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## INSTALLING A SUCCESSOR.

WHEN, in years gone by, certain well known brethren carried on a discussion in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in regard to Uniformity of working they confined themselves to actual divergencies in the ritual, without paying much attention to such minor details as Masonic practice, and perhaps it is just as well they did so, as then they were enabled to limit the points of discussion within a comparatively narrow compass, whereas if they had attempted to advocate Uniformity in Masonic custom they might have continued until this day without having nearly exhausted the subject, or arrived any nearer a settlement.

We are fully prepared to maintain that many Lodges under the English Constitution work the ritual word for word the same as each other, but he would be a very bold member indeed who guaranteed to find even fifty where every matter of detail was carried through on the same lines, or where even important matters of form were conducted on uniform principles. We may consider the installation of Master as a case in point, and it must be admitted this is a question of first importance; yet there are many wide divergencies of form in regard to it, and many different opinions as to what should or should not be done.

In London and many other parts it is regarded as imperative that the Master of the year should instal his successor, and although there is nothing actually wrong in deputing the work to another, it is regarded by many as bad form, and as casting a certain amount of reflection on the retiring chief, whose aim it should be to personally conduct all the work of his term of office. In some of the Provinces, on the other hand, the work of installation seems to be regarded as the especial duty of a particular individual, and it is not infrequently the case that the same Brother installs the whole of the Masters of his district year after year, thus virtually monopolising the work under this head. Another custom prevails in some parts, where the senior Past Master of the Lodge assumes the work by right, and no doubt numberless other "unwritten laws" on this point could be recorded, were it necessary to prove yet further want of uniformity of this particular item—but it is not needful to do so; there can be no question that variations of practice exist, and it is a fair subject for consideration whether such variation is of benefit or otherwise to the Craft at large.

We have always maintained that a Worshipful Master should be allowed every opportunity of carrying out the duties of his office, without interference or hinderance from other members of the Fraternity, provided he is competent to do so, and at the same time able to preserve the reputation and dignity of his station. On that account we must express a liking for the system that regards it as desirable for a

Master to personally instal his successor, rather than seek the aid of, so to speak, a permanent Installing Officer, in the person of a prominent member of Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge, or some particular Past Master of the Lodge itself. The system we approve of has the advantage, too, of creating a pleasing variety in the style of delivery of the installation ritual, a feature we have always regarded as most desirable, in place of the monotony arising from the too frequent utterances of the same brother. It must not be supposed, however, that in now advocating that each Master should in turn perform the ceremony of installation we are in any way departing from our former opinions, when we have advocated the division of the addresses between two or three different Past Masters, rather than the completion of the whole of the work by the outgoing ruler.

The system which recognises one Brother as the Installing Master of a district is bad, because it removes the necessity for each Master making himself proficient in the work of installation. If there is no necessity for a Brother qualifying for this duty it is probable many will not attempt it; for it certainly involves a fair amount of preparation, and consideration of special points, if a satisfactory delivery is desired. The spirit of emulation and friendly rivalry is good in this direction, just as it is in all other spheres of life; and on that account we do not approve of the "one man" idea, even if no other objections to it could be brought forward.

The tendency of the age being to advance, and prove greater proficiency year by year, there is little fear of the system we object to under this head making way against the principle of each Master installing his own successor. We can well believe that as the now practically recognised "permanent" officials die off no others will be elected in their stead, and thus the reform we approve of will come about, virtually of its own accord and without upsetting any of those who consider they have a right to perform the work time after time, and in place after place.

## OLD ACQUAINTANCES.

FREEMASONRY seems to specially lend itself to the removal and continuance of old acquaintanceships, more particularly because having been once admitted to participation in the benefits of the Order one can always enjoy its privileges. In ordinary spheres of life changes occur which place one beyond the reach, or outside the cognisance of friends, who forget each other because they do not meet, and who sometimes fail to reciprocate when it is desired to re-open the companionship of years before. But in Freemasonry this is not so. A Brother may enter a Lodge years after severing his connection with it, make himself known to the

members, and at once feel that he is at home, with friends around him as enthusiastic in their regard as ever, and apparently quite oblivious of the fact that a long period has passed since last they met the Brother whose visit has been the cause for special rejoicing.

This feature of Freemasonry does much to ensure the solidity of the Craft and cement its membership. Its chief supporter is, perhaps, the principle of visiting which prevails in Freemasonry and which, as we have recently observed, is not only specially enjoined by the rules of the Craft, but is generally endorsed and practised by its Lodges and individual members. This general desire to be courteous to visitors not only enables a Brother to go to his former Masonic home and resume acquaintance with his old friends there, but being so general it often leads to meetings which would not have been brought about if the two old acquaintances had not each enjoyed and practised the privilege which belongs to all members of the Order alike, to enter a Lodge as a visitor at any of its gatherings.

Freemasonry is particularly useful in this respect to the Brother whose business or pleasure has taken him abroad or far from his old home for a number of years. Such a Brother may return to find all his old friends and acquaintances gone, and no one apparently knows him or is able to inform him as to the whereabouts of his former companions. As a last resource he determines to revisit the Lodge of the district, and in many cases the whole aspect is changed a few minutes after his admittance. If he does not there actually find his old friends he is sure to meet with some who knew them, and they in their turn take upon themselves the duty of entertaining the friend of their old member just as they would a friend of their own, and seem to vie with each other in making the reminiscences of the past interesting and enjoyable all round. It must always remain that friends will lose sight of each other for lengthy periods and almost forget their old acquaintances, but so long as Freemasonry continues we shall have one very strong means of bridging over the period of separation and re-opening the pleasurable memories of the past.

### WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on the 20th ult., under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom Prov. G.M., at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, Manchester. There was a numerous and brilliant assemblage, the attendance being between 700 and 800. The roll of Lodges, numbering 107, was called; all were represented save one.

Bro. W. Savage Prov. G. Treas. presented the financial statement. Receipts for the year:—Charities Fund, £263; Prov. G. Lodge Fund, £568; Fund of Benevolence, £807; a total of £1,639. Payments:—Charities Fund, £84; Prov. G. Lodge Fund, £300; Fund of Benevolence, £338; leaving a balance in hand of £921. The accounts were adopted.

The Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. W. Goodacre), in his annual report, stated it was only to be expected that in so large a Province, with so many brethren, differences would arise occasionally, but he was happy to say that any such had been peacefully arranged. Two new Lodges had been consecrated during the year—viz., St. Annes, No. 2457, at St. Annes-on-the-Sea, and the Bootle-Wilbraham Lodge, No. 2463, at Knotty Ash. The roll of members of the 107 Lodges was 7,160—an increase of 403 during the year, and an increase of 2,572 during the past nine years. The Provincial Charitable Institutions were in a flourishing condition and were now worth considerably over £30,000, of which the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution owned £22,000, and the Hamer and Alpass Benevolent Institutions nearly £5,000 each. He suggested that by means of some readjustment of their educational system they might extend the usefulness of those institutions. They were meeting that day at a place closely bordering

upon Manchester, the heart of the sister Province of East Lancashire. A subject which had occupied much time and care during the past year was that of the revision of the boundaries between the Provinces of East and West Lancashire. The two Provincial Grand Masters (Colonel Starkie, of East Lancashire, and the Earl of Lathom) had nominated Brothers J. H. P. Leresche P.P.G. Registrar of East Lancashire, and J. J. Lambert P.P.G. Registrar of West Lancashire, to consider and settle in terms clear and applicable to the present circumstances a definite boundary line, and an arrangement had been come to to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

The Provincial Grand Master said it was pleasant to find everything going on so happily in that great Province. They had increased the number of Lodges by two, but he must say he was not anxious to see a large increase, although now that the new boundary was established there might be an opening for one or two new Lodges. The report as to the increase of members was most gratifying, as showing that, notwithstanding the bad times through which they had passed, so many were forthcoming to join their brotherhood. He was glad to hear a good report of their Charitable Institutions, and hoped that the approaching festival in connection with the Alpass Benevolent Institution would be productive of good results. With reference to the remarks of the P.G. Secretary as to their Educational Institutions, he suggested the formation of a Committee to go thoroughly into the question. They knew that under the Education Act every child could be educated free, or nearly so, and in that state of things it was possible that some of their funds might be wasted. He desired to thank Bros. Lambert and Leresche for their labours in connection with the fixing of the boundary.

Bro. George R. Lloyd, Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, was elected Treasurer.

The thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge were tendered to Brothers Lambert and Leresche. Auditors for the ensuing year were appointed, and upon the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Brother R. Wylie, a message of congratulation was adopted to the Prince of Wales, upon the marriage of his son; and it was resolved that it be duly engrossed and sent to His Royal Highness.

Brother Wylie moved, Bro. J. de Bels Adam P.P.G.W. seconded, and the Provincial Grand Master supported a resolution, which was passed, increasing the salary of the Provincial Grand Secretary from £250 to £400 a year, including travelling expenses.

Brother Wylie moved:—"That the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities Fund, to the three local institutions, viz.:—Fifty guineas to the W.L. Alpass Institution; fifty guineas to the W.L.M. Educational Institution, and fifty guineas to the W.L. Hamer Benevolent Institution; and Lord Skelmersdale having kindly consented to preside at the forthcoming festival of the Alpass Benevolent Institution, on the 5th October next, the sum of one hundred guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence to that institution." Brother Forrester P.G.S.B. seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

Brother J. Houlding proposed that the thanks of the Province be given to the retiring Prov. G. Treas., Brother Savage. Bro. J. J. Lambert P.P.G. Registrar seconded the motion, which was agreed to. The Provincial Grand Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, first of all appointing and installing Brother R. Wylie as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the room of the Earl of Crawford resigned.

Subsequently a meeting of P.G. Chapter was held, the Earl of Lathom Grand Superintendent presiding. The whole of the 41 Chapters in the Province were represented. The financial statement showed a satisfactory balance in hand. The sum of 50 guineas was voted to the Alpass Benevolent Institution. The P.G. Superintendent appointed the Officers for the ensuing year.

### WARWICKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Machen Lodge, Swan Hotel, Coleshill, on Wednesday of last week, under the presidency of Lord Leigh, Lord-Lieutenant of the county, who was sup-

ported by Bros. James T. Collins, P.G.S.B. Deputy P.G.M., George Beech P.G.Std.B. Prov. G. Sec., and other prominent members of the district. The Treasurer and Tyler having been duly elected, the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the year. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren marched in procession to the Parish Church. Then followed a full choral service—the first which has ever been held in the venerable edifice since the days of the Reformation, the responses being taken to Tallis's festal setting, Bro. Dr. Belsher (Provincial Grand Organist) presiding at the organ. The sermon, which was appropriate to the occasion, was preached by Bro. the Rev. Alan Williams, of Warwick, Provincial Grand Chaplain. A collection was made in aid of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupil's Aid Fund. A banquet followed at the Swan Hotel in the evening. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. George Beech, of Birmingham, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and members of the local Lodge.

### DURHAM.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, on the 26th ult., in the Town Hall, Bishop Auckland. There was a large attendance, the chair being occupied by Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G.M. The report of the Treasurer, Bro. C. F. Sutcliffe, and of the Fund Committee read by Bro. C. D. Hill Drury P.G.S.W., recommending grants to Masonic Institutions and to private applicants were confirmed. The Treasurer's statement showed, with balance from September 1892 £353 16s 11d, a total of receipts £812 5s 4d, disbursements £459 12s 5d, balance in bank £352 12s 11d. The Provincial Grand Master in the course of an interesting address spoke in high terms of the satisfactory progress Masonry was making in the Province. The election of Treasurer for the year resulted in the return of Bro. Isaac Thompson, of the Barnard Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers and P.G. Lodge was closed.

### CONSECRATION, HATHERTON LODGE.

ON Thursday, the 28th ult., this new Lodge, No. 2474, was consecrated at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, by Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Brothers J. H. Matthews, Lieut.-Col. Bentley D.P.G.M. Staffordshire, W. J. Whittall P.G.S.W., R. Daiu P.G.S.W., S. W. Wickham Jones P.P.G.C. as Chap., and F. Richardson P.G.D. as D. of C. There was a large attendance of distinguished brethren, among them being Lord Hatherton. The first Officers of the Lodge are Brothers F. W. Willmore W.M., C. Taylor S.W., and W. Paine J.W. The brethren subsequently proceeded from labour to refreshment.

The authorities of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, considering it necessary to defend themselves against misleading statements in regard to their position, have issued the following particulars in regard to their composition:—"English Lodges joined 42, Scotch 26, Irish 9, New Lodges opened 9, making a total of 86 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand on 1st January 1893. Since then two more Lodges of the Scotch Constitution have thrown their lot in with the movement, and three new Lodges have been opened, making in all 91 Lodges, but as an English and a Scotch Lodge amalgamated, the actual numerical record is 90 Lodges. The total number of Lodges of other Constitutions does not exceed 50." At a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge it was stated the balance sheet of the Benevolent Fund showed that after rendering substantial assistance to the needs of all constituents, a credit balance of £465 remained, while the widows' and orphans' fund credit balance was £70 8s 11d, also that during the three years' existence of the Grand Lodge 800 candidates had been initiated.

"WOULD YOU BE SURPRISED TO HEAR,"—was an expression made famous during the great Tichborne case, and it became at last such an intolerable nuisance both in ordinary conversation as well as on the platform or stage that the men making use of it were shunned as if they were stricken by the plague and then the silly expression was soon starved out of existence. Thus the world goes on its senseless round day by day, and fresh tastes and ideas are constantly cropping up. Notwithstanding these facts however the popularity of Holloway's Pills and Ointment continues to increase. There is no limit to their value, for they either cure, or give relief in the worst cases of disease.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

### CRAFT.

#### DUKE OF ATHOL LODGE, No. 210.

ON Wednesday, the 20th ult., the members made a presentation to Bro. J. M. Veevers J.W., formerly gas manager for Deaton, but now occupying a similar position at Rochester. There was a large assembly, including several visitors. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Chambers W.M., after which Bro. Foreman, assisted by Bro. Bromley P.M., initiated Mr. William James Clough. The Worshipful Master then, in eulogistic terms, referred to the services rendered not only to the Lodge, but to the town generally, and stated that Bro. Veevers was held in high estimation both as a public man and as an Officer of the Lodge. Bros. Bromley, J. E. Smith S.W., T. Woolfenden P.M., and others also testified to the good feeling existing towards the recipient. Bro. Foreman then read the address which had been prepared. Bro. Veevers, who was evidently much impressed by the proceedings, said he never at any time anticipated being the recipient of such a recognition of the services he had rendered. He always had endeavoured to do whatever fell in his path in the best possible manner.

#### TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

THE members held their annual festival at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 26th ult., when Brother Edward McInnes S.W. was installed by his predecessor, Bro. H. V. Edwards.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON Thursday, 14th ult., the members celebrated the Centenary of this Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Beverley. Additional interest was given to the proceedings by the installation of Bro. the Earl of Londesborough P.M. P.G.W. of England as Worshipful Master.

The attendance of brethren was large, and included representatives from all the sister Lodges in Hull and district. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Tom Turner P.M. (Mayor of Beverley) and Bro. M. M. Westerby P.M., who rendered the ritual in a gratifying manner. A vote of thanks was duly accorded these worthy Past Masters for their efficient services. It may be mentioned that the Lodge was consecrated on Monday, 13th June 1793, on which occasion three members from the Hull Minerva Lodge were present. In commemoration of the present memorable occasion, it is interesting to note that the brethren of the Liberty Lodge, Beverley, Mass., U.S.A., have forwarded a solid silver loving-cup, weighing 55 ozs., which was handed over to the noble Earl by Bro. Harry Adams, and accepted by the Master. It was resolved to forward an illuminated letter of thanks to the American brethren, in acknowledgment of their handsome gift.

Bro. W. Kemp read a short resume from the records of the Lodge during the past 100 years, several of the items being of a very amusing character. The quaint wood block used on the front page of the summons calling the Centenary celebration was prepared for the Lodge in 1806—87 years ago. On the proposition of Bro. T. Marshall, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Kemp for his interesting paper.

Hearty good wishes having been recorded from the Provincial Grand Lodge, Minerva, Kingston, De la Pole, Wilberforce, Londesborough, Constitutional, and others, the Lodge was closed.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. R. T. Watson took an excellent photographic group of the noble Lord and his newly-appointed Officers.

At six o'clock the Centenary banquet was purveyed, at the Beverley Arms Hotel, by Bro. David Morley the D.C. of the Lodge.

#### PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Balham Hotel, on the 18th ult., when there were present Bro. G. Mulley W.M., and a large number of other members and visitors.

The ballot was taken for Mr. E. W. Stuart, and proved in his favour. Bro. H. Curzon was passed.

A discussion took place respecting an appeal for those who have met with such distress at Worthing. It was decided to consider the matter at the regular meeting in November, when it would be possible to know what other Lodges would do.

Mr. Horace W. Dunlop was proposed as a candidate for initiation, and no other business presenting itself, refreshment was partaken of under the supervision of Bros. G. Lilley P.M. and G. R. Huntley. Bro. W. Williams presided at the piano, and was aided in adding to the harmony of the meeting by Brothers Wheeler, A. Leonard, and others.

#### UNITY LODGE, No. 1332.

THE members have elected Bro. F. W. Butt S.W. to be W.M. for the ensuing year; have re-elected Bro. James Templeton P.P.G.T. as Treasurer, and Bro. Wollacott as Tyler. The annual installation and banquet will be held on St. Michael's day.

## TORBAY LODGE, No. 1358.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Paignton, on the 26th ult. Bro. C. Emmet W.M. presided, and Brother J. S. Hoyles S.W. was installed as W.M., afterwards appointing his Officers.

## CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, the 21st ult., Bro. W. Willoughby Briggs W.M. There were also present:—Bros. W. H. Norton S.W., William B. Midgley J.W., John Thompson P.M. P.P.G.Std.Br., John Wardle P.M. Secretary, Edwin S. Done J.D., Walter M. Simons Steward, Robert J. Bennett P.M., John Walkden P.M., S. F. Simons P.M., E. P. Mead P.M. Dir. of Cers., R. Hotherhall P.M. P.P.G. Dir. of Cers., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), J. S. Ellis, H. B. Fawcett, Robert Oliver, Alexander Allen. Visitor—Bro. W. Campbell P.M. P.P.G.A. Dir. of Cers. (Cheshire) 1357.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Trevor Pellew Briggs, Idutywa, Transkei, South Africa, merchant, who was afterwards properly prepared and duly initiated by his brother the W.M. This ceremony was followed by the initiation of Mr. Joseph Rostern, the duty also being undertaken by the W.M. Bro. Walkden P.M. in both instances gave the address at the N.E., Bro. Midgley J.W. presented the working tools, whilst Bro. Norton S.W. delivered the ancient charge, and with such a quintette of good workers, it may readily be inferred that the ceremonies were well performed.

The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice fell unanimously upon Bro. Norton S.W. Other Officers were elected, and the business of the Lodge was brought to an early close.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and accepted, the same being varied by songs from Bros. Symons, Norton, Fawcett, and Roberts.

The toast of the newly initiated brethren was proposed by Bro. Thompson P.M. who, after expressing the pleasure he derived from having the duty to perform, pointed out some of the beauties of Freemasonry, in his desire to prove that the science was not an empty sham.

Bro. Rostern in response said that upon occasions like this he supposed he was not expected to deliver a long speech. He explained that some time ago the idea had occurred to him to become a member of the Craft, and now that he had done so he did not regret it. It was pleasing for him to occupy the position of a brother newly initiated, and to respond to a toast so ably and eloquently put before them for acceptance. He offered them his heartfelt thanks for having received him into such an august assemblage, hoping at the same time the day would never dawn when they would regret their action.

Bro. Briggs, in a short, crisp speech, endorsed the remarks of his colleague, after which Bro. Wardle P.M. proposed the toast of the visitors, and expressed the delight he felt in seeing present that evening several Provincial Officers, two of whom were members of the Concord Lodge, whilst another hailed from Cheshire.

Bro. Campbell, in reply, congratulated them upon the possession of two such worthy Provincial Officers as Bros. Hotherhall and Thompson. With respect to the candidates for initiation, it had never been his lot to see any who were more thoughtful and observant than they had been. He was glad to notice the presence of so many Past Masters, an infallible sign that the work of the Lodge was in a satisfactory condition—as had been proved that evening. In conclusion, he commended Bro. Norton S.W. the W.M. elect, and sincerely hoped he would have a good year of office.

The W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Mead P.M., saying that he was very sorry such a toast was necessary. They knew, perhaps, that Bro. Mead had been an absentee from their meetings through ill health, and it was now a pleasure for him to be enabled to welcome him back again. No worthier Mason could be found amongst them, one also who could ever be relied upon to perform any ceremony when requested to do so. Bro. Mead richly deserved Provincial honours, and he hoped ultimately to see him the recipient of some such mark of proficiency.

Other toasts followed.

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 1551.

THERE was a large gathering of Masons of the Provinces of Warwickshire, Staffordshire, and Worcestershire, at the Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, on the 19th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Sir James Sawyer as W.M. The ceremony was attended by many Provincial Officers and Masters and Past Masters of Lodges in the Province, as well as brethren below the chair.

## ST. CUTHBERT LODGE, No. 1902.

THE annual festival to celebrate the installation of Bro. John Charlton W.M. took place on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Turk's Head Hotel, Bedlington. Dinner was served in a style that reflected great credit on the caterer. After the usual toasts had been duly honoured, the members dispersed, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

## GRAYSTONE LODGE, No. 1915.

THE installation meeting was held at the Forester's Hall, Whitstable, on the 14th ult., when Captain W. B. London was

installed. After the meeting the members adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, where the annual banquet was served by Bro. C. Gurr, of the Cumberland Hotel, about 60 brethren joining in the festivity. The musical portion was ably carried out by Messrs. G. and C. Fox, J. Plant, H. Hemsley, S. Brown, and others, assisted by the members of the Whitstable String Band.

## BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE installation was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, on the 25th ult., when Bro. George Brown S.W. was installed, the ceremony being performed by Bros. George Davis and Robert Smith P.M.'s of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers and the Lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren and visitors, to the number of 42, sat down to an excellent banquet, served by the hostess, Mrs. E. S. Hickford. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

## DOROTHY VERNON LODGE, No. 2129.

UPWARDS of six years ago the Dorothy Vernon Lodge was consecrated, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire Bro. H. C. Okeover, assisted by the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. None who were there will ever forget the sight; or if they felt inclined to be oblivious the proceedings of Tuesday, the 5th ult. would bring back to mind and deepen the remembrance of what was certainly a red-letter day in Bakewell. In 1888 the installation festival was held at Haddon Hall, but since then it has taken place at Bakewell. It was felt, however, by the brethren of the Lodge that absence from Haddon removed the one distinction which made Dorothy Vernon unique among Derbyshire Lodges; and, after due consideration, it was resolved to revert to the old working. Needless to say the day was a great success. The Lodge was formed in the drawing room, which was filled with brethren from all parts of the Province. Bro. Stanley Orme was installed by the retiring Master, Dr. Fentem, to whom a Past Master's jewel was presented.

## LENNOX BROWNE LODGE, No. 2318.

AT the installation meeting, held at the Roebuck Hotel, on the 16th ult., the retiring W.M., Bro. Lennox Browne, ably installed his successor, Bro. W. M. Butcher, who was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. E. Dring.

## MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, which was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 25th ult., was the first after the recess. The circular indicated an amount of work, and this was got through expeditiously.

After the confirmation of minutes, Bro. M. Thomas P.M., read one of the ancient charges (No. 6), which was followed by the balloting for as a joining member of Bro. Arthur Bond, Lodge of Integrity, No. 163. The election of W.M. to succeed Bro. Wollaston resulted in Bro. W. A. Brabner S.W. being accepted without dissent. Bro. Jos. Hilton was elected Treasurer. Bros. J. C. Wood P.M. and Thomas Hamnett were chosen as auditors, and a Tyler was appointed. There was a proposition for a joining member, viz., Bro. T. M. Fernelley, Professor of Music (Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387), and, as Bro. Fernelley is well known both in the Masonic and musical world, the announcement of his probable advent into the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge gave universal satisfaction.

The other business was soon disposed of, the Lodge being closed at an early hour. Tea was next partaken of, and this was succeeded by the usual social entertainment. A capital programme had been provided, and a delightful evening was spent in singing and reciting.

## ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 2423.

THE first installation was held on Friday, the 15th ult., at the Hare and Hound Hotel, Connah's Quay. The retiring Master, Bro. J. D. Bolton, occupied the chair, and was well supported. Among the visitors were:—Bros. R. W. Evans (Mayor of Wrexham) 1336 P.M., W. Wright 1477 I.G., W. N. Bellamy 1477 J.W., W. C. Frazer 1336 J.W., C. K. Benson 1336 P.M., J. W. Hall 721 P.P.G.J.W., Richard Jones 1276 P.M., Robert Bottonworth 721 Org. The W.M. elect (Bro. E. Blane) having been presented by Bro. T. Kuowles P.M. 721 P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies, and J. Russell, he was duly installed in a most efficient manner by Bro. Bolton W.M. Bro. E. Blane W.M., presented to the retiring W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome jewel, in recognition of his services in the chair during the year, and also, on behalf of the initiates, a founder's jewel. The W.M. also presented on behalf of all brethren, to Bro. Knowles I.P.M., a very handsome portrait of himself. The recipients of the presentations responded in suitable terms.

After the installation, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was served.

## JEPPESTOWN LODGE, No. 2481.

THE banquet in celebration of the inauguration and constitution of this Lodge, held on Saturday, 26th August, in the New Temple, was a most successful function, a very large number of brethren being present. The speeches were of a congratulatory nature, and much gratification was expressed that the Jeppestown Lodge should have been inaugurated under such promising conditions. There is no doubt that the new Lodge will prove a great boon to the brethren resident in Jeppestown.



## ODE

COMPOSED FOR THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE COMBERMERE LODGE OF UNION, No. 295, 5TH OCTOBER 1893,  
BY BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

I SING a Noble Science, wide proclaimed—  
An Ancient Art which ne'er can be defamed;  
My pen is bold, yet bolder is my theme,  
Long it has reigned, and will long reign supreme:  
And should the world at this my choice demur,  
Or on my lines would cast some slighting slur—  
Still would the ardour for my theme increase;  
And still should I Conduct my ode in Peace  
Begun in Order—Closed in Harmony  
What subject better than Freemasonry?

Mnemosyne come nigh me whilst I write!  
All dark, despairing spirits put to flight!  
Let my weak muse upmount on wings of fire,  
Oh! let my fingers string the mellow-lyre!  
I would reveal in words that ne'er can die  
The sacred beauties of The Mystic Tie!  
The glorious teachings of our Secret Art—  
The lasting joys they to the Craft impart—  
The Love the Truth their blessings inculcate  
To all who pass through the Masonic gate!  
No better time than now to tell its praise!  
No better hour to deck it o'er with bays!  
For Lo! with pride, time-honoured Combermere  
Attains to-day its Centenary Year!  
Unstained, unsullied, all its records are!  
Undimmed the lustre of its shining star!  
Brethren, we love the Craft—we love its joys—  
Our minds are happy when our Art employs;  
And we of famed, historic Macclesfield  
To none the palm for true allegiance yield!  
Still we will keep the Tongue of Good Report  
For all who to our ancient Lodge resort;  
Relying ever on the sure support  
Of One on High in whom we put our trust  
Who will be, is, and ever has been Just!  
Who, when in danger, hears our feeble cry  
And watches o'er us with a kindly eye  
Imparting to us, if we have belief  
The glories of celestial Relief!

Urania, goddess of Eternal Light!  
Guide thou my pen o'er all thy ways aright!  
Descend and flood me with thy living fire  
With glowing thoughts my longing brain inspire!  
Impart to me a soft refreshing shower  
Of that sweet essence from thy heavenly bower!  
Give me one sip of that enchanted wine  
Which makes man sing a melody divine!  
My theme is worthy so divine a draught  
I fain would sing the Virtues of the Craft!  
Virtues pronounced by Heaven's High Ruler good!  
Virtues beloved by all our Brotherhood!  
Virtues Masonic, radiant, rich and rare  
Admired, esteemed, by Brethren of the Square!  
Virtues in which true Masons love to revel  
Whene'er their labours place them on the Level!  
Virtues so pregnant with ne'er ending powers  
That vice,—defeated and degraded—cowers  
Before the force of their overwhelming might  
Sinking to realms of everlasting night!

Wisdom and Strength and Beauty shine serene  
O'er all the ways of our sublime domain!  
Wisdom will guide in all we undertake  
Then let us never her safe paths forsake!  
She will contrive, mark out and plan our lives  
And free us from the bondage of earth's gyves!  
Strength will support when cast down and forlorn  
And Beauty shines our pathways to adorn!

Founded on Love, Relief and Mighty Truth  
Our Ancient Art has everlasting youth;  
The mind from sordid things it ever raises,  
And so I fain would sing its joyous praises:  
I fain to Masons would its charms extol  
For it ennobling, elevates the soul.  
For ages has our banner been unfurled  
Has waved, and will wave, over all the world!  
No rashness must its ample folds retard—  
Avoiding Fear, its flutterings we must guard:  
Our Three Grand Principles with pride we hail—  
They ne'er have failed and they will never fail!  
Brotherly Love with richest gifts is fraught  
By it we are ennobled, for we're taught  
That we are one—however high or low  
May be our station in the world below;  
That rich or poor have one blest parent God!  
Created by Him from one common sod!  
This Love Unites, Supports, Protects and Aids  
And proves a shield when earthly woe invades!  
Relief provides us with a bond that never  
Owned, nor will own, a power its tie to sever;  
With all misfortune it will sympathise  
Compassion sparkleth in its tender eyes;  
When trouble comes and causes bitter grief

Down-steppeth Charity, and glad Relief  
Withdraws the bolt and opens wide the door  
And Peace and Happiness again restore!  
Then cometh Truth—an attribute divine!  
That in true Mason's hearts must ever shine—  
Hypocrisy, deceit, are put to shame  
At but the mention of its holy name!  
When opening Lodge how vividly it shines;  
Flashing triumphant 'mid our Words and Signs;  
When Secrets are Locked up 'tis glitt'ring still  
Beaming with brightness like some crystal rill!  
Truth is allied to Faith—twin gifts are they  
Helping us e'er to drive life's throes away;  
Let us hold fast to Truth our deeds will then  
Make us beloved by all our fellow-men!

Scorning all wrong among the Brotherhood—  
E'er promulgating deeds that tend to good;  
Steadfast and true in all our ways and works,  
Remembering Right wherein no danger lurks:  
This the Foundation is of our blest Creed,  
The Copstone, the Cement, the Building whole,  
By which we rear in that all-hallowed mead  
A habitation for the Deathless Soul!

Blest Faith and Hope, combined with Charity  
Will aye increase our perfect Harmony!  
We live and walk by faith, sincere and true—  
It is our chief support—the mind's renew!  
The fount of Justice, bond of amity  
Most glorious emblem of Freemasonry!  
Leading us on to endless joy and rest  
Until we reach those mansions of the blest  
Where with our great all-powerful Architect  
We dwell with all his chosen and elect!  
Hope is the sure, safe anchor of the soul—  
Steadfast and firm, earth's best and brightest goal;  
Our just endeavours it doth animate—  
Our wasted frames helps to resuscitate—  
Urging us "Onward" with its voice of cheer  
Bidding us toil and ever persevere!  
And Charity—that pearl-like spotless gem  
Fit to adorn an angels diadem!  
Worthy it is of heavenly reverence  
Blest badge my Brethren of Benevolence!  
Feeble my voice grows when I speak her grace  
Halting my muse when I her charms would trace;  
But if for ink sweet dewdrops I could use  
My pen might then her gladsome gifts diffuse!  
No Hate, no Malice, e'er can find a rest  
Within the haven of her gentle breast—  
Revenge nor envy seek a refuge there  
All, all is chaste, and Oh! surpassing fair!  
Masonic deeds are well beloved by man  
For Charity e'er marches in their van!  
Heaven's approbation follows in her train  
She rules the world, yet gentle is her reign;  
And like her sister Mercy she is pure  
Her throne and sceptre shall for aye endure;  
Him who receives, like him who gives she blesses  
And showers on each her tenderest caresses!

Our ways are Free—yet stately and superb  
Nought can their splendours dim their grandeur curb;  
Yet must we Gavel down all vain display  
Letting our Rites Inform, Instruct and Sway!  
In all our doings let us be upright—  
No gloom to dull—no blast to put to flight  
The choicest blessing of Material Light,  
Light whose glad beams shine out with full-flamed ray  
Light whose sweet emblems lure the heart away  
Light whose bright lustre nothing can withdraw  
The Light—The Volume of the Sacred Law!  
So let each Brother lowly bow the head  
For love of the Great Architect who spread  
Through this grand volume glorious recompense;  
And let each heart beat with true reverence,  
For we can read within its sacred pages  
The records and the deeds of bygone ages;  
Taking to heart the truths therein foretold  
Worth more than all Golconda's caves of gold!  
No freak of fancy here its garland weaves;  
Masonic buds are scattered o'er its leaves—  
Masonic gems within its portals lie  
All, all is good—for 'tis from Him on High  
The first Great Builder in whose name we meet  
Whene'er we seek our Lodge's safe retreat!

Yet, though the Holy tome all good imparts,  
Let us forget not all those Liberal Arts,  
And daily—for their study oft beguiles  
Devote a time to their improving wiles!  
Grammar and Rhetoric are no subjects vain,  
Sweet Music aye doth charm and entertain;  
Arithmetic and Logic—Arts profound  
Enlarge the mind with teachings firm and sound;  
And once our Royal Art, Freemasonry  
Was known to all men as Geometry!  
Its Emblems, Signs and Symbols are displayed  
Wherever man his vast research hath made,—  
Our venerable Craft without its aid  
Would savour much of senseless masquerade,  
But thanks to Euclid and the world's great men  
Geometry unfoldeth to our inner ken

Those Hidden Mysteries of Nature's might  
Which time has dimmed not in his onward flight!  
It is the first and noblest art of all,—  
For it removes the planet's darksome pall;  
And, Lo! we see—oh! wondrous hidden force  
Each world revolving on its endless course!  
Queen Nature we upon her way discern  
In paths of pleasantry where'er she turn;  
We follow to her most Concealed Recesses  
Till she to us her every charm confesses;  
Charms of the seasons—charms which still entrance  
When we survey her limitless expanse!  
None but an Artist with a skill divine  
Would e'er have traced this superperfect shrine!  
None but an Architect Supreme would dare  
Globe upon globe and world on world prepare!  
None but a Master Builder could erect  
Sphere upon sphere and ne'er a flaw detect!  
All is in Order full of symmetry  
Proportions beautiful in each degree!  
Then let us study in our leisure hours  
The scroll unveiled by Geometry's vast powers!  
Still one more Art, my muse, thou must explore  
That which is taught in Astronomic lore  
An Art Celestial, for 'tis of the skies—  
And heavenly things true Masons ne'er despise!  
We well may ponder on the starry space  
Which lends to earth so much of heavenly grace;  
We well may deem our deeds a puny nought  
When lost within this boundless bourne of thought!  
Nor can we—though by Holy writ imbued  
Grasp with success, this vast infinitude;  
That realm "where age to age millennial runs  
Throned in the glory of ten thousand suns!"  
We feel indeed, whilst 'neath its wondrous sway  
Weak, feeble mortals—creatures of a day!  
Frail, nameless atoms, springing from a clod  
Who yet would love, and be beloved of God!

Thank God for Masonry! It elevates  
All those who enter through its mystic gates:  
It lifts the soul to loftier spheres on high,  
To the profane lends half its dignity,  
And those who to its inner depths would probe  
Are nearer Him who formed this earthly globe!  
He smiles upon our meetings and lends grace  
To all who meet within each sacred place—  
Where deeds Masonic wile the hours away  
In pleasant labour at the close of day!  
Nought may there come to stop or to debar  
Our Art so Just, Perfect and Regular;  
And may there be upon our upward way  
No cloud to hinder and no gloom to stay.  
May the Most High make us for e'er imbued  
With Prudence, Temperance, Justice, Fortitude;  
Giving us Tolerance as we journey on  
With Him before us for comparison.  
Teaching by His supreme Omnipotence  
The blessings fraught of true Obedience.  
Instructing us in Honour hour by hour  
And filling with His majesty of Power;  
Until Fidelity in word and deed  
Burns the vain dross and all the pure is freed;  
Taking away the vileness that depraves  
Till Truth's own banner all triumphant waves;  
Thus let us Chisel off all vice and sin  
Letting God's spirit freely enter in—  
Then will our hearts be glad and full of cheer  
And beat rejoicing each Masonic year!  
Let us be Meek and Humble and Resigned—  
Strong in the Faith and true to all mankind—  
True to the Sacred Law on which is based  
The Craft which ne'er its votaries has disgraced!  
True to our oaths—to our teachings true  
Giving all men their Just and Lawful Due!  
Ours is the task to teach frail man the Right,  
By Strength of Reason and by Wisdom's might;  
Dispensing Virtue's beauties all around—  
Dispersing ignorance where'er 'tis found—  
Diffusing Light where darkness fain would sway,  
Guiding the feet of all who oftentimes stray  
Upon destructions bro't, alluring way.  
Banishing Vice and easing Misery,  
Instilling Zeal with apt propriety;  
Sowing the seeds of fervent Constancy!

Thus 'tis we flourish tho' on every side  
Temptations and seductive wiles abide;  
Thus 'tis we conquer tho' besieged full sore,  
Tho' loud and long may be the battle's roar;  
Thus 'tis we yield our latest gasping breath,  
Fearing no terrors that can come of Death!  
No grim alarm to dread and terrify  
For our blest Art still tells us how to die!  
So when our free immortal soul takes flight  
To realms of unextinguishable Light,  
And finds a home no mortal feet can tread  
Where God's own glamour all around is shed;  
We feel that our brief sojourn here below  
Tho' full of care and bitterness and woe,  
Was but probation for that Better Clime  
Our dwelling for illimitable time!  
Thus guided on until at last we stand

Within the borders of the Promised Land  
That home of Love where comes no darksome night  
To gloom the glories of the long delight!  
Whilst we—Eternal now—adore and sing  
Angelic anthems to our Heavenly King!

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## LINCOLNSHIRE.

AT the Masonic Rooms, Lincoln, on Thursday of last week, there was a large assemblage of Royal Arch Masons of the Province to witness the installation of their Grand Superintendent M.E. Comp. Wm. Harline Sissons, in place of Comp. Wm. Henry Smyth, who has held this exalted office for 18 years, and who has resigned. Comp. Smyth occupied the chair, and the Grand Superintendent Designate having produced his patent, he was duly installed, and invested Companions Barrell (Spalding) and Russell (Grantham) as Second and Third Principals. Companion Alfred Kirk was appointed Treasurer, and the Officers were invested. A resolution expressing regret at the retirement of Grand Superintendent Smyth, who is in his 50th year as a Mason, was passed, and the presentation of a banner to the Grand Chapter by Comp. Pearson, of Gainsborough, was cordially acknowledged.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on the 20th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Major F. W. Allan 32nd degree Grand J., occupied the throne. There was a good attendance of Companions, the following business being transacted:—

- (1) Ruling of Supreme Committee on the Defensive Band Mark and Chair Lodge.
- (2) That the office of Grand Treasurer be added to the *ex officio* members of Supreme Committee.
- (3) Sanction of Bye-Laws.
- (4) Presents from foreign Grand Chapters.

Two or three motions were tabled for discussion. The admirable tact of the presiding Officer reduced them to a narrow compass. The most formidable was the one which stood in the name of Comp. W. Ivison Macadam, viz, to rescind the motion carried at the last Quarterly Communication by nearly two to one. Here the presiding Officer, in a closely reasoned speech, pointed out the inadvisability of trifling with the time of the Companions who came there for the purpose of pushing forward useful legislation. The absurdity of attempting to rescind such an important pronouncement of the Companions at last Quarterly Communication could not, under any circumstances, be tolerated. The motion was consequently withdrawn. This concluded, the Chapter was closed in due form.

## MARK MASONRY.

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## PROV. GRAND LODGE, SOMERSET.

A MEETING was held, on the 20th ult., under the banner of the Else Lodge, No. 102, at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare. There was a large attendance. Lord Dungarven D.G.M., R. V. Vassar-Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master Gloucester and Hereford, and C. F. Matier P.G.W. Grand Secretary were received with the customary honours. The Prov. G.M. Bro. R. C. Else appointed the Officers for the year. A sum of £15 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the alms amounting to £2 2s were given to the Weston-super-Mare Hospital. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the Grand Atlantic Hotel.

## HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on the 20th ult., when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., presided.

over a good attendance. The sum of ten guineas was voted as a contribution to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and other business having been transacted the P.G.M. appointed and invested the Officers for the year. The brethren afterwards dined together in the banqueting room of the Albany Lodge.

#### ALBANY LODGE (T.I.)

A MOST interesting ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on the 20th ult., when the ancient Albany Lodge was held for the last time with its ritual of "Time Immemorial." After the Lodge was opened the Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) entered, took the chair, and received the allegiance of the old members of the Lodge to the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Bro. D. S. Pring W.M. elect was then installed by the Prov. G.M. and received into his keeping the warrant of confirmation granted in August last to the Albany Lodge by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Mark Master of England. In handing over the document the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Lodge and Bro. Pring on the good work that day completed, and expressed his heartiest good wishes for the prosperity of the Lodge. A number of brethren of other Lodges were elected as joining members.

#### ELFFIN LODGE, No 321.

THE annual installation took place on the 21st, Bro. Ed. Roberts being installed by Bro. Cornelius Davies P.G.S. England. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Caradoc Rowland I.P.M. Sec. and Registrar, R. Newton S.W., J. Williams J.W., W. C. Whiskin M.O., J. G. Jones S.O., J. O. Morris J.O., Herbert Rees S.D., N. Bannell Dir. of Cers. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren.

#### RECREATION FOR BUSY WORKERS.

MODERN fashion has ordained that the workers of the age should cease their labours during a portion of the summer and leave the scenes of their daily work in search of health and recuperation, but fashion, in this case as in many others, has hardly made provision for the thousands who are unable to snatch more than a few days at a time from official duties, but who are perfectly willing and able to take their holiday in instalments. True, there are the Friday and Saturday to Monday and Tuesday cheap tickets to the popular sea-side resorts, but that is hardly what some of us want. We can get quite enough excitement and bustle in our everyday life, without taking our recreation in much the same way, and what is more particularly needed seems to be a provision for short trips for business men to districts where a complete change of scene can be enjoyed, and the busy work of life can give place to rest and quietness, such quietness as cannot be found at popular resorts near home. The advances made in recent years in the matter of railway accommodation has in great measure met the difficulties we speak of, but there yet remains much to be done before the matter will be on the basis we have set down in our own minds as necessary. Railway travelling itself seems to us to meet the case in a certain sense, and we believe many of our busiest workers would find relief in simply undertaking a long journey and setting themselves to study the country and points of interest on the road. Railway travelling came to be regarded as a tiresome and tedious undertaking, causing more suffering than pleasure, and producing fatigue and discomfort; but that is now, to a great extent, a legend of the past—a relic of the days of old, before Railway Companies learnt that it paid them to provide comfort for passengers, and cater for that section of the public who travelled far and wide for profit or pleasure. We know business men who reap more benefit from a journey by rail, with its enforced idleness and the ever changing scenery to occupy the attention of the active brain, than they do from a week or so at one of the popular seaside resorts, where they meet many of their every-day business acquaintances, and talk and act almost as though they were within a hundred yards of their office table. Many such men have in their time rushed across to Switzerland and Italy only to find they were bored and wearied by the regular bands of continental tourists, and have afterwards made shorter and more enjoyable tours through the British Isles, all the time keeping within easier touch of their business, and ready for any emergency that might arise. We have occasionally enjoyed a trip through the Midlands and the Peak of Derbyshire under such conditions, and have been delighted with our experiences. We have travelled the road in summer and have appreciated the beauties of nature at that season of the year, and have also done it in winter when a severe frost following a heavy fall of snow fought with bright sunshine for mastery over the fields and general landscape; really we do not know which was the more enjoyable, each possessed its own charms, but in view of the general dismal nature of things in winter we are inclined to give preference to the frost and snow, as providing real pleasure at a dull season. Travelling by the Midland Railway has always possessed attractions over most of its rivals, by reason of the extra comfort provided, in the form of superior accommodation, saloon and Pullman carriages, and, more recently, dining and refreshment cars; beyond all which we think the Midland Company specially deserve the thanks of the masses as being the pioneers of the cheaper fares which now prevail, coupled with express service and luxurious accommodation. Leaving St. Pancras in the early morning one has ample time to scan the daily paper and learn the news of the day while running out of London and past places of less general interest than are to be found further down the line, but by the time Bedford is reached one's

time is available for sight seeing alone, and ample enjoyment can be derived from a study of the passing panorama. The ordinary business man must feel a certain amount of interest journeying through the large towns with which business brings him into association, and assuming that he has decided to make his trip one of pleasure alone, he can continue his journey with a mere passing thought of those in the town he calls at; or he may alight and pay a flying visit to an old friend or acquaintance. As we pass Derby a complete change of scenery unfolds itself, and the journey from here to Manchester has always struck us as one of the most exciting and enjoyable to be met with in our Isle; without the time to visit the places of interest en route we can enjoy their contemplation, and picture to ourselves how much pleasure could be derived from a more lengthened stay. Continuing the journey past Matlock, which requires to be seen by night as well as by day, we find ourselves in Stockport or Manchester, where we can hardly resist the temptation of making a stay and renewing the acquaintance of former journeys, or repay some of the visits we have had from local brethren during their sojourn in the metropolis. But we have decided to reach Liverpool, and we pursue our journey, noting on the way the works of the great ship canal which is to revolutionise the trade of the world, and open up fresh fields and profits for the toiling masses as well as the merchant princes of the neighbourhood. Arriving at Liverpool, we make our way to the Pier Head, and boarding one or other of the many boats plying from that busy point soon find ourselves at a pleasant sea side resort, by no means wearied by our journey—in fact, rather exhilarated than otherwise by the long spell of fresh air we have enjoyed on the road, and at the same time looking forward for another glance at the scenery of the opposite side of the railway on an early return journey

#### DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the Education and General Purposes Committee, of which the Prov. G.M. is President, was held on the 25th inst., at Plymouth, to receive the report of the Finance Committee and to decide the number of candidates to be elected on the fund at the October meeting. Bro. S. Jew P.P.G.T. presided. The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Institution was in an excellent financial position, the funds showing an increase of about £100 compared with the previous year. There are at present eighteen children on the fund, and in view of the very satisfactory state of the finances it was unanimously resolved that two more should be elected in October. This is the largest number ever on the fund at one time. Their maintenance involves an expenditure of £300 a year. The next meeting of subscribers, at which the two additional candidates are to be elected, will be held at Exeter, probably in the last week of October. It has been left to the Secretary and Treasurer to fix a convenient day.

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A GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 12th October 1893, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, and to elect 15 Girls into the School, from a list of 37 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at 1 o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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5th October 1893.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS will be held in the LARGE HALL, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 13th day of October 1893, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following notice of motion:—

By V. W. Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, Vice-Pres. of Inst., P.G. Treasurer:—

"That the quarterly court be recommended to declare a further vacancy at the election of this day, to fill the place of the boy Herbert Charles Edwards, elected 14th April, who died before being admitted to the benefits of the Institution."

To elect twenty-five, or if the above recommendation be adopted, twenty-six Boys from an approved list of forty-six candidates.

The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon precisely.

The ballot for the election of boys will be open at 1 o'clock, or so soon as the general business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at 3 o'clock precisely.

By order,

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

London, 2nd October 1893.

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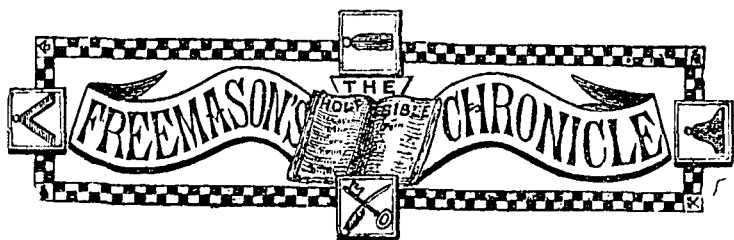
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SATURDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 1893.

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held on Friday next, will have to consider a proposition submitted by Bro. George Everett Past Grand Treasurer, as to filling the place of the boy Edwards, who died after his election, but prior to his admission into the School. On that occasion something may be said that will answer the letter of our correspondent "INQUIRER," but we think there is nothing but absolute loss of the votes polled on the poor lad's behalf.

The Earl of Lathom seemed in good health on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, at Leeds—little the worse for his recent indisposition, although it was noticed he walked to the dais with the aid of a stick. We hope the esteemed Pro Grand Master may be fully restored to health, and that he may live for many years to occupy his high position in the Craft.

Warwickshire still retains its Pupils Aid Fund which, under the fostering care of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Leigh, carries out some portion of the work his lordship has so long considered should be attempted in association with the Masonic Educational Institutions. His remarks in regard to the subject formed the basis on which it was sought, some years back, to promote a regular Pupils Assistance Fund.

Despite the sympathy and support of influential Craftsmen throughout the country the proposed Royal Masonic Pupils Assistance Fund never emerged beyond the preliminary stage, but so much attention was aroused at the time in regard to the whole question that it may be said the work it was proposed should be carried out has in great measure been since accomplished by private effort, supported by the action of the different school executives, who now take a greater pride in watching the future careers of their pupils than was sometimes the case in years gone by.

Royal Arch Masonry in Lincolnshire loses an old friend in Comp. Smyth, who has retired from the office of Provincial Grand Superintendent after 18 years service. He installed his successor last week at Lincoln and was heartily thanked for what he had done for the Province during his long rule. Comp. Smyth has a record of nearly 50 years association with Masonry.

Bro. Alderman H. J. Van Thump, a distinguished member of the Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, has been unanimously elected Mayor of Taunton. We accord the worthy brother our hearty good wishes, and tender our sincere congratulations, not only to his Lodge, but to all classes of the community in the ancient borough of Taunton.

## MASONIC DINNER TO BRO. E. TERRY.

BRO. EDWARD TERRY Past Grand Treasurer was recently entertained at dinner at the Masonic Club, Melbourne, by a number of leading members of the Fraternity. Sir William Clarke Grand Master of Victoria was to have occupied the chair, but was prevented by sudden indisposition. In his absence Bro. Dr. Willmott P.G.J.D. of England officiated, the vice-chair being taken by Brother W. Horderu P.M. of the Austral Lodge. The health of the guest was proposed by the Chairman, who enumerated his sterling qualities and Masonic worth, which had earned for him the coveted distinction of Grand Treasurer of England, the only elective office in the Grand Lodge. Bro. Terry, in response, expressed his great pleasure in meeting his brethren in Australia, and drew attention to the fact that Masonry in England—and he hoped here—meant more than mere good fellowship. He had been present at one meeting in England at which £50,000 had been subscribed to the Masonic Girls' School, and at another which subscribed the munificent sum of £70,000 for the Old Women and Aged and Distressed Masons.

The menu was of the choicest, and peculiarly in Australian character. This distinctive feature was also evidenced in the floral decorations. As an implied compliment to the talents of Bro. Terry as a comedian, bouquets of "sweet lavender" were distributed about the table. One fact in connection with the banquet may be noticed, viz., that Bro. Horderu, the Vice-President of the club, was the only native born Australian present. He took the opportunity of making the statement that, as an Australian and a Mason representing the colonial Masonic element, the most cordial relations ever and always existed—and he hoped ever would exist—between it and the mother country.—Age.

## THE HIGH DEGREES AT THE CAPE.

THE installation of Dr. W. H. Dieperink as Deputy Grand Master in South Africa of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Netherlands took place on Thursday, 31st August, at the Goede Hoop Temple in the presence of the largest number of Rose Croix Masons yet convened in what is known in the phraseology of the degree as the "Valley" of Cape Town. The conduct of the proceedings was entrusted by the authorities in Holland to the Chapter De Goede Hoop, whose members fully justified that confidence and the reputation of Dutch Masonry in the city by the manner in which they availed themselves of the opportunities afforded them. The local sister Chapter, Spes Bona and Southern Cross, were in full attendance and the Supreme Councils of England and Wales and of Scotland were represented by their 33 degree members, Bro. Giddy and Dr. Douglas.—Cape Argus.

## ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM (VI. PART 2).

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

(Continued from page 202).

**A** GLANCE at the Ancient Regulations of the Craft will therefore be expedient, and the "short study" I am proceeding with, of the opening history of the earliest of Grand Lodges may, perhaps, be made a little clearer, if I also present a picture, in miniature, of the Symbolical Masonry which was in existence at the same time.

The old laws of the Freemasons are contained in the Manuscript Constitutions, of which many "forms" have been published by the Lodge, and can be easily referred to in our series of reprints. They are called the "Old Gothic Constitutions" in the narrative of Dr. Anderson (1738), by whom they were printed in a very altered shape. The "Charges" and the "Old Charges" respectively, in his publications of 1723 and 1738.

According to the M.C. (*Manuscript Constitutions*),

"ye first and principall charge is

"I.—That ye Shall be true man or true men to God  
"and ye holy Church."

This, I extract from the *W.W. MS.*, but the first injunction, in nearly every other prose version of the M.C., will be found to yield a similar if not quite identical reading.

In January 1721, therefore, the spirit of toleration which now breathes in the Masons' Creed, had no existence, and the profession of Christianity, a custom which still survives in some foreign jurisdictions, was required of every candidate for initiation.

Also, No. XIII. of the General Regulations, forbidding the working of the 2nd, or as it has since become, the 3rd degree, had not been enacted.

Of the Masonic Symbolism, *inherited* in 1717, and presumably still existing in 1721, let me begin with the frank avowal,

"I cannot make this matter plain,  
But I would shoot, howe'er in vain,  
A random arrow from the brain."

I shall begin by saying, that the *actual lecture* delivered by our J.W., Bro. Ball, in June 1892, of which some fragments only, and those the least important of the whole, could be printed (*A.Q.C.* v. 136), seems to me to settle beyond dispute, not only that what we now call the 3rd degree existed before the era of Grand Lodges, but that having passed through a long decline its symbols had become corrupted, and their meaning forgotten, when the step itself—then known as "the Master's part," is first heard of (*i.e.*, unequivocally referred to), in any print or manuscript to which a date can be assigned (1723).

The written traditions of the Society (M.C.) inform us that in Ancient times there were two classes of English Freemasons, Apprentices, and Masters or Fellows. From other sources we gain the fact that there were two *steps*, or as we should now say *degrees*, corresponding therewith. One, the Apprentice part; the other, the Master's part. The former comprising the degrees of E.A. and F.C.; and the latter that of M.M.—as we now have them. But it may be well to state, that the *now* familiar titles of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, are operative terms which were peculiar to Scottish, and unheard of in English Masonry, until their appearance in Anderson's Book of Constitutions, 1723.

To what extent the "Master's part" was *worked* in Stukeley's time there are no means of determining. Ashmole's *diary* records, under 11th March 1682, that he was the "Senior Fellow" at a Lodge held in the Masons' Hall, London. This *may* and I think *does* mean, that he had acquired the higher *step* as well as *grade*.

Albert Pike observes:—"Ashmole had *some* inducement that led him to seek admission into Masonry—some object to attain, some purpose to carry out. Even his utter silence as to the objects, nature, customs and work of the Institution is significant. There was something in the Institution that made it seem to him worth his while to join it: and what was in it then may have been in it centuries before. He is even more reticent about it than Herodotus was about the Mysteries of the Egyptian Priests."

Stukeley's motive in becoming a Freemason, on the

contrary is plainly stated. "Suspecting it," he says, "to be the *remains* [*italics mine*] of the mysteries of the ancients," and it is highly probable that a similar "curiosity" was experienced by Ashmole, and satisfied in the same way?

What grounds he may have had for the above "suspicion" Stukeley does not tell us, but in 1721 he had been for some years an F.R.S., and at that date Peter le Neve (Norrey King-at-Arms, President of the Society of Antiquaries, 1718, died 1730), Martin Folkes, Richard Rawlinson, Dr. Desaguliers, and Sir Richard Manningham, were also Fellows of the Royal Society. All of them, too, were Freemasons, though whether initiated before or after Stukeley must remain doubtful, except in the case of Desaguliers, who was Grand Master in 1719.

From any one of these brethren Stukeley may have derived his "suspicion," but at all events it had got into *his* mind, and must have had an origin of some kind—from which the inference may be drawn, that both the steps of Masonry worked (or *known*) at the time, were in the mind of the person from whom his information was obtained.

This conclusion is fortified by the language of Old Regulation XIII. (1723), forbidding (in effect) the working of the "Master's part" in private Lodges—a prohibition which must, indeed, have been utterly devoid of meaning, unless there was in existence at the time (1723) a "Master's part" to be worked? It is likewise worthy of consideration whether the difficulty, at Stukeley's admission in 1721, in finding "members enough to perform the ceremony," may not have consisted in getting together a sufficient number of brethren to work *both* steps of Masonry? The 1st or "Apprentice part" was communicated in a very simple manner in Scotland, and the practice lingered until the present century. One Mason unaided, could and often did, make another. Without contending that there was an equal simplicity of ritual in the South, the usage in the North goes a long way towards proving that there could not have been any very elaborate ceremony, in London, at the reception of an Apprentice in 1721.

The "difficulty," however, in finding a sufficiency of brethren to constitute the *dramatis personae* in working the "Master's part" may well have been, and probably was, a real one.

(To be continued).

It has been decided to form a new Lodge in Birkenhead under the title of the Wirral, and the arrangements are practically complete. The new Lodge is to be an off-shoot from the Combermere, which has grown too large for convenience, and the first W.M. will be Alderman T. Shaw. The first Wardens will be Bros. T. E. Tomlinson and W. Gamlin.

The Duke of Cambridge has consented to become a brother and patron of the Great Eastern Lodge of the Ancient Order of Buffaloes at Southend-on-Sea. The ceremony of initiation was to take place at the Institute, Southend, on the 5th inst., when Major Rasch, M.P., and the Mayor of Southend were expected.

The Bishop of Grenoble is an ultra anti-Masonic fanatic. In a recent discourse Mgr. Fava exemplified to an amusing degree his craze that the Lodges of the Brotherhood are federated centres of political intrigue. He said:—"It was the English Freemasons who pushed on France to join in the Crimean War against Russia in order that she might exhaust her gold and treasure in that needless combat; it was the French Freemasons who incited France to fight Austria, a Catholic nation, in order to bring about the unity of Italy . . . resisting the temporal power of the Pope."—*Sheffield Daily Telegraph*.

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany has been pleased to accept copies of "The Queen's March Past," by Bro. Algernon Rose (of the Lodge of Asaph), recently published in London by Messrs. Chappell & Co.

Mr. Harry Hunter, the popular interlocutor of the Mohawk Minstrels, will take his annual benefit at the Agricultural Hall, on the 12th inst., when he will have the assistance of the principal London Variety artists. Mr. Hunter has written twenty songs for the occasion.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been called to a letter in the CHRONICLE signed "LEX SCRIPTA," as well as to one or two remarks in a previous number on the same subject. We have to thank the brother who has sought and found the interesting Masonic opinions quoted by him upon "The Previous Question" as a mode of proceeding in debates. Permit me, however, to make one or two remarks in justice to myself and my moving "The Previous Question" in Grand Lodge last June.

I note that though your correspondent adopts the "*nom des plumes*" "LEX SCRIPTA," Mackay's "Masonic Parliamentary Law" (which he quotes) discussing the "Previous Question," says, "*there is no positive law on the subject.*" It is, therefore, clear that I was not acting illegally in moving the "Previous Question," nor was the Deputy Grand Master in not calling me to order, or in putting the motion to the Lodge had my seconder (Bro. Dr. Garson) been observed by the Grand Master in the chair amidst the agitation and movement going on at the time. But if there was not any legal disability, was there any moral or Masonic objection? I venture to contend that if the value of an act depends on its motive, my act on this occasion was in full accord with the spirit if not the letter of all the Masonic authorities quoted by "LEX SCRIPTA." It was not only in a "spirit of comity and courtesy," but in the interest of justice and fairness and consideration for our Law adviser and Colonial Board, that I made the motion in question. I was, in the words of Dr. Oliver, only anxious "to elicit truth and not simply to secure a victory."

The "Previous Question" may be misused like many other modes of procedure. I do not shrink from using a knife because knives have been often employed to take away human life. I do not sit with my feet in a carpet bag and put out my fire because some criminal has spitefully burnt his neighbour's haystack. I do not dispense with the "Previous Question" because certain assemblies (notably the English Parliament so often toasted and landed) misuse it to "suppress due inquiry," to "stifle debate," or to "silence the voice of the minority." My object was simply to give time and further opportunity to discuss and consider a very difficult and knotty point, surrounded by more than one complication, and to enable our Grand Registrar, Colonial Board, and many members of Grand Lodge to whom the subject was new, to read, mark and inwardly digest the arguments of the three important speakers who had addressed us. Nor did I forget that owing to the lamented death of our late Grand Secretary we were deprived of evidence which might have thrown much light upon the point at issue. As to the Cambrian Lodge question, I do not express any opinion, but I have no doubt it will be eventually decided, not after an hour's heated debate, or in an excited meeting, but after grave and calm deliberation, and with a view to promote that love and harmony which ought always to characterise Freemasonry.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C.

## G.L. DUES OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is customary to give special credit to those of our deceased members who happened to be clear on the books of Grand Lodge at the time of their death, should it be necessary to make an appeal for their widow or orphans; but I fancy many brethren—yourself among the number, if I may be permitted to say so,—are not half careful enough in drawing the line as it should be drawn; while many Lodges are very often particularly mean when the matter of paying dues comes forward for attention.

Supposing a Brother has paid his annual subscription to his Lodge, and dies before the dues are forwarded to Grand Lodge, I suppose he would be so returned as to bear the reputation of having died a subscriber to the Craft? but suppose he had not paid his annual subscription, would it be a crime for his Lodge to return him as clear? in other words, pay the few pence in the form of dues which would place him free on the roll of G. Lodge at his decease? I think not; in fact, so far from being a crime to do this I consider it the duty of every Lodge to clear a member's name under such circumstances, provided he was not considerably in arrear, and assuming the members regarded him as one who would have paid had he lived.

I am led to make these remarks by noticing the large number of cases in connection with the coming elections for the two Schools, in which the dues were apparently paid up till within a few weeks of a Brother's decease—making all the difference between a subscriber "until death" and one who is made to appear as if he dropped out before his decease. If, as I imagine, a few pence would have put the majority of these cases on a different footing I think it is hardly creditable to our Masonic Fraternity that it should not have been paid.

I am, yours fraternally,

ON THE ROAD.

Bristol, 26th September 1893.

## FORFEITED VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire it is stated that a boy was elected to the R.M.I.B., but was subsequently taken ill and died before admission. Can you please tell me if, in such a case, the votes polled for the boy (or girl) are sacrificed to the Province or Lodge working the case, or whether the Institution makes any recompense for what must be an awful loss to the brethren concerned? Would it be permissible to enter another boy (already approved as a candidate) in place of the deceased one, or is it a case for which there is neither recompense nor remedy?

Yours fraternally,

INQUIRER.

The Vatican really seems to be unnecessarily touchy. It has always set its face hard against Freemasonry, and it may be owned that in France, at least, if not in Italy, Freemasonry has become almost synonymous with Free-thinking; but that the Vatican should despatch a note to all the Powers protesting against the fact that the Freemasons have taken the first floor of the Borghese Palace and established a Grand Lodge there, borders upon the ridiculous. No doubt it is annoying that a building which was once Papal property should be used for such a purpose, but when either a Pope or a private person sells a house he ceases to have any further control over the letting of rooms there. We have never yet heard of an Anti-Vaccinationist who has uttered a protest, because one who has bought a house from him should choose to let the ground floor to a public vaccinator. Such a complaint as this made formally to the Governments of Europe is—to say the least of it—a serious blunder. It betrays a petulant irritability that is in the highest degree undignified, and will lessen the force of future remonstrances, even upon subjects in which there may be a solid ground for complaint.—*Standard*.

## Obituary.

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## MAJOR GEORGE FRANCIS IRWIN.

THE death of Major Irwin, which occurred on the 26th of July last, has, by some inadvertency, hitherto escaped notice in the Masonic newspapers. The immediate cause of death was syncope, arising from *Angina pectoris*, after an illness of two days only. The deceased was sixty-five years of age, and leaves a widow to deplore his loss. Bro. Irwin entered the Royal Engineers, 8th November 1842, and after an Army Service of upwards of twenty-one years, was, on the occasion of the original foundation of the Gloucestershire Volunteer Engineers, commissioned as Adjutant, retiring some ten years ago with the rank of Major. Our deceased Brother was initiated in 1858, in Gibraltar, and succeeded Bro. R. F. Gould as W.M. of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, at the same station in 1859. On the 7th of April 1886 he was elected a full member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and his name remained on its roll until his death.

## BRO. W. FISH.

THE funeral took place on the 12th inst., at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, of Bro. William Fish, who died in his fifty-ninth year on Saturday last. The deceased was a well-known Freemason, having passed the chair in the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264.

## BRO. ISAAC EYRE.

BRO. Eyre, of Sheffield, died very suddenly last week at his residence, and was buried on Saturday. He was a P.M. of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, a P.M. of the Britannia Mark Lodge, No. 53, and Scribe E. of the Chapter of Paradise, No. 139. Several Craftsmen were among those who attended the funeral.

## BRO. W. MACKNEY.

THE remains of the late Bro. Wm. Mackney P.M. Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, were interred at the West Derby Cemetery on the 25th inst. There was a good muster of members of that Lodge, as also the W.M. and several members of the Fairfield, No. 2290.

## THE MAN WHO BROKE THE BANK AT MONTE CARLO.

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Did he, or did he not?-this is a point upon which the minstrel is dumb. If he did, when?-if he did not, then why not? Because if he did, there must have been a reason; and if he did not, then the omission was unreasonable. On the whole we are led to believe he DID, at lucid intervals, especially to prepare himself for the night he broke the Bank at Monte Carlo. There would be no difficulty in the way, they can be purchased at all Druggists there and everywhere; and this suggests another inquiry.-If more people did, might not the bank at Monte Carlo be more frequently broken with impunity?

As for the reason, it was reported that this man worked by a system. Now, the system works the man, and BEECHAM'S PILLS work the system. The man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo knew a great deal. When a thing was Worth a Guinea a Box, he was likely to keep his eye on it, and when a Guinea's worth could be had for about a Shilling, twenty to one he would "get on." At all events this is a safe speculation:-you break the box and nothing else. There is no gambling about the investment, the gambolling comes on afterwards; so think of your head in the morning and be in time with precautionary measures. Extravagance and over-indulgence need antidotes, so what more natural than that he should buy the Pills (he could not buy the patent) that would give him the clear head needed. One thing however, seems certain, that for the present he is not to be numbered among the mighty army who yearly swallow the contents of 6,000,000 boxes.



## 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, 7th October.

1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park  
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
1223 Amherst, Amherst Hotel, Riverhead  
1388 Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
1458 Truth, Wheatheaf Hotel, Manchester  
1550 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth  
1767 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham  
2442 St. Clements, Bell Hotel, Leigh  
2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head Hotel, Uckfield

## Monday, 9th October.

58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
193 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.  
957 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.  
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall  
2030 The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster  
2094 Elthorne and Middlesex, 68 Regent Street, W.  
2243 Argonauts, Cromwell Hall, Putney B. Road  
R.A. 22 Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 2191 Anglo-American, Holborn Restaurant  
M.M. 104 Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.  
R.C. 71 Bayard, 33 Golden Square, W.

40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
68 Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
75 Love and Honour, Masonic Hall, Falmouth  
88 Scientific, Petty Cury, Cambridge  
104 St. John, White Lion Hotel, Stockport  
105 Fortitude, 1 Princess Square, Plymouth  
106 Sea, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth  
133 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Faversham  
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse  
237 Indefatigable, Masonic Hall, Swansea  
240 St. Hilary, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
262 Salopier, Music Hall, Shrewsbury  
292 Sincerity, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield  
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
303 Benevolent, Masonic Hall, Teignmouth  
314 Peace & Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston  
330 One and All, Masonic Hall, Bodmin  
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland  
411 Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
587 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham  
589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth  
632 Concord, Masonic Hall, Trowbridge  
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
671 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Llanelli  
721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester  
787 Hauley, Hauley Hall, Dartmouth  
884 Derwent, The George, Wirksworth  
893 Meridian, Masonic Hall, Millbrook  
941 De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford

1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness  
1069 United Brothers, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants  
1171 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield  
1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1350 Skelmersdale, Latham Hall, Seaforth  
1468 Stamford and Warrington, M.C., Stalybridge  
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1496 Trifford, Western Hotel, Moss Side, Lanc.  
1592 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Bury St. Edmunds  
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York  
1618 Handyside, Private Rooms, Saltburn-by-Sea  
1656 Wolsey, Greyhound, Hampton Court  
1730 Urmoston, Victoria Hotel, Urmoston  
1792 Tudor, Masonic Hall, Harborne  
1802 Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford  
1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield  
1895 Torridge, Market Hall, Great Torrington  
1914 St. Thomas, Harrogate Hotel, Kildgrove  
1948 Hardman, Queen's Arms, Rawtenstall, Lanc.  
1952 High Park, Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith  
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, M.H., Wellington, Som.  
2034 Masfield, Moseley and Belsall Heath Institute, Moseley, Worcester  
2144 De Tatton, Stamford Arms, Bowden, Cheshire  
2185 Ardwick, Midland Hotel, Ardwick, Lanc.  
2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man  
2237 Earl of Leicester, New Hall, Wells, Norfolk  
R.A. 154 Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Wakefield  
R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath  
R.A. 495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield  
R.A. 529 Superior Fidelity, M.H., High St., Worcester  
K.T. 52 Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms, Dudley  
R.C. 12 Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

## Tuesday, 10th October.

167 St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead  
180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City  
648 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
834 Raneagh, Criterion, W.  
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hotel

933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1269 Stanhope, Surrey Mas. Hall, Camberwell  
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
1668 Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
1891 St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly  
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2127 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras  
R.A. 173 Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
R.A. 185 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

80 St. John, Masonic Hall, Sunderland  
93 Social, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Masonic Temple, New Brompton, Kent  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
319 New Forest, Bugle Hotel, Lymington  
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
484 Virtue and Honour, Masonic Hall, Axminster  
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield  
502 Rectitude, Masonic Hall, Rugby  
503 Belvedere, Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone  
573 Perseverance, Drill Hall, Halesowen  
603 Zetland Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton  
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
650 Star in the East, Gt. Eastern Hotel, Harwich  
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Weddabury  
723 Panmure, M.H., Barrack Road, Aldershot  
764 Harbour of Refuge, M.H., West Hartlepool  
877 Royal Alfred, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster  
897 Loyalty, Mas. Chambers, Hall St., St. Helen's  
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St. Gosport  
954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport  
973 Royal Somerset, M.H., North Parade, Frome

1073 Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick  
1120 St. Milburg, Wharfage Ass. Rs., Ironbridge  
1138 Devon, Masonic Hall, New-on-Arbot  
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
1267 Kenia, Oldfellows' Hall, Egremont  
1369 Bala, Plas Coch Hotel, Bala  
1402 Jordan, Masonic Hall, Torquay  
1414 Knole, St. Nicholas Parish Rooms, Sevenoaks  
1476 Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool  
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall  
1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate  
1713 Wilbraham, Black Horse, Walton, Liverpool  
1782 Machen, Swan, Colehill  
1837 Lullingsstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington  
1847 Ebrington, Mas. Temple, S. onorous, Devon  
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Horae Bay  
2104 Whitwell, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees  
2134 Wilberforce, Masonic Hall, Hull  
2222 Frederick West, Castle Hotel East Molesey  
2256 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford  
2324 Horwich, Bridge Hotel, Horwich, Lancashire  
2360 Victoria, F.M.H., Eastbank St., Southport  
2420 F. de Rothschild, Five Arrows, Watlington

R.A. 70 St. John's, Hayshe Mas. Tem. Plymouth  
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Kingston  
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
R.A. 330 St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Bodmin  
R.A. 402 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
R.A. 537 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
R.A. 558 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folesome  
R.A. 652 Industry, Victoria Hotel, Holmfrith  
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter  
M.M. 34 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
M.M. 152 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

## Wednesday, 11th October.

Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3  
3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
87 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Br.  
147 Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford  
749 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burlett Road  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern, Greenwich St.  
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate  
1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool St.  
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., U. Norwood  
1815 Pence, Thicket Hotel, Aunley  
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
2272 Rye, Peckham P.H., Rye Lane, Peckham  
2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Head Qu., Chancery Street  
2410 Esculapius, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.  
R.A. 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
R.A. 1446 Mount Edgemund, St. Botolph Chambers  
R.A. 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel  
R.A. 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Ho., Southwark

54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale  
84 Doyle's of Fellowship, M.H., Guernsey  
125 Prince Edwin, Bank Buildings, Hythe  
146 Antiquity, Masonic Hall, Bolton  
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, F.M.H., Bristol  
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
225 St. Luke's, Masonic Hall, Ipswich  
241 Yarborough, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
250 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hull  
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham  
281 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Lancashire  
288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
323 Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
483 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
567 Unity, The Woolpack, Warwick  
661 Fawcett, M.H., Seaham Harbour  
666 Benevolence, Wes. School Rooms, Princetown  
679 St. David, Masonic Hall, Aberdare, Glam.  
731 Arboretum, Masonic Hall, Dorset  
755 St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Glynudno  
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
906 Royal Albert Edward, Masons' Hall, Bala

1005 Zetland, The Bell, Gloucester  
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford  
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1060 Marmion, 14 Church Street, Tamworth  
1064 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
1088 Royal Edward, Masonic Hall, Stalybridge  
1091 Erme, M.H., Chapple Place, Ivybridge, Devon

1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Rawling  
1125 St. Peter, Freemasons' Hall, Tiverton  
1140 Ashted, Reform Club, Hove, Sussex  
1181 De la Pole, Masonic Hall, St. John  
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Rhinog  
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
1331 Aldershot Camp, Masonic Hall, Aldershot  
1342 Walker, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle  
1356 Toxteth, 80 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1400 Curzon, Masonic Rooms, Workington  
1465 Ocken, Assembly R., Hayward's Heath  
1503 Francis, Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1593 Prince Leopold, Masonic Hall, Stretford  
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne  
1703 Windrush, Corn Exchange, Witney  
1715 Arthur J. Breiden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands  
1798 Zion, Grand Hotel, Manchester  
1948 Forum, Masonic Hall, Middleborough  
1955 St. Maurice, Working Men's Hall, Plymouth  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Masonic Hall, Ambly  
1932 Whitworth, Masonic Hall, Spennymore  
1947 Stamford, Town Hall, Hove  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester  
2183 Royal Hampton Court, Milton H., Hampton Ct.  
2234 Smyth, Masonic Hall, Osborne St., Grimby  
2291 Wavertree, Coffee House, Church Road  
2330 St. Lawrence, M.R., New Inn, Paisley  
2389 Avondale, King's Arms, Middlewich, Cheshire  
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Prince of Wales Hotel, Railway Street, Chatham  
2423 St. Mark's, Rooms, Connah's Quay, S. Wales

R.A. 62 Social, Queen's, Piccadilly, Manchester  
R.A. 350 Meribah, Church Hotel, Kearsley  
R.A. 393 Berwick-upon-Tweed, M.H., Parade, B.T.  
R.A. 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 904 Phoenix, M.H., Domine Lane, Rotherham  
R.A. 1021 Henry Cook, M.H., Barrow-in-Furness  
R.A. 1177 Dinbych, Masonic Rooms, Tanby  
R.A. 1345 Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eddles  
R.A. 1793 Sir Charles Bright, Clarence Hotel, Teddington

## Thursday, 12th October.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12  
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.  
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.  
879 Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.  
1076 Copper, Guildhall Tavern, Green St., E.C.  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
1553 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1599 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
1703 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.J.  
1804 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow  
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
1937 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly  
2047 Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham  
2090 Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammersmith  
2397 Columbia, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street  
R.A. 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 140 St. George's, Grosvenor Hotel, Blackheath  
R.A. 157 Bedford, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
R.A. 619 Beadon, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
R.A. 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 1321 Emblematic, Criterion, Piccadilly  
R.A. 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
M.M. 86 Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall Avenue

35 Medina, Masonic Hall, Cowes  
59 Knights of Malta, St. George's Hall, Hockley  
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sandringham  
112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter  
130 Royal Gloucester, F.M.H., Southampton  
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
216 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
333 Royal Preston, M.R., Stark's Hotel, Preston  
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Rotherham  
369 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Chatterton  
381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Over Darwen  
437 Silence, Masonic Hall, Wincoburn  
442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
469 Hundred of Ellos, Masonic Hall, Southampton  
477 Mersey, Mas. Cham., Hamilton St., Birkenhead  
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Stafford  
561 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Chatterton  
586 Elias De Derham, Freemasons' Hall, Salisbury  
593 St. Botolph, Corn Exchange, Slough  
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
739 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Birkenhead  
781 Wellington, Public Rooms, Park St., Deptford  
786 Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool  
816 Royd, Sun Inn, Littleborough  
945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon  
991 Tyne, M.H., Willington Quay, North Shields

1035 Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale M.H., Lpool  
1055 Derby, Victoria Hotel, Manchester  
1091 Trifford, Market Hotel, Lynton  
1093 St. George, Temperance Hall, Tealegar  
1099 Hayshe, Masonic Hall, Stockton-on-Tees  
1143 Royal Denbigh, Town Hall, Denbigh  
1144 Milton, Blue Bell Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington  
1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Myra Hotel, Liverpool  
1204 Royd, Masonic Hall, Marners  
1213 Bridgewater, Oddfellows' Arms, Eddles  
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne  
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley  
1411 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Farnham  
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughborough  
1533 Corbet, Whitehall, Loughborough  
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot  
1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Loughborough  
1863 Priory, Masonic Hall, Loughborough  
1916 Grays, Foresters' Hall, Walsby  
1932 Tennant, Masonic Hall, Jerrif  
2016 Shalden, Assembly Rooms, Alton, Hants.  
2038 Portcullis, Hanging Cusper, Langport, Som.

2217 Windermere, Central Buildings, Windermere  
 2218 Rickmansworth, Swan Hotel, Rickmansworth  
 2227 White Horse, Masonic Hall, Westbury, Wilts  
 2234 Onslow, St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford  
 2261 Armitage, M.H., Market St., Midsbury  
 2262 Dagmar, Anglers' Rest Hotel, Wraybury  
 2278 Kingswood, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne  
 2285 Eden, M. Rooms, Portland Sq., Worthington  
 2311 St. Almund, Fox and Goose, Whitechurch.  
 2321 Acacia, Masonic Hall, Darley St., Bradford  
 2343 Sir William Harpur, Ass. Rooms, Bedford  
 2374 William Shumkur, R.F. Hotel, Chingford  
 2428 Gracedien, M.H., Coalville, Leicestershire  
 2449 Duke of York, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 723 Panmure, M.H., Barrack Rd., Aldershot  
 R.A. 807 Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport  
 M.M. 145 Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

### Friday, 13th October.

Quarterly Gen. Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12

177 Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.  
 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1559 New Cross, Portland Hall, Greenwich  
 1704 Anchor, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.  
 2399 Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead  
 R.A. 33 Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 R.A. 569 Fitzroy, Headquarters H.A.C., City Road  
 K.T.D. Mount Calvary, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.

31 Glamorgan, Masonic H., Working St., Cardiff  
 64 Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk  
 170 All Souls, Masonic Hall, Weymouth  
 458 Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Goolo  
 526 Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 681 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme  
 916 Hartington, Albany Hall, Eastbourne

1001 Harrogate and Claro, Mas. Hall, Harrogate  
 1087 Beaudesert, Assembly Ro., Leighton Buzzard  
 1121 Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland  
 1289 Rock, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
 1428 United Service, Freemasons' Hall, Landport  
 1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 1661 Newton, Savings Bank, Newark-upon-Trent  
 1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle  
 1983 Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold  
 2244 Cowper and Newton, M.H., High St. Olney

R.A. 119 Sun, Sq. and Compass, M.H., Whitehaven  
 R.A. 137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole  
 R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 R.A. 406 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
 R.A. 601 Byron of St. John, Charlton Arms Hotel, Wellington, Shropshire

R.A. 1001 Harrogate and Claro, M.H., Harrogate  
 R.A. 1247 Unity, F.M.H., Princess Sq., Plymouth  
 R.A. 1802 St. Stephen's, Criterion, Carlisle, East Retford

R.A. 2405 Brooke, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford

### Saturday, 14th October.

176 Cavenc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street  
 1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1612 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1671 Mizpah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street  
 1685 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton  
 1743 Perseverance, Anderson's, Fleet Street  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1864 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
 2369 Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, St. Queen St.  
 R.A. 129 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 R.A. 1928 Gallery, Anderson's, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey M.H., S.E.  
 M.M. 211 Hammersmith, Windsor Castle, King St.

1347 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey  
 1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton.  
 1637 Unity, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 1755 Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portsmouth  
 1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport  
 2006 Tilbury, Tilbury Docks Hotel, Essex  
 2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
 2147 Crays Valley, The Institute, St. Mary Gray  
 2326 Wigan, Masonic Hall, Wigan.  
 2369 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury  
 R.A. 511 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

### INSTRUCTION.

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### Saturday, 7th October.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.,  
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Rd., N., 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
 1299 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 7  
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.  
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

### Monday, 9th October.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,  
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8  
 243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
 392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
 519 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
 975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' June.  
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30  
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8

1445 Prince Leopold, 232 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,  
 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30  
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30  
 1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Wulbrook, 7  
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, W. Kensington, 8  
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
 2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7:30  
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8  
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

### Tuesday, 10th October.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8  
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
 74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45  
 177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
 183 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8  
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30  
 753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8  
 820 Lily of Richmond, Station Ho., Richmond, 7:30  
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30  
 1410 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30,  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 8  
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.  
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

### Wednesday, 11th October.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30  
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, St. Portland St., 8  
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,  
 761 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8  
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1350 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8  
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30  
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30  
 1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
 2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton St., W., 7:30  
 R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30  
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

### Thursday, 12th October.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
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 1692 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30  
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30  
 1741 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7:30  
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9

1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

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Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 187 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,  
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1299 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
 1381 Kennington, The Horus, Kennington, 8  
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30  
 1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road  
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8  
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

### Saturday, 14th October.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
 1299 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
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