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A FORECAST FOR 1889.

AFTER a storm comes a calm. We must not, therefore, be surprised if the storm of enthusiasm which was raised throughout the country in the earlier months of the present year, on behalf of the Masonic Charities, is followed by a calm which will tax to the utmost the resources of the Institutions, and play havoc with the surpluses they have been able to accumulate. Our opinion is that the benevolence of Freemasonry has a limit, so to speak, and we believe that if at one Festival an exceptional amount is contributed, the totals of subsequent ones are likely to suffer, if not in proportion, at least to an appreciable extent. For the same reason we believe that an exceptionally prolific year is likely to be followed by a series of meagre ones, although we hope that in this respect our surmise may prove wrong. In face of the splendid results, however, which have been achieved in connection with the Institutions in 1888, it is hardly to be supposed that next year's returns will be up to the average, and, as a consequence, trouble will result. Although the Institutions are in the happy position of being able to meet those troubles bravely, it must not be supposed that a gloomy aspect can be regarded wholly with indifference, or that a falling off in the returns—however slight—can be passed over without anxiety.

No matter whether the storm of enthusiasm or the calm of indifference prevail in connection with the Masonic Institutions, there is no getting over the fact that a given sum has to be raised to meet the current expenses of the year. It is not a question of cutting the coat according to the amount of material, but rather the necessity of finding enough material to provide a coat of a given size, and if, after this has been done, it is possible to put by a surplus for the future, so much the better; but the fact remains that a given amount must be provided, and it is this necessity which has to be faced at the present time. There are some who will, no doubt, think it time enough to worry about next year's charity when this year has run out, but such is not the case. It is now late enough in the year to bid adieu to what has been done in 1888, and commence active operations for 1889. Accordingly, we this week take up the cause of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which, as usual, will hold its Anniversary Festival in February, the 27th of that month being the day fixed for the event; when, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts, we hope the fondest wishes of the friends of the Institution will be amply realised. To ensure this, it will be necessary for the members of the Craft to co-operate, as they have so often done before, and urge the claims of this Charity among their friends, and all who they think are able to contribute to its funds.

Having thus introduced the subject, our readers

will believe us when we say that the tale we have to tell is one which has often been told before, and they will excuse us if what we have to say is somewhat stale, or is but a repetition of what we have said in years gone by. We have one very important point, however, to impress upon them, and one which we hope will excuse for any shortcomings, and that is the urgency of the case for which we are pleading, and the absolute necessity which exists for enlisting all possible aid in the cause. At the present time the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is pledged to the payment of something like £15,000 per annum in annuities alone. This sum has to be provided to meet the next year's calls of the aged brethren and widows who have been elected on the funds of the Charity. It is not a question of asking for a large sum and being able to do with less—that amount is required for annuities which have been promised, and that amount will have to be raised by some means or other. Either it will be contributed by the Craft freely and voluntarily, or it will have to come out of the invested funds of the Institution, an alternative which is almost as bad as stopping the annuities altogether—it would really come to the same thing in the end; and as the invested funds are not very great the end would not be far off. It will never do to entertain such a proposal, and therefore the only course open to the Craft is that of subscribing for next year the amount necessary to continue the work as it has been carried on in the past, and not only that, but if possible extend it, so as to admit a few of the many applicants who are now appealing for assistance with but little or no chance of ever receiving it. The actual claims on the Institution do not, however, cease with this £15,000 of annuities, there are the working expenses of the Charity to be provided in addition, and it may well be imagined that with so extensive a field of operations as exists in this case the working expenses are of no trivial amount.

It is to assist in raising these necessary sums that the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston has kindly consented to preside at the next Festival of the Institution, and we are convinced he has the heartiest of good wishes from the members of the Craft for the success of his enterprise. Fortunately he has a strong and generous Province at his back, and we shall be much surprised if the brethren of Norths and Hunts do not rally on this occasion, and show their loyalty by splendidly supporting the efforts of their chief. If every district did as much, in proportion, as they will accomplish, we do not think there would be any cause for anxiety in regard to next year's maintenance of the Benevolent Institution, but such support as may be anticipated from the Chairman's Province can hardly be expected from those outside, else what would be the advantage of a chairman calling upon his followers for special co-operation? All we can hope for is, that each and every Province will do its best, and raise as much as possible for the support of the aged of both sexes, whose needs in

their declining days necessitate an appeal for fraternal assistance, which assistance is so judiciously and faithfully administered through the channels of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to those who are fortunate enough to secure election to its benefits. Oh, that those benefits might be so far extended as to allow of all the eligible candidates being admitted to a participation in them, but unfortunately this is not possible; nor is it feasible to hold out a hope for even a small minority of those who have so far been approved as eligible and worthy of assistance.

There are at the present time close on 140 candidates who seek a participation in the benefits of the Benevolent Institution. All of them have been approved as worthy to receive whatever help it is in the power of the Craft to accord, and very many of them have already passed anxious years of waiting in the hope of one day being placed in comparative affluence through the medium of this Institution. For how many of these must sad disappointment be continued, until death puts an end to their sufferings? Unfortunately, a very large number will die ere the Institution is able to relieve them; not from any lack of desire on the part of its executive to do so, but from a very simple, yet insurmountable objection,—an absence of the necessary funds to perform all that the heart dictates. Will our readers help to remove this objection? We have called it insurmountable, and so it is—but it is possible by heartily answering the appeal now before the Craft to lessen its severity, as by a liberal subscription the Institution will be enabled to declare further annuities, and a few of those who would otherwise have to be turned away will receive the much coveted grant. But such an extension can only be hoped for after an exceptionally good year, and as we said on starting our present remarks we have grave fears as to what will be the result of next year's Festivals. We cannot imagine they will be unaffected by the splendid total of the Girls' Centenary Celebration, and if that of the Benevolent Institution falls short of what it has hitherto reached, how will it be possible to make any extension? As we have already said, the annuities promised require a sum of £15,000, and to this has to be added the ordinary expenditure of the year, while on the opposite side the permanent income amounts to only £3,600. The large balance has to be raised by the voluntary contributions of the Craft, and in order to ensure this work being satisfactorily accomplished it is necessary that every one with influence should use his best efforts in support of the Benevolent Festival of the coming year. If he cannot personally undertake the office of Steward he may be able to induce some one else to do so, or he may be able to make a personal donation in aid of the good cause. With the hope, then, that each will help so far as he is able, we close our remarks with the best of good wishes for the Festival of the 27th February next, and would once more point out the great need which exists for a hearty and liberal contribution, there being one-hundred and forty approved candidates, with only about a dozen annuities available for distribution among them.

THE LION'S PAW.

TO explain clearly the symbol of the Lion's Paw as it relates to Masonry is a difficult matter. Mackey terms it a symbol of recognition, so-called because of the rude resemblance made by the hand and fingers to a lion's paw.

The emblem of the Lion's Paw was found in the sarcophagus of one of the great kings of Egypt, entombed in the pyramid erected to his everlasting remembrance. It brings to mind the representation of the king's initiation into those greater mysteries of Osiris held to be the highest

aim of the wise and devout Egyptian. It is claimed by some writers that the Hebrews were probably instructed in the legend of Osiris, and afterwards changed the whole to accord with the wonderful and wise Solomon and his master architect Hiram.

Very many Craftsmen reject the death of Hiram only as a myth.

The emblem may be thus explained. The form that lies dead before the altar is that of Osiris, the personified sun god, whom the candidate represents in the drama of raising, lying dead at the winter solstice, slain by grim Archer in November, the fatal month in the year of the sun. The figure of the lion grasping the dead sun god alludes to the constellation of Leo, which did prevail four thousand years ago, to raise the sun god to his place of power and glory on the summit of the Grand Royal Arch of heaven at the summer solstice, and denoted then, as it does now, that the sun or the candidate is about to be raised from a symbolical death to life and power, by the strong grip of the lion's paw, or as it has been termed, "the lion of the tribe of Judah." The cross which the lion holds in his other paw is the ancient Egyptian symbol of eternal life. The figure erect at the altar is doubtless that of the grand hierophant, with his hand raised in an attitude of command, forming a right angle, with eyes fixed on the emblematic lion as he gives the sign of command that Osiris, or the candidate, be raised from death and darkness to light and life.

It cannot be determined who Osiris was, but he was certainly to the Egyptians what Jupiter was to the Greeks. It is even difficult to determine whether the legend as recorded in mythology is reliable and authentic, but the lesson sought to be conveyed is the triumph of good over evil, or light over darkness.

If we view the scene that has just been described we see an exact representation of an instance that occurs in the making of every Craftsman. He may look upon the form as somewhat inconsistent, but a little study will show him that it was quite the reverse, and that his part was enacted by the devout Egyptian in the days of the most remote antiquity.

The story of the sun starting in weakness and ending in victory, waging a long warfare against darkness, clouds and storms, and scattering them all in the end, is the story of all heroism, of all patent sacrifices, and of all Christian devotion.

If there is monotony in the thought of the daily toil of the sun for beings weaker than himself, of his wrath as he hides his face behind the dark cloud, of his vengeance as he tramples on the vapours which crowd around him at his setting, of the doom which serves him from the dawn at the beginning of his journey to restore her at its close, then there is monotony also in the bare record of birth and love, and toil and death, to which all human life may be pared down.

To show that the Lion's Paw had reference to the sun, I refer to a form in the mysteries of Hindoostan. While performing a ceremony the candidate was taught to exclaim on his arrival each time in the south, "I copy the example of the sun and follow his benevolent course." This being completed, he was again placed in the centre and solemnly enjoined to the practice of religious austerities, as the efficient means of preparing his soul for final absorption. In the Mysteries of Bacchus the candidate was imprisoned in a pastos, or cell. He was alarmed by a crash resembling the rush of waters bursting with sudden impetuosity from a deep abyss, or the deafening fall of a tremendous cataract, for now was the representation displayed of the waters of the deluge breaking forth from Hades to inundate the globe. The monstrous Typhon, raging in quest of Osiris, discovered the ark in which he had been secreted, and violently rending it asunder, scattered the limbs of his victim over the face of the earth, amidst the din of dissolving nature. The aspirant heard the lamentations which were instituted for the death of their god, whose representative he was, accompanied with doleful cries and howlings of men, women and animals, to symbolise the death shrieks and exclamations of terror, consternation and despair, which prevailed throughout the world at the universal destruction of animated nature, and which would undoubtedly salute the ears of Noah while within the vessel of safety. Should we follow up the ceremonies of the various mysteries we will find that in all instances the candidate passes from darkness to light, as personified in the third degree.

To ascertain at what period the Lion's Paw was introduced into the Masonic ritual cannot be done; but this is nothing uncommon with our ancient Order. Even its origin is clouded in uncertainty. Associated with the Lion's Paw is a code or covenant called the Five Points of Fellowship. These five points, taken together, compose the Mason's creed. I cannot conceive anything more binding, more humane and sympathetic than these five admonitions. They contain the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and the brother that fully observes them is certainly the ideal Mason.

The first point of fellowship is that "We should be ever ready to go on foot, and even barefoot, on a worthy Master Mason's errand, should his necessities require it, and we be no better provided."

The lesson of the command just stated is very nicely described in the following exact from Gibbon's Roman History: "All things," replied Mahomet, "are now common between us. Your blood is my blood, your ruin is my ruin. We are bound to each other by the ties of honour and interest. I am your friend and the enemy of your foe." "But if we are killed in your service," exclaimed the deputies of Medina, "what will be the reward?" "Paradise," replied the prophet.

The latest statistics place the Masonic membership as about a million and a hundred thousand. Of this number I am fearful that not even the one hundred thousand would go barefoot on the mission of a worthy brother. The difficulty is that we are brothers in name only, and the strong language of this first point of fellowship is to show the necessity of prompt action. There should be no such thing as half-way Masonry. When the call of distress comes, when the sick need our attention and assistance, there should be a ready response. It is obligatory on our part to respond. If our faith in Masonry is strong, if we are sincere in our professions, if we realise or comprehend what constitutes a zealous Craftsman, there will be no hesitancy on our part, and we will go upon the errand of a worthy brother, even barefoot, to perform it. Certainly the language is expressive.

Titus explains this point very clearly in the passage that reads, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works."

In another book the question is asked, "Who are my brethren?" And He stretched forth His hand towards His disciples, and said, "Behold my brethren; for whosoever shall do the will of my Father, which is in heaven, the same is my brother."

In the same spirit we can say of the Craftsman who observes diligently his first point, he is my brother.

The second point is that "We should ever remember our brethren in our devotions to Deity."

One of the leading principles, or, more properly speaking, the main feature of Masonry, is to make its votaries unselfish, thoughtful and considerate. We must remember one another in our prayers to Deity. Undoubtedly the character of Hiram Abiff gives us the best picture of a perfect man that can be found.

In the history of Cyrus, King of Persia, we find a great similarity with that of Hiram, as regards devotion. Solomon, also, at the dedication, clearly showed the efficacy of prayer.

My conclusion is that the brother who forgets his associates in his devotions, while not intending it as a violation of his vows yet shows clearly that he does not understand Masonry and what is expected of its membership.

The third point of fellowship is that the secrets of a worthy Master Mason, when communicated to us as such, should remain as secure and inviolate in our breasts as they were in his own before communication.

Masonry is overflowing with excellent advice and good intentions, and the man that adheres closely to the lessons thereof must be improved by them.

This particular point, or claw, I might say, instructs us that one of the fundamental principles is that of confidence. If we are sincere in our professions, we must have confidence. We must give a willing ear to our brother. What he imparts to us should be as secure in our breasts as it was in his own breast before communicated. A zealous brother never violates the laws of the land, hence the communications must be towards the advancement of the Craft, which is equivalent to the personal interest of the Craftsman. The Monitor states that the Five Points of fellowship teach us that we are linked together in one

indivisible chain of sincere affection, brotherly love, relief and truth. Here we see what a superb institution is Masonry. It is founded upon principles that stand pre-eminent as the very best that man can devise. It may be argued that a man who stands well in the community, in annexing his name to the honoured roll of the Craft, may meet men that are not of his social standing, and that in fulfilling the vows he may in a measure somewhat compromise himself. Such is not the case, however. Masonry is consistent and strictly so. It asks nothing of its followers that is unreasonable or unjust; hence the term of an indivisible chain as applied to the brotherhood is an extremely proper one. The promise that we will keep sacred and inviolate the secrets of a worthy brother is one of the strongest ties of unity, and one that affords very much pleasure and satisfaction in contemplating the beauties of our mystic temple.

The fourth point is that we should be ever ready to stretch forth a hand to support a falling brother and assist him on all lawful occasions.

A great writer, speaking of life, says, "Men are married, love and hate, get wealth, or struggle on in poverty and die, and the monotony is broken only when we have distinguished the toils and acts of one man from another."

The Great Light upon our altar makes this fourth point very clear wherein it says, "But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

My view of this point is not that we should freely give to every indigent brother that we may meet in the journey of life, but that we should, by our zeal and assiduity, help the Order to build up asylums, &c., that our needy may be properly cared for. The word charity originally meant joy, and as such we should use it in Masonry. It also has a far broader meaning than that of benevolent intent. We should overlook the ripples that often occur in our Masonic life, and forgive the brother who may not coincide with our individual ideas and opinions. We must remember that the great platform of Masonry is a broad one, and this particular principle of relief is not the least important.

Let us open the Bible and turn to the parable of the good Samaritan, and here we have the fourth point of fellowship enacted in a drama that is unparalleled. This parable also defines the word charity as it refers to relief.

In 2 Peter I find a clear exposition of the word as it refers to the Craft, in these words, "Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God."

The fifth point is that "We should be ever ready to whisper wise counsel in the ear of an erring brother and warn him of approaching danger."

"Take my lyre," said Hermes, "which to those who can use it deftly will discourse of all sweet things, but will babble nonsense and mean strangely to all who know not how to draw forth its speech."

Does this not hold good in Masonry? Very many men, after they are put in possession of our excellent science, for some reason fail to make good use of it, and the result is a failure. What is more manly than to see a brother speak a kind word to a brother who may be wavering, who may be on the downward path, and who may feel that life is a burden, and that there is consolation in certain vices that the perfect Mason dislikes.

It is in such instances that Masonry is tested to its utmost and the real zeal of the Craftsmen is asserted.

Here in the performance of this last point of fellowship we have an opportunity to show whether we are really sincere in our professions.

(To be continued.)

The installation meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, took place on Tuesday. A report shall appear in our next issue.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed at the Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, on 8th December, at 7:30 p.m., by Bro. Dr. F. Lawrance. On that occasion a presentation will be made to a retiring Officer.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

ON Monday, 19th ult, the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex (Comp. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar) held his annual Provincial Grand Chapter under the banner of the Essex Chapter, No. 276, at Chelmsford, and the proceedings throughout were most successful. The Grand Chapter was opened in Chelmsford Corn Exchange shortly after three o'clock, the Grand Supt. being supported by Comp. E. J. Barron P.Z. and Treas. 214 Prov. G.H., and Comp. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane P.Z. 214 H. 1437 P.G.Sw.B. Eng. acting Prov. G.J., and most of the other Grand Officers of the year; while there was a good attendance of Past Officers and Companions from the Chapters in the Province. The minutes of the last P.G. Chapter (held at Chingford) having been read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Scribe E. (Comp. Ralling) read letters from several Comps. regretting their inability to be present, including Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E., A. C. Velley P.Z. 276 Prov. G.J., R. Clowes P.Z. 51 Prov. G. Reg. &c. The roll of Chapters was then called, and it was found that all the six comprising the Province were duly represented. The annual returns showed an increase of 29 in the number of contributing members; the Auditors reported a balance in the hands of the Provincial G. Treasurer of £19 9s 8d. The Grand Supt., in his address, congratulated the Comps. on the progress R.A. Masonry was making in the Province, the more assured, he considered, because it had been a steady progress, and not by leaps and bounds. Since their last meeting the Brooke Chapter had been added to the roll, and he was glad to know that another Lodge (one of the youngest) was about to petition for a Charter empowering them to form a Chapter. He was glad to feel that perfect harmony prevailed amongst them—there was no need of a Royal Commission to inquire into the wrongdoings of the R.A. Masons of Essex—and the working of the Chapters was everything that could be desired. Since his arrival at Chelmsford he had received a most cordial and fraternal invitation from Ex. Comp. the Rev. T. Cochrane to hold the next Grand Chapter at Romford, and as they had not yet visited Romford he had accepted that invitation, and he trusted they might all be spared to meet together there under as satisfactory and happy prospects as those of to-day. On the motion of Comp. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane seconded by Comp. Fred Wood, the Comps. unanimously re-elected, for the fifth time, Comp. Andrew Durrant, P.Z. and Treas. 276, as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested, as follows:—

Comp. W. D. Merritt P.Z. 1000	-	H.
John J. C. Turner P.Z. 51	-	J.
Thomas J. Ralling P.Z. 51	-	Scribe E.
J. P. Lewis Z. 276	-	Scribe N.
Jos. Clever Z. 2005	-	Registrar
G. Wallace P.Z. 214	-	Sojourner
Henry Mason Z. 1437	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
F. H. Bennett N. 2005	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. J. Cavill J. 276	-	Sword Bearer
T. W. Eastgate J. 1000	-	Standard Bearer
A. Lucking P.Z. and S.E. 1000	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. F. Smith P.Z. Org. 1826	-	Organist
A. W. Martin	-	Janitor

The sum of five guineas having been voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Grand Superintendent proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Principals and Companions of the Essex Chapter for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting, which, having been unanimously carried, the proceedings closed. Between 30 and 40 Companions afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, the repast being well supplied by the host. The Grand Superintendent presided in his well-known genial manner, and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed. In proposing the loyal toast, the Grand Superintendent said there was being enacted that day a scene which would touch the hearts of Englishmen. Their beloved Queen, herself a widow, was welcoming to our shores her widowed daughter—that daughter, who some years since left these shores with her young husband with bright hopes of domestic felicity and of usefulness in a great kingdom. No class of men were more loyal than Freemasons, and all their hearts would give one great throb of sympathy with mother and daughter in the trying circumstances in which

they were placed. The toast of the health of the Grand Superintendent was proposed by Comp. Barron, in a telling speech. It seemed but yesterday, he remarked, that many of those present, with others, were in Chelmsford to assist in the installation of their Grand Superintendent by the Earl of Lathom, and they all felt he was the right man in the right place. Comp. Philbrick was not only well known all over the world as a great lawyer, and as Recorder of one of the ancient Boroughs of Essex, but in Freemasonry his name was a household word. The establishment of a P.G. Chapter under his rule had given a great impetus to Royal Arch Masonry in Essex, and he (Comp. Barron) was sure he only echoed the wish of all their hearts when he expressed a hope that their Grand Superintendent might be long spared to them. The Grand Superintendent, whose rising was the signal for loud and prolonged applause, said words failed him to express the sense he felt of the kindness with which the toast had been proposed by Comp. Barron and received by the Companions. He assured them that the welfare of the Province, ever since he had had the honour to preside over it, had been very near to his heart, and it was always a pleasure to do anything in his power to further its best interests. As he had remarked in Grand Chapter, they were making good and steady progress. They had now six Chapters on the roll, and another, he was happy to think, was not far distant. It was also most gratifying to him to feel that there was no slackness in the working of the degree in their various Chapters. He need not enforce upon them the value of first impressions—all who had reached mature age had felt the influence of them; and when the solemn and ennobling ritual of the Royal Arch was rendered in a thoughtful and careful way, it could not fail to impress itself on those who sought admission into their ranks. In conclusion the Grand Superintendent again thanked the members of the Essex Chapter for the completeness of their arrangements, and proposed the health of their M.E.Z. Comp. J. P. Lewin. Comp. Lewin, in reply, said the Essex Chapter had felt it a great honour to receive the Grand Chapter, and if the arrangements that had been made had given satisfaction to the Grand Superintendent and his Officers, they were amply repaid for any little trouble to which they had been put. Among the Comps. present, besides those already mentioned were—Comps. George Cooper P.G.A.S. Eng., Rev F. B. Shepherd P.P.G.H., Vero W. G. Taylor P.P.G.H., F. Whitmore P.P.G.P. Sojourner, Arthur Goodechild P.P.G.P. Soj., Arthur Mead P.P.G.A. Soj., E. Shedd P.P.G.A. Soj., Andrew C. Durrant Steward 276, R. G. Kellet P.S. 276, G.W. Pascall 276, George Copus 276, Fred Horsman 51, Theo. Davey 1437, F. H. Meggy 276, Jennings 1437, J. S. Hammond 1437, Frank Suthery 276, Major Bannister 276, &c., &c.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT a Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter holden in the Technical College, Horton-road, Bradford, on Wednesday, the 21st November 1888, at 3.30 p.m., by the invitation of Sincerity Chapter, No. 600, there were present:—

Companions Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent; John Wordsworth as H., F. Laxton as J., Henry Smith S.E., W. Ridgard Massie S.N., Mark Newsome, J.P., and James Bedford Past S.N.'s; W. H. Milnes as Treasurer, George Marshall Past Treasurer, J. G. Hutchinson as Registrar, H. S. Holdsworth Principal Sojourner, Samuel Freeman and Charles Crabtree Past Principal Sojourners; W. Chas. Ellisdon First Assistant Sojourner, Thomas W. Embleton as Second Assistant Sojourner, George Althorp, Samuel Slack, George Normanton, Robert Craig, C. T. Rhodes, Thomas Richard Vaux, and William Watson Past Sojourners; J. A. Thornton Sword Bearer, Reuben Williamson Past Sword Bearer, James Wright as Standard Bearer, Arthur A. Stott and F. W. Turner Past Standard Bearers, J. W. Monckman as D.C., Dr. S. T. Steele Assistant D.C., John Barker, Edmund Lord, Thos. Gaukroger Past D.C.'s; Joshua Paget Priestley Organist, Herbert G. E. Green Assistant S.E., Samuel Barrand Janitor, J. Ramsden Riley, J. H. Roper, and Jose Rickard as Stewards, John W. Bailey Steward; and Principals, Past First Principals and Companions of the various Chapters throughout the Province.

Apologies for absence were received from the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Companions H. J. Garnett 139, T. B. Fox 208, E. T. Clark 458, John Shaw 139, Thomas Barber 652, Richard Carter 1001, George Brooke 242, and Frederick Cleaves 904, as well as upwards of 130 other Companions.

M.E. Companion Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent and his Officers opened Provincial Grand Chapter at 3.30. After the Principals had been saluted

the minutes of the meeting held at Rotherham, on Wednesday, 2nd May 1888, were presented and confirmed. The Roll of Chapters and the Roll of Present and Past Grand Officers were then called. The M.E. Grand Superintendent then delivered the following address:—

COMPANIONS OF WEST YORKSHIRE,—Health, peace, and goodwill be to all of you, is my fervent desire, as the season of Christmas approaches, and as my personal acknowledgment and response to the salutation so generously accorded to the occupant of the chair of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Freemasons of this Province. Every one of us reciprocates this cordiality and warmth of greeting, and acknowledges in the largest and fullest manner the excellent and elaborate preparations for this Convention. At the annual Convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter, in St. George's Hall, Rotherham, in May last, a proposal was made that this Provincial Grand Chapter should hold its November assembly under the Banner of the Marquess of Ripon Chapter, No. 837, in the Town Hall at Ripon, and that the Companions of the various Chapters, with other branches of the Craft, should attend a special service in the Minster. Companion the Rev. W. C. Lukis, who is still detained at Guernsey through ill-health, and Companion Pickersgill, corresponded with me on this proposal, but matters could not be matured in time for this autumn gathering at Ripon; therefore an invitation having been received from Bradford, your Grand Superintendent accepted the hospitality of Sincerity Chapter, No. 600, to meet under its banner this afternoon in the Technical College. This is the seventh time Prov. Grand Chapter has met at Bradford. Sincerity Chapter was consecrated by Comp. Geo. Fearnley 2nd November 1853. It numbers now 42, and Chapter Charity, 302, 43 members, all of whom take an active part in the welfare and progress of Royal Arch Masonry. We must all deplore the death of Companion Dr. W. Hill Evans, of Horton Lane, P. Grand Deacon 1881, P.G.J. in 1881, and of Fred Smart, our Standard Bearer and Companion of Chapter No. 302. This vacancy I have filled by Comp. James Wright P.Z. of Chapter No. 600. You have confirmed a grant of £2 2s for the Library. I believe there is a mine of Masonic wealth to be exhumed in this Province, which our Librarian is gradually bringing to the surface for our knowledge and use. The greatest treasure this Library has received has been contributed by a Huddersfield Companion. It is an old parchment Masonic manuscript, several feet long and six and a half inches wide, and rolled up in a case. It contains a history of the Craft in ancient times, and a series of charges. Bro. Hughan, the greatest living expert on Masonic manuscripts, has now temporary possession of it for his critical examination and report. These manuscripts are all known either by numbers or names, as the "Inigo Jones," the "Woodford," &c. I should like this West Yorkshire parchment to receive the name of the donor. We thank Companion J. W. Cocking for his valuable gift to our Library. Lodge and Chapter No. 600 have liberally contributed to our several Masonic Institutions, and our Charity Committee acknowledges these gifts to augment the grand total contributed by the Craft of £50,600 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Every Companion present will, I hope, echo this sentiment that this Provincial Grand Chapter, according to its means, may ever be found supporting Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter, in an active and judicious benevolence towards our Masonic Charitable Institutions, and to all our fellow creatures. According to the proverb of the Fathers, "Benevolence" is one of the pillars upon which the world rests; "the world," said they, "is sustained by the virtue of three things—the Law, Divine Worship, and Active Benevolence." The Pentateuch commences and ends with an act of "Benevolence," as is written, Genesis iii. 20, "And the Lord God made unto Adam and to his wife, coats of skin, and clothed them." And also, "And He (God) buried him (Moses)." To do a person a favour is to act beneficially towards him, without any hope or desire of return except gratitude. The "Benevolence" of God is called "Mercy," because we are in debt to God, and He owes us nothing. "Charity" is also a species of benevolence, but it can only be applied to the poor and needy; while benevolence itself is both for poor and rich, high and lowly. We may even act benevolently towards the dead, accompanying our friends to the grave, and thus attending to the last rites; this is called "Mercy and truth." In three instances is Benevolence superior to Charity. Charity may be practised by means of money; benevolence with or without money. Charity is for the poor alone; benevolence either for the rich or for the poor. Charity we can display but to the living; benevolence to the living or the dead. It is written, "after the Lord your God ye shall walk." How is this possible? The symbolisms of Royal Arch Masonry tell us—"By the strong and mighty name of Jehovah; by His Holy name Tetragrammaton, and by all the wonderful names and attributes Dadai, Sillon, Paracleos, &c., &c.; by following from Holy Writ His attributes and examples; by endeavouring to unravel the mystery which overshadows the Sacred Word—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." In Him was "life," and the life was the "light" of men, and the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not. He who was, and is, and shall be,—the Eternal. The Tetragrammaton, I need hardly say, is a symbolical figure having four sides or angles, a square, a parallelogram, a rhombus, and a trapezium, symbolical of four letters,—the name of the Supreme Deity, as expressed by four ancient languages, the mystical word resolving itself into Jehovah, which was the name of the Divine Logos, being formed of the essence. He who simply is, and always existing, which is the character assigned to Christ in the Apocalypse—"He who was, and is, and shall be, the Eternal." Theologians, Mathematicians, and Divines have diligently sought to fathom the mystery of the sacred word of the Arch Masons. Companions, we must do the same; and thank the God who created the heaven and earth, and gave us the Word, the Life, the Light, and Essence and the Eternal, to be sought out and to be comprehended by us. He in His mercy condescended to reveal His name unto Enoch, to Jacob and to Moses, and it has

descended to us through Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David, Hiram King of Tyre, and also our departed Grand Master H.A. To the ends of the earth, then, we are anxious that His holy name should be carried, and to unborn generations of Royal Arch Masons for ever—that the true name of the Great Creator and Eternal, as a name revealed by Himself, should be preserved and made known throughout all ages and to all peoples. As an illustration of the Spirit of God, actuating the minds of generous persons, let me here mention the case of Miss Louisa McKellar, of Clapham Park, London. This lady gave £58,000 twelve months ago to forty-five hospitals, and she has left £45,000 further, which has been recently distributed, and our Masonic Institutions have received as follows:—R.M.I. Girls, £250; R.M.I. Boys, 250. May this Order of Royal Arch Masons, which we believe is founded on the sublime basis of "benevolence," charity, religion, virtue, and hospitality, remain to us a perfect system of "wisdom, strength, and beauty," which ages cannot obliterate, or adversity in our midst decay. May this Order flourish in West Yorkshire. Make, by your influence, then, every W. Master Mason join it; spread its mysticism and symbolism wherever civilization is known; and I pray the Essence and the Eternal Most High Jehovah, to whom be all honour and glory, to give you a bright and happy Christmas, and to remain with you for evermore. So mote it be.

The Grand Superintendent invested Comp. James Wright, P.Z. 600, as Prov. G. Standard Bearer. Comp. J. L. Atherton, P.Z. 600, by the invitation of the M.E. Grand Superintendent, gave the Mystical Lecture in a very able manner. Moved by Comp. S. T. Steele, P.Z. 308, Prov. G. Asst. D. of G., seconded by Comp. John Wordsworth, P.Z. 154, P.P.G.H., and resolved, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded by this Grand Chapter to Comp. Hinchliff Z. and the Companions of Chapter Sincerity, No. 600, for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements." The Grand Superintendent called upon Comp. W. Watson, P.Z. 304, who addressed a few remarks to the Companions respecting the Library and Museum at Wakefield.

Comp. Thos. Riley, Z. 1001, invited, and the Grand Superintendent accepted an invitation to hold the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter at Harrogate, in May 1889.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 70.

THE annual meeting was held on the 22nd instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-square, Plymouth, to instal the Principals for the year ensuing. Comps. G. H. Sellick as Z., J. Maton as H., Alonzo J. Rider as J. The Installing Officers were Comps. J. R. Lord P.Z. 70 and J. Gidley P.Z. 1205 and 2025, assisted by Comps. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., F. B. Westlake, J. B. Gover, J. Kinton Bond, J. Griffin, J. Dupré, R. Pengelly, E. Tout, S. Jew, E. Aitken Davies, W. Browning, E. Whitford, J. Hammond, John Wallis, W. H. Williams, C. G. Withell, R. Blight, J. M. Hifley, T. Goodall, and J. W. Cornish. The Board of Installed Principals being closed the other Officers were invested, as follows:—Comps. F. B. Westlake I.P.M., Lord as S.E., Sercombe S.N., Kinton Bond Treasurer, Hocking P. Soj., Hicks and Goad Assist. Sojs., King D.C., Westcott Assist. D.C., Davis Organist, Mayne and Helson Stewards, Phillips Janitor. A candidate was exalted. The Companions adjourned to the refectory for supper, and a pleasant evening was spent.

ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER, No. 732.

THE annual installation meeting took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when Companion Daniel was duly installed in the chair of the First Principal, the other Principals being Companion E. Histed H., who was unavoidably absent, and Bro. T. Billing J. The meeting was well attended and there were more visitors than members, proving the popularity of the new M.E.Z. Amongst the visitors was the Grand Superintendent, Bro. Gerard Ford, who paid the first visit he had been able to make since his severe illness, and was most cordially received. The banquet, which was supplied by Companion Sayers, was well served, and enlivened by a programme of music by Miss Annie Chappell, Miss Minnie Freeman, Mr. Ralph Dawes, and Mr. Harold Sayers, who sang several songs and a number of glees. It was one of the most successful meetings the Chapter has had for many years.

ATHOLE CHAPTER, No. 1004.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Douglas, on Thursday, 22nd ult. As this is the only Chapter in the island, all the Lodges constituting the Province are represented in it, and there was a good gathering of Companions, especially from Ramsey. The Principals elect, Companions R. Swinnerton Z., Dr. Dearden H., and P. M. C. Kermodé J., were installed by Companion J. A. Brown P.Z., and Companion W. L. Wild P.Z., and the following Officers were invested:—Companions Challender S.E., Spencer S.N., Brown Treasurer, Rev. W. Morris P.S., Heron P.Z. D.C., and J. Lanagan Janitor. There were three candidates for exaltation, and one joining member. At the conclusion of the business the Companions dined at the Granville Hotel, when the fact that at the opening of the Chapter there were ten Past Principals present was referred to as an indication of the satisfactory progress that Royal Arch Freemasonry is making in the island.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A QUARTERLY Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, the 17th October. After the confirmation of the minutes of the Communication of Grand Lodge held on the 18th July, and the receipt of the Report of the Board of General Purposes, the Most Worshipful Grand Master (the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, &c.) called attention to the observations of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, with respect to South Australian Freemasonry in the Grand Lodge of England, at its Quarterly Communication in June last, and moved:—

1. That this Grand Lodge whilst affirming its independent and sovereign Masonic jurisdiction within the country under its government, deems it desirable that the privilege should exist of vesting in H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Patron of the South Australian Constitution, the final decision of such appeals as may be referred to him with respect to any difference arising between this Grand Lodge and any other Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges, or with respect to any differences in regard to the Antient Landmarks arising within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, such appellate jurisdiction only to arise in the event of any such dispute being referred to H.R.H. the Grand Patron, with his permission, by resolution of this Grand Lodge and of any other Grand Lodge concerned, and with the consent of the Grand Master for the time being.

2. That the Grand Master be requested to bring the foregoing resolutions under the notice of H.R.H. the Grand Patron, and in the event of H.R.H. graciously consenting to undertake the jurisdiction above referred to, the General Laws and Constitutions be amended so as to give effect thereto.

These two propositions having been unanimously agreed to, some other matters of business were considered and Grand Lodge was closed.

ANOTHER MASONIC MANUSCRIPT.

THE "THOMAS W. TEW MS."

BRO. WM. WATSON, of Leeds, has sent me for transcription another copy of the "Old Charges," by desire and with the consent of the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew P.G.D., the esteemed Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire. This parchment roll was presented in October last to the *Masonic Library and Museum* formed in that Province, by Bro. J. W. Cocking W.M. 2035, in whose family the document has been preserved for several generations. It is composed of three strips of parchment of over six inches in width, two being long and of about equal length, and the third, forming the concluding portion, being much shorter. The whole extends to some six and a-half feet in length, and is well written, only at times not easily decipherable, as the roll is considerably worn or rubbed in some parts. Its age apparently is about *two centuries*, and the text is mainly of the ordinary kind (save as to several original additions and alterations) until the conclusion is approached, when numerous departures may be noticed, and entirely fresh matter and new regulations are introduced, quite new to me, and making this valuable MS. a *sui generis*.

In consequence of this latter fact Bro. Watson has obtained the approval of the Prov. G.M.—after whom, and in whose honour, *by desire of the donor*, it has been most appropriately named—for its publication by me in the *Christmas* number of the *Freemason*, in which paper I feel assured it will be a most attractive feature, and be welcomed by the ever-increasing band of Masonic students.

I am now carefully collating it with the other MSS., and hope to announce its peculiarities and distinctive character in time for the reproduction, so that the value of the "T. W. Tew MS." may be fully appreciated, especially by the thousands of brethren in West Yorkshire, where the R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew is beloved and respected.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Rate and Tax Payers' Assessment Protection Association has been registered under the Provisions of the Limited Liabilities Act, the object of the company being to protect its shareholders against the excessive valuation of any property liable to be assessed for rates or taxes, and to perform all matters relating to the equalization of taxes. The objects are no doubt praiseworthy, but is it possible to do all that is promised or even urged in the prospectus of the Association?

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BROTHER J. L. MATHER.

ON Saturday a number of brethren assembled at "Ye Cheshire Cheese," Addle-street, E.C., for the purpose of giving a complimentary dinner to Bro. John L. Mather Past G.A.D. of C. The chair was taken by Bro. Fredk. Binckes P.G.S.B., who was supported by Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. in the Vice-chair, and the following brethren:—W. Roebuck, C. F. Hogard, J. Larkin, W. Hirst, J. E. Terry, T. Cubitt, T. H. Miller, J. Lichtenfeld, G. Kenning, George Gardner, R. Baker (Hon. Sec.), John Barnett jun. (Hon. Treas.), J. A. Berther, W. Maple, T. Griffiths, John G. Stevens, J. Daley, G. P. Gillard, Thomas, J. S. Richardson, W. W. Morgan, &c. The guest of the evening—Bro. J. L. Mather—occupied the post of honour on the Chairman's right, and met a hearty welcome at the hands of his friends. At the conclusion of the dinner the Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen. He referred to the visit to this country of the widowed Empress of Germany, and felt assured that the solace and commiseration she would receive at the hands of her countrymen would have a tendency to console her in her great sorrow. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family was next given. Bro. Binckes referred to the great popularity of the Heir Apparent, which was greater than that enjoyed by any one who had occupied a similar position in days gone by. In proposing the toast of the evening, the health and prosperity of Bro. Mather, the Chairman said he did not intend to go through any stereotyped form of expression, but rather to call for a hearty outburst of sincere enthusiasm. The roof they were that night under—the old Cheshire Cheese—could not boast of the palatial proclivities of other establishments in this great metropolis. Consequent on its limited accommodation the invitations issued for the present gathering had been necessarily restricted, and but for this he was convinced a much larger assembly could have been brought together to do honour to the occasion. Even the few invitations it had been possible to send forth, and which had been accepted, had not in every case produced a representative—illness and an impending domestic calamity had militated against a full assembly; still he might claim for those around him that they were a sturdy band of tried friends who had gathered round Brother Mather to support him in his new venture. So much for the roof under which they were assembled; now for a closer relationship. Bro. John Lawrence Mather had gone through some hard work in Freemasonry, that had tended to gain for him the esteem in which he is now held. Doubtless at the present time he had many difficulties to contend with, but it was the fervent wish of his friends—absent as well as present—that he should have health and strength to surmount those difficulties, and that his present undertaking might result in a satisfactory manner. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Mather, in reply, expressed the gratification he felt at the reception accorded him that evening. It had been his great aim, both within and outside the circle of Freemasonry, to gain the approbation of his fellow men. He trusted that to some extent he had succeeded. It would be an incentive to him when he knew that he had so many well wishers. He saw around him friends with whom he had been associated many years. Bro. Terry and he had worked together for the past twenty-five years; with Bro. Binckes he had been closely associated for twenty years; while Brother Richard Baker had ever proved himself a true and sympathetic friend; but it would be unwise to still further particularise; all he could hope was that he might long enjoy and deserve the friendship of those who had that night assembled to do him honour. "The Corporation" was replied to by Bro. T. Hastings Miller C.C., and then Bro. Roebuck proposed the health of Brother Binckes, the Chairman, and that brother having acknowledged the toast, that of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer was given, Bro. Barnett replying. The Masonic Press was coupled with the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, who duly responded, shortly after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

A DISCLAIMER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—It having come to our knowledge that a Mr. F. Johnson, styling himself the Founder and Honorary Secretary of the National Refuge Harbours Society, has widely circulated appeals for money, issued from 22 Charing Cross, and distributed at the Life Saving Appliances Exhibition at the Alexandra Palace, of which he has been advertised as Managing Director, and elsewhere; such appeals setting forth that the said Society is under our patronage, we wish it to be as publicly known as possible that such use of our names is not only without our sanction, but in some cases contrary to our direct orders.

We further wish it to be understood that we are not desirous of assisting Mr. F. Johnson in any of his undertakings, which, in our opinion, are unworthy of public support.

Your obedient Servants,

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It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

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cestershire.
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IN accordance with a Resolution of the General Committee, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 8th December 1888, at Four o'Clock precisely, to consider, and, if approved, adopt, the following recommendation of the Centenary Committee, viz.:—

That the Centenary Committee be empowered to accept Messrs. Haden and Son's estimate for Warming and Ventilating the whole of the Building, in three sections, as under:—

1. New Wing— Warming, Ventilation, and Hot Water	£1,572 16 0
2. Centenary Hall, Corridors, &c.— Warming and Ventilation...	£748 0 0
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Exclusive of Builders' Work, say £4,000 in all.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
29th November 1888.

FOURTH ANNUAL North London Masonic Benevolent BALL,

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

SIR A. K. ROLLIT, M.P. COWLEY LAMBERT, ESQ., M.P.

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THE Committee have great pleasure in announcing, that the Fourth Annual Ball will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday, 2nd January 1889.

Tickets, including supper and light refreshments, Double (to admit Lady and Gentleman) 21s; Gentleman's Single, 12s 6d; Ladies' Single, 10s 6d.

The Profits accruing from this Ball will be given to the Masonic Charities.

STEWARDS:

Bro. R. Baker.	Bro. H. J. Hazel.	Bro. P. Phillips.
T. Casely.	R. Gillard.	A. Oliver.
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W. Elliott.	W. T. Laws.	W. Whittell.
P. Forge.	R. E. W. Marsden.	F. Wood.

Bro. Wright's Quadrille Band. Dancing to commence at 8'30 p.m. precisely.
A dispensation to wear Masonic Clothing has been granted.

J. POTTER, D.C. 1693, Hon. Treasurer, 10 Highbury Park, N.
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All Tickets not returned by Friday, 23rd December, will be considered as sold, and must be paid for.

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WANTED.—To Purchase, for Cash, OLD BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY. State full Title, Date, and style of Binding; with prices required. Address, F. W., 44 Thornhill Square, Barnsbury, London, N.
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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL TAKE PLACE AT

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,
ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY 1889,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

The Right Hon. the EARL of EUSTON,

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts.

has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

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

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

428 Annuitants on the funds.

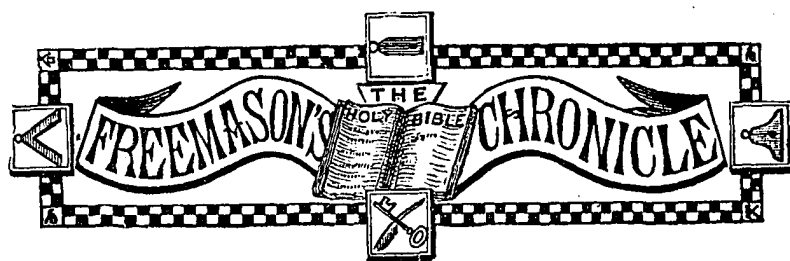
140 Candidates seeking admission.

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G. Sword Bearer,
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th December 1888, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September for confirmation.
2. Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, submitting and recommending an application from the Body styled "The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales," for recognition.
3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
6. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool	50 0 0
A Brother of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, Loughborough	50 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, London	100 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, Deptford	50 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, London	75 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1872, Sarbiton	75 0 0
A Brother of the Fort Lodge, No. 1528, Newquay	50 0 0
A Brother of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, Camberwell	50 0 0
A Brother of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, Melbourne, Victoria	100 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the All Souls Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth	50	0	0
A Brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gains- borough	50	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4026 0s 8d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £24 8s 7d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th November 1888.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION.

By W. Brother John F. H. Woodward P.G. Sword Bearer.

"That in Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, the five words, 'receive due notice in writing' in line 4, be taken out, and the following inserted in their place: 'had due notice sent to him in writing by the Secretary of his Lodge in a registered letter to his last known address.'"

"Also, in line 10, to add the words 'who vote' after the word 'present.'"

11.—APPEAL.

By the Star in the East Lodge, No. 918, Queenstown, South Africa, against a ruling of the District G. Master of South Africa (E.D.) cancelling a sentence of exclusion passed by the Lodge on Brother William Bands for alleged Masonic offences.

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

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

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

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

Bro. Britten, George Pole	183
Brown, William Peter	90
Cull, Thomas	1446
Cundy, George A.	901
Dairy, Charles	141
Grieve, James Burgess	1351
Haslip, Lewis Christopher	813
Mercer, David D.	1641
Read, George	511
Spaul, Francis R.	1768
Taylor, Robert J.	144
Woodward, Alfred Cooper	1538

And no more than twelve were nominated.

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

- No. 2278—The Kingswood Lodge, Elstree, Hertfordshire.
2279—The Thornham Lodge, Thornham, Lancashire (E.D.)
2280—The St. John's Lodge, Saugor, Bombay.
2281—The Lodge of Emulation, Perth, Western Australia.
2282—The Lodge of Harmony, Fremantle, Western Australia.
2283—The Easton Lodge, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.
2284—The Smyth Lodge, Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire.
2285—The Eden Lodge, Workington, Cumberland.
2286—The Albion Lodge, Albion, near Brisbane, Queensland.
2287—The Lodge Mokereta, Wyndham, District of Otago and Southland, N.Z.
2288—The Sitapur Lodge, Sitapur, Oude, Bengal.
2289—The Blundellsands Lodge, Great Crosby, Lancashire (W.D.)
2290—The Fairfield Lodge, Fairfield, Liverpool, Lancashire (W.D.)

Those of our readers who have not as yet witnessed "Pepita," will do well to see it ere it be too late. Owing to Mr. J. L. Toole's return, this amusing opera is shortly to be withdrawn, and, unless another house can be secured for its further representation, Londoners will lose one of the best comic operas they have had the opportunity of enjoying.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion, and discouraged in their search for its remedy, should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to a healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed; and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cannon street Hotel, City, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. Wm. John Heath Worshipful Master presided, supported by his Officers. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bros. F. O. Heath and C. Maidment were passed. The next business was the installation of Bro. George Frederick Edwards, who was placed in the chair by his predecessor, who conducted the ceremony in an eminently satisfactory manner. Having been proclaimed and saluted, the Worshipful Master invested the following as the Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. F. G. Barns S.W., E. Brooks J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. Treas., W. Worrell P.M. Sec., H. Heck S.D., J. Greenslade J.D., J. Goode I.G., J. F. Haden D.C., J. G. Kemp A.D.C., E. Kidman P.M. Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer, and the ceremony of installation was thus brought to a conclusion amidst the congratulations of all present. Bro. Miller acted as Director of Ceremonies during the installation and rendered good assistance throughout. At a previous stage of the proceedings of the evening the ballot had been taken for Mr. William Pierson, a candidate for initiation, and now the new Worshipful Master had an opportunity of showing the brethren that he was worthy of the trust reposed in him; he performed the ceremony of the first degree in favour of Mr. Pierson in an eloquent and impressive manner. Routine work next claimed attention. It was announced that arrangements had been made to hold a Masonic Ball under the auspices of the Lodge, and several brethren gave in their names as Stewards in connection with it. Lodge was then closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet. Among the Past Masters of the Lodge present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. W. F. Smart, Alfred Le Grand, W. J. Collens, R. Clowes, E. Kidman; Dr. Jacob Pickett, and Dr. Henry Ernest Trestrail, a full attendance of other members, and the following Visitors:—J. B. Macfarlane 1821, T. C. Pratt P.M. 957, Wootton 1986, J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1326 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W. G. Lowe 1962, J. Colingwood 1769, E. Bond W.M. 860, W. White 1326, F. W. Hollands 1636, J. W. B. Rickwood 1185, R. A. Kirkaldy P.M. 1321, Henry Garrod P.G.P., W. Medwin P.M. 1613, L. Ferguson D.C. 1997, A. Saxelby 1297, J. F. Pilditch P.M. 1257, J. H. Walker 1329, A. Paterson J.D. 1804, S. Wootton 820, R. Pye P.M. 820, Caleb Stranger S.W. 612, J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51, Thomas Coxhead P.M. 1674 P.P.G. Superintendent Works S. Wales, J. Bailey 1056, W. E. Wigmore 177, H. Von Joel W.M. 1257, T. Wilkinson P.M. 1420, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 65, F. Smith P.M. 1305, J. L. Mather P.G.A.D.C., W. Rickwood P.M. 192, Herbert Sprake 813, J. Pearce 569, C. P. Bellerby W.M. 2021, F. O. Robinson D.C. 1769, E. T. Pearce 1260, E. Stimson 2182, R. T. Palmer J.D. 1732, W. E. Morgan P.M. 211, T. G. Doughty 1287, M. L. Russell 95, T. C. Eastwood J.D. 1305, J. Mitchell 957, Carl Schmidt P.M. 1671, R. D. Cummings P.M. 2168, G. Lambert P.G.S.B., F. W. Smith 2030, H. Cattermole P.M. 1839, H. Guy P.M. 1706, N. Goodwin 1768, W. Blunt 957, W. Woodruff P.M. 17, C. Quennell 214, Aug. Walton J.W. 2020, C. Rawlinson I.G. 168, &c. The banquet was served in the pillar hall of the Hotel, after which the W.M., who made an excellent President, briefly introduced the loyal toasts. In speaking to the third toast—the Grand Officers—the Worshipful Master said that his attendance at Grand Lodge had not been so frequent as he could have desired, but on the few occasions when he had presented himself he experienced the difficulties that had to be surmounted when any special business—such for instance as the election of Grand Treasurer—claimed the attendance of the members of United Grand Lodge. It was then that the limited accommodation provided for the Craft palpably manifested itself; however, amongst the Grand Officers were men who were always ready on such occasions to do all in their power to promote the comfort of the members. With the toast he associated the names of Bro. J. L. Mather and Major Geo. Lambert. The former brother was the first to reply, and in doing so expressed the pleasure he at all times experienced in being associated with this toast, and with the two eminent noblemen who were at the head of the Grand Officers. Bro. Mather referred to the efficient working of the Lodge and the capable manner in which the Installing Officer had acquitted himself. He thanked the Worshipful Master for having giving him the opportunity of spending a most agreeable evening. Major Lambert followed, endorsing what Bro. Mather had said. It was gratifying to find that the Lodge—which took its name from one of the luminaries of the Craft, Brother William Preston, the well known author of the famous "Illustrations of Freemasonry"—was carrying out the work of the Craft in efficient style. With respect to the "Illustrations" of Bro. William Preston, it was a work that should be studied by all Masonic aspirants. Unfortunately, it was not easily to be obtained, but copies were occasionally to be met with by any one desiring to possess it.* It was a matter of deep regret to him, and he might say to many other members of the Craft that the Prestonian Lecture had been allowed to lapse for so many years. He might remind them that it was in 1819 that Bro. William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, bequeathed, amongst other masonic gifts, £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and 300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture. He was afraid, however, this latter gift had been entirely lost sight of for many years past; this was much to be regretted. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master.

* By a reference to No. 207 in the list of books advertised on p 350 it will be seen that we are in a position to offer copies of several of the editions of Bro. Preston's "Illustrations" To prevent disappointment, however, we advise that early applications be made for the same.—Ed. F. C.

It was the general impression of the Past Masters that Bro. Edwards would conduct the Lodge in a manner that would tend to the happiness and comfort of the members. In reply, Bro. Edwards said if there was one thing more than another he had looked forward to it was to be placed in the chair of that Lodge. He was surrounded by many friends, and the hearty acclamations with which they had received allusion to his name gave him great encouragement. There was a "banner" Lodge, and he flattered himself their respective banners produced a very pretty effect. The Lodge prided itself upon always giving a cordial reception to its visitors, and he thanked the numerous body of guests who had attended to do honour to his installation. Before sitting down he would propose the next toast—the health of the Immediate Past Master, in whose footsteps he should strive to follow. He had been entrusted with a pleasing duty, that of investing Bro. Heath with a Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted by the members of the Lodge. He would personally add that no Master could have been more worthy of the jewel and of their thanks. Bro. Heath, in a few graceful sentences, thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him, and assured them of his continued interest in the working of the Lodge. The Initiate was next complimented, which toast was also briefly acknowledged. The contents of the Charity box was, as is usual in this Lodge, put up to auction, and it realised the amount of £4 10s. Bros. Von Joel, Bellerby and Hawkins responded to the toast of the Visitors, and then came the toast of the Past Masters, with which was associated the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. This was duly acknowledged, and then was proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, to which the Wardens replied, assuring the Worshipful Master of the interest they felt in their work. Brother Heck S.D. then desired to be allowed to make a few remarks. He thanked the W.M. for the very eloquent and flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast, and thanked the Brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded to it. The toast given in honour of the Officers is at all times received in this Lodge with a certain amount of interest; natural and easily understood when we consider that the honour, the reputation and the well-being of the Lodge depends to a great extent on the efficiency of its Officers. He (Bro. Heck) had often heard it said that in the William Preston Lodge the members prided themselves on their good working; how far they are justified in this was a question not for him to answer; moreover, whether it is to the advantage and well-being of a Lodge that such expressions should too often come to the front is also a question. Undoubtedly, among the Officers are some who take a great interest in the working of the Lodge and the purity of the ritual therein practised. All must admire their zeal and assiduity. So long as the Lodge selects from its members workers with the ability of Bro. Greenslade, the Junior Deacon, they may rest assured the work would be well done. To quote Bro. Greenslade's own words, when he said that whatever office he might be put into he would make it difficult for any other Brother to do it better;—an Officer who so exerts himself cannot fail to do credit, and may feel entitled to the compliment just bestowed by the W.M. He (Bro. Heck) could scarcely hope successfully to compete with Bro. Greenslade. He was labouring under difficulties as regards our language, not that he wished to make that an excuse. A Brother accepting office should do his duties without excuses. Moreover, having had the honour to visit Lodges in this as well as in other countries, he found the ritual of Freemasonry varied, and perhaps he would be pronounced a bold man who would venture to say which version is correct. We call ourselves Freemasons; even this name sounds well, but it should not be the empty sound alone; freedom of will should ever characterise all those who seek to be admitted, but let it be understood we are not free from the obligations we owe to the State; each of us ought to be free from vanity and empty pride, free from egotism and selfishness, free from haughtiness, free from envy and bad sense, free from ambition and dishonesty, and in full possession of the knowledge of ourselves. These are tenets which he trusted might be efficiently practised in the William Preston Lodge. After giving utterance to other excellent sentiments, Bro. Heck concluded by thanking the Worshipful Master for advancing him as regards office in the Lodge, and assuring the brethren he would do all in his power to sustain its efficiency. This concluding the programme of the day the Tyler was summoned, and the proceedings were brought to an end with the usual toast. The music of the evening was under the direction of Madame Worrell, who was, as usual, most efficient in her work; she was assisted by Madame Sutton Shepley, Bro. Henry Guy, Bro. D. Sutton Shepley, and Mr. Lovett King. The menu card and list of toasts for the meeting was a novelty, which calls for approval at our hands. On the front was an excellent portrait of the W.M., a fine example of one of the many new processes which have been introduced during the last year or so. The work was executed by Frank Harford, of 135 Fulham-road, who, we doubt not, will hear further from some of those who saw this specimen of his work.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S LODGE, No. 972.

THE installation of Bro. H. F. Pringuer took place on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, in the presence of a numerous company, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Westwood, assisted by Bro. Edwin Beer P.M. D.C. The W.M. having been duly installed, invested his I.P.M., and appointed his Officers for the ensuing year. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Brother Ward, in his usual excellent style. Among those present at the installation and banquet were the following:—Bros. John Noble P.M., J. Naylor, J. T. Reeves P.M., H. Maclear W.M., S. Saunders W.M., C. M. Driffield, E. Cockersell P.M., George Briggs P.M., H. Naylor P.M., John Wood S.W., Charles Gurr, G. R. Stratford, H. Ward P.M., C. Sabri, F. Hall W.M., L. J. Adams, E. J. T. Adams, James J. White S.W., W. Ashenden W.M., W. T. Clayton S.W., and T. Beckett.

TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

ON Wednesday, the 21st ult., the members and their friends had a very pleasant reunion at their Lodge Room, 80 North Hill-street, Liverpool, which was acknowledged to be one of the most enjoyable this Lodge has held. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and dancing was kept up with great spirit for several hours. Amongst those present were—Bros. Hughes W.M., Paul P.M., Williams P.M. Treas., Wilson I.P.M., George P.M., Holgate P.M., Rankin S.W., Blair I.G., Williams and Jones. Brother M'Farlane J.W. was an excellent M.C., the arrangements being efficiently carried out by Bro. Lawrance Phillips S.W., who acted as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

FITZALAN LODGE, No. 1432.

THE annual meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry, on the 15th ult. The members present were Bros. Akeroyd W.M., Aylmer Lewis S.W., Nelson J.W., Evans J.D., Roberts I.G., Parsons P.M. Secretary, Maclardy P.M. S.D., Wilson, Johnson, and Edwards. The following visitors also attended:—Bros. Spaul, Owen, Benson, Avery, Ogg, Cartwright, Giles, Bott, Dovaston, Dr. Brough, Pay, Jackson, Knight, Hazlett, Brayne, Aston. The usual routine business having been transacted. Bro. Aylmer Lewis was presented by Bro. Maclardy, and duly installed in an impressive manner by the retiring W.M. Bro. Akeroyd, assisted by Bros. Spaul and Parsons. Bro. Lewis appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Akeroyd I.P.M., Nelson S.W., Edwards J.W., Drew P.M. Treasurer, Parsons Secretary, Roberts S.D., Lashmore J.D., Martin I.G., Smith, Johnson and Minshall Stewards. Bro. Akeroyd was presented by the Lodge with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year, and also with a Past Provincial Grand Officer's jewel, he having been the last Provincial Grand Organist of the old Province of North Wales and Shropshire. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Rowland G. Venables, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., Rev. J. B. Meredith, Belton, Major, Edisbury, Salter, and others. The brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet served in Bro. Drew's well-known style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, called attention to the somewhat unique position in which he was then placed, having the Acting Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Spaul) as the chief guest on his right, and the Acting Grand Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Akeroyd) as I.P.M. on his left, consequently he could not fail in having the ceremonies of the evening carried out according to due and ancient form. Altogether it was one of the most successful meetings held for some years past.

SANDGATE LODGE, No. 1436.

BROTHER PLEDGE was recently installed W.M. of this Lodge, by his predecessor Bro. W. Terry. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. Illman S.W., Rev. Russell Wakefield J.W., Samson Treasurer, Gosby Secretary, Kennett D.C., Smith S.D., Simons J.D., Roper I.G., and Butcher Tyler.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, the 4th of December, at seven o'clock p.m., at the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839, held at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. Bros. Masto P.M. 1349 P.Z. 933 W.M., Stewart P.M. 1278 S.W., Da Costa S.D. 1349 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Allan, Cary, Isaacs, Eschwege, De Casseres, Stewart, and Richardson. Second Lecture—Bros. Fox, Moloney, Moss, Oxley, and Smith. Third Lecture—Bros. B. Da Costa, L. A. Da Costa, and Harris. Bros. Dixie Preceptor, Vallentine Co-Preceptor, Williams Treasurer, Mendelssohn Secretary.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

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', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 339—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—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1009—Shakspere, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1576—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
 R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 5
 Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
 166—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 4 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elver, 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.
 315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 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, Braiford.
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
 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, Amlwch, Anglesey
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveland.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
 2133—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. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
 R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Marlborough St. W
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

- R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1081—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
- R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds.
 R.A. 389—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 227—Tonic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 740—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Cumberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
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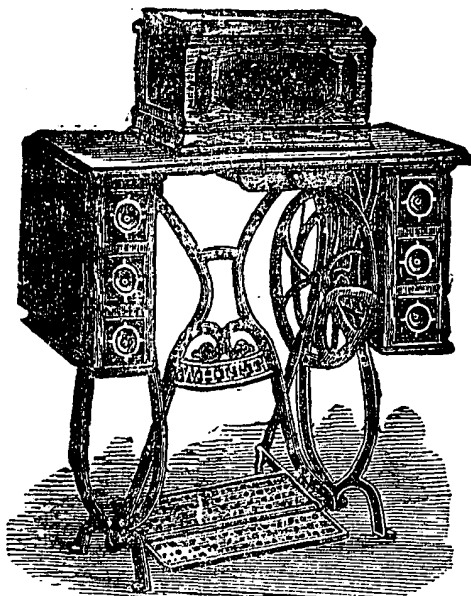
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