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TRADING ON FREEMASONRY.

IT is not often we have so clear a case of attempting to trade on the reputation and ceremonies of Freemasonry as one which has come under our notice, as having recently occurred within a few hours journey of the great metropolis.

It appears an application was made on behalf of the proprietor of a local inn "for an extension of time till 6 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, on the occasion of a Masonic funeral, a part of which, it was stated, is attendance at church by the Freemasons. The Bench refused the application on the ground that *bonâ fide* visitors could get refreshment by the law, but granting the application would open the house to the village generally." We are very pleased the application was refused, and sorry the occurrence of a "Masonic funeral" should ever have been made the pretext for such an application as that referred to in the above extract from a contemporary.

It is some gratification to think that in this case no member of the Masonic Order appears to be primarily interested in the proposed "trading," but the facts as they are recounted above are of such a nature as to make us ask whether the work of Freemasonry is not sometimes made too much display of, and whether it is wise to continue to allow even the small amount of ceremonial it is now possible to perform in public to be so worked. It may be urged that the Masonic funeral referred to was likely to cause a large gathering of the members of the Order, but are we to understand that even under such conditions it should be necessary to open the village inn, on a Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of giving them refreshment? This is certainly carrying the principle of "refreshment after labour" to an excess, and we should like to know, for the sake of the reputation of the local Craftsmen, if they were party to the application, or approved of its being made? We can now understand the disfavour shown by Grand Lodge against members of the Order attending funerals of deceased Craftsmen in Masonic clothing. We do not know if in the case referred to regalia was to be worn; we should almost think not, the funeral being on a Sunday, but if it was it would be well for the local authorities to bear in mind this application for an extended license, before again granting the necessary permit.

We have not thought it worth while to give full particulars as to the locality where the funeral took place, but we assure our readers our information is obtained from a reliable source, and although the matter may not be said to concern any member of the Craft personally, it yet shows the feeling entertained towards us by outsiders, and as such it opens up a wide field for reflection.

The Masonic Order is well known for its charity and its fraternal assistance, but it also has the reputation of being a first class patron of the enjoyments

of this life. If we should ever be forced to recognise that its work required the granting of such requests as the one referred to, we should consider it more than a misfortune—the good name of Freemasonry would be forfeited, and it would no longer be an honour to be ranked as one of its members. It is, then, matter for congratulation that the application was refused, but similar results may not always attend similar requests, and on that account the members of the Order will do well to guard, as far as possible, against their being made. If a Lodge should happen to hear of such a proposal being entertained, the members would do no more than their duty in strenuously opposing it, and thus prove to the world that all attempts at trading on Freemasonry are abhorred by the Order itself, even if they are occasionally recognised or practised by individual members.

FREEMASONRY AT PRESENT.

"Of every tongue on earth's extended bound,
In every land our brotherhood is found;
Rising to labour with the awakening East,
Sinking to slumber with the darkening West;
Leading our sons as we ourselves were led;
Laying in honoured graves our quiet dead."

NEVER before in the history of the ages has Freemasonry occupied so important a position as at the present time. Never was its influence so marked, its membership so extensive, its teaching so revered. It is to-day the greatest of all earth-born societies, the handmaiden of religion and civilisation, the promoter of virtue and benevolence, the adherent to the grandest principles ever evolved from the active brain of man. Its standard is to be seen in every land and beneath every sun. It is the pioneer in all good works, and before the steady march of its pure, unadulterated principles, ignorance and bigotry flee away, and peace and prosperity make "the desert blossom as the rose."

No one can mark the progress of Freemasonry without being impressed with its influence upon society. It is now respected by church and state. In its quiet, unobtrusive work, it propagates tenets that permeate every walk of life. Freemasonry is not confined to the four walls of the Lodge-room, neither to the actions of the members of the Fraternity alone.

Whether we admit it or not, we are influenced by the things that surround us, and do many things because our neighbour sets the example. Circumstances make men more than men make circumstances. We cannot separate ourselves and be singular in all our doings. Without our knowledge or effort we will be drawn into some current that sweeps with irresistible force through society. The hermit, seeking seclusion and solitude in the lonesomeness of the desert, will there find incentive to devotion in the pure air of heaven and the singing birds of the wild wood. Thus does the physical world as well as the world of our fellows about us inspire us, and more or less mould our actions.

The tenets of Freemasonry are to be found in every good word and work, giving form and beauty to the highest order of morality. The golden rule of the Great Teacher

is a fundamental principle of the Craft, and when practiced either by those known to be Masons or by the great world without, is no less a Masonic virtue. And he who follows this principle fully, "doing unto others as he would that they should do unto him," cannot materially err in his duty to mankind. There are more Masons outside the great brotherhood than within it. Religion and Masonry go hand in hand in demanding a reverence for the God of the Bible, and for the Bible of God. They alike teach a dependence upon the Creator, from whose bountiful hand every blessing comes; they inculcate a pure morality, a firm adherence to right, a fulfilment of every vow. Pure morals and pure Freemasonry are synonymous terms, and the man who embodies them in his daily life is already prepared in heart to receive those minor lessons that bind the Craft into one common band of brothers. Thus Freemasonry influences society, and unperceived sows the seed that brings forth fruit in wholesome laws and righteous enactments. It upholds the right, relieves the distressed, defends the weak and raises the fallen. So, silently but surely and continually, it builds into the great fabric of human society.

As a circle around the globe the indissoluble chain of fraternal affection extends, and wherever the heart has been properly prepared, and the ear received the mystic word, there is found a chord that responds in harmony to every call a brother makes. Love forges the links that bind heart to heart, and duty clasps them in one unending chain. At no period of the world's history, perhaps, was there as wide-spread a knowledge of the esoteric principles of Freemasonry as at present. Its influence is, therefore, greater than ever before, and the good that must follow the practice of its teachings must of necessity become more and more manifest. Never was there more purity in Freemasonry and never—paradoxical as it may seem—was there more impurity. When the Sons of God assembled—Satan came also. In the purity of the Garden of Eden, fresh from the Creator's hand, evil enshrined itself, and the slime of the serpent is trailed upon the earth from that day to this. No virtue is secure from the attacks of vice. Virtue may successfully resist, but the purer the life the more beautiful the character, the fiercer and more determined will be the onslaught of impurity. Among the twelve chosen followers of the Great Teacher was found one who "basely violated his vow and betrayed his trust." In the purest society in the world will be found the unworthy. Within the sacred desk are those who "wear the livery of heaven to serve the devil in." Therefore it should not surprise us to find bad and evil disposed men among the "Sons of Light." Virtue is timid and shrinks from public gaze. Merit is patient and often suffers in silent neglect. The true Mason is found in the quieter walks of life. His life is as the peaceful river that flows on and on, blessing every shore that it touches. If the true Mason is elevated to a high station he bears his honours modestly, and is respected for the practice of those lessons he learned in the Lodge room. It sometimes happens that the unworthy are elevated to high and honoured stations, and, being seen from afar, are injurious to the Craft and to the world. They do not possess the spirit of true Masonry. Beneath the lambskin is concealed the tiger's claws, and in the white gloved hand the scimitar of bitter hatred, and within the unfaithful breast that unbelief that makes men but whited sepulchres. Freemasonry in its teaching is as pure to-day as it ever was. Its lessons are God-breathed and should be found only in the pure in heart. Freemasonry itself is not injured by contamination with evil, no more than the pearl can be marred by the filth of the gutter. It will shine amidst it all.

Freemasonry at present is stronger for good than it ever was. Its quiet, unobtrusive work is being manifested on every hand. Not an Asylum rears its turrets to heaven but is an exemplification of its teachings. Not a refuge for the fallen, the sick and abandoned, but is built upon the principle of brotherly love. Not a haven of rest for the aged and feeble but proclaims the influence of Masonic doctrine. As towers and monuments that will last through the ages, rise the institutions of Masonry itself. There are homes for the homeless, and asylums for the afflicted. There are kind hands and loving hearts ready to minister to the little ones bereft of tender friendships. These are but the tangible forms of the foundation principles of Freemasonry. This is Freemasonry at the present time and as the world looks upon these manifestations of the

tenets of our profession, they are impressed with its grandeur and purity, and whether they will or not, they are influenced by their presence. The towering walls casting a shadow upon the passer by, lead him to thank the hands that reared them.

Let us, then, be proud of the position of Freemasonry at the present time, and so live that we may reflect the beauty of its purity, and become fitted for that Grand Lodge above where the Great Architect of the Universe presides.

—Voice of Masonry.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held in the Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution. Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer, having been voted to the chair, the usual preliminaries were observed, after which the following Report of the Provisional Management Committee was formally submitted:—

The committee has since its appointment on 6th June 1889, held twenty-two meetings, several of these at Wood Green.

In accordance with instructions given to the Committee at the Quarterly Court, held on Friday, 26th July last, an efficient Matron has been appointed.

With regard to the Medical Officer, thirty-seven applications were received and the Committee carefully considered and examined into the qualifications of the several candidates. At a subsequent meeting the number of candidates was reduced to fifteen, then to ten, and afterwards to six, as those from whom a final selection should be made. On the 20th September, the six gentlemen attended the Committee at the Institution, when it was unanimously resolved that Mr. W. E. Porter, M.B., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.S. Lon., should be recommended for the appointment, at a salary of £80 per annum.

The Committee acting upon the authority given to it at the last Quarterly Court to confer with the Secretary, Bro. Binckes "as to the terms of his retirement and to arrange them if possible" has, after deliberation arranged with him that he shall retire from the office of Secretary at the end of the present year 1889 upon a retiring allowance of £350 per annum for life. This arrangement received the almost unanimous approval of the General Committee on 10th August last, and this Committee now asks the General Court to sanction and confirm the same.

A Sub-Committee has been appointed to consider a general revision of the Laws of the Institution. The report will be presented in due course to a Quarterly General Court.

The General Committee having, on the 5th inst., resolved to terminate the engagement of the present Head Master—this Committee has under consideration the course most advisable for the appointment of a successor.

This Committee since its formation has added to its number, now comprising thirty-two members.

A Sanitary-Sub-Committee has been nominated which is zealously pursuing its important investigations.

By order of the Provisional Management Committee,

EDWARD TERRY, Grand Treasurer,

Chairman, pro tem

23rd October 1889.

The report was taken as read, and formally accepted. The election of Medical Officer followed, the choice of the meeting falling on Mr. W. E. Porter, the gentleman recommended by the Provisional Committee.

Bro. Richard Eve's proposition, made on behalf of the Provisional Committee—

"That in accordance with the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee, adopted by the General Committee on Saturday, 10th August 1889, an allowance of £350 per annum, for life, be made to Bro. Frederick Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary after a service of upwards of 28 years."

was then brought forward and elicited considerable discussion. Several amendments were proposed, all of which were fully considered in turn. The result was that the recommendation of the Committee, that Bro. Binckes be awarded a retiring pension of £350 per annum, was carried, the majority in favour being, however, a very small one. The proposal of Bro. Masters, made on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Committee of the Provisional Committee—

"That the Provisional Management Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1000 to provide additional Baths in the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements. Also, that the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £2500 in the erection of a Swimming Bath."

was agreed to, subject to specifications for the proposed swimming bath being submitted to a subsequent Quarterly Court. Bro. W. H. Saunders having withdrawn the proposals standing in his name, the business was brought to a conclusion.

In accordance with our suggestion of last week arrange-

ments were made for the election to be held in the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. John Glass was elected to preside over this portion of the proceedings, which were carried through in due course. The result of the ballot will be found in our advertising columns.

The meeting was one of the most numerously attended known in the history of our Institutions, between 400 and 500 being present. As a consequence the accommodation provided was put to a severe test, and although all was done that could be suggested under the circumstances, it must yet be admitted that the arrangements were far from satisfactory.

THE BLUE LODGE.

"BLUE Masonry" and the "Blue Lodge" are phrases often on the lips of Freemasons. Those that use them understand exactly what they apply to, but perhaps all do not comprehend their real significance. Blue Masonry, any tyro will tell you, is Ancient Craft Masonry, and the Blue Lodge is the only lawful body for conferring the three degrees of Free and Accepted Masonry,—degrees which are at once "ancient," and derived from the "Craft" of operative Masons: hence the designation, "Ancient Craft Masonry." Sometimes we are told that the Blue Lodge is so called from the colour of its decorations; but this is an explanation which does not explain. Why are the decorations blue?

From the most ancient times blue has been regarded as a divine colour, symbolising purity, friendship, truth and immortality. If we turn to Egypt, the most ancient of civilised countries, we find that the blue waters of the sacred Nile gave to that river its name, for *nila* in Sanskrit signifies blue. The Egyptian god, Amun, "the first emanation from the Supreme Being," was painted blue, to represent his peculiarly exalted and heavenly nature; and their goddess, Isis, was represented concealed under a dark blue veil. They also portrayed the risen bodies of the disciples of Osiris as blue.

An analogous symbolism prevailed in India. Among the Hindoos their god, Vishnu, was portrayed of this colour, in allusion to the supposed tint of that primordial fluid on which he, as Narayana, moved in the beginning of time, floating on the chaotic waters. The following is a curious Hindoo legend: A jackal fell into a well of indigo, and perceiving that he was of a dark blue colour, he said, "I am now of a divine colour—the colour of Crishna! What greatness may I not attain unto?" He then summoned other jackals, saying, "See my holy colour! The deity of the wood has anointed me sovereign, and by my command justice shall be administered in the forest." The beasts perceiving his distinguished colour, fell prostrate before him and paid him homage, saying, "As the king commands!"

The American Indians used blue earth for making their pipes of peace, and blue beads were highly prized by them. Among all the Eastern nations blue was a type of friendship and brotherly love. Among the Druids, blue was a symbol of truth, and candidates for initiation into their sacred rites were invested with a garment of three colours, blue, white and green. Among the Jews, the robe of the High Priest's ephod, the ribbon for his breastplate and the plate of his mitre were blue, as was also one of the veils of the Tabernacle. So, the prophet Jeremiah tells us, the Babylonians clothed their deities in blue. The Chinese also regard blue as the symbol of deity, since being composed of black and red it represents the obscure and the brilliant, the male and female, or active and passive principles. Portal says blue was the symbol of perfection, and Weale that blue "in divine language is the symbol of eternal truth, in consecrated language of immortality, and in profane language of fidelity."

The Freemason, with the aid of this illustrative light thrown on his favourite colour—the colour which distinguishes Ancient Craft Masonry, and gives name, in common parlance, to the Lodge and the degrees of Free and Accepted Masonry, can readily understand the full force and significance of its employment, and say in all truthfulness, there is nothing trivial in Freemasonry, but everything has its due Masonic signification. Let him ponder, then, the lessons taught by Blue Masonry, as follows:

Blue symbolises fidelity—that lofty principle which actuates every true Freemason in his conduct towards his fellows and the Craft. It symbolises also friendship and brotherly love, the Mystic Tie which unites Masons wherever dispersed into one family, with God as their father, and all the initiated as their Brethren. It symbolises, further, the immortality of the Soul, and hence faith in the regeneration of the lower nature, the resurrection of the body, and the eternity of the immortal spirit in its reorganised form in the world beyond the grave. It typifies also truth—the truth of God, the truth set forth in the First Great Light in Masonry, the eternal principles of justice, mercy and love, faith, hope and charity. All this is inseparably connected with the Blue Lodge and Blue Masonry; all this is ours to know, to possess and to enjoy.—*Keystone.*

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH WALES.

ON the 23rd inst., a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North Wales was held at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, for the installation of the Most Excellent Companion Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West P.Z. 357 as Grand Superintendent. A large number of Principals and Past Principals of the Province attended, and there was a numerous gathering of Companions. The Installing Officer was Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E., the acting Provincial Scribe E. being Comp. R. J. Davids P.Z. 606. After formal business and prayer by Provincial Grand Joshua, the investment of the Prov. Grand Superintendent designate took place. The Provincial Grand Superintendent afterwards appointed the other Principals and invested the Officers. The banquet took place at the Castle Hotel.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 18th inst., at Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Hilton Preceptor, Wingham Z., Captain Vincent H., C. Fleck J., Stone S.E., Woods S.N., Stone P.S., Millikin, Davis, Captain Stokoe Z. 1329, Addington Z. 1275, and T. Grummant P.Z. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Millikin candidate. Companion Millikin was elected a joining member, and Companion Captain Stokoe was elected Z. for the next meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board presided, and Bros. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective positions. The other brethren present were Bros. Pendlebury, Dodd, and Lee, representing Grand Secretary's department, Mather Mercer, Perryman, Whitmarsh, Grieve, Cundy, Grice, Belton, Garrod, Woodward, Haslip, Bywater, Hillbee, Dally, Taylor, Read, Dr. N. J. Goodchild, Laurinson, Webb, Chapman, Hedger, Slaughter, George Clark jun., Tydeman, Henry Clark, MacIntosh, Wherry, Chamberlin, Smith jun., Massey, King, Wood, Ginger, Piper, Cubitt, Cattermole, J. R. Thompson, Davey, Hakim, Mote, Wilkinson, Stamp, Friend, Butcher, Lazarus, Forge, Scarlett, Weeks, Spurgin, Petch, Hunt, Wing, J. W. Howard Thompson, Chamberlin, Bellerby, Acworth, Lambert, Coop, Kedge, Jones, Porter, Goldschmidt, Blinkhorne, and Sadler. The brethren first confirmed grants recommended to the Grand Master, at the September meeting, to the amount of £60. The new list contained the names of 44 petitioners. One petition was withdrawn, one was dismissed, and one was deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1005. This was made up of one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £60, and three for £50 each; two recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and seven for £30 each; 12 grants of £20 each, six of £15 each, six of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

Bro. Isaac Dunn was installed W.M. of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, on Saturday, the 5th inst., when there was a board of upwards of 30 Installed Masters formed.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SEGONTIUM LODGE, No. 606.

THE anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated in the Lodge-room, within the walls of Carnarvon Castle, on the 9th inst., when Bro. Caradoc Rowlands was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. To mark the loss which the Lodge had recently sustained by the death of Bro. A. Hussey de Burgh P.M., and Bro. Jas. Corvell, the members appeared in Masonic mourning. The Lodge was close tyled at half-past three o'clock, most of the Officers being then in their seats. The ceremony of installing Bro. Caradoc Rowlands was impressively performed by Bros. E. Roberts and Cornelius Davies. Having taken the chair, the newly-installed W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Roberts I.P.M., W. Jones S.W., R. W. Newton J.W., Rev. J. Fairchild, M.A., Chaplain, C. H. Rees Treasurer, D. H. Williams Secretary, Cornelius Davies D.C., J. Williams S.D., W. C. Whiskin J.D., George Challinor I.G., W. G. Owen Organist, W. Hamer S.S., G. E. Humphreys J.S., W. Watkin Tyler. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in presenting Bro. E. Roberts with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during the past year. In returning thanks for the gift, Bro. Roberts said that whatever efficiency he had displayed was altogether due to the example which had always been set by the Past Masters of the Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Hardman, seconded by Bro. Roberts, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Bros. A. Hussey de Burgh and J. Corvell was adopted. Other formal business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed. In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Sportsman Hotel.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE annual meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when Bro. S. Winter-Parker was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The ceremony of installation was very ably and impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. A. J. Ward, and the following brethren were invested by the newly-installed Master as Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. H. Vaux S.W., Rev. G. H. Clements Chaplain, W. Groom Treasurer, M. L. Sanders Secretary, Chapman J.W., C. Whyatt S.D., H. Gurnoy J.D., W. Ellis I.G., C. Salter Organist, H. G. Everard Dir. of Cers., W. Cooper and J. Downie Stewards, R. Barlow Tyler. Bro. Clowes was re-elected as representative of the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee, and on the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. A. J. H. Ward for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the handsome coffee-room of the hotel. The tables were laid with excellent taste, and a first-class dinner was served by the newly-appointed manager, Bro. A. King. The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by Bro. Ward, and on his left by Bro. G. Helsdon. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a splendid P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. A. J. H. Ward I.P.M., for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year. Bro. Ward suitably responded, saying he was pleased to find his humble services had been appreciated by the brethren. The toasts were interspersed with musical selections by Bros. Turner, Combs, Sparling, Bamber, Moor, and Jones, and a recitation by Bro. Rodgers was greatly appreciated.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S LODGE, No. 696.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 9th inst., in the Masonic Hall, at the Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury, when there was a large attendance of members and also of brethren from neighbouring Lodges in the Provinces of Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and Warwickshire. Bro. W. H. Bodin was installed into the chair of King Solomon by the Immediate Past Master (Bro. G. Platt), who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. G. Platt I.P.M., G. Wilson S.W., E. M. Scott J.W., the Rev. G. Tuthill Chaplain, J. H. Walton Treasurer, F. W. Hackwood Secretary, T. Jones Director of Ceremonies, A. Horton S.D., J. Dicken J.D., H. Paletborpe Organist, S. H. Horton I.G., and S. Simpson and A. Frizelle Stewards. Amongst those present were Bros. Heelis, Bayres, S. Lees, S. Wood, E. W. Smith, J. Deering, W. S. Smith, J. Bellingham, C. Paletborpe, J. W. Wilshaw, Lees, Longden, Booker, G. M. Waring, E. Smith, J. Powell, &c. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren were entertained at a banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

ON Monday, the 11th inst., the brethren of the above Lodge held their annual festival and banquet, at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton. The W.M. elect, the S.W. of the previous year, the Rev. F. Russell Harnett, B.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, was installed in the chair of the Lodge, the ceremony being performed by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Stadholve Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain D.P.G.M., in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors. The following were appointed as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. J. Jones I.P.M., W. J. Clewett S.W., B. A. Holton J.W., Rev. W. L. Harnett, M.A., Chaplain, W. H. Robinson P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, A. Culverhouse P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, H. J. Hipsley S.D. and Organist, T. A. Ball J.D., R. King P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works D.C., B. G. Busby Steward, G. D. Graham I.G., J. Bonser Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were: Bros. T. Taylor P.M. 1410 P.P.S.G.W., W. H. Bull P.M. 1639 P.P.J.G.W., L. Cooper P.M. 1410 and 2244 P.P.S.G.W.,

J. McCubbin P.M. 918 P.P.J.G.W., C. Guille P.M. 1410 and 2244, H. Poynter P.M. 948, Rev. C. M. Ottley W.M. 1410, J. Line P.M. 1410 P.P.G. Steward, W. H. Pike W.M. elect 1639, C. Cooke J.D. 502. The members of the Lodge present included: Bros. R. King P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, W. H. Robinson P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Reeve P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Revill P.M. P.P.G.P., Rev. F. W. Harnett P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, H. Culverhouse P.M. P.P.G.P., A. Lindow P.M., J. Jones I.P.M., with Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chaplain of Essex. Owing to the recent death of the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gocob, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, and upon the recommendation of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master a vote of condolence to the members of the bereaved family was passed unanimously. The Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, admirably served by Bro. Hicks. The Worshipful Master presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THIS Lodge met after the recess on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-Street, there being present Bros. J. Hall Brown W.M., Grey S.W., W. Smith J.W., W. Wainwright P.M. (Treasurer), Scott I.G., G. Seddon Organist, Moss D.C., Pearson W.S., Rawles Tyler, James Smith I.P.M., P.M.'s Barnes, Calver, Ayton, West, Hollington, Tucker, and Crane; Bros. Etheridge, Rushforth, Caslake, Johnson, Cates, Steadman, Hodsoll, Dance and Pick. Visitors: Bros. Broad J.D. 2225, Read J.D. 1910, Camp 1695, Cullen 1685. The business of the evening included the raising of Bro. Etheridge to the third degree, and the passing of Bro. Hodsoll to the second degree. The absence of Bro. Bowron, the venerable Secretary to the Lodge, had been the occasion of remark, and in the course of the proceedings information arrived of his death having occurred in the morning. The announcement caused general gloom, and on the motion of Bro. Hollington, seconded by Bro. Ayton, it was resolved that a letter of condolence and sympathy be addressed to the widow and family; and further, that a wreath be sent on the occasion of the funeral, and the date of the same intimated to the members. A petition of a former member of the Lodge, to the Board of Benevolence, was signed, and some applications for assistance considered. Some other applications for relief were brought under consideration, and arrangements made for the temporary performance of the duties of Secretary, the W.M. appointing Bro. Scott as Secretary *pro tem*, after which the Lodge adjourned, and in the course of the subsequent proceedings feeling allusion was made to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Dale, and to the illness of Bro. Edney, for whose restoration to health a unanimous wish was expressed. The proceedings were conducted with the silence customary under such circumstances.

FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE No. 1271.

THE installation festival of the above Lodge was held on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Rooms in Kingston Road, Bradford-on-Avon. The Lodge was opened by the retiring Master, Bro. B. W. Bryant, who, after the usual preliminaries proceeded to instal his successor (Bro. A. F. Brereton S.W.) into the chair, being assisted in a portion of the ceremony by Bro. the Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler. The ceremony was most effectively rendered, and on its completion the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the year, the Lodge being afterwards closed, and the brethren then adjourned to the Town-hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. E. J. Rossiter, to which most of the brethren present at Lodge sat down. Among those present were Bros. Col. Magrath P.M., A. J. Beaven P.M., C. W. Bryant P.M., A. F. Brereton W.M., G. J. Farrington P.M., H. Merrick P.M., W. E. Taylor P.M., J. Sparks P.M., Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler P.M., A. Wallington, H. Found, A. Scammell, W. F. Jaby, J. Stansfield Benn, W. J. Wilkins, J. Taylor, C. S. Adye, and A. H. Cooper, all of 1271. Visitors—Bros. F. Barton P.M. 632, L. Preston P.M. 270, J. P. Martin J.D. 663, J. Pocock W.M. 632, A. H. Lapham P.M. 626, W. H. Burt P.M. 663, Thos. Smith, R. H. Gowing 632, J. Pottinger 130, and H. Howse P.M. 663.

WARREN LODGE, No. 1276.

THE annual installation meeting took place, on the 15th inst., at the Lodge-room, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, when there was a numerous attendance. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. A. Fay W.M., and he was supported by the Officers. The visitors included A. G. Akinson W.M. 1189, P. Duff W.M. 605, E. Shield P.M. 1557, J. Clarke W.M. 1576, E. Roberts Secretary 2132, T. Pierrepont P.M. 1393, J. T. Lee P.M. P.P.Supt. of Works 605, Eaton Batty I.G. 1609, T. K. Stevenson P.M. 537, J. Morris P.M. 1576, J. Evans S.D. 1576, J. Gerrish A.S. 1576, E. B. Ironside Secretary 1264, &c. The accounts of the Lodge for the year showed that the finances were in a very satisfactory condition. Subsequently Bro. R. Parry W.M. elect was presented by Bros. T. B. Hughes and A. Fay for installation, the ceremony of installation being efficiently performed by Bro. H. Matthews. Afterwards the newly-elected W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. A. Fay I.P.M., W. Clowes S.W., W. Ellison J.W., E. G. Mason Treasurer, R. Luke Dir. of Cers., W. Davidson Secretary, S. Jones S.D., F. E. Sharpe J.D., H. W. Barlow I.G., J. A. Mulholland I.G., A. Taylor J.S., G. W. Makin A.S., S. A. Seaton Organist, F. W. Holtaway Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined in the Lodge-room, under the chairmanship of Bro. R. Parry W.M. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. A. Fay for his services to the Lodge. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. An excellent musical programme was rendered by Bros. George Barton, Eaton Batty, E. Edwards, &c. Bro. A. J. Phipps, Mus. Bac., presided at the organ with his usual ability.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

ON the 8th inst. a very interesting ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. Bro. T. H. Wills, the W.M., presided, and a handsome enlarged photograph was presented to the Lodge, bearing an illuminated inscription, as follows:—

"The W. Bro. John Chapman P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of Devon, &c., Originator and Founder of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, A.D. 1872, presented by W. Bro. T. W. Morgan I.P.M., W. Master of the Lodge 1876-7, 1888-9; 8th October 1889."

The presentation was made by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. (England), who, in the course of an eloquent address, traced the Masonic career of Bro. Chapman from his initiation into Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, at St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, in 1870, down to the present time. Shortly after his initiation Bro. Chapman removed to Torquay, where he founded the Jordan Lodge, afterwards leaving for Sheffield, whence he has again come back to Torquay. The Jordan Lodge was founded on the 13th of June 1872, and its Past Masters include Bros. Chapman and Morgan, J. Murray P.P.G.Dir. of Cers., W. Bradnee P.P.G.S.D., J. Dodge P.P.G.T., A. J. Blamey P.P.G.J.D., J. Lane P.P.G. Reg., B. Knight, F. S. Hex, and T. Prast. The warrant was granted to a number of brethren on the principle that no refreshments should be served in connection with the Lodge, except, of course, at the annual banquet. This plan has not been departed from, and the precedent has been established, which has now been observed for some years, for the Master to present a donation of five guineas to one of the Masonic Charities instead of ordering champagne for the installation banquet. The photograph, which was by Mr. C. Collins, was a very good one, and was mounted in an oak and gold frame by Bro. J. D. Beer.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

ON Thursday, the 3rd instant, the members of this Lodge met at Trinity College, Mandeville-place, Manchester-square. Among the brethren present were F. W. Plant Martin W.M., E. Burritt Lane S.W., J. Mills J.W., J. A. Hammond P.M. Secretary, A. G. Howard P.M., J. E. Biddlecombe S.D., J. Sargeant J.D., C. J. Ozanne Dir. of Cers., S. J. J. Wilford, H. H. Robertson, J. J. Hutchinson, and W. C. Hutchinson. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. H. Robertson was raised to the degree of Master Mason. The brethren having then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Burritt Lane was unanimously elected. The office of Treasurer then being put to the vote, the papers were all but unanimously in favour of Bro. J. A. Hammond, who has for many years past held the office of Secretary to the universal satisfaction of the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge. He being then declared elected, the Tyler was re-elected. The P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Plant Martin for his good conduct of the Lodge during his year of office. Other business then being disposed of, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The loyal toasts having been drunk with the usual enthusiasm observed among Masons, the Trinity brethren beguiled an hour or two with short speeches, interspersed with longer spells of harmony.

PENGE LODGE, No. 1815.

ON Friday, the 4th instant, the installation of Brother William Thomas Hecken, as Worshipful Master, took place at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley Road. After the installation and the business of the Lodge had been transacted, upwards of 50 brethren of the Craft, including visitors, sat down to a banquet, served up in a first class manner by host Brother Brown. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The programme also included songs and recitations, which greatly enhanced the success of the gathering. The following Officers were present:—Brothers W. T. Hocken W.M., R. A. Tidmas I.P.M., T. J. Cuthbert S.W., F. Betts J.W., J. Dibble Treasurer, T. West P.M. Secretary, W. T. Sergeant S.D., H. Leney J.D., W. Baker I.G., H. O. Budd and J. O. Curtis Stewards, G. W. Rowe Tyler.

BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, the 10th inst., at the Buckingham Arms Hotel, Shoreham. The Worshipful Master (Bro. R. B. Higham) presided. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Gill. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. B. Higham, the charges being delivered by Bro. T. Hardy. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—Bros. R. B. Higham I.P.M., H. Packham S.W., E. New J.W., T. Packham P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Carpenter Secretary, J. Flinn S.D., H. E. M. Fiennell J.D., J. Hughes D.C., H. Dyer Organist, T. Shriveil I.G., J. W. Fenfold, E. Lodder Stewards, and W. Stanton Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held, and a toast list carried out. The W.M., in proposing the Past Masters of the Lodge, said that of their ten Past Masters seven had secured Provincial honours. There were few Lodges in which the work had been better done. Of their I.P.M. he said he could not speak too highly. Under his rule, during the past year, the Lodge had increased by seven members, and his own family had also increased. They had no silver cradle to present to Bro. Higham, but the brethren, desirous of showing him some mark of their favour, had subscribed a purse of gold, which he had great pleasure in handing him, together with an illuminated address. The address was as follows:—

"Burrell Lodge, No. 1829. Presented to Bro. R. B. Higham, of Shoreham, together with a purse of money, by the members of the above Lodge, as a token of fraternal regard, and record of his services to Freemasonry, as one of the Founders of the Lodge, his subsequent efforts for its success, and the admirable manner in which he discharged his duties as W.M. during the year 1888-9."

The gifts were, Bro. Gill said, "ornamental and useful," and he

hoped Bro. Higham would live long to enjoy both. Bro. Higham, in responding, said the presentation was unexpected, and that he had no idea that his humble services would be so appreciated. He felt that he could not thank them sufficiently for their generosity. From the Brethren of the Lodge, and from Masons in the Province generally, he had experienced so much kindness, that though he felt grateful he could not trust himself to speak as he would wish.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 2132.

ON the 10th inst., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Bro. E. King-Ellison was duly installed as Worshipful Master. The members of the Lodge present were Bros. Charles Leighton W.M., E. King-Ellison S.W., Dr. W. A. Napier J.W., W. F. Robinson Secretary, Edwin Roberts J.D., Samuel King Steward, C. S. Dean P.M., Henry B. Brown P.M., and T. Dilcock P.M., and among the Visitors were Bros. R. Norris Jones W.M. 1350, Alfred Fay W.M. 1276, F. N. Stevenson P.M. 537, J. Roberts S.D. 1713, and T. Williams J.D. 1356. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bros. C. G. Parker and H. B. Brown. After his installation Bro. E. King-Ellison proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Charles Leighton I.P.M., Dr. Napier S.W., W. F. Robinson J.W., H. B. Browne Treasurer, Edwin Roberts Secretary, John Simpson S.D., S. King J.D., Charles Jones I.G., John H. Crellan Steward, and C. S. Dean D.C.

RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

THE installation meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held, on the 9th inst., at the Peckham Public Hall. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The business of the meeting comprised a raising and passing, and the installation of Bro. Fredk. Dunn as W.M. for the year ensuing, and the presentation to Bro. Dewsnap of a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair of K.S. as the first Master of the Lodge. The installation of the W.M. was ably performed by Bro. Dewsnap, which ended, Bro. Dunn as the newly installed W.M. appointed his Officers for the year. At the banquet, after labour, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The various speeches were agreeably interspersed by vocal selections, given in pleasing style by Bros. Cock, Voisey, Warne, Piggott, and Nightingale; recitations by Bro. Jaggs being much appreciated. Bro. S. R. Phillips ably carried out a flute solo selection from the Bohemian Girl. The duties of accompanist were carried out by Bro. Pettit, the organist of the Lodge, in his usual able style.

WHITE HORSE LODGE, No. 2227.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., this Lodge had a meeting at their Masonic Hall, Westbury, Wilts, to take part in the installation of the W.M. elect for the year, Bro. H. Reeves, who was duly inducted into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Wilts. After the ceremony the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. N. P. Phipps I.P.M., J. J. Trask S.W., H. W. Pinniger J.W., R. M. Kirwan Chaplain, Thomas Reeves Treasurer, S. Anderson Secretary, G. H. Knight S.D., A. P. Hall J.D., W. H. Read Organist, A. W. Tuffin I.G., H. Mead and H. Green Stewards. The brethren afterwards dined at the Lopes Arms Hotel, Miss Mainwood catering.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—On Monday, 14th inst., at the Camden Hotel, Clapham. Present—Bros. Westley Preceptor, Livett W.M., and about twenty brethren. The ceremonies of passing and initiation were ably rehearsed by the W.M., who was very heartily congratulated on filling the chair of W.M. so ably, for the first time. Bro. Beaven was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter was read from Bro. Esling, thanking the members for their letter of sympathy with him, on account of his bereavement, by accident, of his son.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—On Wednesday, the 16th instant, the brethren of this Lodge were favoured with an exhibition of Masonic lore, such as seldom falls to the lot of those seeking instruction. Amongst the brethren present were:—Bros. F. Robinson P.M. in the chair of K.S., F. Oxley S.W., S. W. Bull J.W., F. Lancett S.D., G. Seage J.D., C. Bredeu, J. J. Berry, Cotter, Money, and many others. Lodge being duly opened in the three degrees, Bro. Preceptor Pugh delivered the lecture on the third tracing board in a manner at once clear, impressive, and difficult to emulate. Then followed an exposition of what is termed the Masonic Alphabet. Even among many brethren old in Masonry, this system of symbols is but imperfectly understood, but, explained by such a Master of the Craft, that which was before obscure, became distinct; that which appeared difficult, when revealed, was simplicity itself. The diagram illustrating it could have been mastered by a clever schoolboy. On Wednesday, the 20th instant, Bro. Oxley W.M. 1306 will rehearse the installation ceremony. It is to be hoped brethren will give a full muster.

Devon Lodge of Instruction, No. 923.—At the opening meeting of the year, at this Lodge, which is held at Bro. Masto's, the White Horse, White Horse-lane, Mile End, Bro. Basil Stewart with that effective elocution for which he is justly noted, performed the ceremony of installation, the Lodge being constituted as follows:—Bros. J. Oxley W.M., C. N. Fox S.W., Corper J.W., Felton S.D., Bibro J.D., Harris I.G., B. Da Costa Preceptor, W. Masto Secretary; there were also present Bros. Dupree, N. Isaacs, J. Friedlander, J. Taylor, B. Cudick, B. F. P. Franks, and others. After the installation, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and this was followed by two sections of the first lecture, worked by Bro. N. Isaacs, forming a good evening's instruction; the W.M. carrying the proceedings through with promptitude and smartness.

Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—On Thursday, 17th October, at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Bro. Fruen W.M., Morgan (Secretary) S.W., Baldwin P.M. J.W., Brown S.D., Walker J.D., Linley I.G., Spiegel P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Vickers P.M., Nicholson P.M., Petil P.M., Wehnert, Davies, Oldenow, Lamm, Siebert, Behrens, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Morgan S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Spiegel P.M., to be recorded on the minutes, for the able and efficient manner the W.M. had discharged the duties, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction; this was seconded by Bro. Baldwin P.M., and carried. The W.M. returned thanks, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge adjourned till Thursday, at 7 o'clock.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—The first meeting of the session was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C. Present:—Bros. H. M. Hobbs Preceptor, Gaze W.M., A. Toulmein S.W., Southwell J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Dent S.D., Balcombe J.D., Simmons I.G. Bros. Burne, Webb, S. L. Smith, Dr. Causton, Marshall, Voisey, Godfrey, Gordon Smith, and Buckley. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the tracing board will be given. The following brethren were elected as the permanent Officers for the ensuing year:—J. Langton Treasurer, Burne, Hobbs, and Marshall Preceptors, J. D. Langton and C. W. Mapleton Secretaries, Dr. Causton, Fraser, and C. W. C. Webb Committee, S. L. Smith and Tolmein Auditors.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside. Present:—Bros. A. Ashby W.M., C. H. Cox S.W., C. J. Davison J.W., W. Belchamber Preceptor, G. Scott Miller Secretary, A. H. Jakins S.D., S. Klingenstein J.D., Max Mendelssohn I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. C. Taylor, W. Martin, H. Cattermole, W. B. Marcus, A. Williams; also Bros. W. Wright, L. Weil, J. Bladon, H. Saqui, J. W. Ray, E. A. Smith, Morris Hart, A. J. Holland. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ray acting as candidate. Bro. Belchamber, with the assistance of Bro. Martin, worked the second and third sections of the lecture. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degree and closed in the first. Bros. C. Taylor 1624, J. W. Ray 1624, H. Saqui 2264, A. J. Holland 619, and E. A. Smith 2308 were elected members. Bro. Cox was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

The following address was delivered by Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield:—

BRETHREN,—In accordance with the Bye-Laws of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge, the W. Past Masters and Acting Wardens are convoked to attend to the duties of our Masonic Autumnal Session, and at which all Master Masons of the seventy four Lodges are invited to be present. Before this Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, at Leeds, on the 10th April, the invitation of the Lodge Albert Edward, No. 1783, was accepted by the Provincial Grand Lodge, to assemble under its banner during this month. This Lodge was consecrated on the 12th December 1873, and it is the first time this Provincial Grand Lodge has been brought under its banner. Our acknowledgments are due to the W.M. and members for the arrangements they have made for our convenience and comfort. The Provincial Grand Officers not only greet the four prosperous Lodges in Huddersfield, Nos. 275, 290, 521, and 1783, but also Motham Lodge, No. 119, Lindley Lodge, No. 1514, Kirkburton Lodge, No. 2035, and Milnes Bridge Lodge, No. 2261, numbering some 400 Masons, who have well responded to the Roll Call this day. We offer to one and all of them our earnest and fraternal wishes for their prosperity and perpetuity. On the 20th June, at Worksop, this Provincial Grand Lodge had the honour of installing the Rev. Fredk. Bessell, of Balderton, as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire. A little later on—24th July—it had the pleasure, at Hull, of witnessing the presentation of an address of congratulation to the new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Zetland, in his Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. At the Fidelity Lodge, Leeds, on the 1st August, the Craft presented a stirring address to Bro. Hamilton Murrell, Captain of the ss. "Missouri," in recognition of his bravery, on the 6th April last, in rescuing the passengers and crew of the ship "Danmark" in mid-ocean. On the 23rd September, this Provincial Grand Lodge consecrated a new Lodge at Bradford, the Acacia, No. 2321 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England; and on the 3rd October many West Yorkshire members supported the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, whilst he dedicated the new Masonic Hall of S. Cuthbert, at Howden. Our Librarian will also announce some valuable presents and the more comfortable accommodation provided at Wakefield for our Masonic books and curiosities. He and I are now in cooperation with the Lodge of Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. We have the Library Catalogue of that Lodge, and are in possession of their literary essays and proceedings. It is my fervent desire to acquire, at Wakefield, a collection of Masonic works, books, and writings, as shall supply a much needed literary guide for the information of Lodges and Provincial Grand Officers. I mention these matters to show the activity and

influence of Freemasonry in the County of York. But, Brethren, the objects for which we are most particularly gathered together within these walls is to consider the report of our Charity Committee, and the two most important resolutions on our agenda paper. I desire most emphatically to impress upon your attention the recommendations involved in these resolutions. They relate to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green; and they have been framed, so as to bring for the first time before the Provincial Grand Lodge the Report of the London Committee of Investigation, which I now lay on the eastern pedestal of this Provincial Grand Lodge. This Committee of seven gentlemen, with Bro. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, as Chairman, was appointed under resolution of the Quarterly Court of 27th July 1888. This Committee presented their report to the Quarterly Court, held in London, on the 26th April 1889. Before this Report, showing the gravity of affairs at Wood Green, was distributed to the Craft generally, this Province did, at its first half-yearly Charity Committee meeting, held at Dewsbury, on 6th April 1889, and acting on the suggestion of Bro. Malcolm, the learned Coroner for Leeds, who generously placed his time and services at the disposal of West Yorkshire and the London Committee of Investigation, nominate nine brethren, being Life Governors of the Boys' School, as a precautionary measure, in order that these West Yorkshire representative brethren should be in an authorised position to receive such London Report when issued, and, if requisite, to consider its provisions and to propose to this Provincial Grand Lodge what steps it should take to enforce any recommendations that such London Report might advocate. This was necessary on the part of West Yorkshire, because Provincial Grand Lodge might not meet until the month of October, except on an emergency, until some six months after such Report might be issued to the Craft. This special West Yorkshire Committee was confirmed by Provincial Grand Lodge on 10th April, at Leeds. The members are Bros. W. H. Smithson of No. 1007, J. B. Fox of No. 203, W. Harrop of 290, C. L. Mason of No. 204, R. S. Critchley of No. 208, J. D. Kay No. 289, A. W. Stansfield No. 1019, W. C. Lupton of 974, and John Francis Moss of No. 296. Most able brethren, who have met several times, and will, through their spokesman, shortly move the most important of the resolutions on the Agenda Paper, and make a statement to this Prov. Grand Lodge. This West Yorkshire Sub-Committee, on the 30th May 1889, met the representatives of the Provinces of West and East Lancashire and Cheshire, at Manchester, and framed a resolution for the London Quarterly Court of the 6th June, and which was sent to every Subscriber to the Boys' School, in their respective Provinces, recommendatory of the Report of the Committee of Investigation of the Boys' School. I shall try to narrow this discussion by a brief synopsis of occurrences since this Prov. Grand Lodge met in April last, and I trust that spirit of fairness and impartiality which distinguishes our Order in its discussions in our Charity meetings, will be to-day as free from bias as possible, and that your good sense will relieve your Prov. Grand Master of the responsibility he feels in attempting to guide the deliberations of this Prov. Grand Lodge in its consideration of one of the most difficult and thorny questions that I suppose, with regard to this School, have ever perplexed its subscribers, or was brought before a Grand Lodge. It was my duty to present this London Report of the Committee of Investigation to the nine members of the West Yorkshire Committee, on the 1st May, at Harrogate. It has been their property since this date. I believe, moreover, that every Subscriber, Contributor, or Life Governor has had a copy of this London Report for his reading and study, and therefore it may be taken as read. The Prov. Grand Officers, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee and your special West Yorkshire Committee are of opinion, I believe, that in consequence of a most important meeting in London, to be held on Friday, the 25th of this month, in reference to the Provisional Management Committee of the affairs of the Boys' School ("for the position of this Committee may be compromised by faction, and perhaps have to resign, which would stultify the labours of the Report of the Committee of Management, and undo the work of re-organisation, which is going on satisfactorily"), that this Provincial Grand Lodge should have this opportunity of expressing its opinions upon the London Report, as well as on the statement and resolution of West Yorkshire—for the observation of the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman of our Charity Committee, the latter who is also our representative on the London Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School; and, if necessary, and called upon, our Life Governors and contributors may be in Freemasons' Hall on the 25th inst., and by our influence endorse the recommendations of the Provisional Management Committee, presided over by the Earl of Easton, with Bro. F. A. Philbrick as Vice Chairman, in carrying out the opinions on pages 46 and 47 of the London Investigation Report. The seven brethren who draw up the Report of the London Committee of Investigation summarised their exhaustive examinations into the management of the Boys' School by seven opinions, the most important of which, on page 46, is thus expressed, "that an entire change in administration and a thorough breaking away from the present practice must take place before the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution will be satisfactory." In a Province like West Yorkshire, the passing of a formal resolution affirmative or otherwise of these seven recommendations, and only confirming it hereafter upon the Prov. Grand Lodge "Minutes," like many Provinces, and taking no further action to enforce the views of this Provincial Grand Lodge, would hardly be compatible with our desire for the welfare of this School, considering the large amount of money contributed by the Lodges which, since 1871, is upwards of £12,000. Nor would it be in accordance with our sense of equity and generosity to abstain from the annual contributions for the educational benefits this Province receives from this Institution in the maintenance of the 24 West Yorkshire orphan boys in the School, and three more seeking our votes for admission therein. I have ever been anxious for reformation in the management of the School, but not for the abandonment of it. This must

be the last resort, failing the adequate carrying out of the seven opinions under the London Provisional Management Committee. Brethren, our discussions of the "Resolutions" on the agenda paper are, if possible, to join issue with those who have the desire that you will give them the power by your presence, on the 25th inst., to place this School, once and for all, on that satisfactory basis which the Report and the Management Committee have clearly indicated should be accomplished. Let me say that the Report of the Investigation Committee, at the head of which Committee is the learned Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, has done all the work of examination and eliciting evidence for the framing of the Report, which our West Yorkshire Committee might perhaps have otherwise tried to undertake, and therefore the labours of Bro. A. W. Stanfield P.M. and P.P.G.R. and his friends have been restricted to watching events, and considering the manner the London Report could be worked out by the Provisional Management Committee, and reporting to this Prov. Grand Lodge. Briefly, what has occurred since the 26th April 1889 may be stated as follows:—A meeting was held on the 6th June, in Freemasons' Hall, when the Earl of Euston was elected Chairman of the Provisional Management Committee. This Committee, after it had held five meetings (one being at Wood Green), presented a Report, on the 6th July, to the General Committee. On the 12th June the then House, Finance, and Audit Committees of the School, by "resolution," handed over to this Provisional Committee the management of the School at Wood Green; and this Committee, by a resolution, accepted the charge, and, under the Earl of Euston, Bros. Philbrick, Smithson, Langton, &c., has done all things necessary, and in accordance with the report, and in nine conclusions and seven opinions in carrying on the work of the School, and the reformation of the Institution. A most important letter, dated 13th May 1889, was written by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, and published in the Masonic journals, to each of the Rota Chairmen of the House, Finance, and Audit Committees, justifying every conclusion and opinion to which the Committee of Investigation had unanimously arrived; this letter has not received from the Craft, I fear, the attention it deserves. The old matron and steward of the School resigned. A new matron has recently been selected, and has entered upon her duties at Wood Green, 1st August. Doctor W. E. Porter, the son of Bro. Porter, of the Aire and Calder Lodge, has been recommended by the Management Committee to the office of Medical Officer of the School. I hope this appointment may be confirmed, and not upset by factious opposition, on the 25th inst., at the Quarterly Meeting in Freemasons' Hall. The "Provisional Committee has not lost sight of the question of the Head Mastership. Circumstances have arisen which have occasioned Lord Euston's Committee to somewhat accelerate the retirement of the present Head Master, in accordance with opinion No. 1 page 46, of the Report. A question may arise on the 25th instant as to granting him a pension, and to what amount, and further, as there "should be a change at as early as possible in the office of Secretary," that he should also have a retiring allowance. Is it to be a larger or smaller sum than that of the now Secretary, or have £200 a year in lieu of commission as a collector for the School? I believe the present Secretary is to retire towards the close of the year, which step the following General Court sanctioned and approved. There are a number of applicants for the office of Secretary. It is proposed to give the new Secretary £300 a year. I ask all the Lodges in West York not to be committed to any private application whatever which candidates may make by tendering testimonials before the office of Secretary is declared vacant. Lastly, chartered accountants have been appointed, and they have advised on the system of book keeping; and the financial condition of the Institution is also being considered. These are some of the progressions made by the London Committee in the direction of carrying out the Report, and on their proposal our own West Yorkshire special Committee will make a report and move a resolution. Whatever conclusions this Provincial Grand Lodge may come to this afternoon on the prospective business of the Quarterly Court on the 25th October of the Boys' School, I fervently hope the Report and its recommendations may not be rendered nugatory for the want of assistance from the Life Governors of West Yorkshire. I am most anxious the labours of our own special Committee, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of our own Charity Committee should be upheld, and their views as the exponents of this Provincial Grand Lodge sustained in Freemasons' Hall on this eventful Friday. Only personal presence and personal voting, if necessary, can be of any avail and adequate efficiency if we are to give to the Report of the Committee of Investigation and the Management Committee, as well as our own representatives, the most uncompromising and determined assistance. In an Institution whose management is so varied and complicated as is the Boys' School, you cannot at once change an old and disastrous system of administration. It takes time to place the management, discipline, and expenditure of a School, whose welfare West Yorkshire has so much at heart, upon a remodelled and satisfactory working basis. We must exhibit not only patience but determination also, and help these joint new Committees to work out this Report in every way we can. I venture to hope their labours, so far, in the direction of "an entire change" at Wood Green, may merit your confidence and the members of these new Committees your esteem, for their judgment, equity, and impartiality in the duties they have undertaken to fulfil on behalf of the two thousand three hundred and thirty Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England throughout the world. With these remarks, I ask you, brethren, to accept my thanks on behalf of this Provincial Grand Lodge for the cordiality of your reception and the salutation you have given to the occupants of this chair, as well as to my Deputy, and the other eminent Visitors, our honoured guests this afternoon.

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- "By Normandie's Blue Hills." Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by H. Trotère.
 "Sweet Lavender." Written by John Muir, composed by Edith Cooke.
 "Hark! Hark! the Dogs do bark!" Written by R. S. Dickens, composed by J. L. Roeckel.
 "Ma Belle Reine." Graceful Dance, composed for the pianoforte by H. Trotère.
 "Alexandra Gavotte, in F." Composed for the pianoforte by C. H. R. Marriott.
 "The Horse Guards." Quick step March, composed for the pianoforte by C. H. R. Marriott.

London: J. B. CRAMER AND Co., 201 Regent Street, W.

This well known firm of music publishers are to the fore with new songs and pieces for the coming winter months. We have lately had the opportunity of sampling some of Messrs. Cramer's new publications, and we are glad to be able to say they are up to standard. Clifton Bingham and H. Trotère's "By Normandie's Blue Hills" is a most tuneful and pretty composition, admirably suited for accompaniment on the violin, music for which is supplied. "Sweet Lavender" is another good song, the theme of which is pretty, while the music is soft and bright. This song has been dedicated to Bro. Edward Terry, G. Treasurer. "Hark! Hark! the Dogs do bark!" is a song written by R. S. Dickens, who has founded his verses on an old rhyme. The music puts one in mind of "The Vagabond;" it is of a cheery nature, with plenty of swing in it. All these songs are exceedingly good compositions, and we feel sure will be heard frequently during the present winter. For those who are fond of pianoforte music, Messrs. Cramer have published some good pieces. "Ma Belle Reine" is a "Graceful Dance," composed by H. Trotère; it is of a spirited and lively character, and cannot fail to give satisfaction to any one at all fond of such music. C. H. R. Marriott's "Alexandra Gavotte, in F," is a simple, yet pleasing piece, and is well suited to the drawing-room. "The Horse Guards" quick step March is by the same composer, and if anything is more taking than the former, it having a more operative tendency. These three pieces are of a character that will bear being heard any number of times, and always leave a pleasing impression.

- "The Old Oak Settle." Written by Catherine Armstrong, composed by Annie E. Armstrong.
 "How will it be?" Written by Clement Scott, composed by Isidoro de Lara.
 "Dearest." Written by Miss Maud Blackett, composed by Mrs. Lynedoch Moneriff.
 "Springtime." Written by Arthur Chapman, composed by S. A. Sabel.

London: B. MOCATTA AND Co., 37 Berners Street, W.

This celebrated firm likewise offers several new compositions. "The Old Oak Settle" is a pathetic song, founded on a story of the 17th century, by Catherine Armstrong, and set to music by Annie E. Armstrong. The music is most appropriate, being of a soft and impressive nature. "How will it be?" is a sequel to "The Garden of Sleep," and is dedicated to Mrs. Thomas Nunn. The melody is tuneful and bright, and is sure to become popular. "Dearest" is hardly as good a composition as the others we have mentioned, but, nevertheless, is a pretty piece of work. "Springtime" is a good song, and bids fair to become popular. It has been composed by S. A. Sabel, who has given us bright and tuneful music. The above are all worth attention, and we recommend our musical readers to purchase them.

- "The Captain of the Lifeboat." Written by F. E. Weatherley, composed by Louis Diehl. London: W. MORLEY AND Co., 127 Regent Street, W.

The above is a fine nautical song, with a good swinging tune, especially the chorus. F. E. Weatherley's words are capital, and Louis Diehl's music is so taking that it bids fair to become one of the most popular songs of the day. It should be in every concert programme for some time to come.

- "Why not now?" Written by F. Bowyer, composed by Antonio L. Mora.
 "Love will wake." Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by Felix Keston.

London: HOPWOOD AND CREW, 42 Bond Street, W.

The first of these two songs has been expressly composed for, and is sung by, Madame Marie Roze. We can say that it has a taking air, with good words by F. Bowyer, set to music by Antonio L. Mora. We can also strongly recommend "Love will wake"; the music is effective, and the refrain is one that can easily be taken up, and remembered, while the song is not a difficult one.

- "The Spanish Gipsy." Written and composed by Michael Watson. London: PARRY AND WILKIS, 44 Great Marlborough Street, W.

This song, written and composed by the late Michael Watson, has an excellent air. It is of a beautiful description, and is in the well known style of the late composer. It should be eagerly sought after.

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W. Bro. EDWARD TERRY, Grand Treasurer, in the Chair,
A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of SIXTEEN BOYS from an approved List of seventy Candidates, the following being declared

No. on Poll	No. on List	SUCCESSFUL.	Votes
1	39	Bedford, John Hillam	3198
2	26	Swornsbourne, Lewis Gordon Causton ...	3143
3	37	Williams, William Joseph	3063
4	61	Lofthouse, George	3051
5	53	Somers, Mark	3050
6	2	Jennings, William John	3046
7	20	Hill, Arthur Stanley	3030
8	43	Coupland, James A. Lane	3023
9	64	Jewitt, Robert Rae	3012
10	56	Bolton, Thomas Charles Wilson	2943
11	23	Moreton, Harry Verhon	2758
12	44	Ravenscroft, Stanley Narborough	2747
13	27	Wood, Basil Glover	2731
14	4	Clunes, Alex. Sydenham Sherriff	2661
15	16	Lumsden, Miller Bassett	2623
16	21	Tiedeman, Benjamin Henry	2601

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 April next.

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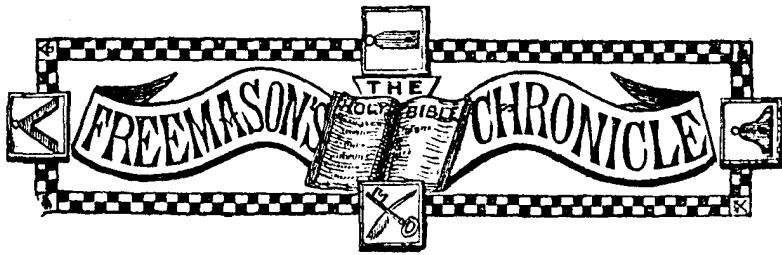
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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Provincial Grand Mark Master of England, and Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, held his annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire at the Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, on the 17th inst. His Lordship was attended by a large gathering of the Prov. Grand Officers. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope	...	Deputy Master
Hon. Tatton Egerton...	...	Senior Warden
G. Hammond Danby	...	Junior Warden
John Williamson	...	M.O.
W. G. Cronan	...	S.O.
John Fraser	...	J.O.
Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner	...	Chaplain
Fredk. Stevenson	...	Treasurer
Jos. K. Digges	...	Registrar
Richard Newhouse	...	Secretary
Alex. Warriner	...	Senior Deacon
Harry Harrison	...	Junior Deacon
Alfred Atkinson	...	D.C.
William Booth	...	A.D.C.
Edmund Marston	...	Sword Bearer
C. M. Armitage	...	Standard Bearer
Herbert Ellis	...	Organist
Geo. McClelland	...	Pursuivant
E. King Ellison	...	Superintendent of Works
Harry Thomas	...	} Stewards
William Griffin	...	
Stephen Smith	...	Tyler

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held on the 23rd inst., at Tavistock, under the banner of Russell Lodge, No. 23. A meeting of the Provincial Committee was held first in the Lodge-room at the Abbey. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £29 4s. It was resolved to recommend the grant of £20 to the widow of a distinguished brother in very distressing circumstances, and to hold the balance to provide for any further expenses in connection with the memorial to be erected to the memory of the last Provincial Grand Master, Colonel J. Tanner Davy, in Rose Ash Church. The Committee then adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, where the ball-room had been tastefully fitted up as a Lodge-room. There was a large attendance of brethren. Brother the Rev. T. W. Lemon presided, and was well supported by the Provincial Grand Officers and Acting Officers for the year, besides a numerous assemblage of Visitors. The Secretary (Brother H. Stocker) reported that the present membership was 471, against 455 of last year, an increase of 16. The Treasurer's report accorded the same balance as arrived at by the Committee. Those reports and that of the Provincial Committee were adopted. The election for the recommendation of a brother to the M.W. the Grand Master of England for the office of Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire for the ensuing three years then took place. A strong desire was expressed for Bro. Lemon to allow himself to be nominated, but he firmly declined the office, having already much Masonic work on hand. Bros. H. M. Imbert-Terry and Capt. Strode-Lowe were nominated. From the general preference expressed for the latter, the nomination of Bro. Imbert-Terry was withdrawn, and Bro. Strode-Lowe elected. Brother John Leonard was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested by Brother Lemon, the acting Provincial Grand Master:—

Bro. E. Aitken-Davies 96	...	Junior Warden
J. Chapman 35	...	M.O.
E. C. Coppin 66	...	S.O.
B. Knight 319	...	J.O.
Rev. G. T. Warner 215	...	} Chaplains
Rev. H. P. L. Maurice 372	...	
J. Leonard 16	...	Treasurer
H. Stocker 15	...	Secretary
J. Bray 16	...	Registrar
W. R. Velvin 100	...	Senior Deacon
W. Stealake 76	...	Junior Deacon
J. H. Blacker 96	...	Inspector of Works
A. H. Bates 23	...	D.C.
W. M. Robins 35	...	A.D.C.
J. J. Facey 169	...	Sword Bearer
W. T. Hocking 50	...	Standard Bearer
H. Holman 16	...	Organist
W. H. Dillon 96	...	Assistant Secretary
C. Coombes 64	...	Inner Guard
J. Gidley 169	...	Tyler
M. Durbin 91	...	} Stewards
W. Powe 15	...	
F. J. Prize 48	...	
C. G. Withell 383	...	

A vote of condolence was accorded and directed to be sent to the widow and family of the late much respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. Spence Bate. Bro. Strode-Lowe returned thanks for his recommendation to the office of Provincial Grand Master, and said if appointed he would do his best to carry out the duties of that office. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Bedford Hotel, Brother the Rev. T. W. Lemon presiding.

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON the 15th inst., a handsome present was made by the Mark Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire to Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.G.O. England P.P.G.S.W., in recognition of services rendered in the cause of Mark Masonry in the Province. The proceedings took place at the De Grey Rooms, York, and amongst those present were Bros. J. W. Woodall P.P.G.M.M.M., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.P.G.M.M.M., Colonel R. G. Smith D.P.G.M.M.M., the Rev. W. Valentine P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, A. W. Walker P.G. Secretary, W. H. Cowper P.G.D.C., M. Millington P.P.G.D., George Balmford P.P.G.M.O., William Brown P.P.G.S.B., J. T. Sellar P.G.S. England, and the following other brethren:— Bros. John Marshall, Joseph Todd, G. Lamb, G. Chapman, S. G. Crummack, A. H. McGachen, F. W. Halliwell, E. K. Spiegelhalter, W. Storey, and J. L. Spetch. The company having partaken of a dinner, provided by Bro. Halliwell, several Masonic toasts were proposed, and then Bro. Woodall, who presided, made the presentation, which consisted of an English gold keyless lever watch and an illuminated address. The address was in the following terms:—

"We, the undersigned Mark Master Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, with hearty good wishes and fraternal greeting, present to our Very Worthy Bro. Thos. B. Whytehead P.M. P.G.O. England, P.P.G.S.W., the accompanying gold watch, as a token of our esteem and regard, and in recognition of the excellent and highly valued services he has so long rendered in the cause of Mark Masonry, and particularly for the zealous manner in which he assisted in the formation of the Grand Mark Lodge of the Province, and in fulfilling the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for a period of six years. We sincerely hope and trust that the Great Overseer of the Universe may vouchsafe to our highly esteemed brother a long life of continued prosperity and usefulness, and that he may long be spared to continue his connection with the Province, and that he and his family may enjoy every blessing this world can bestow."

Bro. Whytehead feelingly acknowledged the gift.

PERCY LODGE, No. 122.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Stockton, on the 10th instant, Bro. R. Ashton in the chair, when Bro. C. Spencer S.W. was installed his successor by Bro. J. Burn. The W.M. thereafter appointing and investing the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Ashton I.P.M., G. F. Allan S.W., C. Allan J.W., T. F. Pearce M.O., J. Harrison S.O., H. Gaston J.O., A. S. Fowler Dir. of Cers., T. Bradley Treasurer, I. H. Hart Secretary, T. R. Tallintyre Organist, A. F. Kindler Registrar of Marks, H. Elliot S.D., W. Whitworth I.G., B. R. Smith Tyler. Subsequently the brethren dined together.

JERSEY LODGE, No. 257.

AT a meeting held in the Town Hall, Maidenhead, on Monday, the 7th inst., Bro. A. C. Hewett was installed W.M., and presided at a banquet subsequently held, when he was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Stephens) and the Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary, as well as by numerous local Officers and brethren.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual meeting of this Province was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Keswick, under the banner of the Greta Lodge, No. 1073. In the absence of the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell P.M. 1032 presided. All the Lodges in the Province were represented but two. The Prov. Grand Treasurer presented a statement of accounts, which showed a balance to the credit of the Province, after voting one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of £52 16s 2d. Bro. R. J. Nelson was again unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Bro. George Dalrymple 872	...	Senior Warden
J. Paterson 962	...	Junior Warden
Rev. T. W. Melrose 371	...	} Chaplains
J. S. Ostle 1073	...	
R. J. Nelson	...	Treasurer
J. Slack 310	...	Registrar
George J. M'Kay 129	...	Secretary
B. C. Waller 1074	...	Senior Deacon
Edwin Jackson 1073	...	Junior Deacon
Wm. Hodgson 1073	...	Superintendent of Works
W. D. P. Field 872	...	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas Ormiston 310	...	Assist. Director of Cers.
John Nelson 1267	...	Sword Bearer
Wm. Lawrence 1390	...	} Standard Bearers
W. C. Johns 119	...	
P. T. Freeman 1073	...	Organist
Wm. Middleton 129	...	Assistant Secretary
Maurice Williams 1532	...	Pursuivant
Wm. Bradley 1390	...	Assistant Pursuivant
Jas. Beatey 310	...	} Stewards
Joseph Abbott 371	...	
Isaac Dickinson 967	...	
John Bewley 1989	...	
W. S. Ponton 327	...	
Henry Hartley 1660	...	
Thomas Usher 1073	...	Tyler

The brethren afterwards formed into processional order, and, headed by the Volunteer band, marched to Crosthwaite Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Brother H. D. Rawnsley Provincial Grand Chaplain. A banquet at the Keswick Hotel followed.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

BY command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Harlech, the Grand Lodge of the Province of North Wales assembled at Barmouth, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., a large number of members and brethren being present. The brethren met at the tastefully decorated Masonic Temple of the Mawddach Lodge, No. 1988, where Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. Bro. Lord Harlech, and Bro. Colonel Henry Platt, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the Lodge-room at two o'clock. There was a large assemblage of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and visitors. After the usual formalities, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Carnarvon, were read and confirmed. The roll call of Lodges showed that two were unrepresented. The Provincial Grand Secretary read a report showing that there was a marked improvement in the manner in which the minute books of Lodges in the Province were kept. More uniformity, however, was needed, and it was his intention to submit a scheme on the subject. Brothers, Corbet, Edisbury, and Benson were re-elected to audit the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts. Bro. Salmon was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and submitted a statement showing that the funds in hand to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge amounted to £90 3s 5d. On the "B" fund of the North Wales Charitable Association there was in hand a balance of £251, after relieving the several cases submitted last year. This fund was really the nursery of the other funds, and ought to be better supported by the Lodges, only one-third of which subscribed towards it at present. The Provincial Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow :—

Bro. Hon. Col. West	...	Senior Warden
Dr. Jones-Morris	...	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Morgan	...	Chaplain
Salmon	...	Treasurer

W. L. Banks	...	Registrar
T. E. Harris	...	Secretary
D. Wynn Williams	...	Assistant Secretary
Dr. A. E. Turnour	...	Senior Deacon
David Cameron	...	Junior Deacon
J. M. M. Smith	...	Superintendent of Works
S. F. Clement	...	Director of Ceremonies
N. Bunnell	...	Assistant Director of Cers.
E. Powell	...	Sword Bearer
D. Davies	...	} Standard Bearers
H. J. Hart	...	
E. W. Thomas	...	Organist
W. Jones...	...	Pursuivant
E. G. Humphreys	...	Assistant Pursuivant
T. Mills	...	} Stewards
Edward Roberts	...	
Dr. Henry Evans	...	
J. Barton...	...	
H. B. Stubbington	...	Tyler

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said it was with feelings of pleasure that he was able to announce that his scheme for a life presentation to the Girls' Masonic School had been completed. It now remained for the Provincial Grand Lodge to arrange as to the proper mode in which the Charity should be managed. In the individual subscriptions received were—the Provincial Grand Master, £25; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, £25; the Masonic-hall, Bangor, £22; Bro. S. Pope, £20; with other special Lodge and individual subscriptions, making a total of £163 4s. The full sum collected when the promises were paid up would exceed £525. He asked for £27 17s 6d to complete the presentation. Bro. Salmon proposed that the amount should be voted, with a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the trouble he had taken. Bro. Edisbury seconded the proposal, which was agreed to. A long discussion followed as to the mode in which the Charity should be managed. The Provincial Grand Master proposed, and Bro. Edisbury seconded, the appointment of a committee, composed of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Provincial Grand Secretary, to make arrangements as to the most deserving cases for consideration and submission to the North Wales Charitable Association. Bro. Dr. Jones-Morris pointed out that the Lodges having contributed largely towards the fund, were specially debarred from partaking in its administration, and urged that this should be remedied. Brother Salmon remarked that Lodges should subscribe specially each year before their representatives could have a voice in the disposal of the Charities. Bro. Jones-Morris said that last year some of the Lodges had made a special effort to provide a sum of money required by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master towards the fund, and he did not see why they should now be debarred from having a voice in its administration. Bro. Salmon, as Provincial Grand Treasurer, said that the Association could not go beyond its bye-laws. The only way out of the difficulty was that each Lodge should subscribe a guinea in the name of the W.M. for the time being. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master thought it would be only courteous towards the subscribing Lodges that when the selection of first candidates came forward, the W.M. of each should be asked to attend. Brother Salmon agreed with the suggestion. The Provincial Grand Treasurer called attention to the fact that two Lodges—Cædwain (Newtown) and Llanidloes—were not represented at the Provincial Grand Lodge; and, on the motion of Bro. Tuxford, it was decided that the Provincial Grand Secretary should by circular call the attention of the Lodges to the bye-law on the point, and the penalty attendant upon infringement. The Provincial Grand Master read a circular from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, with reference to the Boys' School, and enclosing certain recommendations. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the adoption of the same, which was agreed to. On the motion of Bro. Salmon, seconded by Bro. Jones-Morris, a resolution was adopted strongly protesting against any excessive grant being allowed to the Secretary of the Boys' School upon his retirement. The banquet was served at the Corsygedol Hotel.

MARRIAGE.

JEWELL-GARDNER.—On Thursday, 24th inst., at Old Chiswick Church, Bro. A. E. JEWELL, of the George Gardner Lodge, No. 2309, to ADA MARY, only daughter of Bro. George Gardner, W.M. 2309.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART.

THE funeral of the late Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., of Clewer Park, Windsor, took place on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 12 a.m., the interment being made in Clewer Churchyard. The late Sir Daniel was one of the most remarkable and energetic characters. He was elected Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company in 1866, and has held the post ever since, and it will be remembered that to him is chiefly owing the wonderful development of that large undertaking, for he was mainly instrumental in raising the finances of the Company, from the very low ebb to which they had become reduced, to the magnificent position in which they now stand. Our older readers will remember that the successful completion of the Atlantic Cable was largely owing to his enterprise. Owing to the family desiring the funeral to be of a private nature, it was decided, that the Prov. Grand Lodge should not officially take part in it; but that the Masonic tribute of respect should be paid by the Windsor Castle Lodge (of which he was a subscribing member) summoning a Lodge of Emergency, and attending the interment, accompanied by any Masons of the Province who might wish to attend. Accordingly the W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge (Bro. W. G. Nottage) summoned a meeting, and invited all W.M.'s, Wardens and Brethren of the Province to attend. The Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, and opened in the third degree, when it was "called off," and the Brethren proceeded to the Church. At the close of the burial service the customary sprigs of acacia were cast into the grave. After the funeral the Lodge was "called on," when a vote of condolence from the Lodge was moved by the W.M., seconded by the Senior Past Master, and supported in an eloquent speech by Past Grand Chaplain Simpson, it was carried unanimously, and ordered to be sent to Lady Gooch. Representatives of most of the Lodges in the Province, and several distinguished Freemasons were present, but owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding a paragraph appeared in the daily papers on the day previous to the funeral, stating the Freemasons would not attend; consequently a large number of Masons who had arranged to be present abandoned doing so.

INFLUENCE OF SECRECY.

PROFANES have often spoken disparagingly of Freemasonry, simply because it was a "Secret Society," they taking the ground that secrecy necessarily means dark deeds, or a screen for work that would not bear the light. Masonry is, in one sense, a secret society, but its withdrawal from publicity in nowise condemns it.

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear."

There is a pure crystal stream whose spring is buried deep in the fastness of Masonic truths and principles, which, like the influence of a pure heart, bubbles and forces its way out through many obstacles, quenching the thirst, and laving the tired, perplexed brain of many a wayfarer. Although the outer door is well guarded, that the world may not penetrate the veil which preserves the sanctity of the inner chamber, still the unbounded influence which emanates from the secret work cannot be estimated from Equator to Poles. The philanthropy of Masonry is a living reality.

The guarding of secrets has, in a great measure, much to do with the success of most, if not all good institutions. What to-day is the foundations of the world's most flourishing government? Is it not the secret society called Home?

"There where vows are truly plighted,
There where hearts are so united."

But what would this stronghold of nations be if the home trust was not shielded from the stranger's gaze?

Each member of the family brings his hopes, his ambitions, his joys and his disappointments, and lays them on the home altar, knowing that they are safe from the unsympathetic approach of a stranger, and each individual around that mystic shrine is truer and stronger for sharing that secret, and the incense of the dear home love burns constantly, wafting its perfume out upon mankind. The influence is felt, but the source is hidden deep. The world does not condemn the home because of its secret

life, this strength of Church and State. No! The loyalty to home inspires a loyalty to the larger trusts; the private affairs entrusted to the few is secure against all foreign intrusion.

Again, how beautifully the value of a guarded secret is illustrated during the time of war. A vast army of brave men will lie down to rest by the cheerful camp fire, with no fears of surprise from the enemy; one word has been whispered from tent to tent and binds into one; no foe can pass the outer guard; he has the secret countersign, and the ceaseless tread of the sentinel hurries on; the blessed "all's well" brings a sense of rest and safety to the weary soldier, and he sleeps deep and long. A brother walks without, proud and strong with the magnitude of his responsibility; one false act from him, one word spoken to the enemy, death and disaster follows; the plans and secret manoeuvres are discovered, and the battle is lost. The sign of a Mason secures him a brother's protection throughout the world, each plighted vow welds together thousands of brave hearts, each remembering he carries the weight of a brother's character; he must guard and shield him from the merciless weapons of the hard, indifferent world. Let the secret work go on, it is the stronghold of our Fraternity. May the silent deed of charity toward a brother strengthen the unity between them—the gift bestowed is sweeter for the world not having known it. The kindly admonition sinks deeper in the heart of an erring one when spoken heart to heart and lip to ear. Let the Lodge be the universal home altar of a Mason, where he may lay bare his heart, and feel secure against the outside world.—*The Royal Craftsmen.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

Globe.—Miss Loie Fuller, an American actress of some repute, has brought to England a play that has achieved considerable success in the United States, though it is more than doubtful whether it will gain much popularity in this country. It is entitled "Caprice," and is written by Mr. Howard P. Taylor, but it also appears to have been necessary—to what extent we cannot tell—to have it revised by Mr. F. W. Broughton. Certainly, as represented on Tuesday, the piece is loosely constructed and evinces slight knowledge of stage requirements on the part of the author. The story shows the caprice of Jack Henderson, a young artist, who falls in love with Mercy Baxter, an unsophisticated farmer's daughter, and, in spite of the very reasonable objections of his friends, makes her his wife. The inevitable result soon follows; the social defects and uneducated lapses of the wife prove a source of trouble to the husband, until at length, goaded by continual reproaches, Mercy resolves to leave her home for the purpose of educating herself. We are not informed how long a period has elapsed, but in the last act we find Mercy, under an assumed name, playing *la grande dame* in her father-in-law's house, where her repentant husband recognises her and obtains forgiveness. The piece itself is too much spun out, and could easily be reduced to three acts, though the earlier scenes are decidedly the best, and are those in which Miss Fuller is seen to greater advantage. We hope, however, soon to see her in some other part more capable of displaying her talents. Mr. J. G. Grabame made the most of the rather foolish Jack Henderson, while Mr. Alfred Maltby and Miss Susie Vaughan did their best to instil some humour into the piece. On Tuesday next the play will be preceded by "A Promise," a new comedieta by S. B. Lawrence, in which Miss Harriet Ford will appear.

Drury Lane.—Notwithstanding the doubtful reception accorded by the Press to Mr. Augustus Harris's latest drama, we are glad to be able to record that "The Royal Oak" has resulted in a great success. This is to be accounted for by Mr. Harris having set to work with a will, and while sacrificing much of the original, he has strengthened what remains, and now the piece goes much closer and is most interesting and exciting. The ladies and gentlemen engaged to interpret the piece have worked their parts up, and are now seen to advantage. A splendid tableaux has been added; this represents the King's return, which sends every one home in a happy frame of mind. We feel sure "The Royal Oak" will keep the boards until they are wanted for the annual pantomime, which we hear will be of an exceptionally brilliant character.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 31st inst. Bros. Joseph Greenway W.M., J. Hemming S.W., Dr. J. Powdrell J.W., George Reynolds W.M. of the mother Lodge (Secretary).

Holloway's Pills.—Weary of Life.—Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases, and the most prolific source of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits, and repelling the covert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmosphere, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills and explicitly putting them in practice, the most desponding will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

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, 26th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, 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)
 1375—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-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 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden

MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 23—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 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, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 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.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (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.)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 7999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 1189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stenhouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stenhouse
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 55—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)
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 890—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Horse-church-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1416—Mount Edgecombe, 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 8.30
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
 493—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1343—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. Ceilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Huxley
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 938—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 942—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 135—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camdon, 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 Garret Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerton Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1977—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shapherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 2264—Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacon
 651—Erecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 956—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1539—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Strandgate, Kendal
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 137—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 831—Raucalagh, Six Belis, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 850—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1055—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1135—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1294—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1363—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
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1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
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303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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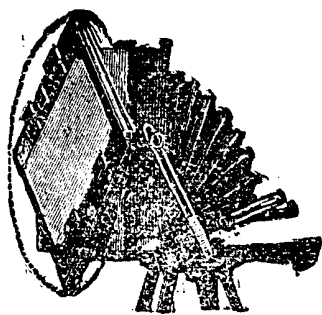
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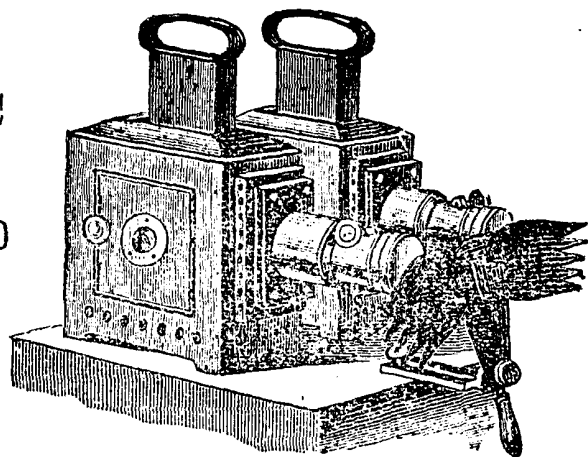
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