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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

IN accordance with the custom which has prevailed for the last half dozen years all interest in the March Communication of the United Grand Lodge, which took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, may be said to have been centred in the Election of Grand Treasurer. The R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided, and he was supported by R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, who acted as Deputy Grand Master, while Sir Edmund H. Lechmere, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, filled the chair of Past Grand Master; Brigadier-General Alexander W. Adair acted as Grand Senior Warden; and Lieutenant-General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe as Grand Junior Warden. Grand Lodge was opened in form, and then Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, read the minutes of 5th December meeting, which were duly confirmed. Sir John Gorst, P.M. Drury Lane Lodge, then rose for the purpose of proposing his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to be elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. He said: M.W. the Grand Master in the chair, no words of mine are necessary to secure the unanimous acceptance by the brethren of this proposition; but I think I shall be expressing the feelings of every one present when I say that they mark with pleasure and satisfaction how, year by year, under His Royal Highness, Freemasonry is strengthened, and the services he renders to the Craft are increased. I am sure we all hope he will live many years to cement and adorn our Order. Bro. Thomas Hastings Miller briefly seconded the motion, and no other candidate being proposed, the Grand Master in the chair declared His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Grand Director of Ceremonies, then proclaimed His Royal Highness in the customary formal way. Brother Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, Worshipful Master Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, proposed for election as Grand Treasurer Bro. George Everett P.M., a brother whose devotion for thirty years to the cause of Freemasonry well entitled him to that high honour. Bro. Ferguson seconded the motion. He had had the honour and pleasure of the acquaintance and friendship of Bro. George Everett many years, and could vouch for his value as a Mason, both with regard to the teaching of the ritual and with regard to his charitable work. Bro. Everett had served an apprenticeship to the duties of Treasurer; he had been the Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge for several years, and Treasurer also of numerous other Lodges. In all capacities he had proved himself a most worthy Brother, and he (Bro. Ferguson) felt satisfied that Bro. Everett

would fill the high office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft. Bro. Catling W.M. 2190 proposed Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry, who had been a Mason for many years; and has yet, we hope, a long and brilliant career to look forward to in the future. He was initiated, on the 26th May 1868, in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, No. 382. He joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, in which he served all the offices, and was installed W.M. in 1877. He is also a Past Master of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29. He has been a member of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, since its foundation, and is now its Treasurer. After giving further particulars of Bro. Terry's Masonic career Bro. Catling urged that these qualifications of Bro. Terry entitled him to regard, and their possession warranted the brethren in seeking for his election. Bro. Lennox Browne seconded. Scrutineers of the ballot were then chosen and duly obligated. Later in the evening the result of the poll showed that Bro. Terry had secured 841 votes, and Brother Everett 617, consequently Bro. Terry was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing. The recommendation for grants, as set forth in the agenda paper published by us last week, were then agreed to. With respect to the proposal from the Grand Mark Lodge for a lease of the premises, best known as Bacon's Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, said the report of the Board of General Purposes was presented to the Board of Masters before the meeting of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters could be held to consider this question of lease, and the subject of the communication which he would read could not be included in the report of the Board. The communication enclosed the resolutions come to at the Special Grand Mark Lodge. The request contained in this communication does not form a part of the Report of the Board, for the reasons mentioned. I am, therefore, not authorised by the Board of General Purposes to bring that matter under your consideration at present, but your attention will be called to it after we have passed the recommendation for your approval of the lease to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. When the intimation of Messrs. Spiers and Pond was communicated to the Board they were under considerable anxiety as to the future of these premises. We could make no use of them for ourselves, with the Tavern intervening; the offer, therefore, of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was received by the Board of General Purposes as a solution—a welcome solution—of the difficulty. They undertake to put the place in repair. The sum which the Grand Mark Lodge proposes to lay out is £3000, and probably it will be more. The expenditure of money will, no doubt, render this property permanently of greater value, and, of course, they could not be expected to lay out this sum of money if they had these premises only on a 16 years' lease. If we exceeded that time it

appeared to us to be of very little moment to what extent we gave them the lease. In fact, knowing that we should have good tenants in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, it seemed to us that the longer term for which the lease was granted the better; we, therefore, came to the conclusion that it was the wisest course to accept their offer, and I feel sure that this Grand Lodge will feel the same. I have heard that it is said this evening there is an objection on the part of some of the Craft brethren to having the Mark Masons under the same roof. I have several answers to that. We have them not under the same roof—it is quite distinct; and the wall of the Tavern is between. But suppose we did; although we do not acknowledge the Mark Degree as a part of Ancient Freemasonry, we cannot ignore their existence; we are on perfectly friendly terms with them. Many of our most eminent Craft Masons are members of the Mark, and our Grand Master the Prince of Wales is their Grand Master. Altogether, it seems to me very much like letting the premises to ourselves. I, therefore, at once, without further comment, beg to propose that this Grand Lodge do approve of the lease of the premises known as Bacon's Hotel to Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master for Norths and Hunts, seconded the proposition. After some remarks from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., the motion was put and carried. Bro. Thomas Fenn: Having read to you the communication from the Assistant Grand Secretary of the Mark Degree, I think it my duty to propose to you now that the request of the G. Mark Lodge, with respect to the remission of six months' rent, while these alterations are going on, should be granted. It is merely a principle. These alterations will be large and extensive, and will occupy considerable time, and I think there will be no one who would say we should not act liberally in cases of this sort. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, seconded Bro. Fenn's proposition. He said your tenants are going to spend, on a 49 years' lease, something like £3000. We know that £3000 is £150 a year interest at 5 per cent. If they pay that, and probably spend something more, I think the very least we can do is to give them six months at a peppercorn rent until they have got a place to go into. The motion was carried, and shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was closed.

### MASONIC HISTORY.

THE members of the Masonic Order have never enjoyed the reputation of being staunch supporters of the literary art, or of taking even a lively interest in records of the past or present doings of the Craft; indeed, much has been written, and much more said, to prove that Freemasons, as a body, are neither readers nor students; while they are usually credited with taking things much as they find them, without inquiring as to the why or wherefore, or devoting a moment's thought to the labours of brethren who have gone before—those who founded the Masonic Order, and helped to raise it to its present proud position. We cannot, however, believe that the stigma which has so long rested on Freemasons is wholly deserved, and more especially is this the case at the present time, when every year witnesses the production of a goodly array of Masonic literary works; even if we leave out of consideration the large number of weekly and monthly periodicals which appear in various parts of the world, devoted entirely, or in great measure, to the interests of Freemasonry. We are of opinion that the greatest grumbler in this respect would be more than surprised were it possible to put before him a copy of every Masonic book that has been issued within the last hundred years; even the current issues of all the weekly and monthly papers of the Craft would form an imposing spectacle, and if viewed by an ordinary observer would at once convince him that the members of the Masonic Order were wrongly described when spoken of

as a non-reading sect—at least there is plenty of material at hand, and it hardly seems possible that the supply should be kept up, and even augmented from time to time, unless there was an active demand for it. As a consequence, it would appear more consistent to regard the members of the Craft as liberal patrons of class literature, and, as far as possible endeavour to remove the imputation which has so long been associated with the Order, and which certainly does not redound to the credit of its members.

Among the literary productions of recent years are to be found several devoted to matters of Masonic History, many of them treating of the past career of Private Lodges, others of a more pretentious character. Both produce items of general interest; indeed in most cases the care and research of the authors have resulted in really interesting compilations being issued, the facts included in the general summaries being of universal, rather than of local importance, while in not a few cases facts have been brought to light which have gone far to clear up some of the mysteries which are associated with the earlier doings of the Masonic Craft.

We have before us the History of the Royal Union Lodge, now No. 246, of Cheltenham, compiled by Bro. George Norman, one of its Past Masters, with an Introduction by Bro. William James Hughan. This affords us ample opportunity of demonstrating the truth of what we have already stated, as the book abounds with items of interest, and well repays perusal. In fact, were it possible to get together such a history in connection with all our older Lodges we should find that Freemasonry had been much wider in its scope than is at present supposed, while many points would be cleared up which are now enveloped in doubt.

In his introductory remarks Bro. Hughan first glances at the position of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire in relation to older Provinces, and to the two Grand Lodges from which its subordinate Lodges derived their warrants prior to the year 1814. In doing so he tells us that the "regular Grand Lodge of England (known also as the 'Moderns')" chartered seven Lodges in the county, only two of which are still retained on the Roll; the Foundation, now numbered 82, and meeting at Cheltenham; and the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, now numbered 270, and meeting at Berkeley. The five others are recorded as follows: Gloucester—warranted 28th March 1738, and numbered 171, 157 and 95, as the various closings up took place, erased in 1768. Tewkesbury—26th October 1738 (Nos. 177 and 163), erased in 1754. Shirehampton and Wotton-under-Edge—14th of August 1773 (Bristol originally, Nos. 451, 358, 359 and 291), erased in 1809. Gloucestershire—10th January 1785 (Nos. 462, 373, 473, 314), erased in 1851. Minchinhampton, Stroud, and Cirencester—16th of August 1789 (Bristol originally, Nos. 546, 455 and 514), erased in 1820. The rival Grand Lodge (the "Ancients") was not at all popular in the Province of Gloucestershire, the only two Lodges ever formed therein under its auspices being the "Royal Lebanon," Gloucester, No. 316, of 18th January 1799, erased as No. 278 in 1838; and the present "Royal Union" of 29th July 1813. Gloucestershire occupies the ninth place in point of seniority among the Provincial Grand Lodges of England, having been constituted, in conjunction with Worcestershire and Herefordshire, in 1753, under the Mastership of Sir R. de Cornwall, Bart. This Brother, says Bro. Hughan in this Introduction, is described in the "Constitutions" for 1756 as Provincial Grand Master for five counties, the three already noted, with Salop and Monmouth; he presided over the Communication of the Grand Lodge of England held on 23rd November 1753. Thomas Dunckerly Past S.G.W. succeeded some thirty years later to the Grand Mastership of Gloucestershire, in conjunction with several other districts, and was followed by the Marquess of Worcester (afterwards 6th Duke of Beaufort), in 1799, and by the 7th Duke in 1845. In 1856 the Hon. James H. Legge (afterwards 3rd Lord Sherborne) was appointed, and on his resignation, in 1880, the present ruler of the Province, Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., assumed command; there are now fourteen Lodges under his sway.

The Royal Arch Degree, continues Bro. Hughan, does not appear to have ever flourished very much in the county, the only Chapters working there at the present time being the Unanimity, No. 82, at Cheltenham, and the Royal Lebanon, No. 493, at Gloucester. Prior to these

there was the Hope and Sincerity, first known as No. 134, and held at Berkeley from 1807. On the Union of the two Grand Chapters, in 1817, this latter took the number of the Lodge held in Berkeley, and was ultimately erased by Supreme Grand Chapter, on 1st May 1861, as No. 337.

The Royal Union Lodge, however, in common with all "Ancient" Lodges, possessed the right to work the Royal Arch Degree, until the time of the "Union," and it is possible the Lodge exercised the privilege, though the minutes are silent on the point, for in the list of members which follows the Bye Laws of 1815 twelve Brethren, out of a total of twenty-three, are described as "passed the chair," evidently, says Bro. Hughan, for the purpose of exaltation. (Another is registered as "R.A.," and still another as "K.A.D.H.") While on this point Bro. Hughan refers to the curious and valuable brass medal owned by the Lodge (of which an engraving is given in Bro. Norman's History), as being rather suggestive of the Royal Arch, though he grants that the tools scattered about relate exclusively to the three degrees.

Having thus given a brief outline of Bro. Hughan's interesting Introduction to Bro. Norman's History, we propose to close the matter for the present, with the hope that next week we shall be able to present a résumé of the History itself to the notice of our readers.

## REVIEWS.

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

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*The Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry.* By J. FINLAY FINLAYSON. London: George Kenning, 16 and 16a Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. 1889.

WE have read this little work from beginning to end with the greatest satisfaction. Our worthy Brother the author is a member of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, and to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of that Lodge he inscribes his book, "as a humble tribute of appreciation of their admirable and successful endeavours to dispel the clouds of doubt and the imputations of folly under which the Craft has so long suffered." In the opening Chapter Bro. Finlayson defines what is understood as operative and speculative Freemasonry, and then describes how these respective doctrines are conveyed by symbols and legends. He then proceeds to trace these legends to their respective sources, and herein he has, we think, succeeded beyond anything he could have anticipated. He commences his researches in Egypt, then presents the evidences of our "Aryan Forefathers," and takes us, in a chatty and graceful manner, through Chaldea, Judea, Italy, Germany, and then England; in each case bringing forward much interesting evidence in support of his views. The book contains 15 full page plates, in addition to several small illustrations; all of these have been drawn by Walter Willis, Esq., A.K.C., Member of the Society of Engineers, from original drawings, tracings, &c., by the Author. The execution of the letter-press and illustrations reflects credit upon Bro. Kenning to whom the production of the work was entrusted.

*Masonic Calendar and Official Directory of the Province of Wiltshire,* 1889. Edited by WILLIAM NOTT, P.M. 663, &c., P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, and Provincial Grand Secretary, Devizes. Printed by W. H. Bush, Wine Street.

WE welcome the ninth issue of this useful and carefully compiled Calendar. This year the book has been enlarged, and additional information has been added, in the shape of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter accounts. The usual lists of Lodges and Chapters, with their Officers, are given in detail, while at the end a list of votes credited to members in the Province is recorded. Bro. Nott, who we are glad to hear is much better, thanks his daughter Miss Nott for the help she has rendered him in seeing the Calendar through the press. Owing to severe illness, Bro. Nott was unable to devote that attention to the book that he could have desired, but Miss Nott came to the rescue, and the book is as complete as possible. It is well printed, neatly bound in blue cloth, and can be easily carried in the pocket.

*Cassell's Magazine.* London: Cassell and Co., Ludgate Hill.

GREAT interest will be taken in a well written article in the March number of this popular magazine, entitled "A Lady's Experience in the Intermediate." The writer relates how a party of ladies travelled in the more economical if less luxurious "Intermediate" saloon. Two complete stories, "His Own Property" and "Our Mysterious Neighbour," by the authors of "A Man of the Name of John," and "The Probation of Dorothy Travers," respectively, appear in this number. Another instalment is given of the serial story by Miss Armit, entitled "Mr. Trench of Brasenose." This story is illustrated by Mr. Walter Paget, while its companion serial, Mr. Frank Barrett's "Under a Strange Mask," is accompanied by illustrations from Mr. E. F. Brewtnall, R.W.S. The author of "How to be Happy Though Married" chats about "The Choice Matrimonial," and a Family Doctor upon "The Feet and their Troubles;" while "A Leaf Out of a Young Mother's Journal" is filled with the story of "Poor Hugh,

the Crying Child." "The National School of Housewifery" continues on its way, and includes this month a sectional paper by Phyllis Browne on "Common-sense Meals." Still another item of interest to the ladies is "What to Wear in March," in which correspondents in Paris and London give the latest hints on dress. A Barrister gives some timely advice on the making of wills in an article headed by the oft-repeated formula, "I must make my Will!" The number also contains a paper on "Garden Work in March;" a description of a visit to the "Fish Caves of New South Wales," by Mr. H. G. Spearing; a new song, with music, by Dr. T. R. G. Jozé; and it concludes with the "Gatherer," under which head will be found illustrated notes of all that is new in the fields of Invention, Literature, and Science, thus keeping up the well-earned reputation that this magazine undoubtedly has.

*Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book,* 1889. London: H. Sell, 167 Fleet Street, E.C.

THIS now weighty book is again before us, and from what we can see may be described as complete as any one can possibly make it. It is full of information, and gives a complete list of the newspapers published in the United Kingdom, whilst its articles are both interesting and instructive. Amongst special features treated on we find Practical Hints as to the Law relating to libels in newspapers (corrected to date); New Journalism, by J. W. Robertson-Scott; Journalists and the English language; the Influence of the Press, by J. Ewing Ritchie; Pressmen and Printers, by a Composer; Reminiscences of Printers' Land, by John Astle; H. M. Stanley as a Journalist (with portrait); Professional Journals and Journalism (with portraits); and Sixty photographic portraits of leading London and Provincial editors. We may add, the book has been made interesting both to publishers and the outside reader, and we cordially recommend to all classes this complete newspaper guide.

## SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

ON Thursday evening, the 28th ult., the members of this popular Lodge, gave their fourth annual ball in aid of the Masonic Charities, at the Peckham Public Hall. As in past years, an influential committee had been appointed, and no pains had been spared to make the occasion completely successful. The entire building was placed at the disposal of the promoters; the lower hall was used as a concert room, where ladies and gentlemen found solace in the charms of music; the large hall was devoted to dancing, while in the upper chambers a very tempting supper was laid out. The corridor was prettily decorated with drapery and coloured lamps, and the floral decorations of the platform in the large hall, where was stationed the excellent band of Mr. Stuart Lane, was conceived in the best taste. A dispensation had been obtained from the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, allowing Masonic clothing and jewels to be worn, and these personal decorations of the gentlemen, joined to the charming costumes of the ladies, made up a scene of much brilliancy. A ball such as this, with its manifold arrangements, is not to be carried out without a good deal of labour, but the Selwyn Lodge found the men equal to the occasion in their Hon. Secretaries, Bros. T. Gay and W. Griggs; these gentlemen were energetically assisted by Bro. E. Eagle the Treasurer, and Bro. J. M. Wimble the W.M. A list of 24 dances appeared on the card, and dancing, which commenced at 9 o'clock, was carried on with spirit until 4 on Friday morning. All the latest and best dance music was performed by Mr. Lane's band, and in the interval there was played "The Selwyn Grand Masonic March," composed for and dedicated to the Lodge by Bro. Stuart Lane. The concert was conducted by Bro. T. Gay, as already stated, in the Lower Hall. Mr. G. Augustus Holmes presided at the piano, and opened the concert by performing one of his own compositions, in a very finished manner, viz., "Florinda Grand Valse de Concert." Miss Marion Holmes, a silver medalist, sang "If I were a Queen," and "Matrimonee." This lady, who has a brilliant voice, was in excellent form. Miss Fort gave a selection on the pianoforte, which was greatly appreciated; she also sang "Garden of Sleep," with great effect. Mr. G. A. Holmes then gave a pleasing comic song. Miss Cicely Knott, a very promising young artiste, sang "Nymphs and Shepherds," in artistic manner, and Miss Knott gave a pleasing rendering of the two "Marionettes." The duet, "In the Dusk of the Twilight," by Bro. T. Gay and Miss Fort, was well received.

At the last General Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. W. Morley gave notice of a motion for the appointment of a Sub-Committee, whose duty it should be to consider and report upon all petitions, previous to their being submitted to the General Committee, for acceptance or rejection, his object being to secure that the motions should be fully discussed by the General Committee before being submitted to the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which alone has the power to sanction an alteration in any one of the Rules and Regulations of the Institution.

A fund is being raised in England for a testimonial to Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the historian. The Earl of Carnarvon is chairman of the committee. In view of the fact that Bro. Gould gets no royalty from copies of his work sold in this country, it will be an exceedingly graceful act for Americans to subscribe to the testimonial. We hope the contributions from this side may be worthy of the cause, and show that American Masons appreciate the labours of the accomplished historian.—*Masonic Token.*

## FURTHER COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

(Continued from page 90).

I MUST first endeavour to clear away the dust with which my friendly opponent (unintentionally of course) bespatters the eyes of his readers. I do indeed frankly admit that no living man knows as much about the MSS. and records of the Grand Lodge of England as friend Sadler does, and not only am I greatly indebted to him for many favours, but even Bros. Gould, Hughan, Lane, and other writers, have again and again acknowledged his merits as a successful searcher, and *finder too*. But with regard to the Old Constitutions, I beg to assure him, and Bro. Nickerson our Grand Secretary will confirm it, that I have had many times all the original printed Constitutions and Ahiman Rezens in my house, and have kept them as long as I pleased; also Spratt's Dublin Constitutions, and I was even permitted to take home with me the oldest MSS. and old records belonging to the Grand Lodge here. As far, therefore, as the old English Constitutions and other printed matter is concerned, I have had the same chance of getting information as Bro. Sadler himself had. I also read "Facts and Fictions" before I wrote a line in opposition to the theory propounded therein. But, with the utmost care, a man is liable sometimes to overlook or forget something, and in such a case, especially when there is no reason to impute it to a sinister design for the purpose of misrepresentation or misleading, such a fault should not be magnified into a *great sin*, or to impute it to the ignorance of the opponent. For instance, I did remember that Bro. Sadler tried to apologise for Dermott's pretension to his Masonic descent from "Ancient York," but I forgot his mention of two Warrants, of 1757 and 1759. Now, when mentioning those Warrants he never stated that in one of them at least, viz., of 1759, Dermott still pretended to be a York Mason, hence I called attention to the Warrants, &c. sent to Nova Scotia in 1757, wherein York descent was claimed by Dermott, and this furnished Bro. Sadler with an opportunity of proving my unreliability. He said—

"Bro. Norton has no right to say that Bro. Sadler never saw a Warrant of the Ancients older than 1772, but he has said it nevertheless, and more than that, he has printed it, an evident proof that he has not carefully read "Masonic Facts and Fictions."

Now I can, with equal reason say, that Bro. Sadler has not carefully read *his own* "Facts and Fictions;" for on page 130 of the said book is printed this, "The earliest complete Ancient's Warrant which I met with is dated 16th November 1772," hence I have only repeated what Bro. Sadler himself printed. Again, to my statement that the Nova Scotia Warrants, &c., of 1757 were not signed by the Grand Master, Bro. Sadler says, "At present I have only Bro. Norton's unsupported assertion on the one side." Now the late Bro. J. F. Brennan printed all the Warrants from the Ancients preserved at Halifax, N.S., in his "Rebold's History of Masonry" 1875; he even showed me photographs of the said documents. Now, the three documents of 1757 are signed by Lau. Dermott only, so is a Warrant of 1768, though headed "Thomas Matthew Grand Master." Not so a Deputation of 1784, a copy of which I presented to the late Grand Secretary, Brother Harvey, and if I am not mistaken I saw it last year in the Grand Lodge library in London. Bro. Sadler will find on it *fac similes* of the signatures of Antrim, Dermott, and three other names: and if the 1757 documents had been signed by Blesinton, Blessinton, or Blesinten, I am certain that Bro. Brennan would have printed it also. Now I have given reason for what Bro. Sadler calls "one side," and on his side, after quoting from the record of the "Ancients" an order to Dermott to send the required Warrants, &c., to Nova Scotia in 1757, he says—

"Now, to my way of thinking, this business seems fair and above board, and, unless Bro. Norton can produce reliable evidence to the contrary, I shall prefer to believe that there was as little forgery in this as in the case of Warrants issued in England."

Now, in the first place, this does not prove that the Grand Master signed the said Warrants; and second, as I stated, that the Nova Scotia Warrants were not signed by the Grand Master, I could not have imputed forgery to

any one in this case. Bro. Sadler, however, misleads his readers by intimating that I charged Dermott with forgery in this, as I did in another case. And now I shall proceed to point out some other mistakes in "Facts and Fictions."

First, Bro. Sadler claims that the Installation ceremony, with word, grip, &c., was designed by Anderson, to be repeated after every election of a new Master for an old Lodge. I, however, believe that Anderson designed the installation ceremony for the Officers of a *new Lodge only*, and I would like Bro. Sadler to search the records of all the old Lodges, including the one to which Anderson belonged, and find out whether there is any evidence of an installing ceremony having been performed in any Lodge during Anderson's lifetime, at the election of officers, after the day of its consecration. The fact is, Masons are too fond of ceremonies to abandon one, when once established. Masonic innovation, in such a case, would be in the direction of enlarging, and inflating, rather than in abandonment; thus, after a Master of an old Lodge was installed, with grip, word, &c., not only would the next elected Master demand to be installed likewise, but the outgoing Master, whose duty it is to instal his successor, would never consent to forego the pleasure of playing his part in the show. For these several reasons I feel satisfied that no ceremony of installation of Officers for old Lodges was ordained by Anderson, either in 1723 or in 1738.

Again, I have no doubt that Henry Price brought over with him to Boston the English ritual for every Masonic purpose. Well, Price was a member of the second Lodge constituted in Boston, about 1751, the said Lodge records are regular and complete from (if I recollect right) 1752 to 1775. Elections or re-elections of a Master took place at the expiration of six months. I have carefully examined that record, but could not find a hint of the slightest ceremony taking place upon those occasions. In another Boston record of a Lodge, of about 1784, I found that the new officers were invested with their respective jewels.

Still again, Saint Andrew's Lodge began its career without a Warrant, in Boston, in 1752. About two or three years after it was visited by a Scotch Mason, through whose influence the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted the said Lodge a Charter, in 1756. The probability is, that the Scotch visitor posted the brethren up in all the requirements of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and had he informed them of the necessity of keeping up the installation ceremony after every election of new officers, such a ceremony would have been alluded to in the Lodge records. But here again no hint of such a ceremony could I find before near the close of the last century. With these facts before me, I am justified in inferring that the installation ceremony for officers of an old Lodge, owed its origin either to Ireland or to the Ancients.

Second, with regard to the transposition of certain words, I have reason to believe that as late as 1742 no change was made by the Grand Lodge of England, nor do I believe that the Grand Lodge ever authorised any such change. I have, however, sent some hints to an English brother which may prove that the change originated in France. As to other changes in the ritual, I have no doubt that both parties deviated from the original ritual, these deviations were not however of sufficient importance to make a fuss about. Similar changes have taken place wherever Masonry has been established, and that is all about it.

And third, Bro. Sadler devoting so much space to prove that pre-1717 Lodges received Charters from the Grand Lodge, say up to 1738, led me to suppose that all he wanted to prove was, that the five or six Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of 1752 were, with a few exceptions, composed of pre-1717 Masons. Such was my impression when I met Bro. Sadler last summer, for I had not then read more than about 70 or 80 pages, or perhaps not so many. It was from conversation with Bro. Sadler that I first learned his theory that the Ancients were "Irish-Anglo Masons," since, however, I have finished reading "Facts and Fictions," to the end, and all the information he furnished in his seven articles in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE I have become more convinced that my good brother was carried away by a wild imagination than I was before. Bro. Sadler found in the Grand Lodge record of 1735, the following paragraph, viz. :—

"Notice being given to the Grand Lodge that the Master and Wardens of a Lodge from Ireland [were] without, desiring to be admitted by virtue of a Deputation from

Lord Kingston, present Grand Master of Ireland. But it appearing there was no particular recommendation from his Lordship in this affair, their request would not be complied with, unless they would accept a new Constitution here."

Now, be it remembered that in 1724 the Grand Lodge ordained that, "No visitor, however skilled in Masonry, shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known to, or well recommended by one of that Lodge present." Without pointing out that similar laws were passed even in 1735, the case appears to have been thus: Three men, claiming to have been deputed by Lord Kingston, wanted to visit the Grand Lodge of England. Upon being requested to produce his Lordship's written recommendation, they failed to produce it. The Grand Lodge, therefore, merely acted according to its own law, passed in 1724, in refusing them admission. Not because they were Irishmen, but because it was against the law. They were, however, told that the Grand Lodge was willing to grant them a charter to open a Lodge in England, and then they would be entitled to admission. Assuming, however, that the 1735 Grand Lodge were as Irish-hating, as unjust, as churlish, in short as bad as Bro. Sadler imagines it to have been, I ask Bro. Sadler for evidence, that either Morgan, Dermott, or any other of the founders of the Ancients' concern in 1751, had ever heard about the insulting treatment which the three Irish brothers received from the heartless Grand Lodge of England in 1735? Nor can I see any connection between the riots of the Spitalfields weavers in 1736, on account of the Irish competition with them in their trade, with the doings of the Grand Lodge in 1735, or with the doings of Morgan and Co. in 1751. Here, however, is a "Fact," of Bro. Sadler's imagination, which is truly astonishing. On pp 197-8 he says:—

"One of the greatest charms and strongest props of genuine Masonry is its universality and unsectarian principles, and it is perfectly clear to my mind that the decadence of the regular Grand Lodge was the result of a desire, on the part of some short sighted leaders, to restrict to a particular class what was originally intended for the benefit of the community at large, and that the mistaken efforts were the cause of the ancient landmarks being neglected, the alteration being made in the ceremonies, and the doors shut in the face of poor Pat from over the 'say.'"

Now, if Bro. Sadler himself had not informed us that the G.L. of 1735 had offered to give a Warrant to the three *Irishers*, and if I had not been utterly ignorant as to when the G.L. of England had altered its ceremonies for the purpose of driving away "poor Pat from over the 'say'" from English Lodges, I would certainly have melted away into a flood of tears in sincere sympathy for poor Pat's un-Masonic treatment; but, in the first place, I do not know that the Grand Lodge of England had ever altered its ceremonies for such a purpose; second, I do not know whether Morgan and his seventy followers, of 17th July 1751, were all *Irishers*, or even that a majority were such; and third, as already hinted, I do not know whether either Morgan, or any of his co-labourers in 1751, had ever heard that three Irishmen were excluded from the Grand Lodge in 1735, or that the Grand Lodge had ever changed its ceremonies or ritual for the purpose of excluding Irish Masons from joining or visiting English Lodges.

Boston, U.S., 12th February 1889.

(To be continued.)

The tender of Messrs. Henochsberg and Pool, 19 Australian Avenue, has been accepted for the supply of jackets, vests &c., to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green.

For the year ensuing Comp. H. J. Phillips has been installed M.E.Z. of the Israel Chapter. At the installation meeting, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Da Silva, was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### ALBANY LODGE, No. 151.

IN connection with this Lodge, a ball was given in the Queen's Rooms, Newport, Isle of Wight, on Thursday evening, 28th ult., in aid of the Masonic Charities. The guests, who numbered nearly 200, began to arrive about nine o'clock, and these included the W.M. Bro. A. Millidge, the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker Mew), Dr. Dabbs (Shanklin), and representatives from Ryde, Cowes, Sandown, Shanklin, Ventnor, Brixton, and Yarmouth. The scene was very bright and animated when the numerous guests commenced the Terpsichorean exercises to the strains of a string band under the direction of Mr. J. C. Jones. A retiring room for ladies, most luxuriously furnished, had been prepared for the fair guests on the right-hand side of the room, immediately under the stage. This was illuminated with Chinese lanterns and fairy lamps. Refreshments were served on the stage. Bros. Dr. Coombs, J. W. George, and A. Hyams acted as M.C.'s. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till the early morning hours had fled.

### MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

ONE of the most successful entertainments for the benefit of the Masonic Charities that has taken place in North Staffordshire was held at Hanley, on Thursday, the 28th ult., under the auspices of the above Lodge. The attendance was so large as to necessitate the occupation of nearly the whole suite of rooms in the municipal buildings. The Victoria Hall was used as a ballroom, the council chamber and mayor's parlour as supper rooms, the sessions court as a concert hall, and the grand jury room as a suitable place for the exhibition of curiosities of various descriptions, while the stipendiary court, the town clerk's offices, and other portions of the buildings, were needed for various purposes. Bros. H. Windle W.M., J. T. Howson Honorary Secretary, and the Committee, have had a busy time, for some weeks, in preparing for the entertainment, at which the following acted as Stewards:—Bros. C. F. Baker, J. Barlow, G. Barlow, T. Bickley, T. Brimyard, J. Bromley, J. Charlesworth, J. S. Crapper, A. B. Jones, D. Jones, E. Jones, W. Jones, J. Mayer, G. Pitchford, J. Robinson, W. Edwards, J. Goodson, H. J. Gover, E. V. Greatbach, R. G. Hall, E. J. Hammersley, E. B. Jackson, T. C. Slaney, D. Shaw, J. Stringer, W. Tunnicliff, J. Thorley, P. B. Watts, H. Windle, T. Godwin. The various rooms were decorated under the superintendence of Bro. C. R. Clark, and the walls of the main corridors had hung upon them a remarkably fine collection of oil paintings, engravings, and pen-and-ink sketches, lent by Bros. H. N. Marks, W. Tunnicliff, Dr. J. S. Crapper, T. Henstock, A. J. Henstock, and S. Miles. Handsome vases for decorative purposes were lent by Bros. J. Bromley and David Jones. The exhibition in the grand jury room comprised a number of microscopes lent by Messrs. Hastings, J. A. Audley, T. Malkin, and Bros. J. Charlesworth, W. Hampton, and C. H. Phillips. There were objects of interest of various kinds lent by Bros. Dr. J. S. Crapper, H. J. Gover, and others. The Stewards of the concert-room were Bros. A. B. Jones and J. Stringer, and the accompanist Bro. W. Edwards. The music was supplied by Master Tom Parker, an accomplished youth as a violinist; Mrs. George Dean, Mr. T. Cranmer, Mr. W. Mitchell, Bro. T. C. Slaney, vocalists; Mr. J. Bower, Bro. C. F. Baker, and Herr Hils, instrumentalists. Recitations were given by Mr. Lyn Morgan. Organ recitals were given in the Victoria Hall by Bro. W. Edwards and Mr. J. W. Preece, of Newcastle. Music for the dancing was supplied by an excellent band, under the direction of Mr. C. Akid, of the Theatre Royal, Hanley. The refreshment department was entrusted to Bro. John Monro. The company began to arrive at half-past seven, and altogether about 630 ladies and gentlemen attended. The gentlemen who were Masons wore their full regalia, and there were present representatives of the Yeomanry, Artillery, and Rifle Volunteers. Bro. C. F. Baker officiated as M.C., and although at times the ball room was rather crowded, the entertainment was a thoroughly enjoyable one.—*Staffordshire Advertiser*.

### ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE usual monthly meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 6th instant. Bro. J. Cox W.M. opened the lodge in ancient form, being assisted by Bros. H. J. Thrower S.W., L. A. Harrison J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. Beasley S.D., and other Officers, their were also present the following Past Masters, Bros. L. Stean, G. T. Barr, E. Benjamin, E. Walker, and R. Drysdale. Bro. Brand moved, and Bro. Barr seconded, a motion for making the fee for initiation £10 10s, and the fee for joining members £6 6s. This was unanimously adopted, after discussion. A ballot was taken for Mr. R. Jeremy, of Curtain Road, and the vote being unanimous, Mr. Jeremy was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. and his Officers. Notice having been given of further proposals for the next meeting, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, supplied by Messrs. Beale and Co., after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The meeting was generally considered to be of a very successful and enjoyable character.

### ST. KEYNA LODGE, No. 1833.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held in the Public-hall, Keynsham, on Tuesday, 19th ult., when Bro. Walter D. Hobkirk S.W., the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. R. C. Else, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. The following Officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. Samuel Lewis I.P.M., Naish S.W., Pfeiffer J.W., Gay Treasurer, Read Secretary, Burn S.D.

Vincent Russell J.D., Grubb D.C., Southwell I.G., Williams and Joseph Byerley Stewards, and Stoate Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Lamb and Lark Hotel, where a large number sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. H. J. Cox, and presided over by the Worshipful Master.

#### ROYAL LEEK LODGE, No. 1849.

THE annual installation took place on Friday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, the High Sheriff of Carnarvonshire (Bro. Sydney Platt) being installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. Platt. The W.M. appointed as his Officers:—Bros. Dr. Greig Hughes S.W., Lloyd Griffith J.W., Harris S.D., Lloyd J.D., Morgan I.G., Rev. Hugh Thomas Chaplain, Pritchard Secretary, L'oyd Kyffin Treasurer, Stubbington Tyler. The banquet took place at the British Hotel, a splendid menu being provided by Mrs. Poch. Bro. E. W. Thomas had charge of the musical arrangements.

#### PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

THE installation of Bro. W. Miller, as Worshipful Master, took place on Monday evening, the 4th inst., at the Lodge-room, in the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth. There was a large muster of visiting brethren from Lodges in the neighbourhood, among those present being Bro. E. Goble Provincial Grand Sword Bearer of England, and several other P.G. Officers. The ceremony was performed by Worshipful Brother Palmer, in a most impressive manner, and subsequently the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Tufnell, I.P.M., Emanuel S.W., Williams J.W., Bevis Treasurer, Pither Secretary, Fisher S.D., Porter J.D., Making I.G., Ceconi D.C., Prior Organist, Gale and Biggs Stewards, and Wells Tyler. A banquet afterwards took place in the lecture hall, for which a *récherché* menu was provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

#### QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THIS Lodge held a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 1st March, at 5 p.m. There were present:—Bros. W. Simpson W.M., R. F. Gould P.G.D. I.P.M., Colonel S. C. Pratt S.W., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott J.D., C. Kupperschmidt as I.G., W. H. Rylands P.G.S., F. H. Goldney P.G.D., J. Finlay Finlayson, C. Pardon Clarke, C.I.E., and Professor Mathew Williams; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle:—Bros. J. B. Mackey, J. Stevens, J. Bodenham P.A.G.D.C., J. Da Silva, F. A. Powell, R. A. Gowan, Professor F. W. Driver, W. M. Graham, C. F. Hogard P.G. St. B., and S. R. Baskett. Also the following Visitors:—Bros. S. Carrick Street, Yarborough Lodge, 554, and Sydney Willis, Emulation Lodge, 21. The following nine Lodges and 62 brethren were admitted to the Correspondence Circle of the Lodge, viz.:—Graystone 1915 Whitstable, District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar, Drury Lane 2127, Naval Military Royal Arch Chapter 40 (S.C.) Edinburgh, Natalia 1665 Pietermaritzburg, Castle 1621 Bridgenorth, Tudor 1792 Harborne, Abbey 624 Burton-on-Trent, Corinthian No. 1806 Amoy, China, and Bros. W. Woodhouse, R. Hodges, D. W. Preston, F. E. Bilson, all of Bournemouth; A. Kirk, Gainsborough; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Doncaster; J. W. Staton, Brookeville, Kentucky; Baron Murrow, St. Leonards; W. L. Willey, Boston, U.S.A.; J. W. Edwards, J. Wilson, F. Batty, Manchester; R. Crofts, A. Brown, J. P. Dorman, G. Ellard, Northampton; C. C. Silverbauer, and C. J. Muller, both of Cape Town; R. Hudson P.G.S.B., Tynemouth; J. Weighton, W. Frances D.D.G.M., R. D. Clarke, J. W. Pierson, all of Pietermaritzburg, Natal; T. Cook, L. E. S. Torgius, J. R. Roffey, all of Durban, Natal; J. W. Johnson, Bradford; J. S. Gibson Sugars H.M.S. Arethusa; C. Boyle (C.M.G.) Gibraltar; G. W. Baine, Sunderland; E. D. Anderton, Falmouth; W. Abrahams P.D.G.M. Maryland; R. Somerville, J. M. Campbell, both of Glasgow; C. C. J. Taylor, A. Bayne, F. Williams, L. Sutro, all of Kimberley; A. R. Perks, Johannesburg, Transvaal; C. Baxter, Edinburgh; W. C. Whiteside, J. Bilson, both of Hull; S. Border, C. E. L. Wright, both of York; H. Crossley, Halifax; J. W. Waugh, Baildon, Yorkshire; G. W. Wakeford, Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward's Island; B. Lightfoot, Faversham; H. F. Greig, Belvedere; W. M. Graham, Edmonton; J. C. Stone, Enfield; T. R. Arter, Moseley, Worcester; E. W. C. Wilson, Truro; C. W. Meiter, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Augustus Harris, A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta; J. W. Thatcher, W. Steward, W. Wingham, A. Gravott, all of London; and W. C. Lewis, Amoy, China. This raises the total number admitted to 588. Handsomely and symbolically designed certificates of having passed the chair of the Lodge were signed by the Officers in favour of Bros. Sir C. Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., &c., P.G.D., and R. F. Gould P.G.D., &c. The paper of the evening was read by Bro. W. H. Rylands. It was entitled "A word on the Legends of the Compagnonage, Part II," being the continuation of a paper read by the same brother twelve months ago. The interesting subject was well handled, and many new lights were thrown thereon by the lecturer, some of which Bros. Gould and Speth acknowledged themselves inclined, at a first view, to accept. The essay was, however, so long that only portions could be read, a fact which prevented a full discussion, for which we must await the issue of the next number of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, when doubtless it will be done full justice to. Bro. Bywater produced for inspection a Craft jewel, formerly worn by Bro. Robert Burns. Professor Driver thought that it was scarcely sufficiently known what a high literary qualification the Lodge required of candidates for full membership, and suggested some public announcement of the fact in order to prevent disappointment to would-be applicants. The matter was discussed at some length, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 28th February, at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-street, E.C. Bros. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Sutrey, W. Ball 1839, H. E. Vickers W.M. 1632, M. Spiegel P.M. 188, G. W.

Wood P.M. 1642, H. Baldwin P.M. 1632 and 1969 P.P. Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex, J. L. Bush 1632, E. Pettit W.M. elect 1632, W. P. Allen 2256, W. H. Vickers 1632, C. Linsey S.W. 1632, J. H. Nicholls S.D. 1280, A. J. Crofts I.G. 1632, A. Bannister I.P.M. 1632, G. H. Morgan W.S. 1632, J. S. Manley Abbey Lodge, and Samuel Ellis Tyler. The Lodge being opened, the chair was occupied by Bro. H. E. Frances, who appointed Bros. Wood and Baldwin as Wardens, and Bro. Spiegel D.C. He then addressed the brethren upon the occasion of the meeting, and rehearsed most effectively the ceremony of consecration, in the course of which he delivered an impressive oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. The Lodge having been dedicated and constituted, the Benediction was pronounced, and the Lodge resumed to the second degree, when Bro. H. E. Vickers was duly installed as W.M., and appointed and invested as Officers:—Bros. Linsey S.W., Pettit J.W., Morgan Treas., S. Barker Secretary. Bro. Frances was elected an honorary member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services as Consecrating and Installing Master, also to Bro. Pettit for his able conduct of the musical portion, and to those brethren who lent him their assistance and contributed so much to the solemnity of the ceremony. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which did credit to Bro. Manley's abilities as caterer. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren spent an enjoyable and musical evening. It is contemplated to establish a Smoking Concert for the fourth Thursday in each month.

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#### CONSECRATION OF THE HENRY COOK CHAPTER, No. 1021.

ON Monday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Barrow, this Chapter was consecrated. Hitherto there has been but one Royal Arch Chapter in Barrow, the Abbey, No. 1225, but the brethren of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, have been anxious for some time to get one attached to their Lodge, and with this view petitioned the Grand Chapter, through the Earl of Lathom, for a charter under the title of the Henry Cook Chapter, thus paying a fitting honour to one of the most prominent and highly-esteemed Freemasons in Barrow. In due course the Charter was granted. In the absence of the Right Worshipful Grand Superintendent, who was detained in London by official duties, Comp. Goodacre Provincial Grand S.E. occupied the First Principal's chair, Companion F. G. McNally P.Z. 995 the chair of H., and Companion T. Barton Spencer, the chair of J. There was a large attendance. The ceremony was efficiently performed by the three Principals, and the oration, by the acting Third Principal, on the nature and principles of the Institution, was greatly admired, and attentively listened to. Comp. Walsh presided at the organ, and the musical part of the ceremony was especially good. The following is a list of Principals and Officers:—Comps. Henry Cook M.E.Z., John Murray H., Philip Lancashire Booth J., W. Roberts S.E., J. Hague S.N., F. A. Widdows P. Soj., J. F. Davison 1st A. Soj., B. Willans 2nd A. Soj., W. Ormandy Treasurer, R. W. Worrall Director of Ceremonies, C. P. Richards Organist, Artis Tyler. After the investiture of Officers, Comp. Worrall, who acted efficiently as Director of Ceremonies, addressed the newly-invested Officers and the Companions on their respective duties. Subsequently the newly-installed M.E.Z. presented Comp. C. P. Richards with a very handsome Founder's jewel, for the great and active part he had taken in bringing the Chapter into existence. Comp. Richards made a suitable reply. The Companions adjourned at 5 o'clock to Furness Abbey Hotel, where they partook of a *récherché* banquet.

#### NORMAN CHAPTER, No. 1334.

A CONVOCATION was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Tuesday, 26th ult. Comp. D. Whitehead was installed Z., Comp. Dr. Lionel Booth H., by Comp. J. F. Hiller; and Comp. R. Hauxwell J., by Comp. R. Hudson. Amongst those present at the ceremony were Comps. B. Boulton Acting Provincial Superintendent, W. Coxon P. Prov. G. 3rd Principal, S. Fenny, J. Sewell, and W. A. Malcolm. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were duly proposed and honoured, interspersed with songs.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The weekly meeting was held on Friday, 1st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. The attendance included Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, V. T. Murché 1329 M.E.Z., G. L. Moore H. 169 H., T. Grammant P.Z., J. C. H. Stone S.E., Addington M.E.Z. 1275 S.N., Stone P.S., Austin 1381 and Wingham 25. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Austin as candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the excellent way in which Comp. Murché had performed the work of M.E.Z., for the first time. It was resolved that the first Annual Supper shall take place on Friday, 5th April, at the Stirling Castle. The esteemed Preceptor Comp. F. Hilton will be requested to preside.

A MAN, to be of any account in this world, must stand up for truth and back his opinions by integrity. A skulking, deceptive, self-seeking man is devoid of these potent elements of character, and, after a time, is lost in the fog of worldly contempt, and is forgotten, while the man of truth and integrity, though for a moment he forfeit popular applause, is sure to command universal respect and to win at last.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

# THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

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.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E., and will be duly acknowledged.

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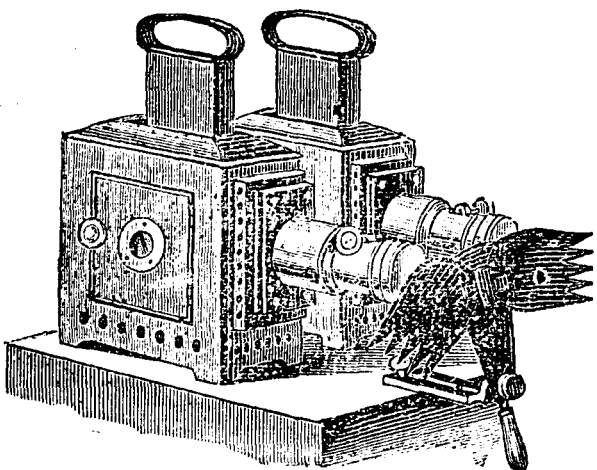
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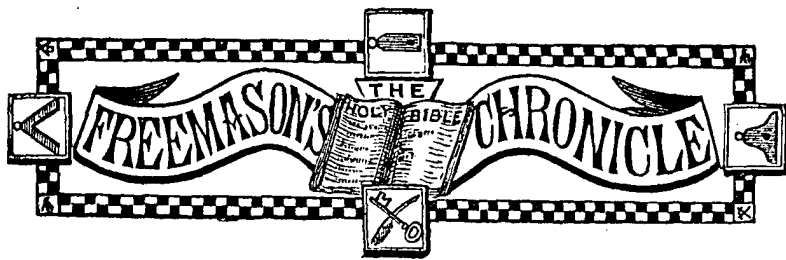
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### THE REV. A. B. COOMBE, M.A.

THE announcement, on the 17th of February, of the sudden death of the Rev. A. B. Coombe, M.A., Oxon, Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Yorks, was received by the brethren in Leeds with feelings of the deepest grief. Both as a man and a Mason the late Bro. Coombe possessed in an eminent degree the qualities which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and singled him out as the best type of what a Freemason ought to be. Bro. Coombe was Chaplain of Armley Gaol, Leeds, and on the morning of Saturday, the 16th February, he had discharged his duties, as usual, and to all appearance was in the best of health and spirits. At noon he visited the Church Institute, as was his daily custom, to read the papers. Whilst so engaged, he was noticed by an official to sink helplessly forward. He was then found to be suffering from an apopleptic seizure, and was as speedily as possible removed to his home, Clarendon Road, in a state of insensibility. He never regained consciousness, and died in about 24 hours afterwards, to the unfeigned grief of all who knew him. Bro. Trevor was with him to the last, and was of material assistance to the grief-stricken family. Bro. Coombe, who was in his 52nd year, and leaves a widow and five daughters to mourn his untimely fate, first saw the light of Masonry four years ago, in Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, and succeeded Bro. Canon Bullock as Chaplain. His worth was recognised by the R.W. P.G.M., last April, when he was created Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Province, succeeding the late Rev. Bro. Greenbury, 304, who, singular to relate, also died during his year of office. Brother Coombe was also Chaplain of Fidelity Lodge 289, but though officially connected with these two Lodges, the 8 Leeds Lodges, in common, looked upon him as a member, for he was a frequent and a welcome visitor all round. Nowhere was he a more honoured guest than at Lodge Prudence, 2069, and just 8 days prior to his death he was present at the regular meeting of that Lodge, and acted as Chaplain. In responding to the toast of the Visitors, he remarked that he had but one regret with regard to Masonry, namely, that he had not been initiated 20 years earlier. W. Bro. W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorks, W.M. of Lodge Goderich, held a Lodge of Sorrow on Thursday, the 21st inst., the day fixed for the funeral. The pedestals were draped in mourning, and each Brother wore a sprig of acacia. About 100 brethren were present,

including R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., of Carleton Grange, the P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., Bro. Keighley, J.P., Prov. G. J.W., and many past and present members of Provincial Grand Lodge, the W.M.'s and a large percentage of the members of the 8 Leeds Lodges. Proceedings were opened by the singing of that beautiful hymn "O God, our help in ages past." V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chaplain of England and Vicar of Farheadingley, read the lesson, from Ecclesiastes, and offered up a special prayer.

W. Bro. Smithson, who was deeply affected, then spoke, as follows:—We are called together to-day to mourn the loss of a Brother who has been suddenly taken away from us, in the very prime of life, and which has caused a most painful shock to all of us who knew him so well. It is just 4 years ago since Bro. Coombe first saw the light of Freemasonry, and from the period of his initiation he has lived and breathed amongst us as a true and faithful brother. He was one of the most regular attendants at our meetings and Lodges of Instruction, ever ready to take a part in our rites and ceremonies. He was a most sincere and devoted Mason, taking an active interest in everything that tended to the welfare of our Lodge and the happiness of its members. He was a frequent and ever welcome visitor to our sister Lodges in Leeds, and attended on many occasions our Provincial Grand Lodges. Some time after initiation, he was appointed Chaplain of our Lodge in succession to Bro. Canon Bullock, who is now an acting Warden, and whose unavoidable absence to-day, (he being engaged in the conduct of a Mission in the South of England), I much regret. Last April Bro. Coombe was appointed to the high and dignified position of Grand Chaplain of this Province, by the R.W. P.G.M. He died with those honours upon him, ever zealous in the true cause of Freemasonry. He, indeed, showed us, by a good and bright example, the truest and highest principles of our Brotherhood. Not only this Lodge, but the Craft in this Province, has lost a good and faithful Brother and an upright Mason. His quiet and unobtrusive manner on all occasions, his kind heartedness to all brethren who came in personal contact with him, endeared him to all, and for some time his death will cause an irreparable blank in our midst. It has, however, pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take him from us. May some of those excellent qualities and estimable virtues, which he possessed when living, fall upon us and teach us to practise more and more those first great principles of our Order, which adorned his character in so marked a degree. It is most gratifying to us of Goderich Lodge to find here, on this sad and solemn occasion, the Prov. G.M., his Deputy, and so many Officers and Brethren to pay this last sad tribute to our departed Brother. Let us all fervently pray that, on leaving this Lodge below, he has ascended to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's great Architect reigns for evermore.

The hymn "Solemn strikes the funeral chime" was then sung, followed by the Dead March, Bro. Townsend P.M. P.P.G.O. presiding at the harmonium with his accustomed ability. The V.W. Bro. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., then delivered the funeral oration, as follows:—

It does seem to me a mysterious dispensation of Providence that I, who am 15 years older than our dear departed Brother, should be called upon to pronounce his funeral oration. I have but left a sick bed in order to perform this sad duty; but brethren from the love I bear to our late Brother and the affection I bear to our noble Order I could not refrain from being here, and availing myself of the opportunity of paying the last sad tribute of respect to departed worth. As I have frequently said to the Prov. Grand Master and to other brethren, it has often been a source of great surprise to me that Masonry does not flourish more in this kingdom than is the case. In America the members are numbered by tens of thousands, whilst here they are only numbered by hundreds. When I bear in mind what a mighty engine for usefulness our Fraternity might be, and is, in spite of its limited numbers, in cementing all classes of society, and softening down all asperities of opinion, I am much surprised that it does not flourish to a greater extent. It has been a great satisfaction to me in the Lodge to which I belong (Prudence, No. 2069) to see so many of my own profession coming forward to be initiated into the Order, because I do feel that especially to the clergy Freemasonry may prove of great and lasting benefit in softening down the asperities of theological views which may and often do arise where conflicting opinions are held. I am free to confess that there is a danger to the clergy in this respect, a danger lest they should fall into narrow mindedness from working in particular grooves, and from the fact that they are looked up to and deferred to on account of their education and position. Freemasonry it seems to me helps to counteract this by giving enlarged ideas and a higher appreciation of the benefits of benevolent toleration. So was it, as you well know, with Bro. Coombe. All who possessed the great privilege of acquaintance with him can never forget the large heartedness and geniality which he possessed in an eminent degree, and which form so conspicuous a feature of our Order. For brethren, even upon this solemn occasion I cannot refrain from alluding to the social element which is no unimportant feature in Freemasonry. Our meetings at the festive board are sanctioned by the Volume of the Sacred Law, which tells us, "Go your way, and eat the fat and drink the sweet with a merry heart." at the same time bearing in mind and acting up to the principal of temperance in all things, which all should bear in mind, particularly we Freemasons. It is a melancholy pleasure to me to know that probably one of the last—if not the very last Lodge which Bro. Coombe visited, was Lodge Prudence, of which I have the honour to be a Past Master. I was not present on that occasion, but I am informed by those who were that he displayed those kindly feelings of harmony and good-will which ever characterised him both in the Lodge and out of it. Though he had only been admitted into our Order four years he had heartily, from the first, grasped the grand truths of Freemasonry—those truths which teach generosity, a feeling of sympathy with suffering, a love of peace subordinate only to a love of freedom, the glorious principles of a vast philanthropy embracing all nations and views, that charity which is the very keystone and crown of our noble Order, and which shall endure for ever,

and when all human dignities shall have vanished away. As the W.M. has remarked, Bro. Coombe was chiefly known by a quiet performance of his duty and by his unobtrusive worth. Are there no lessons to be learned from that? I think there are very many, both to those who perform duties and occupy positions in the fierce glare of the world's opinions and the world's observation as well as those who occupy positions little known and often little appreciated. When in the Lodge the W.M. and the Wardens occupy the supreme position, and the Deacons inferior posts, followed by the brethren whose duties are more humble, yet we cannot but feel that all are equal in Freemasonry, yet that each performs his allotted task which makes the successful whole. Stone and timber from the forests of Lebanon and the quarries of Zeredathah formed the splendid temple at Jerusalem which owed his existence to the master mind of Hiram Abif. In the liturgy of the church of which I am a humble minister we pray constantly against sudden death. Rightly I believe has that clause been inserted in our beautiful Litany, because amid the temptations and trials of business and the turmoils of this world we are so often engrossed that we are not always prepared for the sudden call to Eternity. From what we know of our dear Brother he was ready to receive his wages at the Master's hand. He was an exception to most of us, and we firmly believe that his life was squared upon the principles of moral truth and virtue, and that his faculties were used to the glory of God and the good of mankind, that he had answered the great end of life, and had learned to look upon death as the end of a conflict and the entrance to a better world. In that Sacred Volume which we all prize we are told that the Judge of the world shall come in His glory, with his Holy angels. Then shall He set upon the throne of His glory, and before Him shall be gathered all nations. He shall separate them one from the other. He shall divide the sheep from the goats, and shall set the good on His right and the bad on His left hand. Permit me to call your attention to one particular clause of His address to the good: "Come, ye blessed, for I was in prison and ye visited me. Then shall they say: Lord, when wast thou in prison and we visited thee? And the King shall answer: Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me." These words are particularly applicable to the case of Bro. Coombe, inasmuch as he had pity and consolation for many a sin-stricken soul in Armley Gaol, in the course of his daily ministrations. The law, the army, the arts and the sciences have had their victories, have been carried to the distant parts of the earth by men whose conspicuous labours have made England glorious wherever the sun rises and sets. But, as Milton says, "peace hath her victories as well as war." There are the quiet positions as well as the brilliant ones, and I honestly hold that the man who sets a good example, in quiet duties well performed, as our Brother did, who leaves a bright example for others to copy, will perform as noble a work as any in a more exalted position, and, equally with them, help to make the world better than he found it.

W. Bro. Trevor P.M. 2069, who watched with unremitting care by the death bed of Bro. Coombe, conveyed the heartfelt gratitude of the survivors to the brethren, and especially thanked the members of Goderich (1211) and Fidelity (289) for their beautiful floral remembrances.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Tew, J.P., P.G.D.) gracefully spoke of the many excellent qualities of the deceased, and said he was there also to represent the Magistrates of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The brethren then formed in procession to the house of the deceased, and afterwards to All Souls' Church, where the first part of the service was performed by the Rev. Cecil Hook and the Rev. Dr. Smyth. As the coffin passed through their ranks the brethren cast their sprigs of acacia upon it as the last tribute of respect to one whom they sincerely loved in life and deeply mourned in death. The cortège then proceeded to New Worthing Cemetery, where the remains were laid in their last resting place, the closing scene being witnessed by the Governor of Armley Gaol and all the officers who could be spared from duty.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 48.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, on 20th ult., to instal by dispensation Bro. Thomas Worlege Junior Warden as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Installing Officers were Bros. Charles Marshall and F. Crouch. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Gearn S.W., Williams J.W., Radmore M.O., Davis S.O., Wingate J.O., Price Treasurer, Endicot Registrar of Marks, Marshall Secretary, Hicks S.D., Rowe J.D., Batstone Dir. of Cers., Eden I.G., Mitchel Organist, Parsons Steward, Bartlett Tyler. Bro. Lemon, M.A., presented to the Lodge a handsomely framed M.M.M. tracing board and a framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. G.M.M. Mason, 1st July 1886. The panel of each picture bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Brunswick Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 48, East Stonehouse, by V.W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. 31st degree, P.M. and Chaplain No. 35 (50, 64, 66 and 76 honorary), P.P.G.C. and P.G.S.W. of Devon, Past Grand Chaplain of England, 20th February 1889."

The brethren afterwards adjourned to an excellent supper, prepared in the refectory adjoining the Lodge, and a pleasant evening was spent by those present.

The true Craftsman will ever be found in the front rank of opposition to wrong-doing, without regard to its source.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Grand**—It is evidently Mr. Charles Wilmot's intention to make this splendid house the centre for North London theatricals. Not only did he provide a sound pantomime, but he has opened the dramatic season with a powerful and attractive list. "The Armada" was played to good houses for a fortnight, and, on Monday last, "Hands across the Sea" was put on for the same limit as regards representation. The popularity of Mr. Henry Pettitt's play was far from exhausted at the Princess's, so it is no wonder crowded houses have been the order throughout the week. The piece has been touched up here and there since it was first produced, one noticeable instance being the prison scene, where, instead of knocking over eight or nine warders, by himself, Jean de Lussa now helps Jack Dudley to knock down the trifle of six. The company is an exceptionally strong one, containing, as it does, some half-dozen well known names. Mr. Laurence Cantley replaces Mr. Henry Neville, as Jack Dudley, and his manly bearing and earnest style admirably suits the part. Mr. Bassett Roe has one of those characters he is so fond of portraying—Robert Stillwood; painstaking ever, Mr. Roe makes this villain stand out prominently, and, as reward for his efforts, is soundly hissed. Mr. E. W. Garden adds to his Princess's success as Tom Bassett, while Mr. Julian Cross scores well as Jean de Lussa, especially so in the last act. Mr. A. Wellesley was good as Count Paul, while praise is due to Messrs. F. D. Herbert, E. Mayeur, and W. Hargreaves as Hiram Hicory, Captain Land, and Diok Melford respectively. Of Miss Florence West's performance as Lilian Melford we cannot speak too highly. Her style is suited to the part, and she scores at every possible opportunity, securing the sympathy of her audience throughout. Miss Julia Warden, a great favourite at the Grand, was capital as Lucy Nettleford, while Miss Ina Barnard, in her short scene as Madame Valerie, acted well. "Hands Across the Sea" remains at the Grand all next week, after which, by arrangement with Messrs. Gatti, "The Bells of Haslemere" will be the attraction.

Miss Watt Tanner makes her début in London, at Terry's, on the 19th inst., under the management of Mr. Edward Michael, who produces a new three act comedy, by J. W. Pigott, in which Mr. Edward Terry will create the title rôle. Miss Tanner is a great favourite in Australia, from whence she hails, and has been playing leading business in that country, with Messrs. Williamson, Garner, and Musgrave, for over six years.

Miss Kinharvie will give a matinée at Terry's, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., when she will make her first appearance in England in the part of Constance Winthrop, in Bronson Howard's play of "Young Mrs. Winthrop," produced under the direction of Mr. F. H. Macklin. The cast will comprise:—Messrs. J. G. Grahame, Alfred Bishop, F. Kerr, H. Reeves Smith; the Misses Kinharvie, Morland and Cudmore, and Mrs. F. H. Macklin.

Mr. E. J. Lonnen, of the Gaiety, takes his first benefit on Monday afternoon, 1st April. One of his oldest friends, Mr. H. T. Brickwell, of Terry's, will, in conjunction with Mr. F. J. Potter, of the Gaiety, undertake the business management of same, and are at the present time preparing a stupendous bill, comprising the names of our most celebrated entertainers. Full particulars will be duly announced. The Box plan for the sale of tickets is now open.

Mr. Charles Wyndham has now definitely decided that Miss Virginia Blackwood's benefit will take place at the Strand Theatre, 19th March, when "The Balloon" will be played, with incidentals to follow.

**Craven Lecture Hall.**—A concert, which was received with every token of approval by a crowded audience, was given at the Craven Lecture Hall, Foubert-place, Regent-street, on the 22nd ult., in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The entertainment, which was carried to such a favourable issue, owed its initiation to Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson (P.M. 534), who had spared no efforts to make it a success. He was ably supported by several ladies and gentlemen, amateur and professional, who had generously volunteered their services. Bro. Chas. Bertram, one of the cleverest and most bewildering conjurers of the day, whose assistance is never invoked in vain in aid of our Charities, gave some of his marvellous tricks with cards; while Mdlle. Patrice performed some feats of legerdemain with such adroitness as to thoroughly mystify her audience. Mrs. Marsh sang most gracefully, and with clever execution, Tito Mattei's "Dear Heart," and also in the duet "In the dusk of the Twilight," in which she was joined by Mr. A. C. Bonham. A selection from "Il Trovatore" was contributed, as a violin solo, by Mr. Arnstein. Mr. J. Harrington Young (the renowned flautist of the Promenade Concerts) played, with his usual effect, some airs from "Dorothy." Miss Lizzie Burrell gave an agreeable rendering of "A Lark's Flight," by F. L. Moir; while the choir of the Polytechnic School, under the direction of Mr. Egerton, earned a well merited encore for their singing of one of those vocal waltzes which have been made so popular by Mr. Gwyllim Crowe. There were also recitations, by Mr. F. Lindo; humorous sketches by Mr. Millar Wilkinson; a piano solo by Mr. Pascal Taylor, and banjo solo by Mr. Rutter, which were very much appreciated. Messrs. Metzler and Co. very kindly lent the piano for the occasion. The concert was altogether a great and deserved success, and will no doubt enable Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson to add a substantial sum to the funds of the Institution.

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## ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me, through your columns, to express my grateful thanks to those brethren who kindly recorded their votes in my favour at yesterday's election.

To the Provincial Brethren who came long distances, at (I fear) much trouble and inconvenience, my thanks are especially due.

Will you further allow me to state that immediately the result became known a large and influential meeting of my supporters was held, at which I was strongly urged to again become a candidate. A resolution, embodying assurances of support, was unanimously adopted, to which I promised a most appreciative consideration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

GEO. EVERETT.

Clapham-road, 7th March 1889.

## THE RECENT BALL AT STONEHOUSE.

THE committee responsible for the arrangements of the Masonic ball which was held at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the Eve of St. Valentine's Day, met, on the 21st ult., at the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club, under the presidency of Brother John Leonard (chairman). The treasurer, Bro. Frank R. Thomas, reported that the ball was a remarkable success, far exceeding the most sanguine anticipations of the committee, and after paying all expenses there was over £20 in hand. On the proposition of Bro. F. Crouch (Secretary), it was decided to make Mark Lodges Sincerity (under whose banner the ball was held) and Brunswick life governors of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, for their services, and also to the decorative committee, the names of Bros. F. G. Taylor (who sent several of his workmen), Pengelly and Davis, being mentioned. It is probable that steamer and other excursions will be held in the summer, in aid of the above fund.

## COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO BRO. H. LYNN.

ON Friday, 1st inst., General Fraser, V.C., M.P., presided at a complimentary banquet given by his constituents to Bro. H. Lynn S.W. 217, at Anderton's Hotel. There were over 120 ladies and gentlemen present, including Bros. J. W. Thomas P.F.G.St.B. (Hon. Sec.), G. Collins S.W. 1641, Heller P.M. P.Z. 1329, Greenwood P.M., C. Wilson P.M. P.Soj. 1329, Capt. R. J. Vincent P.M. Z. 1777 H. 1329, W. J. Pope, F.G.S., C. Woods 1869 A.Soj. 1275, Castell P.M., Winks, Foster, Russell, G. Powell P.M. P.Z. Z. 1185, Wright P.M., Heathcote, J. Hernaman, A.K.C., P.M. 1622, Bramley, Lobb, C.C., Hale, R. E. H. Goffin P.M., Bowman Spink, Phillips, Kirby, Ayris, Eckersall W.M. 217, Perizzi, G. Benson, Clough, Webb, &c., besides Messrs. J. H. Gibson, Barnes, Bridger, Hornell, and Dr. Wagstaff. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, as well as that of the learned professions. In reply to the toast of "Our Guest," Bro. Lynn said he felt very greatly honoured by having been twice placed at the head of the poll in the West Lambeth Division of the London School Board, the last time with 20,800 votes. He should aim to make the education of the children less mechanical and more practical. Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Paris Exhibition.—This year will witness a culinary invasion of France, which will, we trust, give our lively neighbours satisfaction. Messrs Spiers and Pond, who have been appointed sole caterers to the British Section of the Paris Exhibition, will establish there a grill-room, where, from a silver grill, like that in Windsor Castle, they will supply the tender chop and the succulent steak, served in the English fashion. Now a properly cooked chop and beef steak, not *bien saignant*—as Mr. Sala's cadaverous waiter insisted—but done to a turn, are precisely those delicacies which are not to be had even at the Café Anglais or Durands. To the untravelled Frenchman who has not visited the shores of perfidious Albion they will come like a revelation, and appropriately accompanied by a draught from a bottle impressed with "the scarlet pyramid of Bass," they will probably change his views as to the *cuisine* of Great Britain. Messrs Spiers and Pond will also have space for a large bar, like that at the Criterion, where light refreshments will be served—a part of the Exhibition which is sure to be popular with the young Frenchmen of the period. The firm has also had a portion of the French section allotted to them, where they will establish a café where "five o'clock tea" will be a specialité, and an American bar will appeal to Cosmopolitan tastes.

OUT AT THE LODGE.—The Covington (Ky.) *Star* says: "A certain lady of our town sat up until twelve o'clock one night last week waiting for her husband to come home from the Lodge. At last, weary and worn out with her long waiting, she went to her sleeping room to retire, and there found the missing husband, fast asleep. Instead of going to the Lodge he had gone to his room and had never left the house. Such are the troubles some poor married women have to contend with in this life."

## 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, 9th MARCH.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', 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)  
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
 1688—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
 2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey  
 R.A. 1443—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 11th MARCH.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)  
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.  
 222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield  
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 1595—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.)  
 1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)  
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 2030—The Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster  
 R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.  
 R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
 88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge  
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)  
 282—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
 537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 539—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants  
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick  
 1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset  
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington  
 R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 123 Mill Street, Kidderminster  
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool  
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire  
 M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

### TUESDAY, 12th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City  
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel  
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1198—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1830—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 9. (Inst.)  
 R.C. 71—Bavard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruction)  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup  
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Locominster  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey  
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)  
 1465—Okenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex  
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc  
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon  
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
 2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent  
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth  
 R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley  
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
 R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge  
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
 R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford  
 R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton  
 R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter  
 M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

### WEDNESDAY, 13th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth  
 147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett Road, E.  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)  
 1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea  
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cumberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station  
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 177—Domatic, 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. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.  
 R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hecmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster  
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Ewith  
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford  
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth  
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester  
 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1620—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford  
 1647—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1682—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes  
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle  
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### THURSDAY, 14th MARCH.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.]]  
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 335—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 1017—Montifore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1159—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)  
 1279—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green Hotel, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 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)  
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 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, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)  
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creston, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Creston, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)

2108—Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.  
 R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8: (Instruction)

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland  
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hullersfield  
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 333—Loyal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, St. Alding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Loughton, Stafford  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 739—Temperance Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham  
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal  
 786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North Shields  
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool  
 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredgar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyae  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall Loughton  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
 1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable  
 R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
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 R.A. 899—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton  
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.  
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 15th MARCH.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6  
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)  
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.  
 187—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).  
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,  
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)  
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)  
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 K.T. 43—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.  
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Dovizes.  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1098—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)

1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penzance  
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7.30  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury  
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich  
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford  
 R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hillersfield  
 R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction).  
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Marc-street, Hackney  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.  
 1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon  
 1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent  
 R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol

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