M. and Treas. 183, 11 Friday Street.
- G. W. SPETH P.M. and Sec. 183, Streatham House, Margate.

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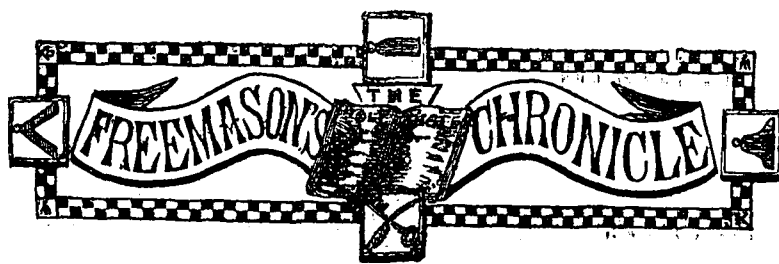
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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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SCOTLAND.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTELY Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 2nd inst., Past Grand Master the Earl of Mar and Kellie on the throne. There was a large attendance, upwards of 300 Masons from all parts of the country being present. The Senior Grand Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. James T. S. Elliot of Wolfelle, and that of the Junior Grand Warden by Bro. Lord Saltoun. Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Argyll and the Islands, acted as Grand Master-Depute, and Bro. F. E. Villiers Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire as Substitute Grand Master. The following letter from the Grand Master had been printed, and was circulated among the brethren, after being read from the throne by the Acting Grand Master:—

Villa Bella Vista, Cannes,
28th January 1888.

DEAR MR. MURRAY LYON,—I really cannot say how much it pains me to have once more, and I trust for the last time, to ask for the generous indulgence of Grand Lodge, whose kindness has already deeply touched me. I very much regret that I must be absent on 2nd February. Every day I feel I am consolidating the recovery of my health; and in view of the hard work which I know the next months will bring, I wish to be able to do my duty as well as I can. In a fortnight I propose to leave for England, and to be then at the disposal of those who have been so very kind to me up to this. May I ask you to communicate my regards to Grand Lodge?

Yours very truly,

A. C. C. CAMPBELL, Grand Master.

On recommendation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow City, Grand Committee had resolved to recommend to Grand Lodge to grant a Charter to Lodge Montefiore, Glasgow. This was agreed to. Grand Committee reported that Grand Secretary had read an application by Brother Dalrymple Duncan, in name of the Committee of the Archaeological and Historical Section of the International Exhibition to be held in Glasgow during the present year, for the loan of any interesting Masonic documents or paraphernalia in the possession of Grand Lodge. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Grand Secretary, with authority to comply with the request as far as possible. This was approved of by G. Lodge. A statement of funds was submitted, with the auditors' report thereon,

for the year ending 30th November. It showed the income for the year to have been £4,013, that there had been £4,569 entrants, and 13 new Charters granted to Lodges. The expenditure had amounted to £2,815. The funds on 30th November 1886 amounted to £27,230, and this year to £27,872—an increase of £544. The accounts of the fund of Masonic benevolence for the same period showed an income of £472 from Masonic fees and £219 from interest. The sum of £516 had been voted as charity, and £24 given as casual charity. The funds at the close of the year stood at £6,597, as compared with £6,466 last year—an increase of £131. A vidimus by the Grand Cashier showed that during the quarter ending 21st January the income had been £1,373, or £550 over the expenditure, and that there had been £1,200 entrants. £95 had been voted to needy Masons or to widows of Masons. A report was submitted from Grand Committee, which stated that by direction of Grand Lodge they had appointed a sub-committee to visit the Aberdeen City Province, and exercise therein all the powers of Grand Lodge. That Committee had spent two days in Aberdeen, and had had the books of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the several Lodges in the Province submitted to them. They reported that the system of account-keeping in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge was incompatible with a satisfactory administration of its general and benevolent funds; but that the books of the various Lodges were correctly kept, and the Committee believed that all the Lodges were actuated by a desire to comply with every requirement of Grand Lodge. In their intercourse with the representatives of the Lodges the Committee were very much impressed with the loyalty of feeling towards Grand Lodge existing among the Craft in Aberdeen City Province. Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of thirteen brethren to fill vacancies in the Grand Committee caused by retirements by rotation. There were 19 candidates for these vacancies, and the following was the result of the voting:—Brothers James Crichton 295, Allen Mackenzie 285, Dr. John Falconer 257, Colonel P. Stirling 244, Dalrymple Duncan 228, Major F. W. Allen 216, George Fisher 214, Charles Harding 190, William Black 189, Robert J. Jamieson 134, Robert Davidson 170, John Jackson 161, Dr. James Carmichael 148. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

A REGULAR Quarterly Communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., in St. Mark's Hall, 213 Buchanan Street, Glasgow, where there was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Brother J. M. Oliver, acting R.W.P.G. Master, who was assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Brothers Robert Blyth R.W.M. 102 acting S.W., G. C. H. M'Naught J.W., David Reid Secretary, Colin Galletly Treasurer, William J. Paterson Junior Deacon, David Chalmers Architect, John Clark Jeweller, Samuel Maclerie Bible Bearer, Andrew M. Smith Director of Ceremonies, David Gill Sword Bearer, John B. M'Naught Director of Music, James B. Dunbar Organist, William Phillips Marshal, David Draper President of Stewards, Thomas Halket Treasurer of Benevolent Fund. Apologies for absence were received from several brethren. The P.G. Secretary submitted his quarterly report, in which reference was made to some matters of interest concerning the Lodge-rooms of two of the Lodges in the Province. It was further stated that the annual sermon to Provincial Grand Lodge will be preached in the Cathedral on an early Sunday in May. Brother Thomas Halket P.G. Treasurer submitted his financial statement, from which it appeared that the sum of £37 14s had been granted to widows and families of deceased members of the Craft, and to brethren in poor and necessitous circumstances. The acting P.G. Master congratulated the brethren on the satisfactory state of the benevolent fund, alluding to the increased grants, and expressing a hope that P.G. Lodge might long be in a position to give handsome grants. A bowling match committee, consisting of eight brethren, was then appointed to take charge of the competition for the "Pearce" cup and other prizes. Attention having been called to the fact that, according to present regulations for the competitions, no Lodge can be represented unless by contributing two rinks, remit was made to the Com-

mittee to reconsider this point, with the suggestion that any Lodge in the Province contributing one rink should be allowed to enter the lists. The motion on the subject was proposed, seconded, and agreed to, as follows:—

"That the Committee of Provincial Grand Lodge now appointed take into consideration the advisability of allowing every Lodge in the Province to send forward one or more teams to compete for the cup presented by the R.W. P.G.M."

Attention was called to the fact of a concert having been held on last Sabbath evening, under the patronage of Lodge Dramatic, No. 571, and after the matter had been fully discussed, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, namely:—

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to place on record its condemnation of the action of Lodge Dramatic in giving its patronage to a concert held on the Sabbath, and expresses its strong disapproval of such conduct, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lodge named."

The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed in due and ancient form.

PROV. G. LODGE OF STIRLINGSHIRE.

AT the Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, held at Stirling, last week, Bro. the Right Hon. the Ear of Mar and Kellie presided, and among those present were Bros. the Rev. George Christie P.G. Depute of Stirlingshire, Wm. Black Sub-Master, James Brown P.G. Secretary, and about forty other brethren. The Lodge having been raised to the third degree, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read and approved. Thereafter the annual nomination for the vacant offices of the Lodge took place, as follows:—

Bro. Peter M'Beth	...	Treasurer
J. Happer	...	Senior Deacon
John King	...	Junior Deacon
W. S. Drydone	...	Architect
W. B. Callander	...	Jeweller
John Campbell	...	Bible Bearer
James Oliver	...	Director of Ceremonies
William Brown	...	Sword Bearer
Heinrich Houfer	...	Director of Music
T. Cumming	...	Bard
A. Gall	...	Marshal
James Wyse	...	President of Stewards
Pearson	...	Inner Guard
James Earl	...	Tyler

ST. CYRE'S LODGE, No. 121.

ON Wednesday, 1st instant, the brethren met in the Lodge room, Auchtermuchty, to celebrate the anniversary of the immortal Burns. A large deputation from the Cupar Lodge, No. 19 S.C., headed by their W.M. Bro. Nicol, honoured the proceedings. The brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Pratt, Royal Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Beveridge, occupied the chair, and Bro. Nicol performed the duties of cronprier. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and responded to, the W.M. proposed the memory of Burns, which was warmly honoured, and a long toast list was gone through, interspersed with song and sentiment. The Lodge closed in due form, the meeting being a most enjoyable one.

PRINCE'S LODGE, No. 607.

THE brethren dined together on the 1st inst., in Messrs. Ferguson and Forrester's, Buchanan Street, Glasgow. There was a large attendance. Bro. James Provan of Auchingillan, R.W.M., occupied the chair. After an excellent and well-served dinner the ordinary loyal and constitutional toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. In giving the toast, "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," Brother Dalrymple Duncan S.G.D. said it was one of the oldest Provincial Grand Lodges in Scotland, and without doubt the most important, either as regards the number of brethren who ranged themselves under its banner, the number of candidates yearly added to the roll of members of Grand Lodge, or the discipline of the Province, and the perfection to which the system of visitation and inspection had been brought. The Provincial Grand Lodge exercised supervision over 33 Lodges, but he was glad to say that on the following day a 34th would be added to the roll. In most of the great towns of Scotland our brethren of the Jewish persuasion had had Lodges for a considerable period, but hitherto they had not had a Lodge of their own in Glasgow. One was now to be brought into existence under the name of the Montefiore Lodge, in compliment to the great Jewish philanthropist. The toast was coupled with the name of Brother Graham, who responded. Brother R. F. Shaw Stewart next proposed "The Prince's Lodge, No. 607," coupled with the name of the Chairman. In the course of his reply the Chairman said the Prince's Lodge was consecrated ten years ago. They had had no reason to complain of its progress in the past. It had been well and wisely administered, so that times of depression

in the outer world had not occasioned anxiety. They had not pressed for candidates. While glad to welcome new members, either by initiation or affiliation, they had always sought to increase their membership with worthy men and worthy men only. A number of other toasts were proposed, and with songs from the brethren a very pleasant evening was spent.

HUNTLY LODGE, No. 745.

THE Office-bearers entertained the brethren to a banquet in the Masonic Hall, Huntly, on Thursday, 26th ult. During the evening, Bro. Mellis R.W.M., who occupied the chair, stated that one of the chief objects of the meeting was to do honour to Bro. Whyte who leaves Huntly to fill the appointment of Sergeant-Major of the 4th V.B.G.H. He referred, at considerable length, to the loss which the Lodge would sustain by the departure of Sergt. Whyte, who, he said, had made many friends outside, as well as inside. He concluded by wishing success to Bro. Whyte—a wish in which every one of the brethren most heartily and sincerely joined. Bro. Dr. Wilson, who is Captain of the Volunteers, also paid a very high tribute to Bro. Whyte, who thanked Bros. Mellis and Wilson, and the rest of the members for the kindly feelings they had shown and expressed during the time he had been associated with them. Several of the brethren contributed songs, while others added to the evening's enjoyment by relating stories and anecdotes. At the close a vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Mellis for presiding, and a similar compliment was awarded to the Office-bearers by the brethren.

It was left to the Lodge Saltcoats and Ardrossan St. John's, No. 320 (S.C.), to celebrate the birth-day of our great National Poet Burns, on Wednesday, 25th ult. Of course it is to be regretted that none but members of the Masonic Fraternity could attend the meeting, because there are many in Ardrossan outside the Craft who would gladly have been present, but of course that could not be thought of. The meeting, which took the form of a supper, was a most successful one, and due honour was done to the memory of Burns in the course of the meeting. Many of the poet's songs were admirably rendered while the programme proceeded, and the meeting was altogether a most successful one. Mr. James Clarke, Railway Hotel, did the purveying, the bill of fare included the ever-welcome haggis, without which no Burns meeting seems to be complete.—*Ayrshire Weekly News*.

MARK MASONRY

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 379.

A NEW Mark Master Masons' Lodge for the Province of Cornwall was consecrated on Thursday, the 26th ult., at Liskeard. This Lodge was opened in connection with the St. Martin's Lodge, 510, and has, therefore, been named the St. Martin's Mark Lodge, No. 379. The brethren who were the founders of the Lodge and some visitors assembled on Thursday morning at the Liskeard Masonic Hall. The St. Martin's Lodge-room had been fitted up very creditably as a Mark Lodge for the occasion, and a Lodge was there opened, and candidates for the Mark degree were advanced. Bros. F. Crouch Past G.D. of England presided as the W.M. Subsequently a Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the same room. Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M.M.M., was unable to be present through an attack of gout. Bro. T. Chirgwin D.P.G.M.M.M. presided. An anthem having been sung, the founders of the new Lodge were arranged in order. Bros. W. Nettle, Edward Venning, Sampson Trehane, J. W. Chegwidde, John Crossman, F. Crouch, W. G. Hancock, J. G. Henwood, H. Shapcott, W. H. Stanton, James Venning. The Provincial Grand Master pro tem then addressed the founders on the nature of the meeting, pledged them to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, delivered a short oration on the principles of the Order, and called on the Provincial Grand Secretary to state their wishes and the proceedings they had taken in respect to the Lodge. The Prov. Grand Secretary explained their wish to have a Mark Lodge at Liskeard, and that they had procured from Grand Lodge a warrant for opening a Lodge. The Prov. G.M. desired the P.G. Secretary to read the petition and warrant. The names of the 11 founders appeared in both documents, and the warrant was duly signed by the Grand Lodge Officers. The Prov. G.M. inquired if the brethren of the new Lodge approved of the Officers named in the petition and warrant, and they signified their approval. The consecration was then proceeded with. Bros. T. Chirgwin P.G.M. pro tem, Lient.-Col. W. E. Mitchell G.S.O. of England, Rev. T. W. Lemon Past G. Chap. of England, D. Cross P.G. St. of England, and Rev. W. H. Bloxsome Prov. G. Chap. officiated at the consecration; Bro. E. Venning was the Organist. At the conclusion of the consecration the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The St. Martin's Mark Lodge was then for the first time opened. Bro. W. F. Crouch was called upon to preside and instal the W.M. designate, Bro. W. Nettle, as the W.M. Bro. W. G. Hancock was elected the Treasurer, and Bro. R. Penwarden the Tyler. The W.M. then invested the Officers for the year:—Bros. F. Crouch I.P.M., Venning S.W., Trehane J.W., Chegwidde M.O., Stanton S.O., Venning J.O., Hancock Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Sargent Reg. of Marks, Foddy S.D., Lee J.D., Hicks D.C., Dingle I.G., Sobey St., Penwarden Tyler. Thanks were voted to the Officers of the Grand Lodge for their attendance that day, and to the P.G. Officers of the Grand Lodge of Devon for their attendance and for the assistance rendered by some of them. The votes were suitably acknowledged, and after some routine busi-

ness the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to Webb's Hotel, where they dined together, W. Bro. W. Nettle presiding. The Masonic toasts, to which was added the Press, followed, and were acknowledged. The proceedings closed with a musical entertainment, to which Bros. Henwood, Gidley, Lemon, and other brethren contributed.

LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master took place in the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, on Thursday, 2nd instant. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Homfray Provincial Grand Master Monmouth, who installed Bro. Munday into the chair, after which the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. Hurley I.P.M., Hnssey S.W., Sheridan J.W., Colman M.O., Hooper S.O., J. Roberts J.O., A. H. Roberts Registrar, Marks Treasurer and Secretary, Fraser Assistant Secretary, Gerhold Organist, Phillips S.D., Taylor J.D., Wood I.G., R. Williams and W. H. Williams Stewards. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Angel Hotel, where the installation banquet was held.

MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 73.

THE members held their annual meeting on Monday, 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Redruth, when Brother Sarah was ably installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. E. Milford Cock. Bro. W. J. Trythall received the collar of I.P.M., and the following Officers were then appointed:—Bros. Vivian S.W., Pearce J.W., Wales jun. M.O., Rev. W. R. Erskine S.O., Chegwidde J.O., Milford Cock Treasurer, William Martin R.M., Kistler Secretary, Frank Hichins S.D., Downing J.D., Heath Organist, Carlyon I.G., Carkeek Steward, and Polkinghorne Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Annual Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held on Friday, 27th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, under the presidency of the Prov. G. Superintendent (Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was supported by Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.H., and Comp. G. Felton Lancaster (in the absence of Comp. Loveland) as P.G.J. There was a large attendance of the Companions from various Chapters throughout the Province. The minutes of the last annual Grand Chapter were read by Comp. Edgar Goble, and confirmed. Comp. R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Treasurer, presented the accounts for the year, which showed that fifty guineas had been voted in the year to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and there was still a balance in hand. Comp. Rastrick was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and was thanked by the G. Superintendent for the zeal with which he had carried out his duties. It was announced that Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre had accepted a Stewardship for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of ten guineas from the Grand Chapter funds towards his list. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following as grand Officers for the year:—

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre 130	...	H.
H. T. Atkins 195	...	J.
Edgar Goble 309	...	S.E.
J. W. Gieve 309	...	S.W.
R. J. Rastrick 1069	...	Treasurer
S. Wheeler 151	...	Registrar
G. Payne 723	...	} Sojourners
J. Laverty 1421	...	
H. E. Loader 487	...	} Sword Bearer
A. Elgar 1780	...	
T. H. Gowers 1331	...	Standard Bearer
T. D. Askew 804	...	D.C.
J. T. Doswell 76	...	A.D.C.
— Pigeon jun.	...	Organist
Rev. A. A. Headley 309	...	Assistant S.E.
— Exell	...	Janitor

The Grand Superintendent then addressed the Companions, congratulating them on the progress which Royal Arch Freemasonry had made in his province. He thanked the Chapter for the handsome contribution to the Benevolent Institution on the occasion of his presiding at the Festival, and was glad they were also able this year to vote a sum towards the list of Comp. Le Feuvre. Subsequently the Companions sat down to a banquet, served in excellent style by Comp. George Bond, of the Red Lion Hotel.

CONSECRATION OF THE CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 632.

THIS event, which circumstances have delayed for some months, or so, took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Silver Street, Trowbridge, and from the amount of enthusiasm displayed on the occasion we may safely predict a very substantial revival of this degree of the Craft. The Prov. Grand Officers, Comps. H. C. Tombs as Z., H. Ward as H., and Rev. J. A. Lloyd as J., having opened the Chapter, the Companions, numbering upwards of fifty, entered in procession, with solemn music. The absence of the Grand Superintendent, Lord H. Thynne, through illness, having been explained, the principal chair was assumed by Comp. H. Ward, who proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which he conducted in a masterly and impressive manner. The elements of consecration—corn, wine, oil, and salt—having been sprinkled, the Chapter was dedicated with solemn prayer, and the ceremony closed. The three Principals of the new Chapter were then installed, Comps. A. Parry as Z., J. Sparks as H., F. Barton as J., and the following Officers appointed:—Comps. Palmer S.E., Wiltshire S.N., Gauntlett Treasurer, Mann P. Soj., Hill 1st A.S., Foley 2nd A.S., Bailey Janitor. A large number of propositions for exaltation and joining Companions were then submitted, followed by hearty congratulations from the Visitors, and this brought the proceedings to a close, the Companions adjourning to the Woolpack Hotel, where an exceedingly choice banquet was exceptionally well served by Bro. Barton. The M.E.Z., Companion H. C. Tombs, presided, supported right and left by the Consecrating Officer and Principals of the Chapter. The usual toast list was gone through, this most successful gathering necessarily breaking up early, in consequence of so many having to leave by train. The impressive rendering of the consecration ceremony by Companion Ward, the splendid oration of Companion Lloyd, in which the principles of Royal Arch Masonry were beautifully expounded, the musical portion of the service, composed and accompanied by Companion Bambridge, on the mustel organ, and last but not least the excellent catering of Companion Barton, tended to make the consecration of the Chapter of Concord an event never to be forgotten by those who assisted in the same.—*Wiltshire Times*.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 124.

A CONVOCATION was held in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on the 2nd instant. The Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., was amongst those present. The election of Officers took place, as follows:—Companions J. Sewell Z., Logan H., the Rev J. Lawson J., Richardson S.E., Oliver S.N., Randall P.S., Dunn First A.S., Ford Second A.S., Donkin Treasurer, Grant Janitor. It was resolved to present to Companion Logan the Centenary Jewel, for the great interest he had taken in obtaining the Centenary Charter for the Chapter.

PHILANTHROPIC CHAPTER, No. 304.

AT the Convocation held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Wednesday, 1st instant, the three Principals for the ensuing year were duly installed, viz., Companions James Yates Z., Watson H., Flockton J.; and the following Officers were afterwards invested:—Companions Joze Rickards S.E., Blackburn S.N., Brownfoot P.S., Abbott and Middleton Assistant Sojourners, Mason Treasurer, and Barrand Janitor. The ceremony of installation was performed by Companion Mason.

DE GREY AND RIPON CHAPTER, No. 1366.

THE annual convocation took place at the Chapter-room, Hope Street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Comp. J. Keet M.E.Z., Tyson H., and Paul J., supported by Comps. Pittaway S.E., Chatham S.N., Jarman P.S., &c. Comp. A. D. Hesketh P.Z. afterwards took the principal chair, and very efficiently installed Comps. Tyson M.E.Z., Barclay H., Pittaway J. The following Officers were invested, viz.:—Comps. Rankin S.E., Chatham S.N., Jarman P.S., Fergusson A.S., Barclay A.S., Tunnicliffe, Lothian and Holmes Stewards, Larsen Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Comp. Hesketh, and a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Keet, for his conduct in the chair of first Principal.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Webb's, Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 30th ult. Bros. Round W.M., Grundy S.W., Bond J.W., Webb P.M. Preceptor, Vernon S.D., Langley J.D., Spooner I.G., Brooks Secretary, and Carter P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Vernon candidate. The W.M. proposed rehearsing the ceremony of passing. Bro. Spooner offered himself as a candidate, and was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Grundy was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed.

On Monday, the 6th instant, Bros. Grundy W.M., Radcliffe S.W., Bond J.W., Sapsworth Preceptor, Round S.D., Langley J.D., Deno I.G., and others. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Morley in both cases candidate. Bros. Avant 1216, Jolliffe 1426, and Morley 1891 were elected members. A vote of thanks was passed, and recorded on the minutes, to Brother Grundy for his rendering of the ceremonies, this being the first time he had occupied the chair in the Lodge. A letter was read from Brother Brooks announcing his resignation of the Secretaryship. This was accepted, with regret. Bro. Webb proposed that Bro. Grundy, who had been Secretary for nearly two years, should be asked to accept the office. Bro. Radcliffe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Obituary.

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BRO. THOMAS EUSTACE.

THE death of this brother, who was well known and respected at Colchester, is reported in the *Essex Standard*. He was a Past Master of the United Lodge, No. 697, a Founder and first W.M. of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977; and a P.M. of the Constantine Mark Lodge, No. 145. The remains of the deceased were interred at the Colchester Cemetery on Monday afternoon, amid every demonstration of respect. Several members of the board of Guardians were in attendance, and many of the deceased's fellow tradesmen and personal friends, while a very large contingent of the Masonic body, of which the deceased had long been an active member, formed a procession at the entrance to the Cemetery, and accompanied the body to the grave. This procession was rendered additionally striking by the presence of a number of military brethren in full uniform. The Freemasons present were:—United Lodge, 697: Bros. Hazell, Rix, Gosling, Bailey, Sparling, Harrington, Renshaw, Ford, Potton, Chambers, Capt. Penny, Capt. Brown, Alliston, Frost, Capt. McKenna, Grant, Downing, Eastwood, Heath, Coope, Critchley, Joseph Brown, Wade, Laws, and Ennew. Military Brethren: Bros. Master-Gunner Lawrence, Sergt. Woods, C.T.C., Sergt. Freeman, C.T.C., Sergt. Jackson, R.A., Sergt. Davis, R.A., Sergt.-Major McInnery, M.S.C., and Sergt. J. Mathews, M.S.C. Blackwater Lodge (of which deceased was a Founder and first W.M.): Bros. Shawyer, Ellis, Meade, Rudrum, Potter, Turner, Grout, Martin, Curtis, Drew. Angel Lodge, No. 51: Bros. Harrison, Ralling, and Becker. Visitor: Bro. Dallimore P.M. 309. The burial service was performed by the Rev. W. H. Wardell, Rector of St. Giles, assisted by the Revs. W. Morgan Jones and E. H. Crate, both of whom are P.M.'s of Lodge No. 697, and P.P.G. Chaplains.

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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, 11th FEBRUARY.

- 103—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)
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)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (Inst.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (Inst.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1567—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst.)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 3. (Inst.)
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
342—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
919—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1060—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Eury St. Edmunds
1611—Iboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Salvargate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Salbourn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford

R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

- 46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rook Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 9. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1611—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruction)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Pontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sakej, Greenhill Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Sarrey
165—O kenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1508—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1634—Browning, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Heane Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princess Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Copper Street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mire, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
110—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
171—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
199—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bartslett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
932—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
992—Burgoyne, Goose and Grafton, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
999—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1392—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cabbitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 3. (Instr.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1641—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1661—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st, S.W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltham-st., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 3. (Inst.)

- 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, London
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead,
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tanbridge Wells
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1871—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
 R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
 R.A. 298—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
 R.A. 137—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 163—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 9. (Instruc)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 155—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner o
 Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Green, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 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 9 (Inst)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1781—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury,
 at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashi e
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
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 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
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 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
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 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
 R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
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 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 R.A. 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 9. (In)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 3. (Inst.)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horas, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 3. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.,
 at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 3. (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)
 K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Filton
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, 1
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Puddleton
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hullersfield
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SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 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, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
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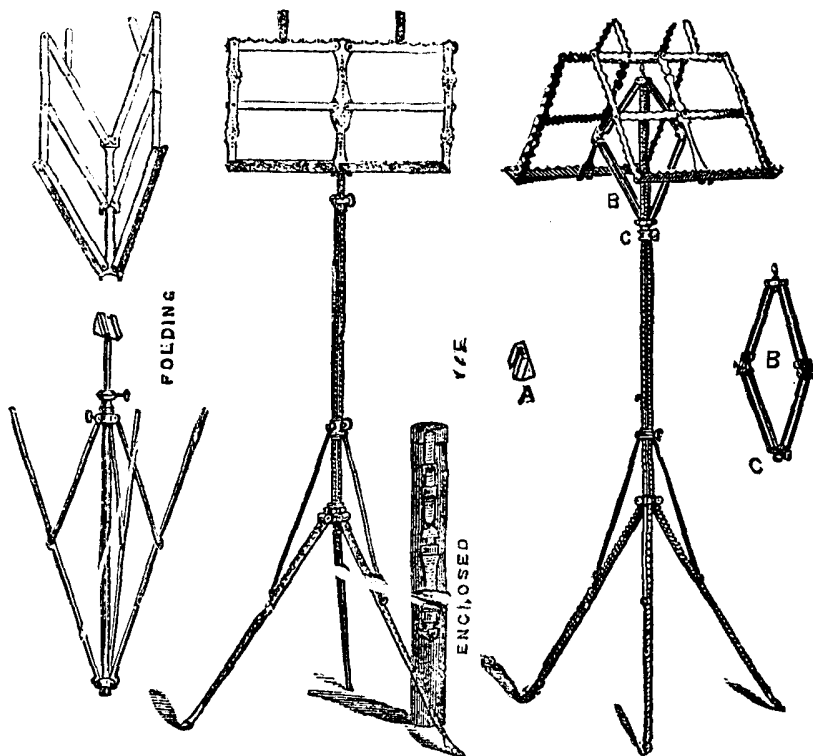
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