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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION.

THE Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Friday, 26th April, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. G. Master West Yorkshire, in the chair. There was a large attendance of the brethren, who were mainly attracted by the knowledge that the Report of the Special Commission to inquire into the management, discipline and expenditure of the School would be presented. Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer, and the General Committee was re-elected. In the absence of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Bro. Roebuck, on behalf of the House Committee, moved that three additional boys be elected. Bro. H. Venn seconded the motion, which was agreed to. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, then said, on behalf of the Committee appointed under the resolution of last July, to inquire into the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution, and to report to this Court at a subsequent meeting, I beg to hand to the Court the unanimous report of the Committee acting under that resolution. It has been necessary for signing it to put it into print, and I have to state that the type will remain set until to-morrow in order that if this Court like to order copies for its information they may be obtained without the expense and delay of recomposing by the printer. The learned brother then handed a copy of the report, officially sealed in an envelope, to the Chairman, who, breaking the seal, said: I apprehend I must have a resolution to receive this report, and if necessary it can be read. Bro. Joseph Storey (London) said, would not the most practical way be to move a resolution that the report be received, printed, and circulated among the Governors. If so, I shall have pleasure in moving it, for I think this is a matter which should be placed before every subscriber to this Institution. Bro. A. E. Gladwell (London) seconded the motion. The Chairman: It is rather a lengthy report. (The document occupied forty-eight pages in print). Bro. Binckes (Secretary) suggested that there should first of all be a motion simply that the Report be received. The Chairman: Yes. It has been moved and seconded that the report be received. This motion was unanimously adopted. Brother Binckes: Now it has become the property of the Institution, and the brethren can do as they like. Bro. Storey: I will now move that the report be printed and circulated. Bro. Russell (London) seconded the motion. Bro. Binckes: There are over 4000 Governors. Is it to be understood that the report is to be sent round at the expense of the Institution to every qualified member of the Court. Brother Gladwell: No. I would make a suggestion. It is a large expenditure, and a very large number of the reports might be treated as waste paper, and not receive the consideration we desire. I will, therefore, move that the reports be issued to all those who want them, at a cost not exceeding one shilling each. Brother Philbrick: I may mention that only the proof copies for signature, and a copy for each member of the Committee, have been taken as proofs. I am informed that the cost of printing the reports will be between £10 and £12 per

thousand. If paper not quite so good as this be used the charge will be about £10 per thousand, but it was necessary for us to have thicker paper, as we had to write our signatures upon it. Bro. Storey: When I proposed my resolution I did not think it worth while to occupy the time of the Court, because I thought such a proposition would be accepted without hesitation. A certain stigma has been cast upon the management of the Boys' School, and it has been widely circulated by means of printed circulars and pamphlets, and I think it is due to this Institution, to the General Committee, and to those who have taken a very active part in its affairs, that this report should be circulated in a proper manner. I do not know what the Committee report, but whatever it is, it ought to be as equally wide-spread as the stories which have been circulated. On the contrary, I do not think we ought to hesitate for a moment, even if it cost £100 to circulate the report. Bro. Russell (Kent): I think that whatever may have been said by our brother on the right of the chairman (Bro. Philbrick), there is not the slightest doubt that this report ought to be printed and circulated. If you can do 1000 copies for £10 you can produce 4000 for £40, and what is £40 to this Institution compared with the doubt and uncertainty which has been hanging over it for so long? I shall have very great pleasure in supporting Bro. Storey's proposition, because I believe it is conceived in the true interests of the School. I think we ought to give all possible information to everybody and make no charge for it. You will in that way remove the cloud which has been hanging over you, and when you have a bright and pure Institution, it will prosper. Bro. J. S. Cumberland (N. and E. Yorkshire): I should like to suggest, in order to save expense, that the report be printed on rather commoner paper than the proof presented to the Court. I quite agree with Bro. Russell that for a pound or two we should not deprive any member of a copy of the report, and I think every subscriber to the Institution has a perfect right to a copy. I would suggest that the printer who has the type set up should be asked at what charge he will supply us with the same, paper cover, and with the report printed on rather commoner paper. I quite agree that the sooner the report is in the hands of the Subscribers the better it will be for the Institution, and the sooner we can have a Special General Court to consider what shall be done the better it will be in the permanent interests of the School. Bro. John Wordsworth (West Yorkshire): I beg to propose that 4000 copies of the report be printed and circulated at the expense of the Institution. Bro. W. Goodacre (Prov. Grand Secretary West Lancashire) seconded the motion. Bro. Storey: I think it would be far better if the members of the Committee of Management took no part in this particular business; and in my opinion the motion ought to come from the general body of Subscribers. I do not think we ought to limit ourselves to the number of copies to be printed. Every Subscriber ought to have a copy of the report. There ought to be no hole-and-corner business. Let it be plain and unsophisticated—the plainer the better. Bro. James Stevens (London): I think, under the anxiety which this Institution has gone through during the past 12 months, and which it is likely to go through, if there is any reservation in the circulation of this report, there ought to be no limit as to the number of copies printed and circulated, that those interested in this Institution may know exactly all that has transpired. It is a

matter of considerable importance, and if you stand at the expenditure of some few score pounds now you will probably hereafter lose some hundreds of pounds. Because the feeling of uneasiness is not confined to those present to-day, nor even to the metropolis, but is generally spread over England and elsewhere. There ought, therefore, to be no hesitation in letting every man who is likely to be at all interested in the Institution have a knowledge of that report, otherwise those who have long supported the School might be disposed to withhold their aid. I strongly support the proposition that has been made that a number be printed sufficient for circulation among all who are interested in the Institution, whether as Subscribers or Governors. A brother said: As an amendment, and on the ground of economy, I will move that a sufficient number of copies be printed to provide each Lodge and each Chapter with one copy, and that any member of a Lodge or of a Chapter may have an extra copy of the report on paying of the cost price. Bro. W. A. Scurrah (London): I strongly recommend the resolution first made, that the report now received be printed and circulated to every member of the Institution, and to every one likely to take an interest in it. I think nothing less than this will satisfy the brethren, and I think the best thing is to adopt the resolution of our brother on the other side, Bro. Storey. Brother Binckes (Secretary): If that resolution be carried I apprehend there will be no alternative but to take the list of Subscribers and send each of them a copy. As the brethren are aware, in addition to the cost of printing, there will be the postage and the extra cost of sending the reports round. Bro. James Brett (London): And a good expenditure too. Bro. Binckes: I am not saying a word in objection to the resolution. I am only pointing out to the brethren what will be the cost to the Institution. Bro. W. H. Saunders (London): I beg to move as an amendment that the report be read. Many brethren have come long distances to hear the report read. The Chairman then put Bro. Storey's motion that the report be printed and circulated amongst the members of the Quarterly Court, and the motion was, amidst cheers, unanimously adopted. Bro. Scurrah: May I ask how soon will the Report be printed and circulated? Brother Philbrick: In order to facilitate matters I asked the printers, as I have said, to keep the report in type till to-morrow. If I have the sanction of the Court I will order the requisite number of copies, and as this number will probably be considerable I have not the least doubt that I shall be able to obtain a material reduction on the price I have named. I will have the work done at the lowest possible figure—of course as if one were paying for it out of one's own pocket. It has been printed in the country, in order that it might be done quietly, and that the contents of the Report might remain entirely unknown to every one until the Court was possessed of the Report. Bro. Stevens: Although it looks bulky there is no reason why the Report should be printed on such heavy paper. The Chairman: I am quite sure the matter is in very good hands. Bro. Storey: Will now be the opportune time to thank Bro. Philbrick and the members of the Committee for their labours? (The Chairman assented.) Then I think every member of this Institution will be convinced, whatever the report may be, that it is thoroughly impartial and exhaustive, and that it is our duty to thank the members of the Committee for their labours, and for their report, and I beg to move a resolution accordingly. Bro. Scurrah seconded the motion. Bro. Tunnicliffe (Staffordshire): As one who had the pleasure of appearing for some days before the Committee and of witnessing the close attention and consideration which they devoted to every subject brought before them, I beg to support the resolution. I know not what one word of that report may be, but I know that it will embody the honest and conscientious conviction of seven earnest gentlemen, who devoted many days and weeks to the benefit of the Institution, and performed more labour than any brother not connected with the Committee can form any idea of. Their labour was intense and close to the greatest possible degree. The Chairman put the resolution, which was carried amidst loud acclamation, and, addressing Brother Philbrick, he said: I have very great pleasure in informing you of the vote of this Court, unanimously thanking you and the other members of the Committee for the very able services which you have rendered to the Institution. Brother Philbrick, in acknowledging the compliment, said: At the request of the Court my colleagues and

myself undertook a very anxious and a very troublesome duty. I can assure you if I may speak personally that it has been by the support of my Brother Allcroft, the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, my Brother Sir Reginald Hanson, Bros. Pope, Col. Thrall Perkins, Malcolm (Coroner of Leeds), and Wylie, of Liverpool, that we have been able—and we sat for fifteen days taking evidence—to bring our labours to a unanimous conclusion, which we all trust will ultimately prove to the benefit of this great and noble Institution. I will say this only of the Report, that we have endeavoured, without fear, favour or affection, to tell the whole truth as we believed it to be. What the result of that will be, we leave to those in whose hands lies the dealing with the matter. A Brother: I apprehend it will be necessary to give to our Bro. Philbrick authority to order the printing of these Reports. The Chairman: Bro. Philbrick has undertaken the duty. Bro. G. P. Britten: Will it be convenient for you now to fix a day for a special meeting of the Court to consider this Report. The Chairman: No, I think not. Bro. Storey: We can call that by a requisition. Bro. Binckes: The laws provide that a Special Court may be convened by the President and a certain number of Life Governors. Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the brethren proceeded to the election of candidates for admission to the School, the result of which we give in our advertisement columns.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Annual Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Wednesday, and was attended by members of the Craft from all parts of the British Empire, including representatives from India and from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The Festival, which is held, according to ancient custom, on the Wednesday next St. George's Day, was preceded by a meeting of Grand Lodge, to which rulers in the Craft only were admitted. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master was to have presided, but, owing to illness, his place was occupied by Colonel Goldie Taubman (Speaker of the House of Keys), Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man. The minutes respecting the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master at the last Grand Lodge having been confirmed, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) King-at-Arms, proclaimed His Royal Highness according to ancient form. The mandate of the Grand Master was then read, re-appointing the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master. The other Grand Officers were invested, as follow:—

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.	Senior Warden
Sir J. E. Gorst, M.P.	Junior Warden
The Hon. and Rev. Francis Byng	Chaplains
Rev. T. B. Spencer (Preston)	
Edward Terry	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Registrar
Col. Shadwell Clerke	Secretary
Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt	Sec. for German Corres.
Sir Lionel Darell	Senior Deacons
Sir Polydore de Keyser	
Col. Addison Potter, C.B.	Junior Deacons
Chas. Chester Cheston	
Col. R. W. Edis	Supt. of Works
Sir A. W. Woods (Garter), C.B.	Director of Ceremonies
C. Belton	Deputy D.C.
G. H. Haydon	Assistant D.C.
Eugene Monteunis	Sword Bearer
T. G. Bullen	Standard Bearers
G. Taylor	
M. Maybrick	Organist
A. A. Pendlebury	Assist. Secretary
T. W. Whitmarsh	Pursuivants
D. D. Mercer	
H. Sadler	Tyler

The following were appointed Grand Stewards for the year:—

Bros. Henry Homewood Crawford 1, Edward John Vivian Hassey 2, John Arthur Hughes 4, Arthur Ball 5, Philip Charles Novelli 6, Henry Pullman, 8, William Regester 14, Joseph Warren Zambra 21, Frederick Pinches 23, Reid Taylor 26, Frederick Burgess 29, Edward Wollaston Stanton 46, Sheriff Edward James Gray 58, Eliab Rogers 60, Frederic Charles Watts 91, Edward Humphreys 99, Marcus Sharpe 197, and Charles Percival Henty 259.

This completing the business before the meeting, United Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet, supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, was most bountifully served, and gave every satisfaction; Brother Madell

superintended. Major Tanbman conducted the proceedings in a most genial fashion. In proposing the first toast—Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—the Chairman said it was one which was drunk all over the world with enthusiasm, especially so when Freemasons were gathered together. Speaking of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family, the Chairman said we had not yet received ladies in Masonry, but he was sure this toast was one in which the brethren would most heartily join. In referring to H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, most of the brethren were aware that His Royal Highness wished to be present, but that other duties called him away. The Prince of Wales had devoted a great deal of time to Freemasonry, and during his connection with the Craft it had extended a great deal. With the Sister Grand Lodges was coupled the names of Bros. Dr. Tarrant Pro Grand Master of New South Wales, and Col. Lumsden Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire. Brother Dr. Tarrant, on behalf of New South Wales, conveyed the hearty good wishes which the members of that Grand Lodge entertained towards the Grand Lodge of England. Had it not been for the efforts of three distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of England the Grand Lodge of New South Wales would not have been the success it is. He referred especially to the Past Grand Warden the Earl of Carrington, who, when he arrived in New South Wales, seeing the condition of Freemasonry there, did all in his power to forward the views of the Masonic body towards obtaining self-government in that country. He also referred to the assistance given by the distinguished Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, who, when he visited the colony, saw that it was necessary to cement the great Brotherhood there by having a Grand Lodge, and gave his assistance in representing the views of the New South Wales Freemasons to the Grand Lodge of England. He also wished to pay his mark of esteem and respect to the Secretary of Grand Lodge, who, when he saw the time was opportune for New South Wales Freemasons to rule themselves, lent all the fraternal aid in his power. The brethren assembled might take from him the assurance that although Freemasons in New South Wales were separated from them simply in their form of government, they were not separated from them in the strong fraternal feeling of Brotherhood which disseminated through the whole body of Freemasons. By their acknowledging the Freemasons in New South Wales they had not removed themselves one iota from that strong feeling of loyalty which attached to all the Australian Colonies and other British possessions of the Empire. As an Australian Mason, and as a representative one to some extent, he must say they would always look back with pride upon the mother Grand Lodges from which they derived their Masonic birth, and the Grand Lodge which they esteemed greatest of them all was that from which British Freemasonry arose,—the Grand Lodge of which he had the honour to be the guest on that occasion. Colonel Lumsden, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, had never before been present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, and he had to thank the company for the way in which they had drunk prosperity to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Scotland desired the most thorough and cordial union with the Grand Lodge of England. The Chairman proposed The Grand Officers, and coupled with the toast the names of Lord George Hamilton and Bro. H. D. Sandeman. Bro. Sandeman said there were no greater pillars of strength to Freemasonry in England, and possibly in any part of the world, than the Provincial Grand Masters. He could speak personally of the District Grand Masters, as he had had the honour of being a District Grand Master for thirteen years in a country far distant from this—the Province of Bengal. Lord George Hamilton, who was received with cheers, said the Grand Officers were all proud that, owing to the selection of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, their names either that day or in the past had been selected for high office in the Grand Lodge, and they were proud to find that the selection on each occasion met with the sanction of the brethren assembled together. They had selected as their Wardens two brethren whose functions were not exclusively confined to Freemasonry. Therefore, he feared it might not be from any want of regard to the high duties which had been imposed upon them, but from the simple fact that there were prior and more peremptory claims made upon them elsewhere, that he and Sir John Gorst might not be able to attend as assiduously and as frequently as they could wish; but, after all, a time would come when, to use the words of a distinguished man, they would be in a position of greater freedom and less responsibility. Whenever that time might come, he hoped they would be able to make up for any lapse of duty during the present year, for there was only one feeling animating all Past as well as Present Grand Officers, and that was a desire to improve the organisation and administration of Grand Lodge, and to promote the growth and development of that great Brotherhood whose spread in every part of the globe was synonymous with the encouragement of the instincts of charity, hospitality, and benevolence. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, proposed "The Masonic Charities." In doing so, he said he approached the toast with fear and trembling, because there were so many who knew the Masonic Charities better than he did. Bros. Richardson and Matthews were present, who took such an interest in the Masonic Charities, that he felt he could not do adequate justice in their presence to the toast. But he ventured to bring before the brethren the toast in the abstract, and not in detail. The brethren were all proud of their Charities, but he ventured to think that they did not do for them one quarter what they ought to do. Considering the large number of Masons that were in England, if they gave five shillings a head to them they would be supported a hundredfold more than they were now. Without further prelude he would give the toast of the, Masonic Charities, coupling with it the names of Bro. Binckes Secretary of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes said he was taken entirely by surprise by having his name associated with the toast of Success to the Royal Masonic Institutions. It had always

been a matter of duty with him on an occasion like this, which was an exceptionally festive one, to say very little. To say much would be not only impolitic, but really and truly in bad taste; it would be a waste of the time of experienced brethren who were assembled at their annual Grand Festival gathering to make any stated or studied appeal on behalf of one or other of the Masonic Institutions. But at the same time he thought it must be a source of intense gratification that, while the brethren were indulging in all the enjoyments peculiarly associated with this one Festival of the year, one more prominent than any other Festival held in connection with Freemasonry, the wants of the poorer and distressed, under whatever category they might come—whether the young, who were just on the entrance of life, or the aged of either sex—were not forgotten; that their sympathies were at all events stimulated to some extent; and that they bore in mind in the midst of their highest enjoyment that considerations of a serious nature ought to weigh with them all. Therefore, while congratulating the Craft on the enormous success that from time to time attended the celebration of their Masonic Festivals—going only a year back, he might say the gigantic success of the Girl's School, which was a source of intense pride to every Mason—and congratulating the Craft on the great success of the Benevolent Institution in February last, he had only one word to utter, in the simplest, and most persuasive tone he could use,—to indulge in the hope, which he trusted would not merely be an anticipation, that the year 1889, so far as regarded the Boys' School, would result in a success of which they might all be proud, and which would place that Institution once more in a position of prosperity, which, without fear of contradiction he said, it deserved. On behalf of all the Institutions, he returned his sincerest thanks. Brother Sir Polydore de Keyser (Chairman of the Board) replied on behalf of the Grand Stewards; he thanked the Chairman and the brethren very sincerely for the great honour done them in so handsomely acknowledging their services. They had, however, but done their duty—that which many others had done before; but they hoped and trusted that what they had done had met with the brethren's approval. He had to apologise for having made a very great mistake. He had said "we;" he ought to have said "the Grand Stewards," who had really done the work, and he truly was not one of them, for he, unfortunately, had been called away, as the brethren were aware, on other important duties; but he should not be excused even for that were he not to mention that those duties were duties of a national character. His friends and colleagues, the Board of Grand Stewards, had done all the work, and he could not refrain from mentioning the names of Bros. Shoppee, the Hon. Sec., and Pullman the Treasurer. He ought not to omit to mention the others; they had all individually and collectively done their duty. It had been to all of them a labour of love, but they were amply repaid for any anxiety in the matter if the brethren had spent a pleasant evening. Before he sat down he desired to thank the Chairman for coupling his name with the toast. In the Temple, under the direction of Bro. W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org., a beautiful selection of music was performed, by Bro. R. de Lucy, Miss Marian McKenzie, Mr. Harper Kearton, Madame Agnes Larkcom, Mr. Andrew Black, Miss Anna Lang, Miss Pauline Barrett, Bro. A. Lawrence Fryer, and Miss Norah Phyllis.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, the 17th instant, Brother Robert Grey, President of the Board, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice President, was in his allotted seat; and Brother W. H. Perryman occupied the Junior Vice President's chair. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Bros. Britten, Spaul, Brown, Garrod, Mercer, Haslip, Hogard, Gieve, Whitmarsh, Woodward, Hopekirk, Dailey, Brownrigg, Judge, Chapman, Sherring, Thompson, Bentley Haynes, Harman, G. Reynolds, Hooper, Massey, Hill, Forster Reynolds, Pound, Brooks, Mappin, Tubbs, Smithers, Dawkins, Stean, Porter, Bilby, Botibol, Pratt, Perrin, S. E. Anderson, Eustace Anderson jun., Kimpper, Squirrel, Smith, Markland, Fortescue, Sadler, &c., &c. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the M.W. Grand Master to the amount of £330. On the new list were 42 cases. The total sum granted was £802, which consisted of three recommendations to Grand Lodge for £50 each, three recommendations to the M.W. Grand Master for £40 each, three for £30 each, and two for £25, 17 grants of £20 each, five of £10 each, and one of £2. Four cases were dismissed, three were deferred, and one petition was withdrawn at the petitioner's request, he having obtained permanent employment.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanatory actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the falling nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.

HOW CURIOUSLY SOME MASONS REASON.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

BRO. FELLOWS P.G.M. of Louisiana, Past K.T. Grand Master of the U.S., and a Thirty-third in the Scotch Rite, and now Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, seems to have read some of the recently published Masonic histories, which have disturbed his faith in the old Masonic writers. In his "Foreign Correspondence" he says:—

"Until within a few years the history of Freemasonry has been for the most part either a repetition of old traditions, or of theorizing the facts of history supposed to be reliable."

The above would imply that Bro. Fellows is wiser now than he was formerly; but his method of reasoning from the "Old Charges" shows that he is as much in the dark as ever. He says:—

"However extensive these organizations of Masons were, they were simply guilds of operative Masons, among whom were Architects and Master Builders, who naturally were at the head of the organisation; and, being necessarily men of ability and learning, may have added, and probably did add, to the dignity and importance of the association of which they were the head leaders."

But that is not all, for he goes on to say:—

"The writer is inclined to believe that there was from prehistoric times something more than mere operative character to the institution. It is now claimed that a speculative character was added only during the 17th century, when persons in no way connected with building were first initiated, as Elias Ashmole in 1664. If the term speculative is confined to the practice of initiating persons not of the operative class, then the supposition is correct; but if the term is to be used as designating an esoteric work, something beside the knowledge of building, or the learning of a trade, then, I think, the fact is more than presumable that speculative features go back to prehistoric times, and nearly, if not quite, to the organisation of the labour guilds themselves. Distinguished architects, men of learning, men in the monasteries, builders of renown, were of the organisation, and it is certainly sure that they would have had some sort of association among themselves, apart from the labourers, journeymen and apprentices. . . . Human nature must have totally changed in that respect, which is not to be supposed, if those who had successfully passed their apprenticeship and become skilful workmen, did not organize a higher and separate grade for themselves; nor is it again supposable that master builders, contractors and architects, all men of brain and learning, should not have had an organisation of their own apart from and above that of their hired labourers and of their apprentices. Such must have been from necessity the case. They met and devised the proceedings to be held in Lodges, and being men of capacity and ability, controlled by their influence the votes and actions of the mass of the Lodge, without the latter even surmising the preconcerted action. This, many of us know, is done to-day in political, religious, moral and business affairs. There is a ring in politics, though of another name; also in religion and all other organisations, and nothing of the inner proceedings appears on the minutes of the regular organisation, nor could they appear; their absence, therefore, proves nothing."

"Again, when men of culture and brain meet habitually together they are never content to be confined to mere matter of business, or the control of the affairs of those not of them, but yet with whom they are associated. They invariably—such is the nature of man—invent a ceremony for initiation, the reception of their new members, and signs and methods by which they may know each other; and in times in the history of the human race, such as prevailed during the middle ages in the civilization of Europe, they may have, and probably would have, invented, more or less elaborate, a species of initiation particular to themselves, which would in time become what we call degrees, the fundamental always remaining nearly or essentially the same, while the detailed ceremonies would differ from year to year, and in different locations. We take this to have been the case with Freemasonry in its origin, and during the time of unwritten history."

Now, the error Bro. Fellows committed was in attaching any importance to whatever meaning our modern dreamers have ascribed to the phrase "Speculative Mason." Suppose they call Elias Ashmole a "Speculative Mason?" and suppose that they even believe that he speculated, and that he belonged to a high degree Lodge similar to some of the degrees now so fashionable among our Grand Lodge dignitaries, what does their mere belief amount to? If, as our Brother admits, Masons of recent times were satisfied with "a repetition of old traditions, or of theorising upon the parts of history supposed to be reliable," the question then would be: suppose our modern dreamers do believe that Ashmole was a speculative Mason, what guarantee have I that their opinion is reliable? Ashmole himself certainly never called himself a "Speculative Mason," nor did any other man ever call him so. Non-operatives were,

in those days, affiliated with all kinds of Craft Guilds, but no one ever pretended that the non-operatives were Speculatives. For instance, in Nicol's "Progress of King James 1st," I find that Sir Leonard Holliday was elected Lord Mayor in 1605. The Lord Mayor was probably a Tailor, and the Tailors' Guild got the poet and dramatist Anthony Munday, who was also a Bro. Tailor (though he knew nothing about tailoring business), to write a new play for the occasion, which he called the "Triumph of Reunited Britannia." The play was performed by children, in which the following verses were recited:—

I find recorded in my register
Seven kings have honoured this society,
Fourteen great dukes did willingly prefer
Their love and kindness to this Company;
Three score eight lords declared their amitie,
Terming themselves all brethren of this band,
The very worthiest lords of all the land;
Three dukes, three earls, four lords of noble name,
All in one year did join in Brotherhood.

* * * * *
Of bishops and deans, to those before,
My record could afford as many more.

In 1607 King James I., together with his eldest son Henry Prince of Wales, with "a host of courtiers," visited the London Bro. Tailors, when another poem was recited, in which it was claimed that the first royal Bro. Tailor was King Richard II. During that visit the Prince of Wales, with the "host of courtiers," were made Bro. Tailors, and His Majesty declined to join the Tailors because he was a brother of the Cordwainer Guild, or a *brother shoemaker*. But yet I venture to say that not one of the Tailor kings, dukes, princes, bishops and deans, nor even the poet Anthony Munday, ever dreamed of *Speculative Tailoring*, or of high degrees for the Tailoring Fraternity. Why, then, does our Bro. Fellows suppose that the more cultured Masons of the Fraternity must have invented some forms of initiation, or *high degrees*, exclusively for themselves?

Again, the author of the Matthew Cooke MS., when referring to Prince Edwin of York says, "He wist well that handcraft had the practice of geometry so well as Masons, wherefore he drew to him to council and learned [the] practice of that science to his speculative, for of speculative he was a master." Brother Cook was of course delighted to find the word *speculative* in the MS.; but a friend, "not a brother," suggested that by *speculative* the writer of the MS. simply meant an architect, and I have no doubt that this suggestion was correct. Now the said Matthew Cooke MS. is doubtless the parent of all the subsequent MSS., designated by Bro. Hughan as "Ancient Charges;" but the word "speculative" is not repeated in either of the said Ancient Charges. Nor could I find the phrase "speculative Masonry" in either of Anderson's Constitutions, nor in the Defence of Masonry of 1730, neither in "Euclid's letter to the author," nor in any of the rituals that I had access to between 1723 and 1768, nor in the Ahiman Rezon of 1756 and 1764, nor in Calcott's Disquisition. I found it, however, in Preston, who was probably the originator of that phrase, and the application of the phrase "Speculative Masonry" to a pre-1717 non-operative, like Elias Ashmole, did not probably originate until after Dr. Oliver began to shine as a Masonic luminary. Bro. Fellows' reasoning from the phrase of "Speculative Mason" must, therefore, be pronounced *groundless*.

Again, reasoning from analogy may sometimes be all right, but it may also be all wrong. Now, our Bro. Fellows is doubtless well acquainted with the *modus operandi* of American "political rings;" he knows how the wire-pullers or Bosses pre-arrange everything that is to be done at primary meetings; how they in secret conclaves ordain who is to be chairman, who are to be the speakers, who are to draw up the resolutions, and how they appoint the delegate to the State or United States convention; how the office hunters in the political primary meetings obey the hints of the Bosses, and how the ignorant voters are duped by the party leaders. He knows that some of the American Grand Lodges are ruled after the same fashion. Hence he imagines that the Masonic assemblies in the Middle Ages must also have been ruled by Bosses! and as the present American Grand Lodge Bosses are intelligent or crafty high degrees, he therefore jumps to the conclusion that in olden times the Masonic leaders were architects, or men of the highest culture, men of the monastery, &c.

Now, the only sources wherefrom we can derive information about the Masons of the middle ages are, in the

first place, the Acts of Parliament from the year 1350. These laws must have tended to disparage the social status of the Masonic fraternity, and hence, while the Tailors' Guild, and other guilds beside, could boast of having been visited and patronised by kings, dukes, lords, bishops, and deans, there is not a spark of evidence that the Masons have ever been honoured by association with a single "upper-ten" during that period. The second source of information about the old Mason we can learn from the Halliwell poem and the Matthew Cooke MS. These were written by priests, and they certainly indicate no great scholarship; and as there is nowhere to be found a solitary scrap of a Lodge record of a date prior to the Reformation, we may reasonably conclude that our "Ancient Brethren" could not write. Nor is there anything surprising in the above supposition, when it is well known that De Molay, the Grand Master, could not read nor write; that some fifty or more years later Dr. Gueseline, the greatest man in France, could not read nor write; and it is even stated that later on Henry 6th of England could not read nor write. I may, therefore, presume that the Masonic fraternity were equally ignorant. Since the Reformation the "Old Charges," or pre-1717 ritual, prove conclusively the lack of information among the Masonic brethren of the 17th century, and as the English Masons, before 1700, kept no records, the inference is that very few of them could write.

In Scotland, however, schools for the poor were introduced long before they were introduced in England, and hence we find the Edinburgh Lodge began to keep a record as early as 1598; and about thirty or more years later other Scotch Lodges began to keep records. But even then a large number of Scotch Masons could not write. Thus, in Bro. Lyon's History there are fac similes of two MSS., one is about 1600, and the other is of 1628. These MSS. were signed by delegates (in a Masonic Assembly) from Edinburgh, St. Andrew's, Haddington, Achenson, Haven and Dumfries, and out of eighteen signatures appended to the 1600 document to nine of the names is appended: "With our hands led in the pen of the Notaries underwritten at our command, because we cannot write." And to about half of the signatures attached to the document of 1628 a similar finish is given, viz., "because I cannot write myself." Now, if in 1600 and 1628 half of the Scotch Masonic dignitaries could not write their own names, we may naturally suppose that a much larger per centage of the rank and file of the Scotch Masons were equally ignorant; and if such was the case in Scotland after the Reformation, after the Bible was printed and widely taught, after Bacon, Shakespeare, and a host of English writers have passed away, and near about two hundred years after the invention of printing, we may therefore reasonably believe that before printing was invented not one out of a hundred Masons could distinguish the top of a book from the bottom; and as there is not a particle of evidence to prove that either architect, scholars, or high cultured individuals had associated with Masons in their Assemblies or Lodges, the then Masons could not have known anything about high degrees, nor were they ruled by Bosses of the New York "Tammany Hall" pattern.

Boston, U.S., 9th April 1889.

APPENDIX.

Among memorandums copied some years ago I found the following, taken from Stow's Survey, printed in 1842, p 68, and as it confirms in a measure Anthony Munday's exalted opinion of his Bro. Tailors, it therefore will not be out of place as an Appendix to the above. Stow says:—

The Merchant Tailor's Hall, pertaining to the guild and fraternity of St. John the Baptist, time out of mind called the Tailors and Linen Armourers of London; for I find that Edward I. in the twenty-eighth of his reign confirmed this guild by the name of Tailors and Linen Armourers, and also gave to the brethren their authority every year at Midsummer to hold a feaste and choos unto them a governour, or master, with wardens, whereupon the same year 1300, on the feast day of the nativity of St. John the Baptist, they chose Henry de Ryall to be their pilgrim for the master of this mysterie (as one that travelled for the whole company was then called) * * * In the 21st of Edward IV., Holmes, alias Clarencieux, king at arms for the south part of England, granted by his patent to the fraternity and guild of St. John Baptist of tailors and linen armourers, to bear in a shield of silver a pavillion between two mantles imperial purple garnished with gold, in a chief azure and holy Lamb, set within a sun, &c.

In the 2nd of Henry IV. the company received a new confirmatory charter by the name of "the Scissors and fraternity of St. John the Baptist in London" * * * Henry VII., a brother of the fraternity of the Tailors, in the 18th of his reign, 1503, reincorporated the same

by the name of the "Masters and Wardens of the Merchant Tailors of the fraternity of St. John the Baptist in the City of London."

I shall only add that Anthony Munday was so proud of being a Brother Tailor that he had it printed on the title-pages of some of his books. And second, from a History of London 1773, written by Bro. John Noorthouck (who edited the Masonic Constitutions of 1784) I learn that the Weavers and Bakers were the most early fellowships and guilds in London (see page 27 note).—J.N.

GLEANINGS.

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MASONIC FELLOWSHIP.—Freemasonry presents itself as a science to be studied and applied; a philosophy to be unfolded; a system of ethics binding the life to duty and to humanity, and a system of faith and devotion uniting the heart to God. Regarded in this light, it is not so very difficult to discover the fellowship it imposes, and the basis on which it rests. That basis, most certainly, is nothing less than the principles, ideas and purposes which belong to Freemasonry and give it character—a vital force without which it would have perished long ago. Men who stand together on a platform of noble and grand ideas, who pledge themselves alike to beneficent services, and become interested in common studies and pursuits, must of necessity be brought into friendly communion, and their souls must be knit together by a sweet and gracious fellowship. It is as a working body specially that the Masonic organization creates and develops this true, hearty fellowship. When we begin to do for others our brotherly love warms and increases. The benevolent service that we render as Craftsmen—the charity we express by word or deed—all faithful discharge of the active duties of related life—will bring us more and more into sympathetic accord and help to a realization of the full import of Masonic Brotherhood. It is no cause for complaint that Freemasonry has this practical side, and that so much is required in the way of mutual regard and helpfulness—rather a cause for rejoicing, for thus the spirit of brotherly love is deepened and quickened, and the best possible basis of a true Masonic fellowship established. So may we be glad to—

"Give each other pity, aid and strength,
And consolation; man was made for man."

Freemason's Journal.

THE THREE STEPS.—As delineated upon the Master's carpet, the three steps point to the three all-important periods in human existence—Youth, Manhood, and Age. Aside from the Master's lesson, or dissertation, when he explains the symbols to the Initiate, three others could be added that would naturally incline the mind of a young Mason toward thoughts that are truly Masonic in character and form—Honour, Industry and Fidelity. In the every-day associations of business and social life we find these essentials of a true manhood held in high valuation by all men, and by none are they more dearly prized than by those who have learned to treasure Masonic truths at their full valuation. Honour holds its votaries with a silken chord as rich in texture as it is precious to its possessor. Honour leads men to the palace of the king and exacts full homage from him to his subjects. Industry climbs mountains and subdues the most formidable fortress. It guides the traveller from poverty to riches; it dispels gloom from sad places, and it replaces thrones with flowers; it unites oceans and seas across dry land, and it brings lightning subservient to the hand of man. Fidelity is a divine attribute. Without it honour and industry could not exist among men. Fidelity makes us true to ourselves and to our Creator; it makes life safe, and protects the rights of property. Combined, these three jewels are essentials to the three steps of Youth, Manhood, and Age. With them no Mason, no man, need fear to battle in the struggles of this life, or to accept a summons for that which is to come in the unknown hereafter.—*N.Y. Sunday Times.*

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.—When Reginald Heber read his prose poem of "Palestine" to Bro. Sir Walter Scott, the latter observed that one striking circumstance had escaped him, namely, no tool of iron was used in its erection. Heber retired for a few minutes to the corner of the room, and returned with these beautiful lines:

"No hammer fell, no ponderous axes rung;
Like some tall palm the mystic fabric sprung."

The corner-stone of an old Masonic building in Georgia was found recently. It had been laid in 1799, and contained only an English half-penny and an American cent.

WOMEN AT MASONIC ENTERTAINMENTS.—We have often thought that Freemasons should not be as chary as they are of granting to their wives and daughters an opportunity to share in réunions with their husbands and fathers who are members of the Craft, upon occasions that are not official. The least that Masonry can do is to grant some pleasure of this description to those from whom they ask so much. We are all social beings, and bereft of the social feature even Freemasonry itself might find its quietus. Let us occasionally allow the partners of our hearts and homes to share with us our purely social enjoyments, for they will thereby gain none of our secrets, while they will learn to respect us as Freemasons, and love us the more as husbands, fathers and brothers.—*Keystone.*

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FREEMASONRY IS BROTHERHOOD.

An Address by Bro. Frederic Speed at the Laying of the Corner-stone of the City Hall at Meridian, Mississippi, February 1889.

(Continued from page 242.)

THUS it may be said that Freemasonry is a growth. It was not like Minerva springing from the head of Jove, brought at once into a perfect being. It was not a creation—nor was it a work—it never was made. The germ was found in the first man, springing from and taking root in his nature and as soon as there was another similar nature toward which its outgrowth could proceed it budded, flowered and produced fruit—that fruit was the brotherhood of man—Freemasonry. It is not possible to create a true and genuine brotherhood upon any theory of the baseness of human nature, for there can be no genuine brotherhood without mutual regard, good opinion and esteem, mutual charity, and mutual allowance for faults and failings. It is only those who learn to think better of each other, to look habitually for the good that is in each other, and except, allow for, and overlook the evil, who can be brethren one of the other in any true sense of the word. Freemasonry, then, means Brotherhood.

The claim is not made that Freemasonry of to-day is identical with that which existed in ancient times as the Magi, the Essenes, the Rite of Elensis, of even that which was established at the building of Solomon's Temple, but they had one origin, a similar parentage; the inextinguishable want of human nature for companionship, sympathy and co-operation, and there is a wonderful coincidence in symbols, forms and ceremonies, so that they may be said to run in parallel lines. If, indeed, the Craft is not in fact the lineal successor and descendant of them, the spirit, the substance, remain.

But Freemasonry is not only a brotherhood, it is a republic. In every age its device has been liberty, equality, fraternity, with constitutional government, law, order, discipline and subordination to legitimate authority—government and not anarchy. It recognises the dignity of human nature and man's right to so much freedom as he is fitted for, and it knows nothing that should place one man below another except ignorance, debasement and crime, and necessity of subordination to lawful will and authority. Its mode of government when Cæsars and tyrants were usurping the rights of the people was that of a pure democracy; in recesses into which no Cæsar could penetrate, it taught the freedom and dignity of man. While the world was prostrate before the emperors, Eleusis closed its gate against Nero, and Masonic priests told Constantine that they had no expiation that could clear him from the murder of his wife. Amidst all the brutality and oppression around them the secret Lodges with their scheme of truth, wrought out with the compass and the square, the level and the plumb, were reproving the wrong. Whatever might be the insolence of wealth and power outside, within the mystic fold all were brethren pledged to each others' defence and support. Not all the cruelties and bloodshed that war has produced could obliterate an institution, which, overlooking national disputes, enjoined the duty of man helping his brother man, standing by him when persecuted, giving him decent burial after death and shielding his widow and orphans from wrong and privation, and which, while holding itself aloof from the separate creed held fast to a principle broader than any of them, that man is sovereign over his mind and must deal in charity with the opinions and judgment of his fellows.

But what does it signify? What matters it whether Freemasonry be an hundred or thousands of years old? What if it had ever been? What if it had not survived the commotions and turmoils of the early ages? What if it had not reared monuments of usefulness in marble, in grand and stately buildings, and the proudest edifices of the old world, its magnificent churches, its vast cathedrals, its massive bridges and aqueducts? What if there were nothing to bear witness to the architectural genius, mechanical skill and scientific knowledge which it displayed during the long years when it was an operative art, existing under the guise of the college of artificers? It is easy, to be sure, to point with pride to the fact that men of the highest rank have always knocked at its doors and asked leave to enter; to utter the one incomparable name of Washington, and to tell that fifty of the fifty-six signers

of the Declaration of Independence were Masons; that Lafayette and others of the Generals of the Revolutionary struggle were craftsmen, and that from the day-breaking of the great republic until the good hour in which we have the happiness to live, the greatest of our statesmen, warriors, theologians, scientists and humanitarians, have worn the Masonic apron with pleasure to themselves and honour to the Fraternity. Still the question obtrudes itself,—What signifies it? What if it were to be swept from the face of the earth? What has it done for us and for the communities in which we live? We are well aware that, viewed from the exterior, Freemasonry presents no marked excellences which are not possessed in common with numerous other associations, and that to the profane it is simply an organisation which professes to practice virtues which all mankind are under like obligations to perform, and to them it is no answer to the question to assert that to those who have entered within the most secret apartments of the temple and beheld the cherubim whose outstretched wings shield the ark of the covenant, and who have studied its symbols and read their hidden meaning, it exhibits peculiarities which distinguish it from all other human organisations, and to him who has been so fortunate as to receive the true spirit of the inspiration which it breathes in its every teaching, it must always remain without a peer in his affections.

Glancing backward over the history of an institution so old and yet so strong, so wide-spread and yet so mysterious, we cannot but feel that God has been in it for the good of our race. An institution allowed by Divine Providence to send the first representatives to the God incarnate in Bethlehem, has, we may be sure, some mission to fulfil—some reason for existence which will be told in that day when the occult shall be manifest—when God shall justify His ways to man.

Freemasonry, we have said, is a brotherhood. How to be brothers indeed, how in the midst of diversities of interest, diversities of condition, diversities of opinion and belief, diversities of race and nation, to be brothers still, loving brothers in a world rent by violence, sundered by partition walls, full of intolerance and party feeling, sectarian strife and exclusiveness of caste, to be brothers amid the destructions of common life, where wealth and poverty, obscurity and eminence jostle each other, where religious and political differences, social distinctions and the exclusiveness of wealth all conspire to set men at a greater distance and to water and cultivate the obnoxious weed of selfishness, is a problem which Freemasonry undertakes to solve. We do not say that other agencies cannot be equally potent, only that they have not been as successful in combining the scattered elements of society, in recalling men to a sense of their fraternal relations, in reviving the sometimes almost extinguished faith in friendship and virtue, in opening a new temple and setting up a new altar above all prejudices and dissensions and selfishness, above all distinctions except moral goodness—a temple dedicated to universal friendship, an altar at which all harmony may kneel, where brethren may seek refuge together from the strife and storms of human passion, defence and shelter within an inviolable sanctuary of peace and love. This is the Masonic ideal, however short practically we may come of it, which wins our respect and takes captive our hearts and justifies its existence.

But again, what does it signify that we are present here to-day around this corner-stone? Freemasonry is patriotic in its designs. With politics as a system of tactics for the advancement of a party, we renounce all connections, but in that more enlarged view in which it is made to comprehend all that relates to the welfare of the state, Freemasonry claims its appropriate share. A bad citizen can never be a good man. He who violates the laws of the land will not obey those of the Craft, and woe to that community which honours and elevates the man who keeps not faith with his brethren, for such a man is sure, sooner or later, to betray every confidence reposed in him. The Freemason is enjoined and required to be a peaceable citizen and to cheerfully conform to the law of the country in which he resides, not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the government but patiently to submit to the decision of the law and constituted authorities, to pay proper respect to the civil magistrates, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably by all men. From the beginning, Freemasonry has exercised the office of a teacher, and while it has taught pure morals

and the fundamentals of true religion, coupled with toleration for the oppressions and even the errors of others, it has also taught the science of government. It is the oldest republic of which we have knowledge; from time immemorial the government of the Craft has been committed to those chosen by the free suffrage of their fellows, elevated for a brief season to the highest rank and dignity, its rulers never become more than the first among their equals and when laying down the symbols of authority have stood upon a plane of exact equality with the humblest and most obscure craftsman.

It signifies much in the cause of religion and of good government, of public and private morals, of the amelioration of human woe and suffering, of the cultivation of social amenities and the general well being of society at large that there should have existed, and that there should continue to exist and flourish, a large and influential organisation whose ramifications, extending into every part of the habitable earth, has always and everywhere taught and propagated doctrines which have elevated man and made him a better citizen; which has stimulated true patriotism, encouraged the liberal arts and sciences, promoted the education of the masses, and taught the dignity and nobility of labour. It is then eminently fitting that to-day we stand here, and, by our presence and with the ancient symbols of the Craft, assist in the work of laying the foundation stone of an edifice which is to mark a new era in the history of this prosperous and growing city. We have poured corn, wine and oil upon this stone, they being, when taken together, the Masonic symbol of prosperity and abundance, and by it we therefore manifest our sincere wishes that the superstructure might be prosperously raised and abundantly promote the objects for which it is designed. Separately, we employ corn to symbolize health, strength and plenty. May bread, that great staff of our physical existence, be never wanting to feed the inhabitants of this city; may the wine of joy ever be found in its midst, and happiness be a dweller with its people, and the oil of consolation pour gladness and peace into their hearts. This may appear to many an unmeaning ceremony; if such be the case, I can only say to those who thus view it, that to them hundreds of other ceremonies and emblems must appear equally so. The water which is sprinkled upon the head of an infant testifies faith in the redeeming power of a Saviour; the flag which floats at the masthead of a ship

"The sign of hope and triumph high!
The plume that dances when
The long line comes gleaming on;
Ere yet the life blood warm and wet
Has dimmed the glist'ning bayonet."

The christening of a ship as she glides for the first time into her destined element, without which no sailor could be found to trust himself upon her deck, the solemn consecration of churches, the ordination of ministers of every creed, the wedding ring by which mutual love is plighted, the burning of incense, the eating of unleavened bread during the Passover, the consecration of bread and wine for use in the sacraments of the church—all are signs, ceremonies and emblems—the water is but water still, the flag but a bit of silk or woollen, the plume a few feathers, the wine imparts no virtue to the iron and timbers of the ship, the church remains but stones, bricks and timbers, and so on to the end. And yet, by God's express command, the tabernacle in the wilderness and all the holy vessels were anointed with oil and Aaron and his two sons were set apart for the priesthood, and the prophets and kings of Israel were consecrated by the same rites. Jacob anointed with oil the stone which he had used for a pillow at Bethel, and Samuel anointed Saul with oil. Corn, wine and oil are spoken of in a symbolic sense in numerous places in the Bible. "Wherefore," says the late Dr. Harris, "do you carry corn, wine and oil in your possessions, but to remind you that in the pilgrimage of human life you are to impart a portion of your bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of your wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of your consolation into the wounds which sickness hath made in the bodies or affliction sent into the hearts of your fellow travellers?"

Our presence here, to-day, and the solemn ceremonies in which we have been engaged, means more than an ordinary expression of the good will which we, as citizens of the same commonwealth, feel towards this beautiful and growing city. Linked together by common ties, and bound by common interests, we desire to express in the most emphatic mode

the sincere desire that here the sun of prosperity may always remain at its meridian height and that no gloomy night may overcast the fortunes of the citizens.

"Bright, be ever bright thy visions of the morrow,
And if the storms of life shall shroud
Thy skies so beautiful and fair,
May love's bright sunshine kiss the cloud
And leave the rainbow glittering there."

—Voice of Masonry.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Toole's.—This little theatre was re-opened on Monday last, when a most enthusiastic greeting from a crowded house awaited Mr. J. L. Toole on his re-appearance as Mr. Milliken, M.A., in "The Don." The short rest that the popular comedian was compelled to take has evidently done him good, for he was never more amusing than on Monday. He was well supported by Messrs. John Billington, C. Wilson, C. M. Lowne, and George Shelton; and by Misses Kate Phillips, Eva Moore, Blanche Wolseley, and Eliza Johnstone. The well-known farce, "Ici on parle Français," was played after, with Mr. J. L. Toole in his original character of Mr. Spriggins, and Mr. Billington as Mons Victor Dubois. Both pieces were well received, in fact the audience were most enthusiastic throughout the evening.

"Claudian" will be revived at the Princess's for a fortnight on Monday, the 29th instant. We are requested to state that the free list will be entirely suspended during these farewell performances of Mr. Wilson Barrett. Mr. Richard C. Durant is now engaged in painting the scenery for Mr. Byatt's melodrama "True Heart," which will be produced at this Theatre by Miss Grace Hawthorne on the conclusion of Mr. Barrett's engagement. Mr. Durant promises a novel effect in the sensational Life-boat scene in the last Act of "True Heart."

A new farcical comedy, entitled, "Tenter Hooks," by Mr. H. M. Paull, will be produced at the Comedy on Wednesday evening next. The cast is as follows:—M. Marius, Messrs. C. H. Hawtrey, T. G. Warren, A. G. Andrews, W. P. Hawtrey, and Harry Nicholls; the Misses Vane Featherstone, Susie Vaughan, and Lottie Venn. The new piece will be preceded by "A Highland Legacy," by Brandon Thomas.

Messrs. Robertson and Parker will start a comic opera season on Saturday, 4th May, at the Royalty, when there will be produced for the first time a new and original romantic comic opera, entitled "Mignonette," by Oswald Brand and Henry Parker. The opera will be produced under the supervision of author and composer. Characteristic dresses, designed by Mons. Lucien Bescho and executed by Madame Auguste and Madame Bucloz (Vienna). New scenery, descriptive of the Tyrol, especially painted by Hemsley. The incidental dances arranged by Mariette D'Auban. Characters by Messrs. J. G. Robertson, Henry Pope, Dalton Somers, Edwin Keene, R. Fairbanks, F. Fartado, G. Norris, F. J. Ashby, and Lionel Brough; Mesdames Agnes Oliver, Rose Dearing, Laura Maxwell, Lizzie King, Louie Wilmot, B. de Lorme, Ford, and A. Lincoln. Mr. Henry Parker will be the conductor, while the stage management will be in the hands of Mr. Oswald Brand.

One of the most interesting matinées of the season will be given by Mr. George Alexander, on Wednesday, 15th May, at Terry's. The play is an English version of "Le Filibustier," and it is a story of humble life, told with humour, tenderness, and dramatic force. The chief success of the original production at the Théâtre Français was M. Got's impersonation of an old man—a type of simple, dignified, and pathetic character unfortunately not common on our stage. For this part Mr. Alexander has engaged Mr. Fernandez. The heroine will be played by Miss Calhoun, and the other characters by Mr. Fred Terry, Miss Carlotta Leclercq and Mr. Alexander. Mr. Jacob Hood has designed the dresses for this performance. There will be new scenery, and everything will be done to give a complete representation.

The Committee of the benefit which is being organised for the well known composer Mr. Riccardo C. Gallico have now definitely arranged the programme, which is an exceptionally strong one. The matinée will take place at the Avenue, on Thursday, the 9th May, and the programme will include the 2nd Act of the "Mikado," with the Savoy company; a Grand Divertissement specially arranged by Mme. Katti Lanner, music by Mr. R. Gallico, with Mdlle. De Sortis, of the Empire, as principal dancer; a scene from the new Avenue Burlesque, one from "Faust up to Date," and an old melodrama, entitled "Raymond and Agnes, or the Bleeding Nun of Lindenberg." This latter performance will be all the funnier seeing that the parts are to be balloted for by well known London actors and actresses. Mr. Stedman's choir of boys and girls will sing, and Mdlle. Berger, the celebrated cornet soloist, will make her first appearance in England. The orchestra will include the leading Covent Garden instrumentalists. The business arrangements are in the hands of Mr. H. T. Brickwell, and Mr. Robert Soutar is acting as Stage Manager. With such a programme Mr. Gallico may certainly rely upon the great success he thoroughly deserves, and although the prices have been raised, the seats are being rapidly disposed of.

It has been ordered that all Mark Lodges under the English jurisdiction, and all brethren belonging to them, shall at their meetings for the next three months wear mourning.

The members of the John Carpenter Lodge, comprised of "old boys" of the City of London School, have elected Bro. A. Norris as their W.M. for the year ensuing.

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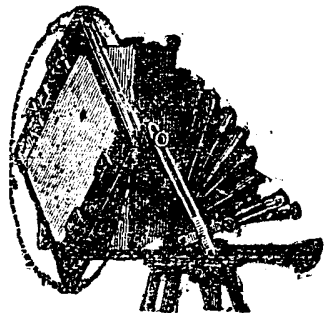
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AND SUBSCRIBERS, held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 26th day of April 1889,

W. Bro. HENRY SMITH, V. Patron, (P.G. Deacon), Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY BOYS from an approved List of seventy-one Candidates, the following being declared
SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	39	Roberts, Frank	2793
2	45	Kennedy, Arthur Edward	2784
3	42	Woodman, Frederick	2775
4	32	Ery, John Baron	2745
5	10	Kemp, Arthur Howard	2695
6	61	Coulthurst, Roland Stanislaus	2627
7	49	Gravenor, Ralph Howard	2611
8	48	Blannin, Charles Harold	2606
9	59	Lister, Percy Oliver	2593
10	9	Lawrence, Harry	2540
11	52	Michael, Cyril	2539
12	30	Mundie, Stanley Aynsley	2510
13	68	Ibbotson, Stephen	2447
14	2	Burgess, Edgar Holmes	2436
15	60	Carr, Harold Lionel	2421
16	41	Podmore, Austen Royle	2327
17	62	Court, William Percy	2321
18	6	Bosco, Wallace Peter Charles	2286
19	21	de Caen, John Hernault	2189
20	38	Nicholl, Lewis Morris	2162

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in October next.

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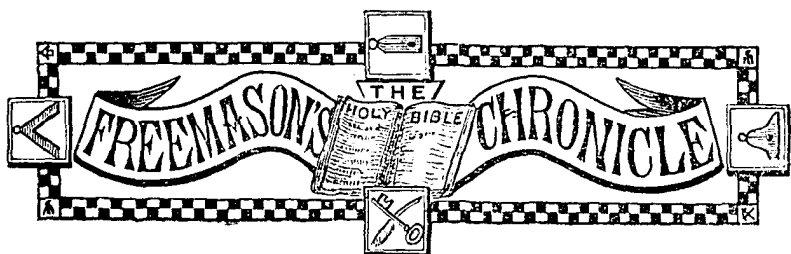
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st day of May next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th January 1889, to the 16th of April 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

£	s	d	£	s	d
Balance, Unappropriated			Amount overdrawn on		
Account - -	189	9 1	Grand Chapter Ac-		
Subsequent Receipts	489	16 10	count -	55	2 1
			Disbursements during		
			the quarter -	307	10 8
			Balance - -	124	3 7
			Unappropriated Ac-		
			count - -	192	5 11

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which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions William Johnson as Z., Joseph Witham as H., John Hatch as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Starkie Lodge, No. 1070, Southport, to be called "The Southport Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Buildings, Lord-street, Southport, Lancashire (W.D.)

2nd. From Companions William James Runting as Z., George Gordon Ross as H., John Brain as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Clarke Lodge, No. 2080, Melbourne, Victoria, to be called "The Clarke Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, in the District of Victoria.

3rd. From Companions Henry Walmesley Little, Mus. Doc., as Z., William Clifford as H., John Knowles Hodges as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, Camberwell, to be called the "Sterndale Bennett Chapter," and to meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road.

4th. From Companions James Eadington as Z., Edward Foster as H., James Carmichael as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Blagdon Lodge, No. 659, Blyth, to be called "The Blagdon Chapter," and to meet at the Mechanics' Institute, Blyth, in the County of Northumberland.

5th. From Companions John Read as Z., Charles Bennett Cooper as H., Horatio Henry Shirley as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin, to be called "The Cecil Chapter," and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

6th. From Companions the Rev. Richard Peek as Z., Samuel Green Carley as H., William Minter as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, to be called "The Henniker Chapter," and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, in the County of Suffolk.

7th. From Companions Eugene Montenuis as Z., George Henry Bué as H., Ernest St. Clair as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the La France Lodge, No. 2060, to be called "The La France Chapter," and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London.

8th. From Companions Samuel Victor Abraham as Z., Sigismund Pollitzer as H., Joseph Grünebaum as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to be called "The Montefiore Chapter," and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Chapter of Fortitude, No. 105, from the Huyshe Masonic Temple to the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall, 1 Princes-square, Plymouth.

The Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, Woolwich, from the Freemasons' Hall, Woolwich, to the New Masonic Hall, Plumstead, Kent.

The Grove Chapter, No. 410, from the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead, to the Spring Hotel, Ewell, in the Province of Surrey.

The Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28, from the Freemasons' Tavern to the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have further to report that in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, there are no longer English Craft Lodges in that Colony to which the Chapters meeting in New South Wales can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Charters of the Chapters Nos. 390, 547, 817, 1653, 1654, 1762, 1795, 1898, 1943 be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the Chapters be erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th April 1889.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, the 17th inst., on the invitation of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, the Most Excellent the Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire (the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland) held a Provincial Grand Chapter and General Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull. There was a large attendance of Principals and Past Principals, together with members of the various Chapters. The attention of the Companions was drawn to the first Festival on behalf of the Educational Fund of the Province, which is being established for the purpose of educating the children of deceased or necessitous Freemasons, who were unable to obtain admission to the other

Masonic Institutions. After the transaction of the usual business, the Earl of Zetland appointed the Officers for the ensuing year, amongst those receiving provincial grand honours being Comp. William Tesseyman, who was appointed First Principal, and Comp. J. R. Stringer, appointed Provincial Grand Organist.

FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford. The chairs were filled by Comps. H. Mason M.E.Z., the Rev. Thomas Cockrane H., and R. J. Warren J. Bro. H. T. Hardy was exalted to the supreme degree. The Chapter having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared by Mr. Reynolds. Comp. H. Mason was in the chair.

MARK MASONRY.

JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE, No. 172.

BRO. F. Baines has been installed for the second time as W.M. The other Officers were Bros. W. Mason S.W., Wright J.W., F. J. Sowby M.O., J. F. Johnson S.O., B. T. Adland J.O., Rev. C. E. Laing Chaplain, C. F. Liversedge P.M. Treasurer, Alfred Kirk P.M. Registrar of Marks, A. F. Curtis Secretary and Organist, E. Sutton I.G., and Scott Tyler.

EARL OF CHESTER LODGE, No. 196.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, Chester, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Bro. J. E. Edisbury was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably rendered by Bro. R. C. Edwards, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. S. W. Ransden I.P.M., W. H. Finchett S.W., J. Morris J.W., J. Salmon Treasurer, H. Ellis Secretary, J. J. White M.O., John Willey S.O., C. K. Benson J.O., R. C. Edwards Registrar, G. B. Richmond S.D., D. Williams J.D., A. Warriner I.G., T. Smith Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together, the toast of the newly-installed W.M. being enthusiastically received.

SCOTLAND.

ST. KENTIGERN LODGE, No. 429.

THE members and friends held an evening party in the Lodge Room, on Friday, 12th inst. Bro. G. Laing R.W.M. presided, and discharged the duties of the chair in a very satisfactory manner. Over seventy ladies and gentlemen sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed by Mr. Hay, of the Royal Hotel. After supper, dancing was indulged in with great spirit to the lively strains of the quadrille band, under Mr. Baillie's leadership. Songs and recitations were contributed by several ladies and gentlemen throughout the evening, and did much to add to the enjoyable nature of the gathering. It was largely owing to the efforts of Bro. A. L. Tait as M.C. that the gathering was so successful.

On the invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris, "Our Boys," from Wood Green, paid him a visit at Drury Lane Theatre, on Wednesday afternoon, to witness the representation of "The Babes in the Wood." The lads were accompanied by Dr. Morris, the Head Master, and his staff of teachers, and we need scarcely add one and all appreciated Bro. Augustus Harris's interest in their welfare. Bro. Binckes and several friends of the Institution were also present.

The National Great Priory of Knights Templar will assemble on Friday, the 10th May, under the rule of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior. The minutes having been read for confirmation, and the report of the council duly considered, the Great Officers will be duly invested, and the Treasurer elected. At the conclusion of this business a Priory of the Order of Malta will be held, under the banner of the Holy Palestine Preceptory, should a sufficient number intimate their desire to be installed before the 7th proximo. There is no particular business on the agenda.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 61.

A VERY interesting and pleasing ceremony took place at the St. John's Rooms, King Cross-street, Halifax, on Wednesday evening, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Nicholl, of Wigan, presented Bro. Robert Riley P.M. 408 1736 P.G.S.B. of West Yorkshire with Provincial Officer's dress suit, on behalf of several brethren. The Worshipful Master, in making the presentation, referred to Bro. Riley's past services to the Craft, also to the fact of his being the oldest P.M. and one of the founders of the Lodge, and stated that for several years he had held the position of Secretary with ability, and he (the W.M.) had only lately received a letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary congratulating the Lodge on the efficient manner in which Bro. Riley had performed the duties of Secretary to the Lodge. Bro. Riley, in feeling terms, expressed his surprise at the handsome present, and assured the brethren that he would endeavour to carry out the duties which he might be called in the future to perform as he had hitherto done in the past. After the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the festive board and spent a very pleasant evening. The usual Masonic toasts were drunk. The Worshipful Master was supported by the following visiting brethren: Bros. R. T. Pearce 1194, Jas. Brindle P.M. 178, John Smith S.W. 2269, Thomas Margeson S.D. 2269, J. H. Marsden J.D. 2269, James Dawber, Mus. Bac., Organist, E. Weston 1302.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

A N emergency meeting was held at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 23rd instant, to initiate Mr. William Thomas. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. Frank R. Thomas, brother of the candidate, assisted by Brothers A. S. Hendry P.M. and Secretary and C. F. Dumsterville P.M. A special feature of the ceremony was the rendering of the music by Bro. R. Pike P.M. 230, assisted by Bro. P. Elford 2025, with his cornet, and Bro. G. Miller 1099 with his violin. There were present in addition to those already named Bros. Moulder, Dr. J. Harrison, Stawell S.D., Stirling Graves, Parker, Peain, Massey, Dunsterville, Harcourt, Foden, Gidley, Pengelly 2025, Miller 159, Rodgman 105, Whitfeld 1099, Crouch 2025, Axworthy 102, and Taylor 223. At the close of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a luncheon provided by Bro. W. H. Bosworthick.

HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 874.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, 17th instant, at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, when Dr. A. H. Tester, L.D.S., late of Brighton, and Mr. W. S. Le Grand, of Lambethurst, were duly initiated. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. Regan Martin W.M., and there was a full attendance. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet at the Wellington Hotel, Mount Ephraim, Bro. John Braby's catering being of the choicest description. The Worshipful Master presided, and in addition to the other brethren and the gentlemen newly initiated, Bro. John Wood, of the St. Cecilia Lodge, Brighton, was amongst the visitors. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in good style, and some capital songs were rendered by Bros. N. Strange, Tester, Le Grand, and others. Bro. Charles Braid proved an effective accompanist, and also took part in the vocal music.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THERE was a large gathering of this Lodge on Monday, the 15th inst., to welcome the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie). After the raising of a candidate the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. R. Bassnett Preston S.W. Bro. A. Pemberton P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Dawson P.M. was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. A. E. Ferne then moved that £20 be contributed from the charity funds of the Lodge towards the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The motion was duly seconded and carried. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master thanked the Lodge for the exertions which had been made towards the support of the local Masonic Institution. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton P.G.M. (Cheshire), who is an honorary member of the Egerton Lodge, Bros. George Mellor D.P.G.M., Horatio Lloyd D.P.G.M. (Cheshire), and James Heelis P.S.G.W. At the dinner subsequently the W.M. (Bro. J. Cookson) presided, and he was supported by the following visitors:—The P.G.M. (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie), Bros. James MacLaren, John Chadwick, S. W. Wilkison, W. Goldthorpe, C. D. Cheestham, James Needham, Thomas Woodcock, Thomas Moore, Ben Brierley, W. O. Pettitt, and others. The usual Loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given. Musical assistance was very well rendered by many brethren, including Bros. Pettitt, Maclean, and Bickerton; and admirable recitations were given by Bros. Ben Brierley, McKim, and H. Smith. The total amount subscribed or voted to the Masonic charity on this occasion exceeded the sum of £60.

SYKES LODGE, No. 1040.

THERE was a very large attendance of the Craft on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great Driffield, when the annual installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. F. Creaser P.G.S.B. Lonsborough Lodge. The following Officers were invested:—Bro. Walter Highmoor W.M., Henry Watson I.P.M., W. Overend S.W., Thomas Bell J.W., J. Bordass P.M. Treasurer,

H. O. Pieroy P.M. Lecture Master, Rev. G. T. C. Purchas Chaplain, Joseph Kirby Secretary, John Tate S.D., T. W. Mann J.D., W. R. Watson I.G., G. H. Potts D.C., James Elgey P.M. Almoner, R. H. Hamilton Organist, R. Smith Steward, J. Holtby, J. H. B. Gouldsborough, and M. Gage Assistant Stewards, R. Featherston Tyler. The visiting brethren were:—Bros. M. C. Peck G.S.B., T. Marshall P.P.D.C. (Constitutional), W. D. Keyworth P.P.G. Supt. Works (Humber), W. Woodall W.M. (Wilberforce), J. McFoden W.M. (Royal), W. Richardson W.M. (Constitutional), James Buckle P.M. (Camolodum), T. M. Foley S.W., G. Shaw J.W. (Constitutional), G. W. Greenwood J.W. (Wilberforce), W. Thirsk M.M. (Minerva), T. Whitfield P.M. (De La Pole), D. Lamb P.M. (Kingston), Beavers P.M., Corris P.M. (Humber), J. Chapel P.M. (De La Pole). After the installation the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Holtby's, the Buck Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The capacious room at the rear of the hotel presented an exceedingly pretty appearance, whilst the menu was of the most elaborate description. A lengthy list of toasts were duly honoured, and the Craft spent a very pleasant evening.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT a regular Lodge meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on the 10th instant, Bros. C. Slaughter W.M., H. Creed I.P.M., W. Hickie S.W., J. Greenaway J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, E. W. Ridley Secretary, W. A. Hukins S.D., J. Sparrow J.D., W. Ravenscroft P.M. D.C., H. G. Sherwin Organist, F. Brown I.G., T. P. Stewart and R. E. Hodder Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s E. Margrett, T. J. Pulley; Bros. W. B. Biddles, S. Biggs, E. Salmon, T. C. Margrett, W. E. Parkes, E. P. Silver, D. N. Heron, J. D. Brown jun., W. H. Kidgell, W. Treverton, B. W. Bennett; Visitors—W. G. Nottage W.M. 771, C. B. Tabbs W.M. 2043, D. Amos 1248, W. Bonny 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. J. Shilton was elected a joining member. Bro. E. Farrar, a candidate for initiation, was approved. Bro. Chittle was initiated, and Bro. N. Garrett was passed. Lodge was resumed, and the charge given by Bro. Creed. Certificates were signed in favour of applications by the widow of the late Bro. Biggs to the Board of Benevolence and Benevolent Institution. Bro. E. Margrett proposed a resolution, of which he had given notice; this was seconded by Bro. Ravenscroft P.M. and D.C., and carried. After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

TREGENNA LODGE, No. 1272.

THE annual meeting was held on the 15th inst., when Bro. R. S. Read S.W. was installed the Master for the ensuing year by Bro. C. F. Rowe W.M., assisted by Installed Masters Bros. James Wearne, J. B. Jones, J. T. Short, W. K. Baker, G. T. A. Staff, M. Daniel, Robert Williams, George Williams, James Martins, J. J. Ross W.M. 121, and F. W. Thomas W.M. 450. The following brethren were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. F. Rowe I.P.M., T. Thomas S.W., R. Carbis J.W., the Rev. J. B. Jones P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. T. Short P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Treasurer, James Wearne P.M. G.D.C. Secretary, E. Keskeys S.D., Edward Boase J.D., T. A. Taylor I.G., W. R. Leah Organist, W. H. Trevorror and G. G. Weller Stewards, J. P. Trevorror Tyler. Bros. J. Williams Senior Warden and W. Rowe J.W. 450, and J. R. Rowe 121 were also present. The banquet was held at Bro. Keskey's, Queen's Hotel, whose catering gave entire satisfaction. The usual toasts were drunk and a very comfortable evening spent.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

A MEETING of this Lodge took place at the New Town Buildings, on Saturday, the 13th inst., and as the occasion was one of special interest, owing to the fact that the Lodge occupied its new home for the first time, a large number of brethren were present. Bro. E. C. Porter W.M. occupied the chair, and the business of the day consisted in initiating Mr. Thomas Scott Henson, after which the election of Master took place. The choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. George Coop P.M., who suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Bro. E. J. Acworth P.M. 133, P.M. 1612, P.M. 2077, and S.D. 2265, was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer. There being no other business to transact, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lower hall. Here a capital banquet was supplied, in excellent style, by Bro. E. T. Brown, of the Broadway. The W.M. presided in his usual genial manner, and a most harmonious evening was spent. Bros. Beasley, Parsons, Field, Gay, and Burn contributed songs during the evening; they were ably accompanied by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Delevanté.

ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 2025.

THE installation meeting was held on the 23rd inst., in the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, the W.M., Bro. C. C. Withell, presiding. Bro. W. J. Ford was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Blatchford, Lang, and Strathon were raised to the third degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. Francis Crouch, was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bros. J. Gifford, F. Hooper, and the retiring W.M. The work in the Lodge and the ceremony of installation was rendered more impressive by the admirable way in which the beautiful music was given by Bros. Pike, Elford and Miller. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. C. G. Withell I.P.M., W. J. Pengelly S.W., H. Reynolds J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, F. Hooper Treasurer, J. Gifford Secretary, C. F. Matthison S.D., H. Coleman J.D., T. J. Cole I.G., R. Brickwood D.C., J. H. Carty A.D.C., J. E. Weale Organist, P. Elford A.O., F. Full, J. H. Bannerman, James Harvey, and A. Aslatt Assistant Stewards. Bro.

J. Griffin was unanimously re-elected the representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward. It was stated that Bro. Griffin had been most successful as Charity Steward, 80 per cent. of the members of the Lodge being subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. The installation banquet was held in the room adjoining the Lodge, which was nicely decorated for the occasion by Bro. W. J. Pengelly, who is to be congratulated on the same. Over the W.M.'s chair were two bannerets, "Success to St. George, No. 2025," and "Health to the W.M. of St. George's," while at the other end was a banner, "Health to the Queen and Craft." Special prominence was given to the display of eight splendid shields, bearing Masonic emblems, which were presented to the Lodge by Bros. Bone and Bannerman, the decorative work being artistically done by the former. The banners referred to were specially made by Bro. W. H. Lang, and given by him and Bros. Blackford and Strathon. Over sixty brethren sat down to a splendid repast, which was admirably served up by Bro. W. H. Bosworthick. The W.M., Bro. Crouch presided, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. W. J. Pengelly and H. Reynolds, being in the vice-chairs. The usual loyal toasts were drunk and duly responded to. The S.W., in proposing the health of the W.M., said that Bro. Crouch, by his courtesy and affability, had won the respect, esteem and affection, not only of every member of the Lodge, but of the brethren generally. There was no more zealous Mason, especially in the higher degrees, in the two counties than Bro. Crouch, whose energy, ability, and love for Masonry had brought him into prominence, whilst his knowledge of the ritual and the working of the various Lodges was unequalled. The toast was received most enthusiastically. Bro. Crouch, in acknowledging the compliment, referred to the early absence of Bro. G. R. Barrett, whose health would not permit him to stay out late. Bro. F. Hooper gave the health of the I.P.M., and referred to the able manner in which Bro. Withell had carried out the work during the past twelve months. Bro. Withell proposed the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Hooper made an excellent Treasurer, while the success of the Lodge was due in a great measure to Bro. J. Gifford. The Lodge was reported by the Treasurer to be in a very flourishing condition, and the Secretary referred to the gifts of the brethren to the Lodge. Bro. Treeby gave the Visitors, and Bro. E. Spence Rate, in response, congratulated the W.M. on having attained the position. It was a pleasure to see a Lodge conducted on temperance principles so successfully, as shown by their large gifts to the Charities. They had spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening, which showed very distinctly that it was not necessary for brethren to have stimulants on the table at a banquet. Bro. Frank R. Thomas W.M. 189 (the Mother Lodge of St. George) also replied. During the evening a capital musical programme was given by a small orchestra, under Bro. Sergeant P. Elford, who gave two cornet solos in his excellent style. Bro. Herbert sang in good form, and Bros. Kennedy and Keys contributed to the success of the evening.

THE HAVEN LODGE, No. 2022.

UNDER the presidency of Bro. Richard Dawes W.M., this Lodge held a most successful meeting on Tuesday, the 16th instant. It was one of the ordinary meetings, but special interest attached to it, inasmuch as the handsome and appropriate furniture which the Lodge has just acquired was used for the first time. By the kind permission of the Old Union Lodge, the Haven Lodge has hitherto used its furniture, but the Old Union, having recently made other arrangements for holding its meetings, the furniture was required, and the Haven determined to become possessors of their own furniture. The first use of the new furniture was made the occasion of a special function, the consequence being that at the appointed hour a large assemblage of the members of the Lodge and their friends mustered to do honour to the occasion. Previous to opening the Lodge, a brief though very impressive dedication ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Vicar of St. Peter's, Eltham, P.G.C., consisting of a prayer, an address, and a benediction, preceded by an appropriate Masonic hymn, the musical arrangements being under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Cunningham. The subject of the address was strictly Masonic, and delivered most impressively and eloquently by the Rev. Brother. The ceremony for the evening was the initiation of Mr. E. W. Nelson, the work being performed in a manner which spoke very highly for the efficiency of the Lodge. The banquet (served in the best style by Bro. Stevens) was presided over by the W.M., who, after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, alluded, in proposing the health of the Grand Officers, to the obligation the Lodge was under (through the kind intercession of Bro. Dumas) to the brethren of the Old Union Lodge for having allowed the use of the furniture and appliances for so long a period, and also to their indebtedness to the Rev. Brother for having so eloquently, and with so much taste and feeling, performed the dedication ceremony, and concluded by coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Simpson and Dumas, both Past Grand Officers. Amongst the Visitors present we noticed Bros. Drew-Bear, Ferrier, A. C. Tanqueray, Kirkman, Finlay, Ruston, Scarfe, Acworth, Linley, Cusden, Harold Savery, and many others. During the evening, the toasts were interspersed with songs and musical recitations of exceptional quality, and the meeting will long be remembered as a red-letter evening in the Lodge, and as one of its most successful gatherings.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13.—On Thursday, 18th inst., at the Earl of Chatham, Woolwich. Present:—Bros. Davies P.M. Preceptor, Keeble W.M., Cox S.W., Dennison J.W., Ferguson S.D., Massey J.D., Stead I.G., Charlie Woods and Akers P.M. The Lodge was opened in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees respectively. The ceremony of raising was splendidly rehearsed, Bro. Woods candidate. Bro. Akers ably gave the traditional history. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in May. The Lodge was closed in the three degrees.

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, 27th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 2. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
 R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 29th APRIL.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 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)
 1125—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.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
 1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse

TUESDAY, 30th APRIL.

15—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 148—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Rod Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 830—Daibousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 2116—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Huddley
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st MAY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roan Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 362—Whitington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 992—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.

1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edvard, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, U. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigau
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 258—Ampfibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockliffe
 R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 333—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
 R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd MAY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 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)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 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)
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1592—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Thoburn 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—Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thorton Heath
 1791—Grosvenor, Wharfedale Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1956—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
 1996—Priory, Berrywood Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 171—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
 R.A. 754—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton Hotel, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-st., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grey-street, Newcastle.
 31—United Industrial, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 39—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 59—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinton, Lancashire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 296—Napoli, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Hove
 309—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn

- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
 1282—Anchorlme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
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 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
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 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)
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