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ENTHUSIASM.

REVERTING to the subject briefly touched upon in our report of the Swan of Avon Lodge, last week, as to the success of one Lodge or district and the comparative failure of another, under apparently similar circumstances, we are led to a consideration of some of the conditions which may be regarded as inseparable from success and failure alike, although made manifest in a greater or lesser degree in different localities and by different means. Enthusiasm may be regarded in such a light, and it is a factor in connection with our Lodges regarding which much might be said, and to the influence of which it is impossible to ascribe too much. The one word, enthusiasm, covers a very wide field, and it has an almost infinite number of ways of showing itself. It is one of the most useful traits which can be introduced into a Lodge, and at the same time one of the most dangerous, for under its cloak the most absurd and wildest ideas may be promulgated, while some of the greatest wrongs known in the history of the world have been perpetrated by its votaries. We should not be far wrong were we to say that the over-enthusiastic Mason would stop at nothing in order to achieve his purpose, and it can therefore be imagined how dangerous a factor it may become in association with a man of weak principles, or with one easily led by others. Yet its absence from our midst would be unmistakable evidence of weakness, if it might not be regarded as the forerunner of actual decay.

No doubt much of the success or failure of a Lodge depends on the amount of enthusiasm existing among the members, although enthusiasm does not count for everything; much more depends on the particular ideas of the enthusiast, the desire of his fellow members to support or oppose his views, and the ability of the one section to adapt themselves to the opinions of the other. To a certain extent all Masons are enthusiasts, but it is only the few who make any display of their enthusiasm, or impress it on the minds of those around them. There is seldom an initiate but feels a certain amount of Masonic enthusiasm on the occasion of his admittance to the Craft, and that it is usually continuous is evidenced by the large majority of initiates who follow up their admission by advancement to the second and third degrees. From that point it becomes very difficult to gauge a Mason's enthusiasm, for a considerable number of brethren never take any prominent action in the Craft when once they have become qualified to don the badge of a Master Mason. Still, we may find some of the most enthusiastic of brethren among those who seem to do nothing; men who, having passed through the three degrees of the Craft, have profited by the lessons taught them, and who practise in their every-day life the principles of that peculiar system of morality, veiled in the allegory and illustrated by the symbols of the Craft. These men continue, year after year,

their membership of the Lodge which admitted them, and their attendance at its meetings may be relied on whenever it is needed. They make no particular display, but their steady and continuous support evinces the best of all enthusiasm—the devotion of a truly zealous brother.

In marked contrast to these quiet, steady enthusiasts, we may point to the initiate who takes a violent fancy to the Craft from the moment he is admitted to a participation in its mysteries. He enters most enthusiastically into all the details of the Order, takes a prominent part in everything connected with it, and in a few years becomes a grumbler at Freemasonry, abusing every one and every thing associated with it—really a disappointed man, sighing for fresh worlds to conquer, but forgetting that he has not yet made himself master of the first lessons taught by the ceremonies of Freemasonry. To show how swiftly such changes may occur we have only to call to mind some of the men and Lodges with whom we have made acquaintance since the first issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, just over thirteen years ago. Many of the most prominent Masonic stars of that period have long since become dimmed, while in not a few cases they are wholly forgotten, even by the men who worshipped them in their splendour, or were associated with their labours in the time of their enthusiasm. Even the Lodges with which they were associated, and which were to inaugurate new eras in the Craft, have either been forgotten or have quietly fallen into the same course as has been pursued by their less pretentious fellows.

It would, however, be very unwise to attempt to check or discourage enthusiasm, simply because a few misguided spirits overstep the bounds of reason, just as it would be to urge on every initiate the necessity of proving his enthusiasm by a display of some exceptional character. What is most needed is true enthusiasm, that which induces a Mason to take pleasure in the Craft, and to prove by his own actions the benefit of Masonic teaching. In a Lodge composed of such men every thing appears to jog along smoothly and satisfactorily, there is neither excess of zeal or a lack of it, the work of Masonry is carried out and the teachings of the Craft are impressed on all around by actual contact, and more is learned under such circumstances in a few months than could be acquired in a lifetime under opposite conditions. It is no doubt desirable that we should occasionally have an enthusiast in our midst, if only for the purpose of showing others what it is possible to accomplish, but in many cases time proves that the excess of zeal displayed left no lasting benefit, while in many cases it could be shown to have led to complications which sorely taxed the ability of others to surmount.

Enthusiasm, as we said at the outset, has many ways in which it shows itself; with some it assumes a craving for new Lodges, with others a desire to introduce candidates, while others again have a fancy for

accomplishing something outside the ordinary course. Each of these peculiarities may, and often do, result in lasting benefit to the Craft and mankind in general; it is only when an enthusiast is led away by his hobby, or has an insufficient check upon him to restrain him from going too far that mischief results. We are all inclined to think our own ideas and our own ways are the best, and it is well we should have others equally convinced that we are wrong, to argue with us as to our fallibility, and perhaps convince us of our errors. By this means a happy medium is arrived at, and the ideas of the many stand a chance of being carried out, or at least given an opportunity of being tried.

What we should then aim at is to create a lively interest in Freemasonry, and all associated with it, in the minds of every Brother we receive into our ranks. We should teach him to be constant in his efforts to advance the welfare of the Craft; not hot one day and cold the next, or enthusiastic beyond reason for a year or two, and worse than apathetic for the remainder of his life. Neither the one nor the other does so much good in the end as a steady perseverance in a well formed plan, or a hearty co-operation with the general body of the members of a Lodge, who in most cases may be accredited with the possession of more sound common sense than that enjoyed by the one or two hot-headed enthusiasts who seek to lead the majority into their particular scheme. If, however, a brother has the inclination to depart from the beaten tract, and attempt the fulfilment of some plan in which he is more than usually enthusiastic, let him bear in mind that Freemasonry is not a matter of to-day only, it is for all time, and for all sorts and conditions of men; any thing, therefore, which it is desired to accomplish should be of a cosmopolitan character, worthy of a trial on its individual merits, and not merely the mad brained scheme of an enthusiast.

At a recent meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, at the Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, the claims of a number of children for election to the foundation of the Charity were considered, and it was decided to recommend fourteen for election at the next Court of Governors, to be held in a month's time.

The published balance-sheet of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, of which Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D. Eng. P.P.S.G.W. is Treasurer, shows that at the date of the past report there was a balance of £1,316. Contributions from Lodges, Chapters, brethren, and ladies amounted to £840, and the entire expenses of the year were only £162. The balance at present standing to the credit of the Charity is £2,022.

This evening's meeting of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, which will be opened at 8 p.m. at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., promises to be of a very interesting character. Bro. Sadler, Grand Tyler, has undertaken to deliver a lecture there on the first Tracing Board. We fully anticipate a large gathering, and hope the meeting will prove successful.

The installation meeting of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, was held on Wednesday, when Bro. George Dickinson was installed as Worshipful Master. The proceedings were of a most interesting character. Our report is in type, but unfortunately stands over till next week in consequence of pressure on our space.

An unfortunate mistake occurred in our report of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, which appeared in our issue of the 4th inst. In the last line of the report the name of Mrs. Holman—who previously is recorded as having presented a handsome silk banner to the Lodge—was unfortunately repeated. The name of Mrs. Cummings should have been there inserted; this lady is the hostess of the White Hart Hotel, and to her should have been allotted the credit for providing the banquet.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have frequently heard it argued that there cannot be anything like Honorary Membership of a Lodge, and that where such a privilege is conferred it simply becomes an empty compliment, of no real value and carrying no actual privileges; but the events of the last week would almost incline me to an opposite opinion. There must be something in Honorary Membership, otherwise the Grand Master himself would hardly recognise it—and this he undoubtedly does, as is evidenced by the inscription on the gavel presented on Tuesday, to the Savage Club Lodge, by His Royal Highness. No doubt you will publish this inscription in full, so I need only extract a few words from it:—"Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order, and Honorary Member of the Lodge."

In face of this recognition I would ask for an official statement as to the privileges or otherwise of Honorary Members, as I believe the Craft is without such at the present time.

Yours, &c.,

EMERITUS.

9th February 1888.

CLASS MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks on this subject appear to have hit home, in one quarter at least, during the last few days, for I see by the report which appeared in the London daily papers of the installation meeting of the Savage Club Lodge, on Tuesday, that its Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir. J. R. Somers Vine, touched on the matter. He referred to the apparent inconsistency of founding a Masonic Lodge, limited to the members of a particular Club, and although he justified the "Class" tendency of his Lodge, I feel he inwardly thinks it is opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry.

I am personally acquainted with many of the "Savages" who are now members of the Lodge, and I feel no evil consequences will arise from their exclusiveness, but the principle is an erroneous one, and I certainly agree with you that it should be discouraged as far as possible. It is not that the few Lodges now warranted for "Class" purposes are likely to abuse the privileges of the Craft, so much as it is that abuses of "Class Masonry" may spring up which it will be found impossible to check without the adoption of the most severe measures.

If one of these "Class" Lodges brings discredit on Freemasonry the whole of them will get a bad name, and supposing it should become necessary to erase one of them how could the others be retained on the roll?

I am aware that many of the arguments used against "Class" Masonry do not apply to the Savage Club Lodge, as its meetings are of a semi-private character, but there again comes another nice point for our Masonic lawgivers to decide—is it legal to hold a Masonic meeting which is not open to every duly qualified member of the Order?

I am, yours, &c.,

O. P. N.

LODGE NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take some little interest in studying the why and wherefore surrounding our public Masonic practices, and among other matters devote a portion of my time to Lodge nomenclature. I see you have recently paid a visit to the Swan-of-Avon Lodge, at Stratford-on-Avon, and perhaps you can satisfy my curiosity as to the why and wherefore of its name. I can well understand the reason for the title borne by the old Stratford-on-Avon Lodge (the Bard of Avon), and no doubt there is an equally good reason for the "Swan," but I am at present ignorant of it, and therefore hope you will be able to enlighten me.

Yours, &c.

STUDENT.

["Swan of Avon" is but another name applied to the immortal bard. It occurs in some lines to the memory of Shakespeare, written by Ben Jonson.—Ed. F.C.]

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "I.G." need hardly have told us, in the letter you published last week, that he was young—that is to be inferred from his communication, which stamps him as a self-opiniated young man, wanting in respect to his seniors and those who, perhaps after years of hard work, have earned distinction in the service of their country. Surely men who have risen to rank in the army, navy, or elsewhere, are fully entitled to their titles, wherever they may go, whether it be within a Masons' Lodge

or elsewhere, and I feel sure the views expressed by "I.G." will, if he continues to act up to them, lead him to no good. As a Mason he should respect the laws of his country, and they authorise the titles which he desires to ignore. I think that common sense and common courtesy should teach him to do as he says his elders desire, then he will not do much wrong.

Yours, &c.

ETIQUETTE.

DIBDIN'S GRAVE.

AS touching upon a subject dear to the heart of many a Mason, and one which has already been referred to in our Lodges, notably by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, at the installation banquet of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, we extract the following from a Provincial contemporary:—Learning that St. Martin's burial-ground, in Pratt Street, Camden Town, after lying waste for many years, is to be opened as a recreation ground, Mr. W. Bell Freeman calls attention to the fact that in that place lie the remains of one who did so much by his songs to help to win our splendid naval victories, and no make our Navy popular—Charles Dibdin. Mr. Freeman says:—The last time I (in the company of a friend) saw his tomb it was smothered with brick-bats, &c.; still we managed to decipher the name "Charles Dibdin, &c., died 1814," and those grand lines in "Tom Bowling"—

"His form was of the manliest beauty,
His heart was kind and soft;
Faithful below he did his duty,
And now he's gone aloft."

Poor Dibdin had a hard time of it, I believe, the latter end of his life, the pension he received having been withdrawn on account of his political opinions. Now, cannot something be done to raise a fitting monument to this true patriot, whose songs will always go straight to the heart of every Englishman? Personally I think Westminster Abbey a fit resting-place for his ashes; failing that, cannot a small (say sixpenny) subscription be raised (so that many can contribute) to achieve this object and make some amends for past neglect? Tom Hood truly sings:—

"Evil is wrought by want of thought
As well as want of heart."

Surely hitherto it has been an evil to have neglected grand old Dibdin, brought about solely by want of thought, let us trust, not want of gratitude. Might I suggest that Lord Charles Beresford should do his best towards the furtherance of this object? His proved bravery and well-known warm heartedness, combined with his popularity, points to him as the right man to start this movement."

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

ANTIENT YORK CHAPTER OF REDEMPTION, No. 61.

ON Thursday, 2nd inst., a meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hall, when there were present Ill. Bros. Edward Kipps 30° M.W. Sov., H. E. Cousans 32° Prelate, Major J. W. Woodall 32° acting 1st General, Colonel R. G. Smith 31° acting 2nd General, M. C. Peck 30° Treasurer, Walter Reynolds 32° Recorder, Ex. and Per. Brothers J. R. Ansdell Grand Marshal, M. P. Hockney Captain of the Guard, Thomas Oates Organist, Bro. William Clayton Outer Guard, Very Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33° P.G. Sword Bearer England Prov. Prior K.T. Northumberland Inspector-General North-Eastern District, Ill. Bro. F. A. Hopwood 30°, Ex. and Per. Bros. T. M. Wilkinson, Thos. Thompson, Captain E. J. Gosset (15th Regiment), S. W. Fisher, G. M. Lowe, M.D. Visitors—Ill. Bro. John Gordon 30° Lothian Chapter, Edinburgh, Ex. and Per. Bro. Herbert H. Jekyll Albert Edward Chapter, King's Lynn. The Chapter having been opened, the minutes of last Chapter were read and confirmed. The balance sheet for last year was adopted; the statement showed the Chapter to be in a very flourishing condition—after donations of ten guineas to each of the Masonic Charities there was a good balance to the credit of the funds. The business was the installation of the M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year. Very Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, in a very able and impressive manner, installed Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousans (Sheriff of Lincoln) M.W. Sov., who appointed his Officers, as follow:—Ex. and Per. Bros. Whiteside Prelate, Lieut.-Colonel Pudsey 1st General, Ansdell 2nd General, Ill. Bros. Peck Treasurer, Walter Reynolds Recorder, Ex. and Per. Bros. M. P. Hockney Grand Marshal, Fisher Raphael, Coysh Captain of the Guard, Thomas Oates Organist, Clayton Outer Guard. Ill. Bro. Colonel R. G. Smith gave notice that at the next Chapter he should propose that the sum of ten guineas be given out of the funds of the Chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Chapter was then closed in due form.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As spring approaches a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters forbad by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fulness after eating, lassitude, gout and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE quarterly meeting was held at Colchester, on Thursday evening, 9th February. The M.E.Z., Ex. Companion R. Clowes, presided, supported by his Officers, and a large attendance of members, while several visitors were present. During the evening the jewel of I.P.Z. was presented to Companion J. C. Turner P.P.G.O. The M.E.Z., in making the presentation, spoke of the services Companion Turner had rendered to the Chapter ever since he had been connected with it, but especially during the time he had been passing through the chairs. It must be gratifying to Companion Turner to know that the jewel he had the pleasure to pin to his breast had been accorded to him by the unanimous wish of the Companions and by their subscriptions; he (the M.E.Z.) trusted he would live many years to wear it and also to help forward Royal Arch Masonry in the Patriotic Chapter. Companion Turner suitably acknowledged the presentation. He said he honestly felt that the Companions had valued too highly any little services he might have rendered to the Chapter. He had considered it to be only his duty whilst in office to carry out the working of the Chapter to the very best of his ability, and it could not but be most gratifying to his feelings that the Companions had subscribed for and given to him this very handsome jewel. There was to his mind no Masonic ceremony so grand and beautiful as the Royal Arch, and no brother could fully understand the extent of Masonic teaching until he had become a member of the supreme degree. He assured them that he should always be proud of this handsome jewel; whenever he looked upon it he should be reminded of the kindness and good feeling that had been shown towards him by the members of the Chapter; and when the time came that he should be called away, his family would value the jewel as much as he did himself. The jewel, which is of gold, bears the following inscription:—

"Presented to Ex. Comp. John J. C. Turner I.P.Z. 51 P.P.G. Org. Essex, by the Companions of the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, as a token of esteem, on the completion of his year of office as Z.—Colchester, 9th Feb. 1888."

VIGILANCE CHAPTER, No. 111.

ON Tuesday, 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Darlington, Comps. S. F. Bousfield was installed as M.E.Z., Wilson H., Barron J., Hill-Drury S.E.; Watson S.N. The retiring Principals officiated, and admirably carried out the ceremonies of the occasion. Afterwards the annual dinner was held.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

THE annual general meeting of the members of the Masonic Hall Committee was recently held at headquarters in Hope Street, under the presidency of Bro. T. H. W. Walker chairman of committee. The financial statement of Bro. M. Hart, Hon. Treasurer, showed that during the past year £491 10s had been received as rent from Lodges, £106 from Chapters, £158 12s from occasional meetings, the total income from all sources being £1147. After all payments had been made, there remained a cash balance in hand at the close of the year of £302. After the statement of accounts had been passed, votes of thanks were given to the Chairman and his Honorary Officers for their services. Bro. Robert Foote was unanimously elected Chairman, Bro. A. D. Hesketh Vice-Chairman, Bro. J. T. Tyson Treasurer, J. T. Callow Secretary, re-elected, and the following were chosen members of Committee—Bros. Walker, Molloy, Hart, Martin, Salter, Pemberton, G. Morgan, Cotter, Broadbridge, Soldat, Mackenzie, H. H. Smith, D. Jackson, C. Morgan, G. Williams, Jarman, D. S. Davies, Bailey, Hallwood, Obersby, and I. Turner.

REVIEWS.

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

The Dramatic and Musical Directory of the United Kingdom, 1888. London: C. H. Fox, 19 Russell-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

THE fifth annual edition of this most handy and useful book is now before us, and from a careful perusal of its contents we may say that great pains has been bestowed on the work. Every available information that is of any value to the theatrical profession is to be found therein; the names of all the towns in the United Kingdom are given, with each place of amusement, the population, market days, distance from the principal London railway stations, fares, list of newspapers, and where lodgings may be had. For such a collection of information the author may justly say that his book is "an essential to every actor's travelling bag." Then there is a list of names and addresses of a vast number of actors and actresses, vocalists, acting managers, agents of all kinds, authors, composers, teachers of dancing and elocution, entertainers, musical directors and composers, music hall artists, and scenic artists, which, of course, proves of great value. In short, every kind of information has been provided by the compiler, who is to be congratulated on his improvements in the 1888 edition. At the end of the work is to be found a price list of all necessaries required in the way of "making-up," wigs, &c. There is also a short article on advice to amateurs, which they will do well to read.

DEAF 132 page book on DEAFNESS, Noises in the Head. How relieved. Price 3d. Address, Dr. Nicholson, 15 Camden Park Road, London, N.W.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick Trotman Bennett, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Alexander Dickson S.W. (W.M. elect), Henry Lindfield J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, William Radcliffe P.M. Sec., Alfred Withers P.M. D.C., T. H. Lavers P.M., John Laver P.M., T. H. Peirce P.M., F. J. Hentsch P.M., John Waters P.M., W. W. Morgan P.M., G. C. Challen I.G., P. J. Burr Steward, and the following visitors:—J.W. Hanson 2182, W. G. Jennings 1580, G. King P.M. 172, E. H. Taylor P.M. 586, H. W. Roberts P.P.G.W. Middlesex, W. Williams 2005, J. A. Collings Org. 1950, C. Everett 1507, J. Sadler Wood P.M. 2005, Fred. Binckes P.M. P.G.S.B., J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, 2128, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, &c. The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Dickson was regularly installed as Master of the Lodge. The Officers were then appointed, and the addresses delivered, the collars being distributed as follows:—Bros. Bennett I.P.M., Lindfield S.W., H. Nash J.W., Green P.M. Treasurer, Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, P. J. King S.D., Capt. Challen J.D., Orton Cooper I.G., Withers P.M. D.C., Burr Steward, J. T. Harrison Org., and Banks Tyler. The first duty which devolved on the new W.M. was, he said, a most pleasurable one; it was the presentation to his predecessor of a Past Master's jewel. He hoped Bro. Bennett would accept it as a memento of the happy hours spent in the Lodge during the past year, and that whenever he or any of the members looked on it they would be reminded of a most successful and satisfactory year in the history of the St. Michael's Lodge. Bro. Bennett having briefly acknowledged the presentation, the report of the Audit Committee was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Committee for the general purposes of the Lodge was next appointed, and then report was made in reference to the action of a Committee appointed to consider an appeal made to the Lodge at its last meeting, from which it appeared that a sum of ten pounds had been expended in the cause of charity, to relieve the applicant's more pressing needs. Other items of business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet, at the conclusion of which the customary toasts were given by the Worshipful Master. The first he had the pleasure of submitting, in common with all newly appointed Masters, was that of the Queen and the Craft. Her Majesty was enthroned, not only in the State, but in the hearts of her subjects, who wished for her a continued reign of prosperity. He ventured to think it a very happy idea which associated the toast of the Queen with that of the Craft, and that an Institution existing as Freemasonry did for the practice of every social virtue should be associated with a woman whose reign had seen the elevation of public morals and the promotion of the general happiness and prosperity of the people. It was a fact worthy of notice that the Queen had not only preached, but had practised virtue, and had set a bright example to those around her. The Masonic Craft, which had so widely spread its influence during her reign had contributed much to the generous and charitable bearing which had characterised the life of her Majesty's citizens during the last and present generations. In submitting the second toast, that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. said his Royal Highness had rendered most important service to the State as heir apparent, services which were so much appreciated and so widely known as to render it unnecessary to dwell upon them there. Great as had been those services, he felt that a reference to the services rendered by the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Freemasonry would bring a heartier welcome from those around him. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master; and the Grand Officers present and past was next given, the Worshipful Master referring to the pleasure it afforded him to have a Grand Officer present, in the person of Bro. Binckes, who had been good enough, he said, to visit the St. Michael's Lodge after having been present at another notable meeting in the Craft. He felt the members of the St. Michael's Lodge had reason to be proud of this visit, after the fatigue of that other meeting. Brother Binckes replied. The brethren had no idea with what pleasure he rose to respond to the toast, were it not that he must be thoroughly suffused with the feeling that he had imposed on the Lodge a most unwarrantable intrusion. It was quite true the hearty welcome accorded him had softened down the diffidence he had felt, yet he hardly knew how sufficiently to thank them. It was quite a pleasure, after leaving the other meeting of which the Worshipful Master had spoken, and where he was but one of a crowd of Grand Officers, a veritable minnow among the tritons, to have the honour of being singled out as the only one eligible to respond to this toast, the first part of which he felt not the slightest difficulty in acknowledging, inasmuch as the two noblemen referred to discharged the duties of their respective offices in a manner which could not be excelled. In regard to the Grand Officers present and past, they had been appointed under the prerogative of the Grand Master, who could not err, and whilst there were, no doubt, some who felt they could perform the work much better than it had been done, the Craft on the whole must be satisfied with its principal Officers. The duties and responsibilities of the Grand Officers were nothing more nor less than to carry out the desires of the rank and file of Freemasonry—first, the promotion of human happiness; and next, the mitigation of human distress. Personally he was a comparatively untried man, but he assured his hearers that the honour conferred on him by the Grand Master had not made any difference in what he had ever been—a champion of the best interests of the Order, and of those below the dais, from whom he had always received the strongest support. Whenever anything was proposed to advance the interests of the general body of the Craft they might rely on him, as he had ever been, as a strong supporter. In conclusion, he could but impress upon them that the highest duty which devolved upon them was to be happy themselves, and do all they possibly could to communicate happiness to others. Bro. Bennett

I.P.M. gave the next toast. It was a very pleasant task, and yet it was with somewhat mingled feelings he assumed the gavel. He asked them to honour his successor in the chair of their Lodge. Bro. Dickson was well known to them, and might best be described, as he had been in Lodge, as of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation among his brothers and fellows. The Worshipful Master, in reply, was exceedingly obliged for the reception accorded to the toast. He freely acknowledged he that night felt most important duties had been entrusted to him, and he should be considerably relieved if he heard, twelve months hence, that he had detracted nothing from the honour and reputation of the St. Michael's Lodge. He felt sure the Past Masters and Officers would co-operate with him in seeing the ceremonies properly rendered under his presidency. The next toast was that of the Visitors. They were that night favoured with the attendance of several. He hoped it was not necessary for him to say how pleased the Lodge was to have guests, he hoped they had so enjoyed themselves as to be already sure of it. It would perhaps delay the proceedings too much if he went round the table and personally greeted each one, but he hoped they would all accept his assurance that they were sincerely welcomed. Bro. Dr. Roberts was the first to reply. He considered it a great honour to be called upon. It was evident to him that guests were made a great fuss of in the St. Michael's Lodge. In the earlier part of the evening they had enjoyed a most intellectual treat, and there they had been met in the most hearty manner possible. The Visitors had seen what the Officers were capable of; they could judge of the Master's ability, and were convinced the members would, one and all, strive to emulate his example. Bro. Williams followed. He considered it a great thing to carry into the world a feeling of happiness. In Masonry they were assuredly happy, but he questioned if they all showed the same principles outside of it; this was not acting up to their teaching. He remembered reading from an old book that Freemasonry enjoyed many privileges in Italy, because its happiness was carried outside the Lodges, as well as being practised within. Bro. Cumberland said he had hoped to have been present at the installation of his old friend Bro. Morgan, now one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, but it was not to be. He was very pleased to be then present. He believed he was on the list of members of the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, which he remembered visiting when it was under the presidency of another of their Past Masters—Bro. Withers—who he was glad to see once again. The pleasure he found in being associated with the Lodges of Freemasonry was that he there made friendships which it would be impossible to make without association with the Craft, and he believed that in visiting they learned more and more of each other, really the inner working of a man's life. There was always something to be gained, for no man was so great or so learned but that he could profit by association with his fellows. He was sorry he had not been present earlier than he had, as he should have liked to have witnessed the installation, which he considered the culminating point of Freemasonry. He had been reminded by the song they had just heard of a matter in which he was taking some interest; there was at present a movement on foot to do something to provide a suitable monument to the memory of Dibdin, whose songs had done so much to please them. He took a personal interest in the matter from the fact that it was generally understood that Tom Bowling was a ferryman at York, who worked his Craft from York to Hull. He should be truly glad to receive any little help, to commemorate the memory of a man who had afforded him so much pleasure, and who had written so much for the Navy of England and the brave men who had served their country on the seas. Bro. King, as a frequent visitor, was proud to acknowledge the reception accorded him that night. He was always ready to do anything in his power for the Lodge, and was happy he had been able to render them some little aid that evening. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was sure of a hearty reception, it being that of the Installing Master. In proposing his health he had in mind the great services Bro. Bennett had rendered during his year of office. The St. Michael's Lodge could not wish to have the duties of the chair better performed than they had been during the past year by Bro. Bennett, and they had seen that night the way in which he had completed his duties by installing his successor. He could only hope that if a similar honour fell to his lot he might be able to carry it out with equal perfection. Bro. Bennett tendered his thanks. He knew it was no false enthusiasm which prompted them to receive the toast as they had just done. It used to be the cry—the King is dead, long live the King. The King of the Lodge for the past year was dead, but he lived again in his present ruler. He as their Master was dead, but he had, so to speak, risen again as a Past Master, wearing the jewel they had so graciously voted him. Though he was now relegated to the senate he was still ready to take a prominent part in the forum, should it be needed. The Past Masters of the Lodge were next honoured, the Worshipful Master being sure the members would heartily respond to the toast, in remembrance of what those comprised in it had done for the Lodge. Without them the Lodge could not have attained its present position. The toast having been acknowledged, that of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. Bro. Green, the Treasurer, felt that as he had an opportunity of saying something every time they met they did not desire to hear much from him then. He sincerely hoped the Lodge would go on prospering in the future as it had done in the past. Bro. Radcliffe, Secretary, said he need hardly tell the members he was wrapped up, heart and soul, in the St. Michael's Lodge. As long as he had health and strength it would be his endeavour to promote the interests of its members. The past year had been a red letter year in the history of the Lodge—they had had thirteen meetings. This had involved a vast amount of work on the Secretary, but it had been undertaken most cheerfully, as a labour of love. He assured the Master that during his year of office, as well as at any time he had the honour of acting as Secretary, he should do all he could for the Lodge. He had visited many Lodges, but nowhere was the work done with greater desire for the welfare of Free-

masonry than in St. Michael's. There was another point—they were not unmindful of the Charities. This year their Immediate Past Master would represent them as a Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and no doubt he would be well supported on that occasion. In proposing the Officers the Worshipful Master said the fame of a Lodge depended, not only on the Master, but on the Officers also. With the Officers he had that day appointed he felt the prestige of the Lodge would be maintained. The Senior Warden trusted the Officers would render the Master that support he deserved, and that in due course they might rise to a similar high position. Each of the other Officers acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Tyler, this bringing the proceedings to a conclusion. A capital programme of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Horscroft, who was assisted by Bros. Taylor, Hanson and Collings, while Bro. Jno. Harrison, the Organist of the Lodge, presided at the piano.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 70.

At a meeting held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the 7th inst., Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G. Chap., presented to the Lodge, in a handsome Masonic frame, an artist's proof of the Installation Picture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., as M.W.G.M., at the Royal Albert Hall, London, 28th April 1875, the same as he gave to Sincerity Lodge, about ten months ago, the panel bearing the inscription:—

"Presented to Lodge St. John, No. 70, by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain No. 189 (70, 1205, and 2025 Honorary), P.P.G.C. of Devon; 7th February 1888."

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 107.

The installation of Bro George Witt as W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Monday, the 5th inst., at King's Lynn, the ceremony being performed by Bros. G. Woodwork and C. T. Ives, Past Masters of the Lodge. Later in the day the brethren sat down to a banquet, served by Bro. Marshall, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, these proceedings being diversified with music, by Bros. Alvis, Alison, Crosse, Reed, &c.

HARMONY AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 381.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., the members and visitors held a meeting in their rooms, Bank Buildings, Darwen, for the installation of W.M. and the investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year. The attendance was very good, and included visiting brethren from Blackburn, Bolton, Manchester, Church, and Lancaster Lodges. The Lodge having been duly opened by Bro. C. H. Woods, the retiring W.M., the installation of Bro. Peter Lowe was proceeded with, the ceremony being performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Franklin Thomas. The following Officers were then invested by Bro. J. Wardley, who did his work remarkably well:—Bros. Aspdon S.W., Shorrocks J.W., Woods Treasurer, Wraith Secretary, Shorrocks S.D., Eccles J.D., Duckworth Organist, Shorrocks I.G., Heald and Stubbs Stewards, and Rawlinson Tyler. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren, to the number of about 60, dined in celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. Mrs. Halliwell catered on the occasion, and her services gave the highest satisfaction. After the repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and were interspersed with appropriate songs, rendered by Bros. Wardley, Shuttleworth, Duckworth, and Shorrocks.

ROYAL LODGE, No. 648.

The installation of the Worshipful Master took place on Monday afternoon, the 13th inst., the honour this year devolving upon Bro. E. Harland. The Worshipful Master appointed the following Officers:—Meek I.P.M., Dobson Treasurer, Budd Secretary, Williamson Dir. of Cers., Fowler Chaplain, Rowe S.W., Robson J.W., Malvin S.D., Barrett J.D., Delderfield I.G., Cholmley and Lott Stewards, Jefferson Tyler. The usual banquet followed, at the Crescent Hotel.

SQUARE AND COMPASS LODGE, No. 1336.

The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Public Hall, Wrexham, when Bro. Thomas J. E. Young was inducted as W.M. for the ensuing year, the duties of Installing Master being most efficiently and impressively performed by Brother J. A. Harris, the retiring Master. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Harris I.P.M., Rowbotham S.W., Cathrall J.W., Benson P.M. Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Hon. G. T. Kenyon, M.P., S.D., Done J.D., Bevan I.G., Edisbury Organist, Barton and Pierce Stewards, and Lee Tyler. The W.M. presented to his predecessor a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, which had been spontaneously subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge, as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which he had filled the chair during his year of office. The jewel was supplied by Bro. D. D. Pierce, and bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the brethren of Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, to Bro. J. A. Harris W.M. 1887."

About 70 brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, at the Wynnstay Arms, served in the best style of this well-known hostelry. The catering gave the highest satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., W.M. 1124, the Hon. G. T. Kenyon, and other brethren. The toasts of the Queen and the Grand Officers were proposed in felicitous terms from the chair, that of the P.G. Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Edisbury. The Visiting Brethren was given by Bro. Samuels, and responded to by Bros. T. Bury and E. Salmon. The W.M. was happily given by Bro. Rowbotham, and the Installing

and P.M.'s by the W.M., and in the regrettable absence of Brother Harris the toast was acknowledged by Bros. Evans and J. Lewis. The Officers of the Lodge came from the chair, and was replied to by Bros. Rowbotham and the Hon. G. T. Kenyon. The Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. J. Oswald Bury, and responded to by Bro. C. K. Benson. The health of the brethren of the Lodge was given by Bro. Evan Morris, and acknowledged by Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn and the Hon. G. T. Kenyon. The speeches were interspersed with harmony. Great credit is due to Bro. Barton for the excellent arrangement of glees, given by members of St. Mark's Choir. Bros. Harris and Cathrall were prevented from attending the banquet, owing to recent domestic affliction.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1380.

The above Lodge celebrated its anniversary on Monday, 6th inst., in Lathom Hall, Seaforth, when Bro. W. H. Edwardes was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. The Lodge was consecrated 16 years ago, by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, then Lord Skelmersdale, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. His Lordship, after whom the Lodge was called, became one of its first members, and from that time up to the present No. 1380 has pursued a career of much usefulness in the Province. The Lodge was opened by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Peter Blackburn. Preliminary business having been disposed of, the W. M. elect, Bro. Edwardes, was presented for installation by Bros. Geo. Broadbridge and R. A. Davies, and the task was efficiently performed by Bro. Blackburn. Subsequently the new W.M. invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Peter Blackburn I.P.M., Gregson S.W., Sword J.W., Ford Treasurer (re-elected), Christie Secretary, Langley S.D., Roberts J.D., Watts I.G., Lewis S.S., Darby J.S., Eastwood Organist (re-elected), Broadbridge D.C. and Ball Tyler (re-elected). Before the closing of the Lodge, Bro. Edwardes W.M. presented his predecessor, Bro. Blackburn, with a chaste P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The brethren afterwards partook of dinner.

ARKWRIGHT LODGE, No. 1495.

A VERY successful and well-attended soirée was held at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath, on Thursday, 9th inst. A strong muster of brethren from Derby and other places attended, accompanied by their wives and lady friends, and about eighty ladies and gentlemen participated in the evening's enjoyment. The proceedings commenced by the brethren holding a Lodge, after which the ladies and gentlemen witnessed a very enjoyable and amusing entertainment, entitled "Cut off with a shilling," in which the characters were taken by Miss Sladen, Mr. Sladen, Mr. H. Clay, and Mr. Statham, all of Matlock. The play afforded the greatest possible pleasure, and was highly successful. A move was then made for supper, which was splendidly laid out and served. The usual Loyal, Masonic and Patriotic toasts having been appropriately proposed and honoured, the visitors returned to the splendid ball-room, where a programme of dances, songs, &c., was gone through.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

The members held a meeting at their Hall, Thornton Heath, on the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.P.G.S.D. W.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., J. Kilvington J.W., Wm. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W. (Northumberland) P.M. Treasurer, Geo. S. Horsnail Secretary, Dr. R. G. Fleming J.D., C. Tarry Steward, J. Clarke I.G., and W. Lane Tyler; W. H. Ransom I.P.M., H. Baker P.M., F. C. Pascall P.M., J. Buckley, J. J. Stockwell, B. E. Greenfield, F. Healey, W. Turpin, H. Sherry, W. Mason, J. S. Mortimer, L. P. Gordon, T. Chamberlain, E. C. Symmons, Jas. Clarke, J. Gaggin, P. Budd, W. R. Griffin, W. Best, A. Wilmot, W. Horton, J. Davies. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.S.B. Surrey 1892, J. D. Langton P.P.G.J.W. Surrey P.M. 2096, Gordon Smith W.M. 2041 J.W. 14, F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey 2096, W. Pile P.P.G.S.B. Surrey P.M. 1892, W. Burn I.G. 858, A. T. Findlas 879, and C. Cooke I.G. 1851. After the W.M. had disposed of the usual toasts, of the Queen, &c., the I.P.M. Bro. Ransom proposed the W.M.'s health; he considered it an honour, for he had personally witnessed the very great interest which Bro. Hobbs displayed in the Old England as in other Lodges in Surrey, and in the progress of Freemasonry generally. The W.M. was a hard worker, and one determined to secure efficiency in details. Personally he had to thank the W.M. for assistance and guidance in the position he himself had recently occupied. The toast was heartily accepted. Bro. Hobbs thanked Bro. Ransom and the brethren most sincerely for the way the toast had been received. The duties discharged by him involved considerable pleasure, and he concluded they had been discharged to the satisfaction of the Lodge from the kind feelings expressed on this occasion. His own opinion in this respect was strengthened from the fact that they had presented him that evening with a Jubilee jewel; this he had accepted as a twofold distinction—as a memento of the past historical year and as a mark of respect from each brother of Old England Lodge. He had derived much support from the I.P.M., P.M.'s, and Officers, all of whom had fulfilled their respective duties efficiently and thoroughly. With the toast of the Visitors was associated the names of Bros. Langton, Cambridge, Baldwin, and Gordon Smith. Brother Langton said he had been, and was, suffering from illness. He felt pleased at seeing so many visitors holding high position in the Craft present. After the other visitors named had responded, the W.M. proposed Bro. Ransom's health, and the I.P.M. thanked him for the kind words he had uttered. To the W.M. he was greatly indebted for assistance and encouragement in the progress he had made in Freemasonry. Speaking of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said in regard to their Treasurer Bro. Foulsham, he was unable to add to what they already knew of his great abilities and knowledge in Freemasonry. Like himself, they held Bro. Foulsham in high esteem

and respect; he was ever ready to help forward the success of the Lodge and assist those below the chair. With regard to their Secretary Bro. Horsnail, he had most satisfactorily discharged his duties; he was the best Secretary the Lodge had had, and they hoped to be able to retain his services. Bro. Foulsham said he had never experienced coldness in Freemasonry. During forty years his health had been similarly drunk many hundred times. When he reflected on the past forty years and what had been done by Freemasonry, he could not help feeling grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe for sparing his life so long, to enable him to bestow time, attention, and heart to so good a cause. He had found, and he said it frankly, that Freemasons ought to be, better than other men; if we, however, occasionally find one not up to normal standard that is from the neglect of those high and grand principles taught by it. Brother Horsnail also acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Ridpath, replying for the Officers, testified to the universal satisfaction experienced by the Officers of Old England Lodge in having a W.M. such as they possessed; a better example could not be secured for them to follow. At intervals during the evening Bros. Kilvington, Budd, and others sang several well-selected songs; they were heartily applauded. Bro. Tarry provided the refreshments, which as usual were of excellent quality.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

IN consequence, perhaps, of the remarks which have from time to time been made in our pages on the subject of Class Masonry, we have been asked, on more than one occasion during the past week, whether we consider the Drury Lane as coming under the definition of a "class" Lodge? Undoubtedly we do, but it represents such a very wide class, and its membership has been conferred over so extended a circle, that it is almost entitled to be regarded as an "open" Lodge. The fact, however, remains—there are restrictions which bar its entrance against candidates at large, and so we must regard it as emphatically "class" in its essential characteristics. Still, if its membership is inclined to be exclusive, it is certain those on its visiting list are not so, for representatives of all ranks and professions are invariably to be found ranged amongst its guests. This was amply demonstrated on the occasion of its third installation meeting, which took place on Tuesday, in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre. On that occasion it was quaintly remarked that every one who was any one was present, and so it appeared when we looked around and beheld the assembly of Masons gathered together to do honour to the events of the day.

The proceedings commenced at three p.m., when Lodge was opened by Bro. Augustus Harris. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Bros. Thomas Fenn and Robert Gray occupying the S.W. and J.W. chairs respectively. The Grand Officers now entered, and they were saluted. The report, which was next presented, showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of nearly £200. On the motion of Bro. Parkinson it was unanimously adopted. Bro. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., was then presented by Brother Augustus Harris, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was impressively installed into the chair as W.M. by Bro. Parkinson.

The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., S.W., James Fernandez J.W., J. S. Fleming Treasurer, A. M. Broadley P.M. P.D.D.G.M. Malta Secretary, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Chaplain, S. B. Baucroft S.D., Harry Nicholls J.D., Thos. Catling I.G., W. A. Baskcomb Dir. of Cers., G. F. Bashford and Oscar Barrett Stewards, Alfred Caldicott, Mus. Bac., Organist, R. Goddard Tyler.

Bro. Parkinson impressively delivered the usual addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren. The following brethren were proposed as joining members of the Lodge:—

Bros. Ashmead Bartlett, M.P., Phil Morris, A.R.A., F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., Major A. B. Cook P.A.G.D.C., and Charles Harris. The Hon. Cecil Bingham was also proposed as a candidate for initiation.

The Secretary said the next business was to present the P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Augustus Harris; there was no member who had done more to enhance the prosperity of the Lodge, or for the success of the present gathering than their distinguished I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master said: I have much pleasure in presenting you, Bro. Augustus Harris, with the Past Master's jewel. We are greatly indebted to you for your kindness and support, which has enabled the Lodge to become that which it is. I hope during my year to have your advice, for then my term of office will be as prosperous as your own. The I.P.M., in reply, said: I have to thank you very sincerely for this mark of your appreciation. I have also to thank you for the great kindness you have shown in supporting this Lodge, for had it not been for your assistance I could have done very little. I again thank you very much for your kindness.

Bro. Henry Neville P.M. said: I have, as our good Secretary has just stated, the honour and pleasure to present a banner bearing the names of the W.M.'s, past and present, of the Lodge. It is at all times a source of great pleasure to do anything for that which we esteem and honour, and all the brethren will acknowledge that the progress of this Lodge has been such as to win the admiration and regard of every brother within and without the Lodge. I therefore feel it a pleasure that I have the honour of presenting this trifle. Names may be soon forgotten as years roll by, and beloved members may cease to be remembered; but I trust this trifle may not only be a record of names of those who have rendered noble services to the Lodge, but will also inspire those who aspire to the chair with a love for Masonry and a desire to emulate the example of their predecessors. The Worshipful Master, in the name of the Lodge, thanked Bro. Henry Neville for his kindly gift, and trusted it would fulfil the wishes of the donor. He was assured that the members of the Lodge would receive it with thanks, and would highly appreciate it.

Bro. Harris then presented a banner, bearing the names of the Founders of the Lodge, and remarked that if the brethren would

accept it from him he should esteem it a favour. The Worshipful Master said: I am quite sure the whole Lodge will join me in thanking Bro. Harris for the banner. It will be pleasant for the Founders and for those who have joined the Lodge since its foundation to have a memorial always before them recalling that occasion. I am speaking the unanimous sentiments of all the brethren when I say we sincerely thank Brother Harris for his gift.

A telegram was then read from Bro. H. Lawson, expressing his regret that the business of the Royal Commission on Civil Establishments would prevent his attendance. Brother Broadley said he was personally sorry that Bro. Lawson could not be present, as that brother intended asking the Lodge to grant a small sum from its funds towards the Festival over which he would preside the next day, on behalf of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund. He (the Secretary) would feel gratified if the Lodge would vote a sum in favour of that Festival, and for which he was a Steward. On the motion of the I.P.M., the sum of £10 was unanimously voted for this purpose. This completed the business, and Lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was admirably served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, at the Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Madell. On rising the Worshipful Master said: Before I propose the first toast I have to make two announcements. The first is that the toasts are to be drunk without Masonic honours, and the second is that as numerous brethren have to leave in order to fulfil important engagements with the public, the speeches will be extremely short. The first toast has been given in the form in which it is now proposed for more than half a century, and we hope it will be drunk in the same form for many years to come. It needs no words of mine in this assembly of Freemasons to introduce it. I will therefore give you without further preface, the Queen and the Craft.

The next toast was the health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The W.M. said: The Craft is fortunate in having a Grand Master who is no less distinguished for his social rank than for the ability he brings to bear on all subjects, and for the assistance he renders to the Order. We are indebted to him for the activity he displays in the promulgation of our principles.

The Worshipful Master: The next toast is that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. We are especially favoured to-night by the presence of a remarkable number of Provincial Grand Masters, who have honoured us by attending. We have amongst us Provincial Grand Masters representing Jersey, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Monmouth, Surrey, Herts, Worcestershire, Somersetshire, and the Isle of Man; while the District of Bengal is also represented. You will thus see that almost every part of the world is represented on this occasion. I shall couple with this toast the names of Bros. Colonel C. M. De Carteret, Prov. G.M. Jersey and W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight.

Bro. Colonel De Carteret said: By an accident I am the Senior Provincial Grand Master present, and shall merely thank you for your kindness in drinking this toast. The Grand Officers feel much flattered at the reception of the toast, and endeavour to deserve the encomiums passed upon them.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight: The modesty of my brother near me imposes upon me the necessity of adding a few words. The work of a Provincial Grand Master lies generally in the Provinces, and that of the Grand Officers in the Metropolis, but we are animated by one idea, and that is to endeavour by every exertion to encourage the prosperity of our ancient art. Now that Freemasonry has increased to the amount it has, it is necessary that great exertions should be made, in the first place to prevent unworthy members joining, and in the next place to make those who join feel animated by a wish and sincere desire to promote the prosperity of the Craft. I beg to tender to your Worshipful Master our hearty and sincere thanks for the opportunity he has given us of witnessing the ceremony of installation, so well carried out in this Lodge by Brother Parkinson. We are extremely glad to have the opportunity of attending his Lodge, which has so recently been launched into existence, but which now stands second to none of the Lodges in London. Permit me to thank you not only for inviting us, but for the hospitality you have shown.

Bro. Earl of Onslow P.G.W. proposed the next toast. We are not honoured, he said, to-night by the presence of the Grand Masters of Scotland or Ireland, but you must not infer from their absence that they do not take an interest in the proceedings of this Lodge. I well remember that upon the last installation meeting the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland were present to do honour to your Lodge. Masonry, fortunately for us, is a Craft which extends the hand of fellowship to all brethren; knows no politics, and knows no nationality. From the Grand Lodge of Ireland we have had the most distinguished Masons, men of the greatest geniality and good fellowship, and we feel that in Masonry we can sit down with them, knowing we have a bond of brotherhood. We are guided by the same principles, and, as the Installing Master effectively told the Officers in his address to them, "it is only by a due obedience to the laws in our own conduct that we can reasonably expect complicity with them in others." I have not only to propose the health of the Sister Grand Lodges, but I must also include your Cousins, for turning to my left I see a distinguished brother who comes from across the Atlantic, who has presided over the Grand Lodge of the most important State in the United States, and who filled that high position with dignity and success. We know what hospitality is extended to Englishmen in America, and I feel I am not asking too much of you when I ask you to drink to the health of the Sister Grand Lodges with enthusiasm, coupling it with the name of Bro. Theodore Tilton of New York.

Bro. Theodore Tilton P.D.D.G.M. New York: I thank you most heartily. Of the sixty-seven Grand Lodges of the world, that of your own, as you well know, occupies the first and foremost position. The United States possesses forty-eight Grand Lodges, each presided over by a Grand Master, and that of New York, over which I had the

honour of presiding, is the largest, and ranks next to your own. The Grand Lodge of New York comprises 728 subordinate Lodges and 75,000 Masons. Each of the forty-eight American Grand Lodges is represented, with the exception of one, at your own Grand Lodge, by a Grand Representative. I may say that the generous and broad principles exercised by your Grand Lodge, which is so ably presided over by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, tends considerably to promote harmony and brotherly feeling in all spheres of Masonic life. This fact, and the kind hospitality of the Lodges in the United Kingdom, do as much to cement and bring together those of other jurisdictions as anything I can name. There is no question that to-night you bring together Masons, not only of your own jurisdiction, but from all parts of the world. I thank you for the cordial manner in which you have mentioned the Grand Lodge of New York, and will say that that Grand Lodge presents to the Drury Lane Lodge the most fraternal greetings.

Bro. Lord Herschell P.G.W., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said: I have the honour of being permitted to propose the next toast, and I think that the fact that I have been chosen to propose it is a compliment to your W.M., not on account of any qualities that I possess, or position which I occupy, but for three reasons. In the first place I have known the W.M. for a quarter of a century, and I think that any one who has known him that time is not likely to say any thing but what is good of him, and that of itself is a compliment. I have come into contact with him in the practice of the law, and if after twenty-five years' close contact one lawyer should have anything good to say of another, I think that is surely high testimony. During eleven years we occupied seats together in a certain place where we did not always have the same views—indeed, I think we seldom agreed, the conflicts being sometimes heated. That it should be expected that I would, after these conflicts, bear testimony to his merits, is my third reason for assigning the choice of myself to propose his health as a compliment to Bro. Sir John Gorst, your W.M. I would desire also to say that the party to which I belong—do not be alarmed, brethren, I am not going to say anything to which you can take exception; the party to which I belong is alluded to as possessing something less than the average stock of intellect. But there is one capacity we possess—and, I trust, always shall possess—the capacity to recognise intellectual merit in our political opponents, and I feel I am competent to bear testimony to the merits of your Worshipful Master. I am quite sure we must all desire that those who possess merit should come into the front rank of their party, whatever their party may be, and consequently those who are political opponents, when they see men are men of merit, say they worthily adorn the positions they have so well merited. I have been told that short speeches are to be the rule. I never desire to make long ones, and I always lay down the one great principle of “the strictest obedience to the constituted authorities”—more especially if I do not feel sure what the consequences of disobedience may be. I will add nothing more than that I can in all sincerity and heartiness propose the health of your Master. It is a real pleasure, considering the many years I have known him, to be allowed to propose the toast, and I can assure you that he possesses that ability, integrity, and industry which are essential to the due performance of the duties of Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge.

The Worshipful Master said: I feel deeply indebted to Lord Herschell for the kind and complimentary terms in which he has been good enough to propose my health, and you, brethren, for having received it with so much enthusiasm. Believe me, if it were, that which it is not, for constituted authorities to violate their own rules, I could go on for a long time before I should give expression to the feelings which animate me on being made a Worshipful Master for the first time. I am an old Mason, and, I assure you, as rusty as I can be. There are one or two brethren present who remember the days of the old Scientific Lodge at Cambridge, where we studied Masonry together. To the fact that I have been all my life a rolling stone I owe it that I have not reached the position of Worshipful Master before, for I have never been in a Lodge long enough to attain the dignity of the chair. I feel deeply indebted to the founders of the Drury Lane Lodge for having done me the distinguished honour of electing me, at so early a period, ruler of so distinguished a Lodge. I do not like to make promises in words, as I prefer deeds rather than words, but I would assure you it is my fervent desire and intention so to conduct myself in the position to which I have been elected as to deserve the kindness and good opinion which you have expressed towards me to-day. Before I sit down, I have, as the occupant of the chair, a pleasing duty to perform. Every brother who has been for any length of time a member of this Lodge will agree with me that if there is one brother more than another to whom we are indebted for its Masonic excellence it is Brother Parkinson. I believe that in the outer world Brother Parkinson has attained great distinction. He has distinguished himself as a writer, as a speaker, and as the head of numerous and successful commercial undertakings. But it is not in that capacity we know him. We know him as a most sincere, painstaking, and excellent Freemason. He has been our instructor and guardian, and has been, in some senses, the Father of the Lodge. Those who have been Officers will confess that the Lodge could not have gone on if it had not been for the unremitting services which Bro. Parkinson has so zealously and so punctually afforded us. I know I am speaking the views of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Augustus Harris, and I am sure that if our former Past Master, Lord Lonsborough, had been present, he would have thoroughly endorsed all I have said. I am asked to present Brother Parkinson with a little testimonial, showing we have not been quite insensible of the benefits we have received at his hands. It is a watch, containing a suitable inscription, and when in future times he consults it, he will remember those happy days he spent in the Drury Lane Lodge, where he has endeared himself as a Freemason to many of us, and I hope will endear himself to many more in years to come. Brother Parkinson,

I beg to present you with this small testimonial, as a trifling mark of the obligation we owe you.

Brother J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., in responding to the toast, said: Those responsible for the arrangements to-night have given me a double duty, namely, that in addition to such acknowledgments as I may be able to make, I am to propose the toast of the Past Masters. It will be less trying to me to discharge this easy and agreeable duty first, and so try to nerve myself for what I fear will prove far more difficult. Our Lodge has been two years established, and we have now two Past Masters, the Earl of Lonsborough and Augustus Harris. Lord Lonsborough has from the inception of this Lodge given its affairs his unremitting personal attention, and by his suggestions and advice, his private hospitalities and genial co-operation, has done more than I can tell you to place and keep the Lodge in its admittedly high position. Our noble brother has for years been known and regarded by the dramatic profession. His kind heart and open hand have done much to assuage the distress of those in sickness or tribulation. His steady and consistent attachment to the drama are universally known, and it was by a process of natural selection those concerned in the formation of a Lodge which was to hail from Old Drury, placed him by acclamation its first Master in the chair. How from the time of his installation to the present the Lodge has proceeded in its triumphant course, how it has absorbed into its ranks very much that is brilliant in public and artistic life—is as well known to you as to me. But, however far into the centuries its prosperity may carry it, however widely its fame may extend, the name of the Earl of Lonsborough will live and be cherished as that of its first Master—the forerunner, I hope, of a long line of able successors. Bro. Augustus Harris has, it is well-known, the enviable faculty of turning everything he touches into gold. Being quite unoccupied, having nothing to do, nothing whatever on his mind, enjoying abundant leisure, he turned his idle thoughts one day as to how he could most pleasantly beguile the tedium of his many vacant hours—and the happy idea of founding a Freemasons' Lodge occurred to him. Presto! the success we enjoy was assured. The boundless artistic resources of Drury Lane Theatre were drawn upon. No difficulties daunted him. No facilities were too great to grant—no responsibilities too heavy for him to assume. It has been a great pleasure to us all to march as Masonic soldiers under the ever victorious general, Druriolanius, to work with him and for him, and to accept from him to-night the beautiful banner which hangs alongside that of Lord Lonsborough, and that presented by Bro. Henry Neville, who, as a Founder, filled the Past Master's chair on the day of consecration. Bro. Lord Lonsborough and Bro. Harris are also founders as well as Past Masters. Long may they flourish and prosper under the luxuriant foliage of the tree they planted, and when Bro. Harris, as Immediate Past Master, returns thanks, he will, I know, do so with as much confidence in this Lodge's future as he has satisfaction in its past. Now let me crave your indulgent toleration while I attempt, however feebly, to discharge what is, considering the circumstances and the distinguished character of the assembly in which this beautiful presentation has been made one of the most difficult tasks I have ever attempted. At our Masonic Boys' School a prize is awarded annually by the boys themselves. It is not the ripest scholar, nor the most powerful athlete, nor the most nimble-witted—certainly not the most self-asserting boy who gains this prize. No! it is given by a vote of the whole School to one who probably to his own surprise finds that small services rendered by him in a modest spirit, friendly offices performed as a matter of course and without a thought of conferring obligation, mere easy-going pleasant co-operation in the business of the hour, have earned him the good-will and affection of those amongst whom he has lived and worked and played. If I may believe that my position at this moment is analogous, even remotely, to that of the happily selected Masonic boy, and that the magnificent present just handed me by our Worshipful Master—a present which has the signal advantage of being a portable personal chattel to be always carried about with one, and shown with pride to one's brother Masons all over the world—if I am to accept this as the outcome of my Masonic relations with you all, you make me proud and glad indeed. Sir John Gorst has laid generous stress upon the work performed. But it has been the hearty and kindly co-operation of my brother Grand Officers who are our honorary members; the willing intelligent help and punctual regular attendance of the Officers of the Lodge, and the friendly feeling and appreciation manifested by the members generally which has given that work its vitality and interest, and which endows this Drury Lane Lodge with a strength and force peculiarly its own. That I should receive from you this exquisite, this almost sentient triumph of scientific and mechanical art, this most effective speaking monitor, which henceforth by night and day, at home and abroad, in sickness and in health, all through the time left for me, far away into old age if old age be granted, shall live with me, pulsate and tell with musical tongue of your generosity and my gratitude—aye, and which will continue, thus to speak, as an heirloom long after my heart and voice are stilled—all this inspires feelings and reflections which are almost overwhelming! What can I say that will express my emotions adequately? How can I, looking round me, rise to the dignity of this occasion? I will not attempt the impossible. I will not try. Rather, in the words of a great man I once heard speak in this very hall, let me hope that in my reticence, in my enforced silence, in all I do not say—you may find some traces of that eloquence which lies deeper than the richest words. Throwing myself upon the generous interpretations and consideration which have never failed me yet, let me say that for your uniform indulgence to my efforts, and your unbroken goodness to me at all times, of which this is the latest tangible expression,

I can no other answer make

Than thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks.

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The First Masonic Festival of the Present Year
WILL BE THAT OF THE
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ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY 1888,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

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

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

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B.

Secretary.

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The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

The R.M. Benevolent Institution

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

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.

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Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

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

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At Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

NOMINATIONS for Grand Senate, Executive Committee, and Grand High Almoner's Fund, to be sent to the Grand Recorder, before the 20th inst.

A BANQUET will be provided at Half-past Six o'clock. Tickets, One Guinea each. It is requested that every Knight Companion intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Recorder with as little delay as possible.

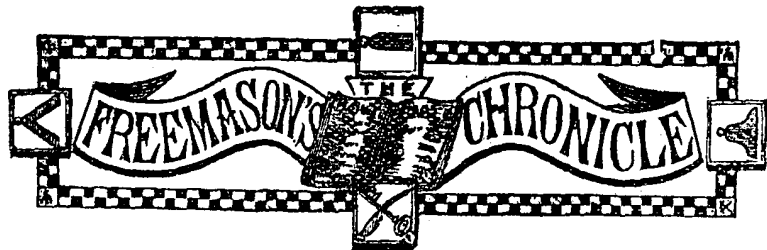
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

IN our issue of the 28th ult. we gave a brief account of an interesting event in connection with this Lodge, the occurrence being the annual celebration of the Festival of St. John, which was this year rendered additionally attractive from the fact that on that occasion the Lodge celebrated its Centenary, while one of its most honoured Past Masters (Colonel A. W. Adair, Past Provincial Grand Master of Somerset) was installed as Worshipful Master for the year. The Lodge, which now meets at Taunton, was originally established at Uiminster, in May 1787, under the title of the Lodge of Unanimity, and met at the Swan

Inn in that town. It appears from the minute books of the Lodge which are still preserved, that on the 18th September 1797—that is when the Lodge was just over ten years old—a special meeting was held at the George Inn, Ilminster, to consider a notice of motion for removing it to Taunton. At that time the chair was occupied by Bro. William Slatter, while Bro. John Jesse was the Secretary and Treasurer. The first meeting at Taunton was held at Bro. Edward Jones's London Inn, on the 4th October following, when the four principal Officers were appointed. The first initiate at the new quarters appears, by the minutes, to have been a Mr. Aaron Moyle, gentleman, of Pitminster. At this early period of the Lodge's career it does not appear to have been very strong, either in members or funds, there rarely being more than a dozen brethren present at the monthly meetings, and the offices, as we now know them, being not all filled. The Lodge then bore its present name, and stood No. 433 on the Register of Grand Lodge. A year after its removal to Taunton the Lodge was removed to a private room in North Street, upon the premises of a Mr. Bale, tobacconist, the rent being fixed at five guineas per annum. This removal entailed considerable expense, the room having to be specially fitted up, and it was found necessary to apply the whole of the half-yearly subscriptions towards the liquidation of the debt. Our contemporary, the *Somerset County Gazette*, from which we gather these particulars, here remarks that it is evident from this entry that the present system of deductions from the subscriptions on behalf of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge funds were not then in operation. In 1799 the first return of members was made, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act, passed on the 12th July of that year, "for the more effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes, and for better preventing treasonable and seditious practices." The provisions of this important enactment (which made Freemasonry a legalised Secret Society) were considered at the Lodge meeting held on the 14th August 1799, on the receipt of a circular letter from Grand Lodge, which acquainted the Lodges with the requirements of the Act, and instructed them as to what it was necessary for them to do. The members decided to fully comply with the requirements of the Act, and at the September meeting of the Lodge it was reported that the necessary forms had been observed. The number of subscribing members at this time appears, from the copy of the return given in the minute book, to have been only twenty-one. Reviewing this period of the Lodge's history, our contemporary observes: "The earlier years of Masonry in Taunton were not prosperous. The Lodges were not well attended, and initiates were few. The fabric, in fact, threatened to collapse, for when the third annual return to Grand Lodge was made it became necessary to consider, in obedience to instructions from Grand Lodge, whether the constitution of the Lodge should be continued. The true Masonic spirit asserted itself, however, or the Taunton Freemasons would not to-day be celebrating their Centenary. The Lodge decided to support the Constitution, but it was found advisable to remind the brethren that it was their duty to pay up their arrears, the Grand Secretary informing them that no brother could be relieved from the fund of Charity, or be admitted a member of the Masonic Benefit Society, or have his daughters received into the Freemasons' Schools, unless his name appeared in the books of Grand Lodge and his fees were paid." An item of interest appears on the records at this time, in the form of a certificate of membership or good conduct, which appears to have been issued by the Lodge, as we believe is still done in many parts of the world. The form is given, as follows:—

"In the East, where silence rose. Lodge of 'Unanimity, and Sincerity,' No. 433. These are to certify that Bro. A. B. was regularly made a Mason, and admitted to the third degree of Mason in our Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held in the town of Taunton, and county of Somerset, and numbered as above, and has behaved during his stay with us as becomes a true and faithful Mason, and as such we recommend him to all regular Lodges throughout the world after due trial and examination; and in case of death or otherwise this might be made an improper use of, we have caused him to sign his name on the margin. Given under our hands and seal of our Lodge in Taunton this — day of — and — of Masonry."

For seven or eight years after the crisis to which allusion has been made nothing of present interest appears on the minutes, but under date 11th April (1810 we presume) Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, under the banner of the Lodge, at the Market House, for the purpose of

assisting in an important local ceremony, the laying of the foundation stone of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. The minute in reference to this meeting is as follows:—

"This meeting of brethren was called on this day by the P.G.M. for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, which was instituted on the Jubilee Day in the 50th year of the reign of his present Majesty King George III. The brethren from the different Lodges in this county were summoned for attendance by the P.G.M., and the assemblage of brethren which met on this laudable occasion amounted to two hundred and twenty in number. A procession was formed under the direction of Brother Jacobs the P.G.S.W., to whom the highest encomiums were passed for his regular order and Masonic zeal. The procession went from the Market House to St. Mary Magdalene's, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Guerin, the P.G. Chaplain, after which the brethren marched to the spot, where the foundation stone was laid in true Masonic order. The whole procession returned to Mr. Upham's, at the Market House, where a room was fitted up in triumphal and architectural style, and an elegant dinner was provided. The whole of the brethren dined, and spent the day in conviviality and brotherly love."

Masonry appears to have been very quiet in Taunton at this time, and for some years subsequently, but in 1817 a revival took place, and an era of prosperity set in. Bro. Arthur Chichester was appointed Provincial Grand Master, and his installation took place at the Market House, Taunton, on the 30th December 1817, the occasion being one of much splendour. He subsequently paid a visit to the Lodge of "Unanimity and Sincerity," and initiated some of the leading townsmen of that day, including Sir Thomas Lethbridge, T. M. Chater, Robert Beadon, Charles Cox (father of the late Sergeant Cox), J. W. Marriott, and others. The Masons of the district do not appear to have been slow in evincing their gratitude to Bro. Chichester for his zeal as Provincial Grand Master, and a dutiful and loyal address was presented to the then Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, thanking him for placing such an able and enthusiastic Mason at their head. The increased vitality of the Lodge at this period was shewn in many ways; a Lodge of Instruction was started, the minor offices of the Lodge filled, and a Masonic library commenced. Much of the prosperity appears to have been due to the exertions of Bro. J. Pinchard, who was Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1817-18, and on his vacating the chair in favour of Bro. Charles Kemeys Kemeys-Tynte, a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes "for his zeal in the cause of Masonry in general, and the interests of this Lodge in particular, during the time of his filling the office of W.M., a period unprecedented in the annals of the Lodge for the number of Masons admitted as members, and the number of Masons made in the Lodge." The Lodge testified to the Masonic worth of the then Grand Master—the Duke of Sussex—by resolving, on the 11th of February 1818, that His Royal Highness be applied to for leave to add to the title of the Lodge by naming it "The Royal Sussex Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity." This, we are told, was adopted, but the addition to the title was subsequently dropped. In 1820 Bro. C. Kemeys-Tynte succeeded to the Grand Mastership of the Province, an event which was duly honoured by the Lodge, which then bore the number 497. In 1821 the brethren assisted at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Market House, which ceremony was performed with Masonic honours. Nothing of importance appears on the minutes for some years after this. Several removals took place in the Lodge quarters, and it became No. 327 on the Register of Grand Lodge by a revision of numbers in 1833. On the third August 1858 the Lodge met to receive Provincial Grand Lodge, on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the new Tower of St. Mary Magdalene, which was carried out with Masonic honours. The foundation stone was laid by the Provincial Grand Master, and the brethren afterwards attended Divine service in the church. In November 1860 the death was announced of the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Tynte, the Lodge passing a vote of condolence with his family, and expressing their deep sense of the loss sustained by the Province. It was at this time that Colonel Adair, the present ruler of the Lodge—then known as plain Alexandra William Adair—first ruled over its destinies, so that we find him recalled to his old place at the head of the Lodge, after a lapse of nearly thirty years, to assist in celebrating the Centenary, although, in the meantime he had had greater honours conferred upon him, for on the 27th January 1861 he was appointed to the high position of Provincial Grand Master. It was but natural the Lodge should notice, in appropriate fashion, the high dignity thus conferred on one of its members and Past

Masters, and that he should hold his first Provincial meeting under its banner. The next appearance of the Lodge in public was to take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Taunton College School, now the King's College, which took place on the 16th April 1868. On the 7th of October in the same year a motion of regret at the retirement, from the Provincial Grand Mastership, of Colonel Adair was passed by the Lodge, and at the same time an address of congratulation was forwarded to the Earl of Carnarvon on his appointment to that important office, a position which his lordship has filled to this day. Bro. Charles Lake, who had held the office of Lodge Secretary for five and twenty years, during perhaps its most prosperous period, died in 1870, amidst the profound regret of the brethren, and a vote of condolence was passed on the occasion. From this date until the beginning of 1879 the records of the Lodge contain nothing more important than the ordinary routine business, the popularity of the Lodge increasing year by year. In January 1879 a very important and desirable departure was made in the history of the Lodge, for on the 13th of that month the brethren met to consecrate a Masonic hall, which had been provided by means of a Limited Company, entirely composed of Masons, with a capital of £1,500 in £5 shares, most of which have now been taken up. A fair proportion of these shares have fallen into the Lodge by a very laudable practice which has arisen among the brethren, of presenting their shares to the Lodge upon passing the chair, so that eventually the hall, which is now the property of the Company, will become the absolute property of the Lodge itself. Since then considerable alterations and improvements have been made, and the Lodge can now boast of having one of the most suitable and spacious Masonic halls in the Province of Somerset. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who was assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Else, and a large number of distinguished Masons. The Master at that time was Bro. William Adams, to whom, and to Bro. Villar (both prime movers in the Masonic hall scheme), is also due the initiation of a scheme by which the voting power of the Lodge in connection with the Central Charities has been more than trebled during the last decade. We cannot do better than close our résumé of this Lodge's career in the words of the local paper to which we have already referred as being the source from which we have gathered these details. Our contemporary concludes as follows:—Thus from a small and almost insignificant organisation in Taunton, meeting in a small and insignificant private room with scarcely twenty members, this Lodge has grown to a society of more than a hundred subscribing members, meeting in its own noble hall in the Crescent, flourishing in funds, and delighting in those Masonic excellencies which it is the pride and joy of all good Masons to cultivate. It attains its hundredth year under especially favourable circumstances, and promises, important as it now is, to become a still more influential society in the town and Province.

It may be interesting to state that prior to the removal of the Ilminster Lodge to Taunton, a Freemasons' Lodge existed in the town under the name of the St. George's Lodge, which met at the Fountain Inn. It was limited by its rules to about a score of members, who, from the minutes that are in the possession of Bro. T. Meyler, Town Clerk of Taunton, evidently comprised the leading inhabitants of the town. How that Lodge became extinct, or whether it was merged into the Lodge of "Unanimity and Sincerity," does not appear from the records to which reference has been made.

It is not often our London brethren are so honoured as to have to apply to Grand Lodge for a dispensation to hold the office of Worshipful Master in two Lodges at one and the same time. This was the case, however, with Bro. F. T. Bennett, who, while holding the office of Worshipful Master in the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, was elected and installed in a similar position in the Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261. We regret we were unable to be present and report the proceedings in connection with his installation at the Golden Rule Lodge, which took place on the 7th instant, but we hope to have an opportunity of recording some of his doings there during his year of office.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.—Continued.

Bro. Augustus Harris in reply said: I feel at a great disadvantage in having to rise after the eloquent speech of Bro. Parkinson. I hardly think if I had known the arrangement I should have agreed to Bro. Parkinson proposing the toast to which I am to respond. I did not know that Bro. Lord Lonsborough was not to be present, and it was only when I came here to-day I heard of his indisposition. It is a disadvantage speaking after Bro. Parkinson, who is always so eloquent, and who therefore puts my little light very much in the shade—especially as I do not profess to be an orator. I think that one of the reasons why he should not have proposed this toast is that he was, to a certain extent, proposing his own health, for all who have seen the working will agree that if any brother is a Past Master of the Lodge Bro. Parkinson certainly deserves that title. Bro. Parkinson has done more work than either Lord Lonsborough or myself, and that he should get up and propose the toast of the Past Masters is very much like proposing his own health. I am delighted he has said so many kind things, and in reference to the success of the Lodge, I am sure you must all agree that in the two years we have been constituted this Lodge has made great strides, and has become very popular. I need not refer to the Jubilee year when I tell you that of the brethren who received Jubilee honours a large number belong to the Drury Lane Lodge. That of itself shows that this Lodge is by no means a Lodge consisting of nobodies. We have in our ranks members of every profession, I may say leading members of every profession, and it has been a great pleasure to me to be W.M., and to preside over so many good and true men. I hope that the future of the Lodge will be no less brilliant than the past. When we meet, as I hope we shall a year hence, I trust it will be still more prosperous than it is to-day. I do not desire to break through the rule of brevity laid down by the W.M., but I wish to tell the brethren present that I shall be pleased to welcome them within the old portals of Drury Lane, where they can see our worthy Junior Deacon present herself before them in her regal robes, and I am sure our Sister Nicholls and our brother Campbell will be as happy to see you as I shall be.

Bro. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary: The Drury Lane Lodge is nothing if it is not representative, and if the duties of the Secretary are not altogether a sinecure he receives an ample reward when he is allowed to propose the toast of the Visitors. This is the third occasion on which I have been privileged to propose that toast in this Lodge. It is impossible for me to conceal from you my conviction that had it not been for the amiability of Bro. Harris I.P.M. the Drury Lane Lodge would not have been what it is to-day. To Bro. Harris will belong the greatest credit for the foundation of this Lodge, and I hope for many years to come he will be the moving spirit in it. Looking back, he will feel considerable pride at the gathering assembled this evening to inaugurate the reign of his successor. There is no doubt that in Sir John Gorst we have found a Worshipful Master who will maintain the traditions of this Lodge, and I think that if there is one thing that may be taken as an augury of his reign it is the gathering of to-night. There are scarcely any Lodges that can boast of having received within their walls the Provincial Grand Masters, not only of the neighbouring counties, but brethren who have come from Monmouthshire and Lancashire, and across the seas, from the Isle of Man and Jersey. We have also Bro. Sandeman present, whose memories will ever be associated with the District of Bengal. We have had a rare distinction, and have received not only Lord Herschell, the Past Lord Chancellor, but also the brother who now adorns the distinguished position of Lord Chancellor. This is not all. If we were to ask what profession is not represented among us there would be no exceptions. In the law we have the Lord Chancellor; in the Church we have a powerful body of Past Grand Chaplains; and, as far as medicine is concerned, we have a great many distinguished members present. I am glad to see Bro. A. Cooper, who adorns his profession, and, with regard to the Army, we have Lord A. Paget, who holds a position in the Queen's Household; whilst the Navy is ably represented by Lord Alcester. With a gathering like this we can only hope that the Lodge will go on and prosper, and I can say that if the Secretary can do anything for the Lodge his services are at its disposal. I must be permitted to express my great satisfaction that Dorsetshire, in which 19 years ago I was initiated, is so well represented, by Bro. Montagn. I thank that brother very much for his presence, and I trust he will take back to Dorsetshire a good report. I will conclude by expressing the pleasure we feel at receiving visitors from all parts of the world, and allow me to couple with the toast the names of those brethren who represent a great tower of Masonic strength, whom we are proud to receive, and whom we shall be pleased to see again within the portals of the Drury Lane Lodge—the Lord Chancellor and Lords Milltown and Alcester.

The Lord Chancellor: I yield not a tittle to the desire which has been expressed by my noble brother near me in obedience to the constituted authorities, but you and he will forgive me when I tell you that I always think the advantage is in the obligation, and not in the abstract principle. I have never heard an orator begin by assuring his audience that he intended making only a few remarks without trembling at what would be the result. I should like to say, if he will forgive me, that I am somewhat jealous of the title which he has assumed for the party to which he belongs. I always understood we were the stupid party, and I protest against any body taking from us that title. I noticed that the W.M. suggested that the reason why the speeches should be short was that some of you had other avocations to perform, and I am not surprised that he sunk in the depth of that phraseology which is peculiar to the occupation to which he referred. I have no doubt that he refers to that place where speeches are not short, and where that brotherly love which we admire is not always prevalent. I can only say that those who like myself, being to another region, feel the deepest commiseration for those who go to,—what the Master described as other avocations. It is a pleasing thing to be invited on such an occasion as

this, and, in order to show you that I recognise the obligation, I will content myself with simply thanking you for the kindness I have received.

The Earl of Milltown: I have at one and the same moment to thank and to find fault with those who have been the organisers of this vast gathering. I have, following the custom of most of those statesmen whose eloquence adorns the Senate, been studying such impromptus as they are in the habit of using. The organisers of this entertainment asked my noble brother to respond first, and he has taken it out of my power to deliver to you that eloquent oration with which I was prepared. I, as a humble member of the great profession of which my learned brother is the head, and as a humble member of that great assembly over which he presides, will not occupy your time in attempting to compete with him in the speech he has delivered. I must say this—that, as a rule, in Masonic Lodges, one brother is quite sufficient to answer to the toast, but I think that upon this occasion an exception has been rightly made, for though I have been present at many festivities, and though I am fully acquainted with the great qualities which distinguish our Brotherhood, I will at this moment confine myself to returning thanks for the hospitality we have enjoyed. Never before have I received anything approaching the splendid hospitality of which we have been the recipients. On behalf of the visitors, and only regretting that they have not some one more worthy to represent them, I beg to return hearty thanks for the high honour paid us, and beg to convey our hopes that we may again be favoured with an invitation. Bro. Lord Alcester also replied.

Bro. the Earl of Easton: A toast has been placed in my hands which is rather different from those preceding it. I have to propose the Officers, and I am quite certain that all present will rejoice at the discrimination displayed in the selection of those Officers. They consist of men who have made their mark; some of them have made their name and are now resting on their laurels; and some are coming on in Masonry. The Junior Deacon, Bro. Nicholls, has gone to that place where he represents the female sex, and does it right well too. The Senior Deacon, Bro. Bancroft, is a man who has been at the head of his profession, and is ready and willing to take his part in the work of the Lodge. The Secretary, Bro. Broadley, has a long list of Masonic performances, and has for nineteen years taken a very active part in Masonic work. He has taken an immense deal of trouble with regard to the arrangements of this evening, which reflect upon him the greatest credit. In your Treasurer you have a man well trusted, and who will ably manage the large amount entrusted to his care. The Junior Warden is working hard in his profession, and your Senior Warden, Sir E. Inglefield, is one of the old hearts of oak. I am sure that in coupling his name with the toast I shall be including one whom a year hence you will be proud to welcome at the helm.

Bro. Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B.: As my memory reminds me that the Worshipful Master at the early part of the proceedings said the speeches were to be short, I will content myself with returning thanks for the Officers of the Lodge. I have to return thanks not only as far as I am personally concerned, but also for those who have not been called upon. I wish to say that to Brother Parkinson we are indebted for the instruction we have received. It is 40 years ago since I was initiated. I had been so long out of Masonry that I was rusty, but under Bro. Parkinson's guidance I am able to take my place in the Lodge. On my own part, and on behalf of my brother Officers, I beg to return our sincere thanks.

Bro. J. Fernandez J.W.: The subject of the toast entrusted to me is one so pregnant with feeling that it is only the remark of the Worshipful Master with regard to the time that sways me in the direction of brevity. We all know that the scope of the Masonic Charities is vast and far reaching, and communicates help, not only to our brethren, but also to their widows and children. We are nearly three months from the Centenary Festival of our Girls' School, and I think that having regard to the exertions of the brethren who have preceded us, we can take pride in the good that will be reflected in the forthcoming Festival. It is enforced, not by words, but by practical illustration, that loving kindness is greater than law, and I am sure it will be with loving kindness that you will respond to the appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The toast I propose to you is continued success to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. F. Binckes Secretary R.M.I.B.: After an experience of 27 years in responding to the toast of the Masonic Charities, I now find myself in a position of difficulty. Only this night week, when called upon to discharge this duty in a new Lodge at a place the name of which is so dear to every member of this Lodge—I mean Stratford-on-Avon—when this toast was proposed, in language perfectly unique, I found myself unequal to the duty of responding. I feel myself in a similar position to-night, through the kindness of your J.W.—I shall take the opportunity of calling him my good friend—who has so kindly introduced the toast to you. In responding to this toast I do so with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—regret that Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School, is not here to respond for the desire so kindly expressed for the success of the first Centenary that has ever been celebrated by one of our Masonic Institutions. There is no brother will express a more sincere wish that the result of that unique celebration will be all that its best friends can desire. At the same time you will permit me to observe that it is not without some little anxiety that the other Institutions regard the effect that Festival may have upon them. The large-heartedness of the Craft will not, I am sure, permit the success of one Institution to be built upon the ruins of the others, and therefore we hope and trust that, however successful the Centenary of the Girls' School may be, the Benevolent Institution will meet with that success it deserves, and that the Boys' will also receive that success which it so much needs and desires. I was very much struck in listening to the remarks of Bro. Parkinson, of whom I would like to add a little in token of admiration that he could find no better illustration of his position than the prize boy of the Royal

Masonic Institution for Boys. I am sure I may reckon upon the members of this Lodge, that they will not forget the Boys' School from which he has drawn his illustration. We have 262 boys, sons of Freemasons, and I think we can, at least, expect a continuance of that kind support which Bro. Broadley so ably rendered last year. I hope and trust that under such wonderful auspices the highest and best principles of Freemasonry will not be forgotten, and that the principle of support to our Masonic Institutions will never be neglected. I am proud to be here, and to speak on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and I trust this Lodge will be the means of assisting in realising that success for the Boys' School which it so well deserves.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

FOREST LODGE, No. 1852.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., the ninth installation of W.M. was performed in the Lodge-room at the Town Hall, Mansfield. Bro. A. H. Bonser, assisted by his Officers, opened the Lodge, and afterwards installed Bro. W. F. Sanders to the chair of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The newly-appointed W.M. then invested his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Linney S.W., Vallance J.W., Rev. T. W. Dolphin Chaplain, Fisher Treasurer, Hobson Secretary, Beecroft S.D., Wearing J.D., Harrop White D.C., Bonser Organist, Shelmerdine I.G., Greenwood and Hopewell Stewards, Watkin Tyler. After the functions of the Lodge had been performed, the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, at about half-past six, where an elaborate banquet had been prepared. After the dessert the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured. The menu was a very creditable production, and it elicited considerable admiration from the brethren present. The toasts were therein interspersed with Shakespearian quotations of singular appropriateness, the selection of the W.M. Bro. Sanders.

PORTCULLIS LODGE, No. 2038.

THE installation of Bro. E. J. Westerns as W.M. for the ensuing year was celebrated at the Lodge-room, Langport Arms Hotel, on the 9th inst., the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else. At the close the W.M. invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Reynolds I.P.M., Cox S.W., Humphrey J.W., Maurice Chaplain, Paul Secretary, Louch S.D., Cross J.D., Gough I.G., Pittard Steward, Gillett Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet at the Langport Arms Hotel.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Savoy.—The success that has attended the revival of "H.M.S. Pinafore" shows how ready lovers of good music ever are to patronise it. The merits of this opera have been fully discussed; it is now our duty only to say with what spirit the opera is nightly rendered. When we remind our readers that Messrs. George Grossmith, Rutland Barrington, and Richard Temple are nightly to be seen in their original parts, it is a ready guarantee that plenty of amusement is forthcoming. These favourites are well supported by Messrs. J. G. Robertson, R. Cummings, the Misses Geraldine Ulmar, Jessie Bond, and Rosina Brandram. The realisation of the ship is a perfect masterpiece in the way of stage carpentering, while the choruses are sung in the well-known style of this excellent company. We hear the next revival at this theatre will be "The Pirates of Penzance."

The Photographic Exhibition, to be opened at the Crystal Palace on Monday next, will interest everybody. What branch of art, science, and industry does not call photography to its aid, and what home is there, from the palace to the cottage, that does not contain some specimen of this beautiful art. The interest in the progress of photography is universal; and the Crystal Palace Exhibition will be visited by many thousands anxious to see for themselves the great perfection to which the art has attained, and the varied purposes to which it is applied. Every evening there will be, in connection with the Exhibition, free lantern slide entertainments, interspersed with music. Instantaneous photographs, genre pictures, statuary, and lovely views taken in North Wales, Derbyshire, Scotland, the English and Irish Lakes, Canada, New Zealand, &c., will be shown on a screen thirty feet in diameter, by means of a new optical lantern, specially constructed for this Exhibition. The apparatus division will be most complete and comprehensive, showing all recent improvements and developments. Indeed, such a collection of apparatus has never before been exhibited.

Mr. Fergus W. Hume's "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab" having been dramatised by Mr. Arthur Law, will be produced at the Princess's next Wednesday evening. The dramatic version is similar to the book, and should prove interesting. The cast will include Messrs. James Fernandez, J. H. Burnes, Bassett Roe; the Misses Grace Hawthorne, Eva Sothorn, Dolores Drummond, Cicely Richards, and Mrs. Huntley.

Mr. Edward Brown, the acting manager of the Olympic Theatre, will have a benefit on Monday next. A most enjoyable afternoon is expected, as a host of popular artistes have promised assistance.

Mr. Willie Edouin has secured the Strand Theatre, and will open on Saturday, the 25th instant, with a new dramatic farce by Mr. Charles S. Fawcett, entitled "Katti." Later on, "Turned Up" will be revived, while a burlesque is in preparation. Miss Alice Atherton will be included in the cast, which, we hear, is to be a strong one.

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, 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)
 1341—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
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1923—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
 1991—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
 K.T. 123—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1233—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Cast's Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
 R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 R.A. 327—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 R.A. 1281—Brens, Masonic Hall, Topsham
 M.M. 321—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyll
 R.C. 23—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-street, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 205—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 183—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 830—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)

- 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rook Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrion, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Booth, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Baling
 2045—Wharton, Willesden
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
 R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
 R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
 R.A. 691—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
 R.A. 761—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
 R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
 M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Masters, Freemasons' Hall at 6
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mire, Canary Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Staunton Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Inst.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1611—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1953—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 934—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M. 315—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hesketh, Croston
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 350—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 357—Arcturion, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 380—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon

697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 724—Perby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 810—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 68—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 187—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 199—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 135—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 768—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 148—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 384—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
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 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1692—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
 R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 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)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1135—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1335—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Nottning Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 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. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Maltham
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

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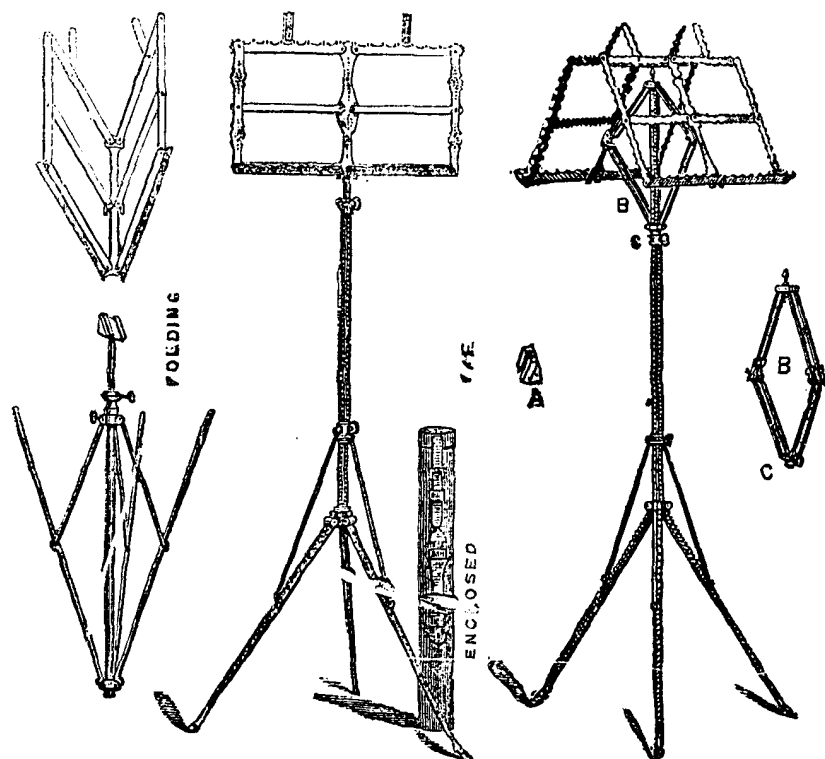
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