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THE EVENT OF THE WEEK.

Central Masonic Charities, has become an event of the past, and ere these lines appear in print the result will have been made known throughout the length and breath of the land as another grand total contributed on Wednesday, at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, justly merits such a designation. As our readers are aware, there has been considerable uneasiness in benefit from the thankfulness displayed by the regard to this Festival, and up to the last people of England in connection with that auspicious moment its result was looked forward to with event. The total of Northumberland (£900), brought anxiety by all who take an interest in this the up by the respected Provincial Grand Secretary of youngest of the great Masonic Institutions. Only our northern county, is described as incomplete; last week, in closing our remarks in anticipation of indeed it is all but certain the total will be raised the event, we predicted a severe falling off in the to one thousand pounds by the 16th of the present returns as compared with what had been realised in previous years, but we also said we were prepared for our esteemed brother did not feel himself at liberty an agreeable surprise. Well, the result has proved an agreeable surprise to us, and it will, no doubt, be equally agreeable to others, for notwithstanding comes fourth on the roll of honour, the total of its the fact that the total is far short of the amount contributions, which included a personal donation reached last year, when donations amounting to from Sir George Elliot of £126, being no less than £18,700 were announced, it is far greater than was ± 854 10s. The immediate result of the efforts made generally expected would be the case on this occasion. by the Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern With a Board of Stewards numbering in all two hundred and seventy-four, Brother Terry was on Institution do not, however, appear to cease with Wednesday enabled to announce a total of upwards of his own Province, for we find the adjoining districts fifteen thousand pounds as this year's contributions doing remarkably well, no doubt in compliment to from the Craft on behalf of the Aged Masons and their neighbour. Monmouthshire, for instance, con-Widows whose circumstances in life compel them to tributed the largest sum ever sent by its brethren to crave the help of their fellows. The actual figures the Benevolent Institution, its total on the present were £15,081 18s 6d, with ten lists outstanding, and occasion being £438 3s, a sum which places it sixth two or three of those handed in described as incom- among the contributing Provinces. The Western plete. London was represented by one hundred and Division of South Wales, too, appears to have caught twenty-seven stewards, and the sums subscribed and the epidemic of kindliness which pervaded the district, collected by these amounted to a total of £5,752 14s, and as a result sent up £108 10s, by one Steward while the Provinces and outside Districts, represented — Bro. J. A. Jenkins, of Tenby,—to swell the total of by one hundred and forty-seven Stewards, sent up a the year. Suffolk has on this occasion eclipsed all total of £9,329 4s 6d. These totals give a very high its previous records, and with a total of £451 10s average per Steward—no less than upwards of £55 takes the fifth place in order of merit; this sum is per head, taken all round, or £45 6s as the average the largest amount it has ever contributed to a of the Metropolitan Stewards, and £63 9s 3d as that Festival, and it reflects the greatest credit on the of the Provincials, the latter being on this occasion five brethren who worked as Stewards to secure it. particularly fortunate in having among their contri- The Western Division of Yorkshire did so well last butions more than one Provincial Jubilee Memorial year—when its members paid into the Institution a offering.

lists each exceeded two hundred guineas, while tributions to the Benevolent Institution, but results among the one hundred and twenty-seven represental show it has not been wholly content to rest on its tives of the metropolis we find, for the third time only laurels, and to prove its earnestness in the cause it in the history of the Institution, a lady acting as sends up £400, at the hands of ten Stewards. Steward. This fact is one which might well be Middlesex is seldom behind when we come to taken to heart by our fair sisters, whose kindly aid make a reckoning in the cause of Charity, and we should very much like to enlist on behalf of the this occasion proves no exception to the rule; Masonic Charities. The subject received attention for the contributions from its midst figure up to

from one of the speakers later in the evening, and is one to which we shall refer again at no very distant FTER months of anxious anticipation the First date. We may mention that it was Miss H. M. Annual Celebration of 1888, on behalf of the Cotter who was the lady Steward on this occasion.

The East Lancashire total of £2,873 11s 6d included the Jubilee offering of the brethren of that Province; and the one thousand guineas contributed by the Masons of Cumberland and Westmoreland is success in the cause of Charity, for undoubtedly the also to be regarded as the outcome of the rejoicings of last year in celebration of the Fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign, so that even at this late date the cause of Masonic Charity has not ceased to reap month, but as the money is not yet actually voted to add it to his list. The Eastern Division of South Wales, presided over by the Chairman of the day, Division of South Wales on behalf of the Benevolent total of nearly three thousand pounds—that it might Of the London Stewards there were two whose have been expected to repose awhile in regard to con-

is that of Cornwall, the single Steward from which friends and the members of his Lodge. district presents his list with the terse remarkin reference to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight total, which is small from this district. It must be remem-Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. as the Chairman of its Festival, and on that occasion £1,800, while we are also informed that this year its members are devoting themselves to a special celebration of the Girls' Centennial. It will be seen there Festival. are two Stewards accredited to Foreign parts, but as neither of them has yet made a return we are unable to say how much will this year be received on behalf of the Benevolent Institution from across the seas.

We turn once more to the London Stewards. As already stated, there were two brethren whose lists exceeded two hundred guineas, viz.: Bro. Stephen Hayward, who represented the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, and brought up a total of £225, and Bro. R. Pittam Stevens, the Worshipful Master of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, who collected £210 10s. Bro. William Smith, the Inner Guard of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, comes next in order, the amount of his list being £159 1s. Then follows £136 10s, from the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, at the hands of its Worshipful Master, Bro. Louis Elijah Eagle, after which we have the list of Bro. Jas. Herman de Ricci, who represented the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, and succeeded in securing £126 1s. Brother James Terry's list occupies the next place of honour, the worthy Secretary of the Institution adding £125 to the announcement of the day. He was closely followed by a very old friend of his, in the person of Bro. Charles Lacey, a Past Master and Treasurer of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, which he represented on this occasion, with a list of £120 16s. Bro. R. S. Cushing, W.M. of Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, pressed hard on Bro. Lacey, he having secured a total of £118 2s 6d. Bro. W. Walker, Worshipful Master of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, brought up £114 14s, and Bro. G. E. Fairchild, of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, £106 1s. We then have three lists of one hundred guineas each, the Stewards who collected these is that we may have results equally gratifying to

£393 9s, secured through the exertions of twelve Waterloo Lodge, No. 13; Bro. W. Shurmur, P.M. of Stewards. Kent does not appear in so prominent the Islington Lodge, No. 1471; and Bro. H. Cattera place as usual at this Festival, but this is to be mole, W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839. accounted for by the fact that its Provincial Grand Bro. W. A. Scurrah comes next, just managing to Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl Amherst, is among secure a place among the three figure totals, with a the brethren enrolled as Stewards for the interesting list which he brought up as representative of the coming event—the Centenary Festival of the Girls' Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, of which he is at present School. Under such circumstances it would not have the Worshipful Master. Bro. Scurrah hardly enjoys caused much surprise if Kent had devoted its entire | the gratification of being the Steward of the youngest energy this year to support its ruler, but its con- Lodge represented at the Festival, there being one tribution of £362 17s to the Old People's Fund from No. 2217 among the Provincials, but the splendid proves that it recognises the claims of the Aged as amount of his list-£100 15s-taken in connection well as those of the young. Herts, despite its with the fact that his Lodge is only in the first year "littleness," again proves its large heartedness, five of its existence speaks volumes, especially when of its brethren acting as Stewards for this Festival, we consider that nearly every London Lodge is, and bringing up a total of £145 16s. We then have in one form or another, making a feature of Somersetshire and Essex making a close race for supporting an Institution this year, so that the next honours, the former being represented by Metropolitan brethren cannnot count on much two Stewards, and contributing £137 5s, and the support outside the Lodge with which they associate latter sending up £135 19s 6d, at the hands of three their Stewardship. We give elsewhere a list of of its members. Northumberland, to which we have the other amounts raised from London, but as already referred, had a zealous and warm-hearted space is pressing we refrain from any special neighbour in the Province of Durham, one of whose reference to those lists below £100, although brethren acted as Steward, with the result that we fully recognise that each of the brethren £122 15s was added to the total of the Festival. Then who brought them up is as deserving of praise as in order comes Berks and Bucks, with a total of any to which we have devoted special attention £112 8s, brought up by three brethren. The other Each of the lists represents the work of a brother contributing Provinces are each below a three-figure who has earnestly devoted himself to the cause, and total—we give the actual amounts below—and in if all of them have not succeeded in raising as dismissing them we may remark that the Cheshire much as he desired, he has no doubt secured as total of £57 15s is returned as incomplete, as also much he found possible to be collected among his

In another part of our present issue we give a "More to come;" may the same prove to be the detailed list of the amounts brought up by the case in other instances. We must not omit a word respective Stewards, and shall, therefore, content ourselves by giving here a summary of what each Province contributed, and the number of Stewards bered that, last year this Institution had its Provincial each was represented by. As already stated there are ten lists yet to be received, while additional contributions are expected from two or three of those the contributions of the Province amounted to about actually announced, so that the result of the Festival will be somewhat in excess of the figures now given, which are the totals announced on the evening of the

	No. of Stewards	Contribu	ıtio	ng
		£	g	ď
London	127	5752	14	0
Lancashire (East)	39	2873	11	6
Cumberland and Westmoreland	4	1050	0	0
Northumberland	1	900	0	0
South Wales (East)	9	854	10	0
Suffolk	5	451	10	0
Monmouthshire	11	438	3	0
Yorkshire (West)	10	400	0	0
Middlesex	12	393	9	0
Kent	8		17	0
Hertfordshire	5		16	0
Somersetshire	5 2 3	137	5	Ŏ
Essex	3		19	6
Durham	1		15	ŏ
Berks and Bucks	3	112	8	Ŏ
South Wales (West)		108	10	0
Worcestershire	1 2 3 3 1 1 2 3 1	94		Ō
Surrey	3	87	1	0
Gloucestershire	3	74	Ō	6
Guernsey	1	68	5	Ō
Norfolk	1	63	Õ	0
Cheshire	3	57	15	0
Nottinghamshire	1		10	0
Devonshire	1	47	5	0
Oxfordshire	3	47	5	0
North Wales	1	46	4	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	· 2	36	15	0
Lancashire (West)	3		10	0
Sussex	1	31	10	0
Yorkshire North and (East)	1	31	10	0
Derbyshire	1	26	5	0
Shropshire	1	26	5	0
Cornwall	1	10		0
Norths and Hunts	1	10		0
Foreign	2	not yet l	kno	

Thus ends one of the most pleasing tasks we have this year been called upon to fulfil; all we can hope amounts being Bros. J. G. Milbourn, W.M. Union record ere we are called upon to sum up the doings of 1888. The Festival was held under peculiar circumstances, and the outlook appeared most gloomy, but the clouds have been swept away, and, thanks to the untiring exertions of the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, and the Board of Stewards he was able to secure in support of the Chairmanship of Sir George Elliot, we have a result which fully deserves all the encomiums which can be passed upon it. As an immediate effect we venture to think there is yet a ray of hope for some, at least, of the many candidates who will be unable to succeed in winning one of the vacancies which will be competed for at the next election.

The Consecration of the Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243, restricted to members of Rowing Clubs, will take place at the Cromwell Hall, Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W., on Monday, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m. Bro. Eugene Montenuis P.M. P.G.S. is the W.M. designate, Brothers J. C. Radford P.M. and J. F. Savory the Wardens designate. The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be performed by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England; assisted by Bros. E. Letchworth P.G.D. as S.W., R. H. Thrupp P.G.A.D.C. as J.W., G. W. Weldon G. Chap. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Dir. of Cers., J H. Matthews P.G.Std.B. as I.G. Gordon Smith W.M. 2041 is! the Sec. pro tem.

Three candidates for the eleven vacancies in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be filled by the Election on the 14th April, hail from Devon, viz., from St. John's Lodge, No. 39, Exeter (also No. 710, Totnes); Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, Stonehouse; and the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, Newton Abbott. There are two also from Cornwall:—St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, Liskeard, and Fowey Lodge, No. 977, Fowey. It will not be at all an easy task to secure one for each county out of the total of five candidates on election day, but doubtless the local managers will succeed, as they usually do. The average subscriptions at the Festivals from Cornwall during the last seven years amount to £288 per annum, while those from Devon run up to £331, but as the sums to be received in annuities and grants for 1888 exceed, £400 and £1100 respectively, for those two counties, it is evident that it will require very large contributions from local brethren and Lodges to meet the fair claims that these Institutions have on Devon and Cornwall Masonically.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, the proprietors of the Holborn Resturant have made preparations for the entertainment of any brethren who, prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday next, may desire to dine, and no doubt their resources will be put to the test by brethren from the Provinces, or those in London who cannot leave their business until a late hour. It is not necessary for us to dilate on the capabilities of this establishment, justly described as "one of the sights of London." It has a reputation throughout the country, and its managers evince their desire to meet the wishes of patrons when, on occasions such as Wednesday next, they make a departure from their ordinary routine, with the view of offering greater facilities than are usually afforded, even by them.

We are extremely glad to hear that "Frankenstein" has "caught on" at the Gaiety to such an extent that it is likely to prove as great a success as "Monte Cristo" and "Little Jack Sheppard." The house is absolutely full night after night, there not being a seat to be had a short time after commencing. We need hardly add that this success is due to the way in which the principals have worked the business up, while all co-operate with a will that can gain but one verdict—approval.

On Wednesday next will be produced, at Toole's Theatre, a new and original comedy, in three acts, entitled "The Don," by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merivale. Mr. J. L. Toole will be supported by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Messrs. Billington, E. W. Gardiner, C. M. Lowne, Aubrey Boucicault, C. H. Brunton, F. Montagne, George Shelton, W. Brunton, C. Payne Silk; Misses Kate Phillips, Marie Linden, Violet Vaubrugh, and Emily Thorne.

When Mrs. Bernard Beere gives up management at the Opera Comique Theatre, in August, Mr. F. J. Harris will resume control, producing comic operas, the first of which will be called "Carina," composed by Julia Woolf, libretto by Messrs. E. L. Blanchard and Cunningham Bridgman.

Obituary.

BRO. FRANCIS BUCKLAND.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Francis Buckland, solicitor, who practised in London and Kington-on-Thames. Deceased was "made" in the Lodge of Israel; on taking up his residence at Kingston, joined the Dobie Lodge, 889, and Chapter, of which in due time he became P.M. and P.Z. respectively. He was the last surviving founder of the Brownrigg Lodge, 1638, first held at Thames Ditton, but removed to Kingston; and both in Craft and Arch worked in a way which excited the admiration of all. Bro. Buckland's health compelled him to retire from practice, and two years ago he went to Southsea to live, but passed to and fro to visit the Kingston Lodges as often as he was able. His last working was in September 1886, when he installed Bro. John Drewett, as W.M. of 1638, and soon after, on resignation of membership, he was elected an honorary member of the Brownrigg, in recognition of past services. Since the opening of the year, Bro. Buckland's malady (dropsy) grew upon him, and on the 22nd ultimo he passed away. His last days were cheered by visits of brethren from Kingston, and by his own desire his body was brought up to be buried at Kingston, in their midst. The funeral took place on Saturday last, and in spite of the bitterly cold wind there was an assembly of from fifty to sixty, representing the Lodges in which Bro. Buckland was well known and highly respected. On behalf of the Brownrigg Lodge, the W.M. (Bro. G. Moorman) placed a beautiful floral device upon the coffin, and the well known emblem was carried by every brother present. Bro. W. Lane, P.M. of 1638, conducted the funeral. Our deceased brother was fiftyfive years of age.

Bro. J. C. COLLINGRIDGE.

Another worthy Craftsman has departed this life, in the person of Bro. J. C. Collingridge, who was for many years a member of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, and of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188. Our deceased brother was well known and respected, both in Islington, where he resided, and in Clerkenwell, where his place of business was located.

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

THE Freemasons of the Province of Norths and Hunts held a ball in the Northampton Town Hall, on Monday evening, the 13th ult., and the gathering was the most brilliant that has been held in the Province for a number of years. The last invitation Masonic Ball was held on the 25th January 1872, at the Corn Exchange, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion, and the number present was 470. A return ball followed, at the Peacock Hotel, and was well attended. The previous gathering of a similar character was held on the 26th January 1843, and that was followed by a return ball, at the Angel Hotel, which proved very successful. The ball of Monday evening was under the patronage of Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn P.G.M. of Scotland, Sir Reginald Hauson, Bart., Ex-Lord Mayor of London, P.M. P.G.W. Eug., Major Cook P.G. Assist. D.C. Eng., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary Eng., Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts Past Grand Standard Bearer Eng., W. Well, J.P., P.M. 442 P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Lord Lilford 607, E. P. Monckton, J.P., 466, the Hon. and Rev. C. J. Vernon 607, the Rev. F. M. Stopford P.M. 607, the Hon. J. Powys W.M. 607, J.A. S. Bouverie P.M. 360 1911 P.P.S.G.W., Major Sandys 1911, Major F. C. Turner 1911. The decorations of the large room, and indeed throughout, were strikingly pretty and effective, and reflect credit on the firm of Messrs. Smith Bros., and Mr. Alfred Smith, by whom the work was superintended. The corridor downstairs was tastefully adorned, and at the entrance was a trollis-work porch. Large fir trees and several shrubs also lined the front vestibule. The upper corridor was also treated with great decorative taste. The Council Chamber was used as a smoke-room, and an ante-room adjoining was set out as an oyster buffet. This was supplied by Messrs. Brown and Co., of George Row, and was under the superintendence of Mr. Dongworth. Light refreshments were served in a portion of the old reading-room, and the remainder and the old Museum-room were used as supper rooms. Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel, was entrusted with the catering, and the tables were prettily decorated and set out with choice visuds of a varied character. Although the invitations were said to be limited to 200, it was found necessary to issue a much larger number of tickets, and the company numbered nearly 250. Daucing, which commenced at nine o'clock, was kept up till between four and five o'clock in the morning. Bro. Nicholson's Band played an excellent and well-selected programme of dance music.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor-

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am rather surprised that you, in your usually interesting appeals on behalf of our Masonic Institutions, seldom, if ever, urge an extension of the number of annual subscrip. tions. They are small fry, it is true, but little fish are sweet, and in time an annual subscription may do as much, or even more, good than a pretentious donation. I think there is room for a very widely extended system of annual subscriptions to our three Institutions, and if the Craft could enlist your sympathy it might stand a better chance of success in this respect. Will you kindly give the matter consideration?

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR R.M.B.I.

MASONIC PATRONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -I cannot imagine a more mischievous application of Freemasonry than that suggested by your correspondent "P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.C., 18°, &c.," in your last issue. Surely he cannot be sincere in what he writes? Personally I do not attach much importance to the views he expresses-further than to wholly dissent from the -for the reason that I do not think there is any fear of Freemasonry ever becoming a power in influencing the distribution of Church Livings, but I am extremely surprised that any one-particularly one apparently high in the Craft-should even suggest the use of Freemasonry's influence for such a purpose, which, after all, is only worldly preferment.

Your correspondent commences by telling you the matter is one which exercises his own mind, in common with those of many of his Clerical Masonic brethren. Once for all, I very much doubt the accuracy of the latter portion of this sentence. I cannot believe his views are "common with many Clerical Masonic brethren," and I hope, for the sake of the Church and the honour of Freemasonry. that some means will present itself to prove how erroneous his views are. I am of opinion his ideas would be repugnant to every true Freemason, be he Lay or Clerical, and from instances which have come under my notice, where Freemasonry has been made use of in business, any attempt to combine the two would have an exactly opposite result to what was desired. I argue a man could be neither a good minister of religion nor a good Mason who would seek to advance personal ends through the influence of the Craft.

I cannot believe you will allow any discussion in your pages on the general question of Church Patronage, and I will therefore confine my remarks to the Masonic aspect of the case, pure and simple, except that I would like to say I consider it impossible for any man to assign a reason—except in a small number of cases —for a Patron's choice, when it becomes his duty to appoint some one to a Living. Who knows but that Freemasonry itself may have been at the bottom of the selection, and that the very power your correspondent asks for had not been the means of deciding the question? More is

I feel your correspondent is a disappointed man, and on that account we should "be to his faults a little blind," else how can we excuse such an exposition of Freemasonry's "Brotherly Love and Relief" as he gives, or the remarks with which he concludes his letter-that he is "becoming sadly awakened to the fact that (with the exception of the support rendered to our Masonic Charities) there is little beauty and less truth in the practice of the tenets and principles of our Order." Oh! that a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain should have occasion to thus express himself to the Craft at large! Religion, apart from Freemasonry, should teach him better, unless I have misunderstood the lessons set me, or my tutors have wrongly instructed me. He appears to have profited by neither the one nor the other-Religion or Freemasonry-and, to make matters worse, has attempted to mix the two, a proceeding which I am convinced will never be tolerated by the Craft or listened to by the leaders of the Church. For this reason I feel it would be in vain for your correspondent to Masonically address the present Lord Chancellor. or any other Masonic Patron of Church Livings. If he cannot secure preferment in the ordinary course, I strongly urge on him to refrain from departing from the spirit of Freemasoury, which enjoins on its members to be uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives in all their dealings with the Craft. I should heartily rejoice to hear that my brother's 25 years' active work had been rewarded, but not in the manner he suggests, and which, on further consideration I hope he will admit, is hardly consistent with the teachings of the Craft.

Fraternally yours,

MYSTIC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, - The letter you published last week under this head might have gone further than it did. The experience of your correspondent is confined to one subject, that of Church Patronage; but I would ask why it is that Freemasons do not always give the preference to Masons, all other things being equal?

I am of the same opinion as "P.M., &c.," only that I would carry his ideas throughout life; if "Masonry means anything" it should mean that one brother should give preference to Masons on every occasion, if equal advantages were off red by the Mason; whereas in practice I find very little attention is paid to the principle of one Mason beloing another.

I did not join Freemasonry for what I could make out of it, but I certainly thought there would be more mutual help among its members than I have since discovered. It seems to me that the fact of being a Brother Mason counts for nothing outside of a Lodge, unless it is to be appealed to by those who profess to be brothers in distress, but who in many cares are, I believe, nothing but profes-

sional beggars.

I consider there are plenty of cases, occurring every day, where one could help another, and that, too, without doing wrong; but most, if not all, of such opportunities are neglected, and, as a consequence, Masons become disgusted with the Order, which, as your correspondent says, is all very well in theory, but a little less beautiful and less truthful in practice.

I am, yours fraternally,

A BELIEVER IN MUTUAL HELP.

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -- If you have not already in type a reply to "I.G.'s" last letter in your issue of the 25th inst., I offer this one for your acceptance.

"I.G." is evidently not so young as he pretends to be, and possibly knows, or thinks he knows, a great deal more than the brothers he disagrees with (as he states in his previous letter). I do not therefore write for his benefit, but for the benefit of those young Masons who, when placed in the position of I.G., would be desirous of doing their duty to the best of their ability. I tell them that when a gentleman of rank or high standing in society becomes a Mason he does not reduce himself to the level of men who think, and act, like "I.G."; but that he, of course, retains his social position in Lodge, as well as out of Lodge, and should be treated accordingly.

I tell I.G.'s that they are to use "that dear term of equality" Brother, but that it is right and proper to add thereto the titles, Masonic or otherwise, of the brother they announce. "I.G." would probably say in answer to the "report," W.M., Bro. Burdett. The W.M. would no doubt say, Ask what Lodge the brother belougs to? "I.G." would reply, without asking, "Oh, the Tyler said he was the Grand Master for Middlesex!" Now the proper way to announce such a brother would be-W.M., the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

If a nobleman is to be announced who is not a Grand Officer or Provincial Grand Officer Present or Past it should be-Bro. Lord, or Bro. Sir William, or Bro. General, or Bro. Admiral; but if he be a Grand Officer or Prov. Grand Officer his Masonic title should be

The Tyler, if a visitor be unknown to him, has the opportunity of seeing the signature and Masonic title of the visitor, and is generally intelligent enough to give the proper announcement to the I.G.

Yours fraternally,

P.G.A.D.C.

Sydenham, 29th February 1888.

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY,

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIE AND BROTHEE, -While I consider you and your correspondent "I.G." perfectly right in objecting to add the prefix of Churchwarden, Town Councillor, or Vestryman" to that of a brother in Masoury, or, for the matter of that, outside of it, he is wrong in wishing to drop naval, military or similar distinctions; and for this reason: - A brother holding Her Majusty's Commission in either of the Services is by right entitled to be addressed by such title on all occasions, either in public or private life, and for such reason in Masonry also. The same does not apply to parish or other officials of a similar character, any more than it does to distinguished Craftsmen. It would certainly be out of place to address a Vestryman as Mr. Worshipful Master So-and-so, and for the same reason equally out of place to bring the title Vertryman into Freemasonry. But, as I have said, the same does not apply in the case of Commissioned Officers, and, I may add, Clergymen, Doctors, and a few others who, by right, custom and courtesy, are entitled to dis-

Although I feel perfectly convinced in my own mind as to which titles should be mentioned and which ignored, I admit I am unable to give exact details to "I.G." as to where he should draw the line. I do not think, however, there is any one outside of those mentioned above who are entitled to an "outside title in Freemasonry."

Hoping my expression of opinion may be of service to your corres-

I remain, yours, &c.

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[The above is the generally accepted opinion in regard to titles.—Ed. F.C.]

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, who was supported by an influential Board of Stewards from various parts of the country. As one of the best known supporters of our Institutions observed at the close of the gathering, the doings at the Festivals seem to become year by year smaller by degrees and beautifully less. Whether it is that the brethren are less inclined to listen to long speeches, or the speakers become less disposed to deliver them, we know not, but it is certain Wednesday's Festival was concluded at an exceptionally early hour, a result which afforded satisfaction to many of those present. Perhaps no small portion of the credit of the early finish is due to the good start which was made, the first part of the proceedings—the banquet -being served in excellent form by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, whose manager at this establishment, Bro. Madell, is so active by nature as to induce activity in all under his charge. The banquet having concluded, the Chairman proceeded with the toast list, which he disposed of in brief but appropriate terms. The health of Her Majesty the Queen having been drunk, and the National Anthem sung, that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family was submitted. The Chairman was quite certain no speech was expected from him in connection with this toast. The ability of the Prince of Wales was well-known, he supposed, to every one he was addressing, while his genial behaviour was of such a character as to delight all who came into contact with him. The next toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. To this Bro. Saunders P.D.G.M. Madras responded. He regretted the duty of replying to the toast had fallen on him, as he felt sure there were many who could do greater justice to it. It was, however, a somewhat easy task to perform, inasmuch as it embraced the Pro and Deputy Grand Master, than whom no better Masons could be found together with those brethren whom the Grand Master had called around him to assist in the Government and maintenance of the Craft. He did not possess the power of speech to properly portray the ability of either the Pro Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, while in regard to the minor Officers of Grand Lodge the brethren around him were quite cap ble of forming an opinion as to their merits. He should, therefore, content himself with a simple acknowledgment of their hearty thanks for the toast just proposed in their honour. The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Before submitting the toast, he desired to make one observation. The room was a very large one, and he had a large audience; as he should like to think that every word he uttered was heard in every part of the room, he appealed to the brethren to be as quiet as possible while he gave them a few particulars of the very important Charity they were that night assembled to honour. He then proceeded:-The daty now devolves upon me of proposing the toast of the evening Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and as the purpose for which we are now assembled is that we should use our utmost efforts to advance that prosperity, I am confident I shall have the sympathy of all present in the remarks I am about to make. The merits of the case are simple; nor is it necessary I should adopt a tone of exaggeration in laying them before you. As many of you know already, this Institution consists of a Male Fund and a Widows' Fund. The former was established by Grand Lodge in 1842, towards the close of the Grand Mastership of the late Duke of Sussex, and in the forty-six years that have since elapsed it has supported 711 aged and necessitons brethren. After the election in May of last year it provided Annuities of £40 each for 179 brethren, the amount required annually to meet this expenditure being £7160. But the permanent income of the Fund is only £1986, and there is therefore a deficiency of £5174, which the Committee of Management have faith will be supplied by the voluntary donations and subscriptions of the Craft. The Widows' Fund, which was established by Grand Lodge in 1849, in the Grand Mastership of the lave Lord Zetland, has since supported 463 Widows of Brethren, and after the election in May last provided annuities of £32 each for £227 Widows. While in add there are 15 Widows who receive for three years, and without election, the half of their late husband's Annuity—the total expenditure for the Widows' Annaities and half Annuities being £7564. But the permanent income of this branch is only £1548, and consequently there is an annual deficiency, which we hope will be made good by the brethren, amounting to £6016. Besides all this, there is the Asylum at Croydon (which accommodates 32 of the Annuitants) to be main. tained, and there are also the working expenses, or expenses of management, which, I need hardly tell you, in an Institution of this magnitude amount to a considerable sum annually. Last of all, for the election, which will take place on the third Friday in May next, there are on the Male Fund 67 candidates and only 16 vacancies to be filled, and on the Widows' Fund 64 candidates and only seven vacancies, so that even under the most favourable circumstances, and in spite of the periodical increases in number which have taken place during the last few years, there will still remain quite 100 poor old brethren and widows of brethren for whom no provision can be made this year. Was I not right in saying that the facts of the case are simple, and do not need to be exaggerated in order to assure your sympathy? But I should be discharging my duty as Chairman very imperfectly if I did not say something as to who and what these annuitants and candidates are, and what they have been. The candidates are all of them brother Masons of good standing, that is to say, they have been subscribing members of one or more of our

have held high office, and some in their palmy days have contributed towards the support of our Masonic Institutions in the same manner, and by the same means, that we hope to employ successfully on this occasion. All were once in reputable circumstances, many being even wealthy, but Fortune has been unkind, and now they are old and feeble, and, but for the benefits which they hope to obtain from this Institution, they would be in a condition of hopeless and absolute poverty. And as with the Male Annuitants and Candidates, so it is with the Widows—their husbands were once in good standing in Freemasonry and in good worldly circumstances; but now, as for themselves, they are without means, save what are provided, or they hope will be provided, by this Charity, and are too aged and infirm to earn their livelihood. This, then, is the Institution whose cause it is my privilege to advocate this evening. I have told you what it has done in the past, and what it stands pledged to do in the present. I have shewn you how small are its permanent resources by comparison with its expenditure. I trust, therefore, my earnest appeal to you all for that support which is so imperatively necessary will not be in vain, and that the announcement which it will be the duty of Bro. Terry, as Secretary, to make in the course of the evening will show that the members of the Board of Stewards have succeeded n obtaining, in donations and subscriptions, a sum sufficient not only iforthe expenses of the current year, but also to justify the Committee of Management in recommending an increase, however small, in the number of Annuitants on the two funds, so that when the day of election comes round in May next, as few as possible of the 131 applicants may be left unprovided for. Let me again remind you that these poor old people were formerly in good circumstances, but they have been sore stricken in the battle of life, and in their utter helplessness and poverty they have, humanly speaking, no other trust than in your kindness and in the generous exercise of that Masonis principle of Charity which, I rejoice to say, is never appealed to in vain. Without further preface I give you Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and I couple with the toast the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, the worthy Treasurer of this admirable

Bro. Edgar Bowyer acknowledged the toast. He thanked Sir George Elliot for the very kind manner in which he had proposed Success to the Institution, and assured him the Committee thanked most sincerely for presiding there that evening, while they were equally thankful to the Board of Stewards for what they had done on behalf of the Charity. Bro. Terry was then called upon to read the list of amounts contributed for the Festival. Never, perhaps, was he more heartily received than on this occasion, and if there were any present who previously entertained the opinion that his efforts as Secretary are less appreciated now than they have been in the past, they must have been forcibly convinced that such was not the case. Cheer after cheer resounded throughout the hall, and it was only after an outbarst of some minutes' duration that he could attempt to proceed with the task before him. On the present occasion he said the Institution had the advantage of a Board of Stewards, two hundred and seventy-four in number, and as an instance of the feeling which actuated many of them, he might mention that at that moment the number was eleven greater than it was when they made up their return the day before. This he considered a great personal compliment to the Chairman of the day, as many of these latest arrivals had no doubt given in their names at the last moment in order to secure for Sir George Elliot as strong a body of followers as possible. Bro. Terry then read out the lists of donations (full particulars of which we give elsewhere, together with alterations and additions up to the time of our going to press). The final aunouncement called forth another hearty roun t of applicuse, and when this had subsided, the toast of the Chairman was honoured, as also was that of the Sister Institutions, to which latter Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G. Swd. B. S cretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, responded. He tendered his warmest thanks for the toast, and begged to congratulate the Benevolent Institution on the magnificent result of that day's Festival. As the brethren were aware, they would this year celebrate the Centenary of the Institution with which he had the honour of being associated-The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He had hoped to have been able to announce that night the date of their Festival, and some other information in regard to it, which was anxiously awaited by the Craft, but he was unfortunately unable to do so, although he assured them his Committee would take the earliest means of informing the Craft on the several matters. They fully recognised the kindness and great liberality with which so many brethren were coming forward in support of the Centenary, and hoped, although they at present had a splendid roll of Stewards, that the number would be largely increased before the date of the Festival. It was true those associated with the Girls' School were looking forward to a grand Fest val, and they were anticipating a heavy total as its outcome, but they did not believe it would prove detrimental to the other Institutions. Experience had taught them that when the Craft undertook to support any particular object in a special manner, it did not do it to the detriment of other and equally deserving objects. The result of that night's gathering had confirmed this opinion, and he hoped that when the announcement came to be made in connection with the Boys' School Festival, that also would go to prove the truth of his surmise. Bro. Major Woodall, P.G. To as. submitted the next toast. The daty allotted to him was a very pleasantone, and one which he felt sure would meet the approval of all around him. It was to propose the toast of the Stewards of the day, the health of those good brethren by whose exertions the Institution had secured so gratifying a result for us Annual Festival. He might say, in the language of the brave fishermen who toil upon the deep, that they had given a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all torether, with the result that they had landed a grand prize on this occasion. Bro. Tennant, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Eastern Division South Wales, replied. As President of the Board of Lodges for at least 10 years, and some of them over 40 years. Many Stewards he acknowledged the toast which had been so heartily

proposed and received by the brethren. The Stewards had this year leap year, a lady would not have been out of place in the chair that had many difficulties to contend with, obstacles which they had great difficulty in surmounting, and yet they appeared to have done well. Not the least of these obstacles was the attractions in connection with the Centenary celebration of the Girls School, yet they all wished the efforts of the Stewards for that Charity would be crowned with success. They could not, however, close their eyes to the fact that any special efforts made for one Institution must prove detrimental to the others, but he was proud to say that such had hardly been proved to be the case in regard to the efforts they had made on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. The brethren who had acted as Stewards were heartily pleased with the result of their efforts and congratulated themselves that they had been able to do so much. There were one or two points in connection with the support given to the Charities, which he considered worthy the consideration of the Craft. These had reference to the way in which the funds devoted to Charity were raised. His exprience was, a few only contributed, and not the many, and while he would wish to retain the support of the few, he would like to have the interest of the many. He hoped to see some feasible plan adopted to extend the number of supporters of the Institutions. Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. was entrusted with the next tonst. It was that of a Sister Institution, which he knew would appeal to their feelings—it was, the Ladies. This being | ment.

night, when she could have dilated on the many virtues and excellencies of her sex, and given the brethren a far better version of their capabilities than it was possible for him to do. However, as the unworthy representative of the Ladies on that occasion, he should attempt to act on their behalf. He concluded his remarks by asking the brethren to drink to their very good health. Bro. Major George Lambert P.G.S.B. replied. Once he was young, now he was old, but he loved the ladies as well as ever. He thought the brethren would be doing a good turn to the Institutions if they could enlist the good offices of the ladies on their behalf. Many a ten guinea donation would roll in if the fair sex would undertake the advocacy of the cause those assembled had so near at heart. Speaking of the Institution they were that night honouring, he believed the ladies could do much on behalf of the Widows' branch-he would not ask them to labour for the men; while in regard to the Schools it was impossible to estimate what they might accomplish. If the ladies would take up the cause he felt sure there would soon be raised a large extra fund for the Charities, from what he might describe as an extra source. This concluded the proceedings in the Banquet Hall, and the brethren repaired to the Temple where, with the ladies, they enjoyed the music provided for their amuse-

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OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasoury 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

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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.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th March 1888, at 6 for

- 1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December 1887 for confirmation.
- 2. The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master will move:
 - "That this Grand Lodge offers to the Most Worshipful Brother His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany, Protector of Freemasonry in that country, its most fraternal and heartfelt sympathy in the affliction under which he is suffering, and begs to express its earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore His Imperial Highness again to health."
- 3. Election of a Most Worshipful Grand Master.
- 4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
- 5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :-

A Brother of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole £50 0 0 A Brother of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, London 50 0 0

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6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of February, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5,712 18s 7d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wayes £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library £17 7s 10d.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN,

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. 21st February 1888.

7. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1887.

8. APPEALS.

- 1. By Brother William Henry Messenger P.M. of the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, Christchurch, New Zealand, against his expulsion from the Craft by the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New
- 2. By Brother John C. Cobbe P.M. of Lodge Goodwill, No. 465 Bellary, Madras, against a decision of the Deputy District Grand Master, in charge, of Madras, declining to interfere in a matter at issue between Brother Cobbe and Lodge No. 465, relative to a proposed presentation from it to him.
- 3. By Brother Henry Alfred Michael, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., against a ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales declaring that Brother Joseph James Allen J.W. had been duly elected Worshipful Master of the said

List of brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer.

STEPHEN BARTON WILSON P.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, London. Nominated by Brother Frederick Joseph Tyler W.M. No. 59, London.

ASHER BARFIELD P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, London, Nominated by Brother George Read P.M. No. 511, London.

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

No. 2236-The Kaikoura Lodge, Kaikoura, New Zealand.

2237-The Earl of Leicester, Wells, Norfolk.

2238—The Rewa Lodge of Viti, Nausori Rewa, Viti Levu, Fiji. 2239 - The Norman Lodge, Normanton, Queensland.

2240-The Arrow Lodge, Kington, Hereforeshire.

2241-The Cordwainer Ward Ledge, London.

2242—The Tyssen-Amherst Lodge, Hackney.

2243-The Argonauts Lodge, Putney.

2244—The Cowper and Newton Lodge, Olney, Buckinghamshire. 2245—The Advance Lodge, Brunnerton, Westland, N.Z. 2246—The Cyclist Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey.

2247-The Albert Lodge, South Melbourne, Victoria.

2248-The Shakespere Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.

2249—The Jubilee Lodge, Rushworth, Victoria.

2250 - The Caulfield Lodge, Caulfield, Victoria.

2251-The Alberton Lodge, Port Albert, Victoria.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WINDSOR CASTLE LODGE, No. 177.

N Tuesday, 14th ult., Bro. T. Page, was duly installed W.M. The installation ceremony, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, was performed in an excellent manner by Bro. Henry Daly Marshall I.P.M. Prov. G.S.W. After the newly-installed W.M. had invested his Officers, he presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Marshall. Business ended, the brethren repaired to the Castle Hotel, where Bro. W. J. Drake provided a capital banquet, the menu containing the choice things of the season. Thirty-eight brothren eat down, including several Provincial Officers and four W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. W. F. Summers Prov. G.O., and Organist of the Lodge.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THIS Lodge held its winter banquet on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., A at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel, Plymouth. The W.M. Bro. John Ward presided, supported in the vice-chairs by Bros. F. R. Thomas S.W., and W. M. Robins J.W. pro tem. Toasts were given, and an entertainment of vocal music furnished by brethren. Among creditable manner.

50 0 0 the entertainers were Bros. J. Ward, Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. W. Cornish, R. Blight, George Hawken, J. Leonard, W. M. Robins, D. C. 0 Herbert 1212, and C. Haly 2025.

ST. GERMAIN'S LODGE, No. 566.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, the Crescent, Selby, on Friday, the 24th of February. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. Cheesman W.M., Barlow S.W. W.M. elect, Dunn P.M. as J.W., Rev. T. Cheese, B.A., Chaplain, Hudson Treas., Rawling P.P.G.O. Secretary, Webber as S.D., Tarner J.D., Mould Organist, Townend Steward, Weddall P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Hodgson, Wilkinson. Visitors: Bros. Tew R.W. Prov. G. Master West Yorks, Warburton P.M. 163 P.P.S.G.D. East Lancashire, Bedford P.M. 304 P.P.G.D. West Yorks, José Rickard W.M. 304, Stott W.M. 337, Briggs W.M. 630, Dyson W.M. 1611, Tanner I.P.M. 337, Brown I.P.M. 1611, Shaw P.M. 337, Walsgrove P.W. 725, Tanner S.W. 337, Dalton S.W. 1611 P.P.G. Steward, Lackenby J.W. 1611, Shaw J.D. 630, Cheesman J.D. 2078, Milling. ton Steward 1221, Halliwell Steward 1611, Turner 1221, Scott 1611, Cheesman 2078, and others. The Lodge having been formally opened the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Brother Barlow having been presented as W.M. elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. The following Officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Turner S.W., Hudson J.W., Cheese, B.A., Chaplain, Cheesman I.P.M. Treasurer, Rawling P.P.G.O. Secretary, Rev. H. Greeves P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Charity Steward, Hodgson S.D., Eggleshaw J.D., Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., Mould Organist, Townend I.G., Watson and Wilkinson Stewards, Pearson Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Staniland, performed the ceremony in a very impressive and efficient manner. ing tools in the three degrees were presented and explained by Bro. Cheesman I.P.M. After the completion of the business, and hearty good wishes having been expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet at the Londesbro' Arms Hotel, which gave complete satisfaction to all present, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with sougs and glees, which thoroughly delighted all present, by Bros. J. W. Tanner, Shaw, T. W. Tanner, Rawling, and Eggleshaw, Bro. Mould presiding at the pianoforte.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on the 21st ult., there was a goodly gathering of the brethren at the Masonio Hall, Yorkersgate, Malton. After the opening business had been transacted, Bro. Mosey F. W. Williamson was duly installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. W. Walker P.M. and Treasurer. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Buckle I.P.M., the Rev. W. G. Chilman S.W., Metcalfe J.W., the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman Chaplain, Walker Treasurer, Marshall Secretary, Winpenny S.D., Holmes J.D., Lucas D.C., Marshall Organist, Decley I.G., E. St. Clair Rogers and Wallgate Stewards, Stockdale Tyler. The usual banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 852.

T the meeting held in the Masonic Hall, the Crescent, on Wednesday, 8th ult., an interesting ceremony took place, on the occasion of the marriage of the Worshipful Master (Bro. Thos. Pike), who entertained the members of his Lodge and a number of visiting brethren to a banquet. The circular contained a heavy list of business. There was a large gathering of brethren, Provincial Officers and others, amongst whom were Bros. J. Barker, Williamson, W. Nichols, G. A. Packwood, J. Corney, Councillor Holland, C. H. Wheeler, J. Young, Smith, Donohoe, Garside, Walter Lee I.P.M., W. H. Fulford S.W., A. Wooley J.W., and the rest of the Officers. The W.M., Bro. Pike, opened the business by initiating into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry Mr. George Hackin, also two passings, the work of which he did in a truly masterly style, and he was warmly congratulated by the whole of the brethren present as to his efficiency, it being his first night in the chair. The Immediate Past Master Bro. Walter Lee, and Bro. C. H. Wheeler, also took part in the passings. After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been honoured in an enthusiastic manner, the toast of the newly-installed brother was proposed, after which Brother P. M. Young proposed the Worshipful Master, in highly eulogistic terms. He asked the Worshipful Master to accept from the Past Masters and Brethren of the Lodge a small token of their esteem, in the shape of a tea urn, enclosed in a glass shade, and a cruet, bearing the following inscription:

"Presented to Bro. Thomas Pike, W.M. Zetland Lodge, 852, by the brethren, as a mark of esteem, on the occasion of his marriage, January 17, 1888."

Bro. Pike thanked the brethren for their kind expressions towards himself and his wife, and also for the handsome articles that had been presented to him. He assured them that in the past he had endeavoured to filfil the duties of the office of W.M. to the best of his ability, and to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and he should strive to merit their good wishes in the future. Bro. Lee was then presented with the Past Master's jewel and collar, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge as a mark of respect and in acknowledgment of his services during the Jubilee Year of 1887. Bro. Lee responded. Bro. Donohoe, who had been specially invited by the Worshipful Master, delivered an appropriate speech, after which Bro. Baxter invited the brethren to dine with him, at the Royal Hotel, Pendleton. During the evening a programme of music was performed in a

BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 902.

MEETING of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet A Street, London, on Monday, 27th February, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Charles Castell. Lodge was opened at 4:15 when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Pillinger, Leary and Larter were passed to the degree of F.C. The ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. Walter Robert Gadd, who was proposed as a candidate for our mysteries by the W.M. The result seconded by Brother Jefferys P.M. and Secretary. was favourable to the candidate, and he was regularly initiated into the Order. Bro. Sprinks was then raised to the sublime degree. All the ceremonies were carefully and impressively conducted by the W.M., who was ably supported by the following Officers:-Bros. J. C. Cross S.W., W. Smith J.W., H. C. Jefferys P.M. Secretary, George Gabb P.M. Treasurer, W. Batty D.C., J. Beddoes S.D., E. S. White J.D., H. James Organist, John Gilbert Tyler; P.M.'s S. J. Byng, W. Wilkins, R. N. Field and H. A. Pocock also supported the W.M., while the following is a list of the Visitors present:—Bros. W. Lestocq W.M. 1319, F. Dray 2021, G. Powell W.M. 889, D. Ferguson P.M. 1793, W. Drewett W.M. 889, Morgan P.M. 211, E. A. Mitchell, Louis Beck P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, J. W. Thomas P.M. 1641, &c., Williams P.M. 173, S. G. Bonner, P. A. Hornburg 8 (Norway). In the course of the routine work, two candidates for initiation were proposed, for whom the ballot will be taken at the next meeting. An old member of the Lodge tendered his resignation, in consequence of change of residence; this was accepted, with regret. The Worshipful Master referred to the fact that he was working a Stewardship on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, the Festival of which would take place two days later. He forcibly impressed upon the brethren the urgency of the appeal he was then making on behalf of that Institution. He stated that later in the evening he should give the brethren a practical opportunity of exercising their Charity. Bro. Castell's appeal was so far successful, that he was enabled to take up to the Festival, later in the week, a sum of £30, as the contribution of his Lodge to the funds of the Benevolent Institution. Notice of motion was given that the Lodge vote ten guineas towards the Girls' School Centenary Festival, which motion will be considered at the next meeting. Bro. E. Floydd was elected as a re-joining member of the Lodge, after which good wishes were tendered, and the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master submitted the customary toasts. He said it was not his intention to occupy any great length of time over the various sentiments. Speaking of the Queen, he said that the mind of Her Majesty was much exercised at the critical condition of her son-in-law, the Crown Prince of Germany. He (Bro. Castell) had that day received the agenda paper for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and foremost on that document appeared a proposition, in the name of their respected Deputy Grand Master, which would adequately convey, he felt assured, the sentiments of the Craft in regard to this, he might almost say, national calamity. The second toast needed no words from him. All knew how zealously the Prince of Wales performed his Masonic functions. This year would be celebrated the silver wedding of the Royal couple, and Craftsmen all wished them many happy returns of the day. After the Grand Officers had been duly honoured, Bro. Jefferys P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. But for the state of his health Bro. Castell would have presided over the Lodge last year; now all the members congratulated him on his restoration; he was worthily fulfilling his functions. He was a constant attendant in the Lodge's behalf at the councils of the Craft, and had displayed tact and ability in the conduct of his work in the Lodge. In reply, the Worshipful Master acknowledged the kindness of Bro. Jefferys, and congratulated himself on being restored to health, so far as to be enabled to attend to the affairs of the Lodge. He trusted that when it came for him to hand the Warrant down it would be as unsullied as when it was entrusted to his keeping. initiates they had had during the period of his Mastership were men, he felt, who would do credit to the Lodge, which at the present time stood well. He ventured to hope his efforts would be appreciated, and that he should prove his ability to "rule the roost" kindly spirit, and in a way that would give pleasure to all. Before sitting down he would propose the health of the Initiate, who was a very old friend, and one whose antecedents might lead them to expect he would shine as a Freemason. In reply Bro. Gadd said it world was sympathy and brotherhood, and as far as he knew Freemasonry supplied both. He did not regret the step he had taken; the initiatory ceremony had deeply impressed him; he was not entirely a stranger to Freemasonry, inasmuch as his father was a Mason of upwards of fifty years' standing and his brothers were also in the Order. His introduction into Masonry that night had caused considerable pleasure to the various members of his family, as well as to himself. Bro. Gadd concluded a capital speech by thanking the brethren for the compliment they had paid him. The next toast was that of the Visitors, and replies were elicited from Bros. Hornburgh, a native of Christiania, Morgan, Beck, Thomas, Drewett, and Ferguson. Brother Wilkins responded for the Past Masters, expressing gratification at seeing so many members of that body present. All had the interest of the Lodge at heart, and would do what they could to advance its welfare. In speaking of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Castell said they were both excellent Officers, ever ready to perform any task in the interests of the Lodge. Brother Geo. Gabb (Treasurer), in his reply, said it was gratifying to know that the Lodge was financially now in a better condition than at any period within his knowledge. He thanked the brethren for the con-

impressed on the Wardens, replies were made, and the Tyler was summoned to give the parting toast. Some capital songs, &c., were contributed in the course of the evening.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

The second annual Ball of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday evening, the 23.d ult. Great praise is due to the Committee for their exertions to make the ball a success. Nearly two hundred ladies and gentlemen attended. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m. to the strains of Busby's Band, and was kept up with spirit till 4 a.m., with the exception of the interval for supper. The supper programme was very ably carried out, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. R. Boyell, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Englefield I.P.M., Forrest, Hunter, and Kirkaldy P.M.'s, Esling S.W., Price J.W., Potter S.D., Kent I.G., Matthews, and Mulford, the last named being the indefatigable M.C. At the conclusion of the supper the W.M. gave one or two appropriate toasts, and the company returned to the Ball-room to finish their enjoyment.

ST. KEYNA LODGE, No. 1833.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Public Hall, Keynsham, on Tuesday the 21st ult., when Brother S. J. Lewis S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M., in presence of a number of distinguished brethren of the Province. The W.M. elect appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. James Stagg I.P.M., Hobkirk S.W., Mitchell J.W., Gay Treasurer, Newall Secretary, Charles Burn S.D., Naish J.D., Grubb D.C., Ben Read I.G., Parminton Organist, Williams and Stokes Stewards, and Stoate Tyler. In the evening the usual banquet was held, at the Lamb and Lark Hotel, Brother S. J. Lewis presiding, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A capital dinner was provided by Brother Cox.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

A LODGE of Instruction has been formed in connection with this flourishing young Lodge. Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S.W. Middx., the popular W.M. of 2206, P.M. 2048, &c. &c., is the Preceptor, and Bros. A. J. Hearn, D.C. 2206, and Fraser, J.W. 2206, are respectively Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. E. W. Wheeler, Organist 2206, has kindly consented to undertake the same duties in the Lodge of Instruction; he will be assisted in the vocal parts by Bros. F. Hearne, Hudson, Dobbs, and Easun. The Lodge meets on Wednesday evenings, at 8.15, at the Lodge Room, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon. Train from St. Pancras at 7.20 p.m. A Charity Association has been formed in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, and is, we are glad to say, making rapid progress. Brethren are cordially invited to pay this Lodge a visit.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1981.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, Islington. About 50 brethren whose Masonic zeal was not of the kind to be influenced by the severity of the weather attended the weekly meeting of this excellent Lodge of Instruction on the 18th ultimo. The regular work, consisting of the rehearsal of the third ceremony, was satisfactorily gone through by the Officers. Bros. L. Solomon W.M., Stallard S.W., Yates J.W., Ashton S.D., Witte J.D., and Brown I.G., under the able guidance of Bro. I. P. Cohen Preceptor. The Lodge was then dismissed from labour to refreshment, and after a brief interval was called on, and resumed in the first degree, for the purpose of hearing a lecture from Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler, who, some months previously, had been invited by a resolution of the Lodge to give the brethren the benefit of his ability and experience in this branch of Masonic instruction. After an introductory address, having reference chiefly to the origin of tracing boards, which, although of considerable length, was delivered in a masterly manner, and was listened to in a way that plainly evinced the interest of his audience, Bro. Sadler proceeded to explain the meaning of the different symbols on the first Tracing Board, in which he was ably assisted by Bros. Cohen, Galer, Fenner, Solomon, Larkin, Hurdell, and Hodges, who, when requested, readily gave the different illustrations and definitions which are comprised in the first lecture. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the was a pleasure for him to be present. What men wanted in this lecturer, on the motion of Bro. I. P. Cohen, who informed the brethren that Bro. Sadier was already an honorary member of the Lodge. for services previously rendered, or he would have had much pleasure in proposing that he should now be asked to accept that compliment at their hands; as it was, he must content himself with simply moving the resolution, and, in addition, express his own gratification and thanks for the treat Bro. Sadler had afforded them. Several brethren were then proposed as members, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

DEATH.

COLLINGRIDGE.—At his residence, 134 Cloudesley Road, N., on Tuesday, 28th February, Bro. J. C. Collingridge, of 60 and 62 Clerkenwell Road, London, E.C., aged 66 years. Many years a member of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, and of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188.

Geo. Gabb (Treasurer), in his reply, said it was gratifying to know that the Lodge was financially now in a better condition than at any period within his knowledge. He thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him by electing him as their Treasurer. Brother Jefferys followed. He was pleased to think his services were appreciated by the members of the Lodge. Whatever he undertook became essentially a labour of love to him. After the remaining Officers had been complimented, and the necessity of attending the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge had been

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

WORSHIPFUL was a mediæval title of honour and respect which our forefathers in the Craft justly deemed appropriate to the presiding Officer of a Masonic Lodge. In Shakespeare we find the term used thus:

"My father desires your Worship's company."
"This is worshipful society."

The title is not used in Masonry as a term of adoration, but of sincere respect and deference. It accords supremacy in the Lodge.

To leave no doubt of the power of the Lodge's chief Officer, he is styled not only Worshipful, but Master. He is a Master of Masters. All are Master Masons, but he is the Master of Masters—their Worshipful Master. His authority in the Lodge is unquestionable—there he not only has no superior, but no equal. As the orb of day sweeps majestically and beneficently through the sky, the ruler of the material universe, with all the starry hosts of heaven silently and willingly doing his bidding, so the Worshipful Master with equal regularity and wisdom rules and governs his Lodge. And just as above that sun is the sun's Creator—the Lord of all life and being, animate and inanimate, by whose infinity of wisdom the worlds were made, and in accordance with whose will all are governed; so above the Worshipful Master is the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, with its Right Worshipful Grand Master—the constitutor of his Lodge, and to which alone an appeal from his action lies.

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge is infinitely more than the presiding Officer of the Masonic society. There is no Officer in sacred or profane usage that is his equal in privilege, power and honour. As a Master Mason all Freemasons are his peers, but he is the "first among his equals." Elevated by his fellows, through their exercise of that universal suffrage which embraces every affiliated member of the Craft, when installed in the Master's station his authority in the Lodge none there may question. Notwithstanding such absolute power is accorded him, we have never known a case where that power was exercised to serve merely personal ends. Misjudgments, no doubt there have been, but malicious judg-The Brother who feels the weight of ments never. responsibility resting upon him, as every Worshipful Master must, has too much heart in his office to permit his head to go wrong. The most radical Brother on the floor often makes the most conservative Master of a

Lodge. The Worshipful Master has two fields for the exercise of his talents—in the Lodge when at Labour, and in the Banquet Hall when a table Lodge is open, or the brethren are informally gathered to enjoy a feast of creature comforts and a flow of animal spirits. The ancient Romans had a rex convivii, or an arbiter bibendi, to preside over their banquets, and encourage hilarity or check excess. These officers are rolled into that of a Worshipful Master. At the banquet table as in the Lodge room he is Master-Master everywhere. And here he is infinitely more than a mere presiding officer. We have many of us been at Civic banquets where, notwithstanding the fact that an eminent and honoured citizen presided, he was powerless to maintain in the air, each end of each table became a law unto itself. having each its song and speech and would-be moderator who had no power to moderate. Such a scene gives an idea of pandemonium. But did you ever behold pandemo. nium at a Masonic banquet? Did you ever see the Brother, however full of self will, or of anything else, that would not obey the sound of the Gavel? There is no severer test of authority than a hundred or more men, armed with knives, forks, tongues, plates and glasses, and the wherewithal to replenish them and keep them replenished. And yet the Worshipful Master is as supreme at the Lodge banquet table as in the Lodge-room during the hours of Labour. Chaos is impossible, and if it were,

in a moment he could bring order out of chaos.

It is not surprising that brethren should feel a laudable pride in exercising the authority of Worshipful Master, and a laudable desire to reach his honourable station. He occupies the chair of King Solomon. Since his time a succession of worthies, in the State, the church, the learned professions, and all of the reputable vocations of life, have filled that chair. A Washington and Marshall have graced it in Virginia, a Franklin in Pennsylvania and besides

these a host of others of world-wide renown, while abroad kings and princes have esteemed it an honour to be addressed as Worshipful Master. For this, as well as for many other reasons, let us maintain our devotion to our ancient and honourable Fraternity, and our respect for the Worshipful Masters who preside over the individual Lodges. King Solomon is dead, but his representative in the Masonic Lodge never dies. King Solomon, all hail!—Keystone.

On the kind invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris (the spirited Lessee of our National Theatre), the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, accompanied by the head-master, the teachers, and several members of the House Committee, were present at Drury Lane Theatre, on Monday afternoon, to enjoy the performance of the Pantomime. By the kindness of the Earl of Londesborough the boys were supplied with cake, fruit, &c. Bro. Harris celebrated the 100th representation of "Puss in Boots" on Saturday last, when a handsome souvenir of the event was presented to each of his patrons.

Major George Lambert, F.S.A., Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, Bro. H. Tickle, C.C. (Bon Accord), Lt.-Col. Perry Godfrey (J.W. Alliance), and Sir Francis Burdett, took part in the induction of Admiral R. Mayne, M.P., C.B., and Bro. Henry Wright (Alliance Lodge), as members of the Order of the Secret Monitor, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, the 20th ult. Alderman Sir Robert N. Fowler, Bart., is also a member of the Order.

NEWSPAPER STATISTICS.—From The Newspaper Press Directory for 1888 we extract the following, on the present position of the Newspaper Press:—

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21	Ditto	Scotland
16	Ditto	Ireland
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On reference to the first edition of this useful Directory, for the year 1846, we find the following interesting facts—viz., that in that year there were published in the United Kingdom 551 Journals; of these 14 were issued daily—viz., 12 in England and 2 in Ireland; but in 1888 there are now established and circulated 2,177 papers, of which no less than 180 are issued daily, showing that the press of the country has nearly quadrupled during the last forty-two years. The increase in Daily Papers has been still more remarkable; the daily issues standing 180 against 14 in 1846. The Magazines now in course of publication, including the Quarterly Reviews, number 1,508, of which 399 are of a decidedly religious character, representing the Church of England, Wesleyans, Methodists, Baptists, Independents, Roman Catholics, and other Christian Communities."

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MASONRY AND WOMAN.—The Mason's wife, mother, sister and daughter, are specially sacred in the eyes of the brotherhood. No libertine, no jester at woman's virtue, can be a true Mason. The neophyte is taught to hate and shun blasphemy, obscenity, drunkenness and licentionsness, as he would some deadly thing; to keep out all coarse and impure thoughts from the mind, as he would spiders and cobwebs from his bed-room. There are bad Masons, as there are bad members in the church, but what we insist on, as one of the chief excellencies of the Order, is the way it upholds woman, guards her purity, glories in her society, and when falsely accused, or in trouble, comes to her rescue, if within our power.

filled that chair. A Washington and Marshall have graced it in Virginia, a Franklin in Pennsylvania, and besides Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In) 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Sonthgate-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction) 1672—Carnaryon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell 1624-Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street. S.W., at 7 (Instruction) 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.) Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Rayanests, W., at 4 R.A. 975-Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton M.M. 14-Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 5th MARCH. 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
[122—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rop-mak-r St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction) 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel: Road, at 8. (Instruction) 975-Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst-975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapnam Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemascus' Hall, W.C.
1426—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 Ripou, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.) 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Financia, High Street, Putney, at 8. 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.) 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at S. (Inst.) 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camborwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction) 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2098—Harlesden' National School, Harlesden
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 132—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C. 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst) 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction) 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire 529—Set. James S, Masonic Hotel, Worcester 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead 522—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne 523—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction) 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road. Dewsbury 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire 928—Frierdship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield 1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester Stamford, Town Hall, Altringham, Cheshir, 1050—Gundulpi, King's Head Hotel, Rochester 1051—Rowley, Athenaum, Lancaster 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire

R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells M.M. 2—Phænix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth TUESDAY, 6th MARCH.

1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds

1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction) 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold

1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

1519-Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington

1239—Wentworth, Freemasons Han, Shemon. 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool

1239-Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

R.A. 106-Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 7-Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 9-Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 18-Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst) 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenall-street, F.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Muscric Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1212—Euphretes, Vother Red Can, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction) (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction) 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pewnall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1011—Wandsworth, East Hill Word, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hoop Tavorn, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Reyal, Regent-street, W.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpuol Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Buttersea Park Road, at 3. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1416—Mount Edgeu ube, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 9. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1549—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury- the regulation
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hor say Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 3. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Reat, East Brixton, at a Latanation)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.33
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorga e, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 4. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instendion)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Reistol 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford. 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough. 241-Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction) 265-Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (In st.) 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgute-road, Newcastle 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay. 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield 804—Carnaryon, Masonic Hall, Havant. 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon. 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff. 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth 134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester 1244-Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redear 1322-Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction) 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlweh, Anglessa 1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead 1638-Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction) 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussux Street, Rh, 1 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon. 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buillings, Klug Street, Manchester 2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surray 213:—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction) R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskcard
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH. Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall 3 Fidel ty, Altred, Roman Road, Burnsbury, at 3. (Instruction) 30 - United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckhain, at 7.3). (Instruction) 72—Royal Jubilee, Micre, Chancery Laie, W.C., at 8. (Instruction) 73-Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst) 193-Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leade hall Street, at 7. (Inst ustion) 225-United Strength, the Hope, Standows Street, Regent's Park, at 3. (511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street 538—La Folerance, Postiand Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst) 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction) 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardott-road, E. (Instruction) 313—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
362—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 3. (Instruct)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gretiron, S. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Weltington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1:24—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hann is af atol. The degraph and red. S. W. 1585-Royal Commemoration, Fox and Houn is if stol, Up. dichmonderd. S.W 1691—Ravensbourne, George In., Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction) 1604—Wande ers, Victoria dans ons Restaura t. Victoria-st., S. W., at 7.30 (In) 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.39. (Inst.) 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.) 1687-The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields 1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shorediten 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tayern, Gresham-street 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Olmoerwell New Road, S.E., at S. (In) 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersoa Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction) R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent street, at S. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapet Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistie, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction) 74-Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingaam 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-strees, Roendale 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol

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406—Northero Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyde 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgare 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction) 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Korsley, Faruworth, near Bolton 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Contegency. (Instruction) 1992—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Contegency. (Instruction) 101—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hall 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Dorby 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.) 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Dorby 1091—Erme, Erme House, Lyybridge, Davon 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Clayster-le-Street, 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7,30. (Inst.) 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester. 141—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction) 1620—Marloorough, Dorby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool 1622—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction) 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-n-39a 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough R.A. 268—Amobibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike R.A. 304—Philantbropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leed. R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead M.M. 36—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden R.C.—Palatine,
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THURSDAY, 8th MARCH.

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10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leudenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, L'mbeth, at 8 (Instruction)
81—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
926—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldoxsgate-street, E.C.
263—Bilsbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
654—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottonhun, at 8 (Instruction)
754—Biggrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—Bonthwark, Southwark Park Tavern
769—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
769—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
766—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1189—Southern Stur, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bennal Green Road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Mise End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1459—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grovenor Park, Camberwell, Masons' (Instruction)
1469—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghalt-street, E.C.
1670—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, nt 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—Regense, Striling Castle Hotel, Church Street, C.C.,
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R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Gamorou at 8. (Irstruction)

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britan a, Freemasons' Hall Survey Street, Striffeld
203—And ent Umon. Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
216—Harmon c, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Perston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Jumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etrescan, Masonic Hall, Cheolicy Street, Birmingham
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
784—Wellington, Masonic Room, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington (Street, Abendon)
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedfort Street, Bury New Could, Machester
109—St. George, Private Room, Penparated Hill, Kraklel, Alvery of
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashion in the Lyne
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1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashion Hall, Manchester
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Manchester
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Wiccessershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Churca School Rooms, Sistingophree
1360—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
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1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1540—Crambourne, Red Lon Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 3. (Instruction);
1543—Corbet, Corbet Arma, Torvin
1697—Hospi ality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1732—Machen, Shan Hotel, Colestell
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, North and an
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 210—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Greston, Laugushin,
R.A. 276—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield,
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Sockton-on-Tees
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergivona/
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Screet, Devonport
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Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6

FRIDAY, 9th MARCH.

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35—Robert Burns, Portland Ar as Hotal, Grout Portland Street, W., at S. (In)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
167—Bt. John's, York and Alb na Hotal, Regent's Park, N.W., at S. (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims. Surrey Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at S. (Instruction)
768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, Rotherhithe, at S. (Instruction)
786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at S. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at S. (Instruction)
1331—Ranelagh, Six Bolls, Hammersmith. Instruction
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1331—Edwis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eelectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal S andard, Alwyne Caste, St. Phul's Rivel, Canonbury, at S. (In)
1345—Clinpton, White Hart, Lower Claston, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1341—Kennington, The Horas, Kenning on. (Instruction)
1342—B. Carmarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at S. (Instruction)
1343—Renalington, The Horas, Kenning on. (Instruction)
1344—B. Carmarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at S. (Instruction)
1352—The Abbay Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.,
at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmare C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Porthand Hitel, London Street, Green vich. (Instruction)
R.A. 980—Horasey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
Paddington, W. (Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leachmall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, drayhound, Richmond, at S. (Instruction)
M.M. 193—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Firsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Areade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Satio
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SATURDAY, 10th MARCH.

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108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phænix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., atjs. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., S. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edwar I, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Ancior, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Ma-onic Hill, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Sirect
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall W.C.
1923—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acra Lane Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Via Intel Hatel, E.C.
2012—Ohiswick, Windson Castle Hool, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Signare, W.C.
Smar Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Rogent Street, W., at 8
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1423—E a, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton
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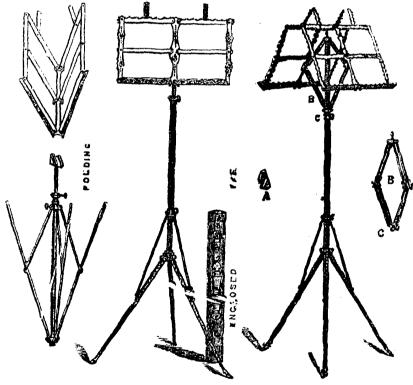
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