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## THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

LAST week we were enabled to make the pleasing announcement that the executive of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons had been successful in securing the services of the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Colonel Gerard Noel Money, C.B., as Chairman for next year's Anniversary Festival, and in now tendering our congratulations to the Institution on the prospects of the coming celebration, we take the opportunity of addressing a few words to the Craft in general as to the work of this estimable Charity, and the claims it has upon the sympathy of the English Brotherhood.

We have always been opposed to making any invidious comparisons between the three Charitable Institutions of English Freemasonry, and there is really no necessity for anything of the sort, as each performs a special work, essentially its own, and all seek to fulfil their particular mission without interfering with the others, or giving any cause for jealousy or complaint. We may even go further in this direction—as has been done on many previous occasions—and argue that each of the Institutions in turn helps the others, as the recurring seasons bring the claims of the different Funds more prominently under the notice of the Craft; and we are convinced the same satisfactory kind of arrangement will continue so long as these three Institutions exist in association with Freemasonry.

There is one point, however, that gives a special interest to the work of the Benevolent Institution, which, dealing with the misfortunes of the aged, seems to specially remind a Brother of his own future. True, the Girls' or the Boys' School may offer the possibility of a future home for one's children, but even that sentiment has no effect in comparison with the feeling that in later years it may be necessary to personally look to the Benevolent Institution for comfort and sustenance. Although we are averse to urging support for the Institutions of Freemasonry on the off chance that in years to come they may repay the gift, this personal feeling must have considerable weight, and should be the means of securing for the Benevolent Institution a regular flow of supporters, apart from the body of workers who give their services and their means from other and equally worthy motives.

Then there is the feeling that in supporting the Benevolent Institution we are providing more particularly for those we have around us at the moment—the very men who, in their turn, have kept up Freemasonry and its Institutions in the past, and although there is considerable satisfaction in the feeling that one is assisting in the education and maintenance of the children of an old friend, this is exceeded by the gratification associated with the assistance of that friend himself when, in his time of need, assistance is

asked for from his former fellow workers. On these grounds, then, the Benevolent Institution claims and receives special support at the hands of Freemasonry, and that there is necessity for this special support a very brief examination of the facts of the case will prove.

After the last election of the Institution there were 194 Brethren and 241 Widows receiving the full allowance of £40 and £32 respectively, besides 24 Widows each entitled to half her late husband's annuity, the whole involving an annual outlay of £15,952 on annuities alone, and quite apart from all expenses of management and collection, or the other outlay incidental to that work. Against this large expenditure the Institution has a merely nominal permanent income to rely upon, so that the generosity of the Craft has to be appealed to year by year for the bulk of the sum required. It is only necessary to refer to the past, and the splendid progress made by the Institution, to recognise how faithfully the Freemasons under the English Jurisdiction have performed this part of their duty, and that they will continue to do so we have every reason to expect. But as year by year the season comes round for making the annual appeal one cannot help a feeling of anxiety as to whether the next and succeeding Festivals will produce enough to meet the calls made on the Institution, and this must necessarily be associated with a feeling of wonder that the Craft should be able to do so much year after year. It would almost seem that an inexhaustible supply has been tapped, and all that is necessary is to draw upon it for current requirements. But this is by no means the case—active and energetic work is necessary, and new fields of operation must be continually found, or the result must be one of disaster.

It is to provide the band of workers needed for this task that annual appeals are made to the Freemasons of England to take up Stewardships on behalf of the Charities, and in adding our persuasion to that of the Committee and general Officials of the Benevolent Institution we know we are urging a good cause, one that will well repay any trouble spent on its behalf, in the satisfaction of knowing that some one in less fortunate circumstances than ourselves is being provided for as the result of our efforts. The Benevolent Institution possesses, in this respect, a feature entirely its own, compared with the two Educational Charities of the Order. In the case of the Benevolent Institution it is evident that every donor can know what is actually done with his money, in a different sense to what is possible with regard to either the Girls' or the Boys' Schools. In the one case we see an annual payment, or to be more exact, a quarterly one, handed over to the several annuitants in hard cash, and there is no sentiment or faddism introduced into the question of how that money should be spent. Each recipient is old enough to take care of him or herself, as the case may be, and there is an end of the matter

when the supporters of the Institution know that an aged brother has gone home with £10 towards his quarters expenditure, or that a widow has £8 in hand with which to meet her expenses for the next three months. In the case of the other Institutions there is not the same tangible return. There the investment is purely of a speculative nature, but happily it has so far proved to be a successful speculation, and we hope it may always so continue. We are almost afraid to pursue this phase of the subject further, for fear of invidious companions, but the difference that exists between handing over to a number of recipients a definite sum in cash, and in the other case paying for the early training of boys and girls, seems to us so manifest that it is really unnecessary that we should do so.

Our object on this occasion is to so write that we may be the means of securing at least a few additional workers for the Benevolent Festival of 1894, which, we should have mentioned, is to be held on the 28th February; but we feel that our readers, in the majority of cases at least, know as much about the Institution as we do, can as fully appreciate its benefit, and as readily recognise its claim for support. But they may, perhaps, have been waiting for the personal appeal which, despite the energy of Bro. J. Terry the Secretary, and his co-workers, may not have reached every quarter, and in now making that appeal we assure our readers we do so in all sincerity, and in the firm belief that a hearty response is absolutely needed, nay even demanded, if the Fund is to be carried on next year on the same basis as it has been carried on in the past. There is some time yet before the day of the Festival, and doubtless there are brethren who have almost decided to act as Steward on its behalf, but have not yet given in their names—these may produce a tangible addition to the list of the Stewards ere the day of the Festival, but at present we have the fact to deal with that the record only contains the names of about one hundred brethren, a number which, even allowing for the most active working on their part, would certainly not warrant the prediction of a success for the coming event. When that roll of Stewards is doubled in number it will be time to pause for the purpose of looking around and weighing the chances of success, but until that happens there can be but one answer to the question of how the Festival is going—more support and more workers must be secured, and the whole time at disposal must be devoted to attracting them.

It has often been urged that the work of supporting the three Institutions of the Craft might be more systematised than is the case at present, and that if each Lodge on the Register was regularly to send up a Steward to one or other of the Institutions all these special appeals would be unnecessary. It might be so, but we imagine the remedy would be worse than the evil. Under existing conditions there is always a lively competition among special workers, and there is also the glorious feature of uncertainty to urge individual supporters to special effort, all of which would be removed if the work was made a regular humdrum sort of affair. Besides this, it must be remembered that to make it compulsory for each Lodge to periodically elect and support a Steward would virtually place a tax on Freemasonry, and relegate Freemasonry to the level of a Benefit Society, a result which is by no means desirable. We much prefer the existing system, and although it gives annual cause for anxiety and speculation, we hope it will not prove a bad method for the Festivals of the future, more particularly that to be held in February next, on behalf of our Aged Brethren or their Widows.

We cannot close our present remarks without a word in reference to the Province over which the Chairman presides. Surrey has been tried in these matters in years gone by, and has nobly done its duty. The present chief of the Province is immensely

popular, and this fact, coupled with the general desire of the brethren of the district to do the best in their power for the poor and distressed, should at least guarantee a good list from the district. Let us hope the Surrey total of February next will be the best ever sent up from that Province, and that it may be hard pressed by many others in the race of supporters of the Benevolent Institution, and further, that all will join in the most desirable work of supporting Col. Money in his presidency of the year.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master presided. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight acted as Deputy G.M., Brother Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Herts as Past Grand Master, Bro. Victor A. Williamson, C.M.G., as G.S.W.; while the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., the G.J.W. of the year, was in his place.

Grand Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed,

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe read the communication received from Sir Francis Knollys on behalf of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, which was as follows:—

Marlborough House, 21st October 1893.

Sir Francis Knollys is desired by his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons of England to thank the Grand Officers and Brethren of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England for their address and kind congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of the marriage of his Royal Highness the Duke of York with the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck.

The Earl then moved that the letter be entered on the minutes, and

Bro. W. W. B. Beach seconding the motion, it was carried.

Bro. Alfred Cooper P.M. 259 proposed the re-election of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master.

Bro. Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., nominated Bro. Charles W. Hudson P.P.G.W. of Sussex, for the office of Grand Treasurer. He had been in the Craft over 20 years, and served numerous offices both in Sussex and elsewhere.

Bro. F. Gordon Brown P.M. 1 nominated Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, banker, P.M. 1, and hoped and felt sure that brother would receive the confidence of the brethren of Grand Lodge. He trusted he would not be unsuccessful in taking a place among the very brilliant brethren on the dais.

Lord George Hamilton nominated Bro. William Mason Stiles, who had for 20 years been an active Mason. During most part of that time he had been Preceptor of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction; and five years Secretary of the mother Lodge. He had been Steward of the various Charities, and was Vice-President of all three, and had contributed out of his own funds upwards of £600 to the Institutions. He ventured conscientiously to think that he was a suitable candidate from his qualifications for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. S. H. Baker P.M. 1260 214 and Treas. 2472, nominated Bro. William Shurmur, reciting his Masonic career, which commenced in 1873, in which year he was initiated in the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1289, he associated himself with other Lodges, and in 1890 he was nominated the first W.M. of the Lodge named after himself. The petition for this latter Lodge was one of the most remarkable ever presented to the M.W.G.M. for approval, containing as it did the names of no less than 63 petitioners. At the consecration there were nearly 400 brethren present, including over 100 Installed Masters. It had now 150 members on its roll, and has donated 700 guineas to the Masonic Institutions.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe announced that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had appointed Bro. Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence, and Brother Grey was re-invested.

The Earl also announced that Bro. James Brett P.G.P. had been again nominated for election as Senior Vice-President of the Board, and Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune P.G.P. as Junior Vice-President, and that as

there were no other nominations, he declared them duly elected.

Scrutineers of votes at the election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence were then chosen and obligated, and having collected the voting cards, they withdrew to count the votes.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was read by the Grand Secretary, and, on the motion of Bro. Robert Grey, seconded by Brother James Brett, the grants recommended were confirmed.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes on the motion of Bro. Fenn, seconded by Brother Dr. Pocock.

Bro. Fenn said there were several recommendations arising out of the report. With respect to the first he was happy to say that Lodge St. Cybi, No. 597, Holyhead, had, since the business paper had been issued, made its returns to Grand Lodge. They paid no attention to many applications, but when they saw this proposition on the paper they had made returns and paid their dues, therefore he had to move "that the 13 Lodges first mentioned in the report having failed to make returns be summoned to show cause why they should not be erased." Dr. Ernest Pocock seconded the resolution, which was put and carried.

Bro. Fenn next proposed, as a matter of form, "That the warrant for a proposed Lodge to be called the Reunion Lodge, Blenheim, New Zealand, No. 2445, having been returned unused, the Lodge be erased from the list."

Bro. J. E. Le Fenve seconded, and the motion was carried.

Bro. Fenn next proposed that the recommending referred to in the report of the Sub-Committee for an increase to the salaries of the Clerks and Officials be adopted. The proposition was heartily received and seconded by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. Grand Registrar.

Bro. Frank Richardson, who was received with loud cheers, said that as the Chairman of the Special Committee, he had intended to second the motion, but Bro. Philbrick was before him. He thought all the brethren would admit that the work of the Grand Secretary's office ought to be well done. Now, if they ought to have the work well done, they must have competent brethren to do it, and they must pay them properly for what they did.

Dr. Ernest Pocock, on behalf of the elected members of the Committee, said the report was passed with absolute unanimity.

Bro. W. F. Lamonby desired to move a friendly amendment as regarded the Sub-Librarian. Those members of Grand Lodge who were interested in the history and philosophy, and the history generally of Masonry, were thoroughly conversant with the scholarly zeal and industry with which Bro. Sadler performed the onerous duties of his office. He noticed in the report the Board considered Bro. Sadler's present salary inadequate. He would go a step further, and say that the proposition of the Board was still inadequate. It might interest members of Grand Lodge to know that in one of the youngest Grand Lodges in the British possessions they paid their head librarian £100 per annum for work and responsibility amounting to not one-fourth of that performed by Bro. Sadler. He therefore would move as an amendment that £50 be substituted for £40.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer agreed with what had been said about Bro. Sadler's services, and seconded Brother Lamonby's amendment. If it had been proposed to give him £300 a year it would not have been too much for him to have.

The Earl of Mount Edgumbe having pointed out that the amendment was irregular because it was not competent to move an amendment for an increase of a sum recommended, except notice of motion had been previously given, said he could not put the amendment. He then put the original motion, which was carried unanimously amid loud cheers.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe received the following report of the Scrutineers in the Grand Master's private room.

Bros. Walter Martin P.M., George R. Langley P.M., Geo. Read P.M., Ebenezer C. Mulvey P.M., Wm. Fisher P.M., Geo. Graveley P.M., James Bunker P.M., Chas. Dairy P.M., Wm. Vincent P.M., Simon H. Goldschmidt P.M., Geo. B. Chapman P.M., and Robert A. Gowan P.M.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Tuesday, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master presided, having Lord Egerton of Tatton as Past Grand Master, Colonel the Hon. T. Orde-Powlett as Deputy Grand Master, and Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., and Sir Matthew White Ridley as Wardens.

A letter was read by Bro. Matier, the Grand Secretary, which had been received from Sir Francis Knollys, acknowledging, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, the loyal address of congratulation from Grand Mark Lodge on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York.

The Prince of Wales was afterwards nominated by Bro. Eugene Montenuis for re-election as Grand Master, and Bro. F. Mead Grand Treasurer nominated Bro. R. Turtle Pigott as Grand Treasurer for the next year.

After some other business Grand Lodge was closed.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### WILLIAM SHURMUR CHAPTER, No. 2374.

AT the Royal Hotel, Chingford, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., there were present Comps. Shurmur P.P.G.J. M.E.Z., G. Graveley P.P.G.A.S. M.E.Z. elect, W. E. Dring P.G.H. H. elect, J. Pinder P.Z. Scribe E. J. elect, Johnson, Mann, Horman, Hamilton, Bestow, Kaufman, Holland, Cunningham, Clark, Oakden jun., Lloyd, Fortescue, Archdeacon Farrar, White P.P.G.J. Essex, and the following Visitors:—Comps. Bolton P.Z. 993, Crutchley 1685, H. Dehane P.Z. 890, Lee 1524, T. Edmonds P.Z. 1507. The Chapter was opened in due form and the minutes confirmed. Comp. Shurmur then exalted Bro. the Rev. J. R. Buchanan, the vicar of Herne, Kent, and Brother Lowry into R.A. Masonry in a most earnest and impressive manner, making a great impression on the candidates. Comp. Shurmur is certainly one of the best workers in this beautiful degree, and it was a great pleasure to listen to him. He was most ably supported by his Officers, particularly by Comp. Speller in his careful work of the P.S. Comp. Shurmur then inducted the three Principals into their chairs. Comp. Graveley thanked Comp. Shurmur for the honour he had done him in installing him and his brother Officers. The M.E.Z. then invested his Officers:—Comps. Byford S.E., Speller S.N., Wright P.S. There being no other business hearty good wishes were tendered, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet.

The M.E.Z. Comp. Graveley gave the toasts; that of the Prov. Grand Superintendent (Comp. Philbrick) was received with great enthusiasm. The Grand H. and J. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past being also honoured.

Comp. Shurmur proposed the health of the M.E.Z. in eulogistic terms, expressing the great gratification they one and all felt in seeing him in the very proud position of M.E.Z. of the Shurmur Chapter. A distinguished member of the Board of General Purposes, a Companion brimming over with benevolence, he would no doubt make the Chapter a great success and one of the largest in the Province.

The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Shurmur for his kind remarks concerning himself. In succeeding Comp. Shurmur as the M.E.Z. he felt nervous in following such an excellent worker in their beautiful ceremonies. He thanked the Companions for putting 20 guineas on his list as they had done, and felt very desirous to take up at least 200 guineas. He thanked the Companions from the bottom of his heart for their kind support, and as an Englishman he would endeavour to discharge his duties to their satisfaction and to the best of his ability.

The toast of H. and J. were given and responded to by Companions Dring and Pinder, the latter of whom is a very old companion of the M.E.Z., and stated he had always done his duty to his old friend and always would.

The toast of the Installing Master was given by the M.E.Z. They saw Comp. Shurmur installed last year, but this year he hoped to see him installed as the Grand Treasurer of England. He expressed the great pleasure he felt in presenting Comp. Shurmur with a P.Z.'s jewel for his valuable services, and wished him many years of health to be with them.

Comp. Shurmur stated it was quite impossible for him to acknowledge the kindness he had received all round. He had to thank Comp. T. C. Edmonds for his great kindness and assistance. He had endeavoured to carry out the beautiful ritual, and had secured approbation. They had determined he should be nominated for Grand Treasurer; he should try and be successful and do all in his power to attain that proud position. He thanked them for the valuable jewel they had given him and should value it immensely.

The toast of the Exaltees was responded to by Rev. Comp. Buchanan and Comp. Lowry, and the toast to the Visitors by Comps. Dehane, Edmonds, and Crutchley.

Comp. Shurmur gave the toast of the Charities, which was replied to by Comps. Dehane and White, who thanked the Companions for their great support. In nearly all their cases they were successful.

This closed a very busy and pleasant meeting to the satisfaction of all.

We are glad to see that "Sowing the Wind" at the Comedy is still receiving that support and approbation from the public which the high tone of the play and the able and clever way in which it is performed entitles it to.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A GRAND and impressive ceremonial came off in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, on Thursday of last week (St. Andrew's Day) the occasion being the installation of Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., to the office of Grand Master Mason of Scotland, in room of the Earl of Haddington, who has resigned after two years' occupancy of the throne. The event, as might naturally be expected, was regarded with a pleasurable interest by the brethren of Rothesay St. John's (Sir Charles' Mother Lodge), and indeed of all the Lodges in Argyll and Bute, the new Grand Master having held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles with great credit to himself and benefit to the Craft generally since 1875.

Grand Lodge was constituted by the Earl of Haddington, the retiring Grand Master, who, in the course of the proceedings formally proposed the election of Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., to be Grand Master Mason of Scotland. This was unanimously adopted, and a deputation was sent to intimate the election to Sir Charles. On the return of the deputation escorting the Grand Master their approach was announced by trumpeters, and a very hearty greeting was given the new Grand Master.

The retiring Grand Master intimated the election, congratulated Sir Charles on its unanimity, and said he did not anticipate he would have the difficulties which their predecessors had to face, for the Grand Lodge was now in a peaceful condition, Scottish Masonry was in a flourishing state, and he would have the sympathy and support of the office-bearers and of all Scottish Masons.

The new Grand Master having been duly installed, announced that he appointed Lord Saltoun to be Grand Master-Depute, and Brother John Graham of Broadstone (Provincial Grand Master of Scotland) Substitute Grand Master. The other office-bearers were then elected and installed, and on the motion of the Grand Master a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the Past Grand Master. In connection with this the Grand Master read a resolution to be inscribed on the minutes.

At the conclusion of the business of Grand Lodge, the brethren dined together in the large hall in celebration of St. Andrew's Day, and they were joined by deputations from daughter Lodges, the company numbering nearly two hundred. The Grand Master presided, and he was supported right and left by Past Grand Master the Earl of Haddington, the Depute Grand Master, the Substitute Grand Master, the Lord Justice-General, and Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart, A. Graham Murray, Major H. C. F. Newall, Provost Milloy, &c.

After dinner, and before the toast list was entered upon, the Lord Justice-General, on behalf of the Province of Argyll and the Isles, introduced a deputation for the purpose of tendering their most hearty congratulations to the Grand Master and the whole Craft of Scotland on his accession to the Masonic throne. It is now, his Lordship said, about eighteen years since the Province of Argyll and the Isles had the advantage of the Grand Master's presidency, and during that time there had been marked progress in Freemasonry, which had been extended into regions where it was not previously known, and had been revived where it had lain dormant. Many of the deputation were not unknown to the Grand Master, and the welcome which they offered sprang from a feeling of personal devotion as well as of attachment to the Craft, of which he was now the chief representative.

The Grand Master, in welcoming the deputation, said he had been placed most unexpectedly in that high office, to which he had never aspired, and for which he was altogether unworthy. He had had personal relations with many of the deputation in a variety of ways in former years, but speaking only in a Masonic sense it was gratifying to him that, at great personal inconvenience, so numerous a deputation, numbering upwards of thirty, should have attended that night to pay him such a high compliment. He thanked them most heartily for their kindness, and said that it was not the least gratifying circumstance of the occasion that their spokesman should be their distinguished Brother, the Lord Justice-General, whose mother Lodge was also his, Rothesay St. John's, No. 292, and who filled the office of Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles.

A marble bust of Lord Blythwood, Past Grand Master, was at this time unveiled, and, in formally inaugurating it

Sir Charles Dalrymple said it would be an addition to the memorials of successive chiefs of the Craft which adorned the hall. It was a replica of the bust which was presented last week to Lady Blythwood at the hands of the Earl of Haddington, and it was a striking likeness of their former Grand Master, which reflected the utmost credit on the skill of the sculptor, Mr. W. G. Stevenson, A.R.S.A.

The usual complimentary toasts having been honoured, the Earl of Haddington, on rising to propose the Grand Master Mason and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was most cordially greeted. Sir Charles Dalrymple was, he said, Masonically known to all for the active part he had taken in the management of the affairs of the Craft, and for his successful conduct of the Province of Argyll and the Isles. If proof of that were wanted they had it in the presence of the large deputation that night. He was sure that in the reign of the new Grand Master Grand Lodge would lose none of its prestige.

The Grand Master, in responding to the toast, said he did not profess to be as expert in Masonic law as many of his brethren, but the longer he had held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles the greater had been his interest in the work of Masonry. As to the position of Grand Lodge itself, it had, like other institutions, suffered from depression during the past year, and there had been a falling off in the number of entrants, but that was only to be expected. The gross income in 1892 was £5,885 14s 8d, this year it had been £5,335 19s 2d. Grand Lodge possessed heritable property of the value of £2,300, and movable property of the value of £1,800. They had money invested in first-class securities for £7,000, and on deposit receipt and cash £2,200—making a total of £34,000. They had spent on benevolence during the year £637, and on annuities £1,150. Eleven new Lodges had been erected, and they had started the new Masonic year by granting charters to three Lodges in the colonies. It was the duty of all Masons to keep Grand Lodge up to the high level which it had reached, and to maintain its present tone. He had undertaken the arduous and responsible, but at the same time highly honourable duties of the office of Grand Master in the hope that he should have the support of all Masons, and with the earnest desire that in the coming year nothing would happen which would cause Grand Lodge to fall from the high position to which it had attained.

The Grand Master next gave the Scottish Bench, and in doing so said they were fortunate in having among the members of Grand Lodge many who were connected with the Scottish Bar. They had also on their roll more than one Scottish Judge, and he was not sure that they were aware of the number of eminent Scottish Judges who had belonged to Grand Lodge in former years. During the last century they had Lord Justice-General Campbell, Lords Drummorie, Westhall, Montbodo, Lord Justice-Clerk Hope, Lords Meadowbank, Henderland, and Eskgrove as members of the Scottish Lodges. David Dalrymple, Lord Westhall was Grand Master Mason in 1774-75, and the Craft pointed with pride to the fact that the Lord Justice-General of the present day was an honoured member, while two Lord Chancellors of England—the first Earl of Rosslyn and Lord Brougham were Scottish-holding Masons. When a few days ago the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, opened a Bar Lodge, an ex-Lord Chancellor acted as Senior Warden and a very prominent Queen's Counsel was the Inner Guard. The identification of the Bar with the Craft was of great interest to them and they were honoured not only with the presence of the head of the Scottish Bench, but with the late Solicitor-General for Scotland. Freemasonry knew no distinction of class or profession, but it was none the less interesting that these great professions were identified with the Craft, and that on an occasion like the present they had among them distinguished representatives of the Bench and the Bar. It was especially gratifying to him to be able to couple the toast with the name of the Lord Justice-General of Scotland.

The Lord Justice-General, in responding to the toast, said he was glad to learn that the Masonic body was on such good terms and on such old-fashioned terms of amity with the Scottish Bench. He was not aware that in coming there that night he was so well founded in precedent, and it was a most gratifying circumstance that the precedent should have been found by a distinguished layman instead of a lawyer. But he imagined that any-one filling even the position which he held, if he followed his own perception



of what was right and becoming, need not apprehend much censure, even if there were a seeming deviation from precedent. While he was glad to learn that they were on such old-fashioned terms of amity, he could not help reflecting that their business was done on somewhat different principles. When he was present at the installation of the Grand Master he noticed the motto on the wall, "Behold how good a thing it is for brethren to dwell in unity." He could not help asking himself if that would be a very becoming motto for a Court of Justice. He was afraid that in that aspect the legal profession must regard them as rivals or interlopers, for they intercepted business which ought to flow in the shape of discord into the Law Courts. His experience of Freemasonry entirely confirmed all his attachment to it which began in his mother Lodge in the west. It afforded him much pleasure to be present that night, and he congratulated Grand Lodge that the new Chapter just opened had no chance of falling short of that which had been closed under the distinguished auspices of the Earl of Haddington.

The toast list also included the Provincial Grand Lodges, proposed by Brother A. Graham Murray, Q.C., M.P., who in the course of his remarks referred in congratulatory terms to the high honour which had been conferred on the Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles.

In the course of the evening an orchestre, under Brother H. Dambmann, Grand Director of Music, relieved the proceedings with music, and some of the brethren gave excellent songs.

### THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT BRIGHTON.

ON Saturday, 25th ult., there was a goodly muster of members of the Order of the Temple, at the Hotel Métropole, to assist at the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Prior of Sussex. H.R.H. was met at the Railway Station by Bro. R. Clowes (who is his Sub-Prior in the Province) and his Worship the Mayor of Brighton (Alderman Dr. J. Ewart, J.P.) Arriving at the Hotel Métropole at half-past two, H.R.H. was entertained at luncheon by Bro. Clowes, who had invited about seventy members of the Order to meet their Provincial Prior Designate. Before the company separated, Bro. Clowes, addressing His Royal Highness and those present, said it was his privilege as Chairman to propose the first and only toast—one without which he ventured to think no loyal subject considered a meeting of any kind perfect, viz., the Queen. He had the honour, he said, of proposing the toast in the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn who had come there at some inconvenience and graced the board with his presence. Personally he tendered H.R.H. his grateful thanks, and expressed the hope that they might have the honour of welcoming him on many future occasions, and also experience the happiness of proposing the health of their most gracious Queen for many years to come. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the Provincial Priory held in the Octagon Room, which had been splendidly fitted up for the occasion. The Priory had been previously opened by the Sub-Prior, before the arrival of H.R.H., and all the formal business had been completed. When the great Sub-Prior of England, the Earl of Euston (accompanied by his Officers), entered the room, he took his seat on the throne and proceeded at once with the ceremony. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was duly installed in the office of Provincial Prior of Sussex with all the ceremonial pertaining to the Order.

After appointing his Officers, H.R.H. gave an interesting address expressing his appreciation of the excellent arrangements by his Sub-Prior, and the Priory was closed.

Meanwhile, in the ball-room of the Hotel Métropole, the Earl of Sussex Lodge, which was held there by special dispensation, was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. W. Hudson, assisted by his Officers. The ordinary business included a donation of £10 10s to the Boys' School, £5 5s to the Worthing Relief Fund, and the addition of £50 to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Bro. Hudson thanked the Officers for their services during the year. It was then announced that the Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was approaching to pay a visit to the Lodge, and he entered accompanied by the Deputy Provin-

cial Grand Master, Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P., and the following members of Grand Lodge:—The Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. of Norths and Huats, Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, Sir J. B. Monckton and Sir Reginald Hanson P.G. Wardens; Bro. Reed Oswald Thompson P.G. Chaplain; R. Eve and G. Everett P.G. Treasurers; E. Letchworth G. Secretary; F. Richardson, Sir L. E. Darell, Bart., C.B., Major-General J. C. Hay, T. Trollope, F. W. West Deputy P.G.M. Surrey, Sir G. Harris and R. BurrIDGE P.G. Deacons; C. H. Driver P.G. Supt. Wks., C. Botton P.G. Deputy Dir. of Cers., Colonel A. B. Cook and T. J. Ralling P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; H. Ward, J. Terry and F. Mead P.G. Sword Bearers; C. F. Matier, C. F. Hogard and R. Clowes P.G. Standard Bearers. H.R.H. was saluted in due form, and took his seat on the dais.

Bro. Hudson asked the Right Honourable the Earl of Euston to instal the newly-elected Master (Bro. Richard Percy Clowes) who was presented in due form and placed in the chair. The ceremony was completed by the Grand Secretary (Bro. E. Letchworth), Bro. C. W. Hudson, Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, and Bro. Dr. A. King. The W.M. appointed his Officers.

The W.M. then handed the gavel to the Duke of Connaught, who took the chair and addressed the brethren as follows:—

I am very pleased that circumstances have permitted me once more to visit the Province of Sussex. Having more than twelve months ago been appointed the head of an Order, which, although outside Freemasonry, includes no members who are not Royal Arch Masons, I was obliged to come to take up the duties and was able to arrange that I should at the same time pay a visit to one of my Lodges. It gives me great pleasure, not only because the Lodge I am visiting bears my name and was consecrated by me, but in addition, I am able to attend the installation of a brother who was the first initiate and has worked his way up to the chair; also he is the son of one, who, although not originally a Sussex Mason, has brought with him to the Province such an amount of Masonic zeal and work that he has attained a prominent position in the Province and endeared himself to all with whom he is brought in contact. I am glad to see such a large assembly to do honour to the new W.M. I wish him every success in the Lodge and prosperity at the Bar. I was very sorry that I was unable to attend the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, but I am sure you are all too good Masons to neglect your ordinary avocations for the pleasure of Masonry, and you will appreciate my feeling that the claims of the military profession which I have adopted admonish me not to neglect the important duties of the very responsible position in which I have been placed, and as I am, for the present, residing at a place rather difficult of access, and much engaged, you must excuse me if I do not attend so regularly as I ought or should wish to do. I am pleased to see my Deputy Provincial Grand Master after his trip to Egypt and trust he had been able to bring his business to a successful issue and return to his labours in his profession and in Masonry with renewed strength. It is very satisfactory to me to hear that, notwithstanding my absence and that of my Deputy, you were good enough to attend in large numbers to support the brother I appointed to preside, and am much obliged to the Rev. E. R. Currie for putting off another engagement in order to take my place. I regret very much I cannot remain to dine with you at the Pavillion. It is only with great difficulty I have been able to spare the time to come to Brighton and must return at once; I therefore wish you all health and happiness and must leave as soon as the ceremony is concluded.

He then resigned the chair to the W.M., who proposed a cordial vote of thanks to H.R.H. for the honour he had done them in visiting the Lodge.

Bro. C. W. Hudson seconded, and alluded to a curious coincidence that on the same date (25th November) exactly a hundred years ago, the then Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone of the Chapel Royal, Brighton, on which occasion the name of the vicar was Hudson, no relation however to him (Bro. Hudson).

The proposition was put to the Lodge and carried by acclamation, and H.R.H. retired, being accompanied to the station by Brother R. Clowes and the Mayor of Brighton.

This is the first time a meeting of this sort has been held at the Hotel Métropole, and the Manager, Mr. Richard, had spared no pains to provide everything of the most *récherché* description for the lunch, having carte blanche from Bro. R. Clowes, and had fitted up the rooms in a most luxurious manner, proving that there was every facility for Masonic meetings in the hotel. It must be gratifying to Bro. R. Clowes to have his son, still a young man, who had worked his way up to the chair so quickly, installed in the presence of such a large number of distinguished members of the Fraternity, crowned by the illustrious ruler of the Province, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. He had invited all the Masters in the Province, and of 29 there were 22 present, and, although the Lodge only consists of 25 members, the guests of the

W.M. were so numerous there were about 170 present. The manager of the Hotel Métropole was obliged to decline to supply the banquet, for the hotel was so full he could not undertake it. Nearly all the brethren, therefore, met later on at the Royal Pavilion, where a magnificent banquet was provided, and the usual toast list was honoured.

The Earl of Euston, in responding for the Grand Officers, said he was delighted to be present, and had experienced great pleasure in installing the W.M. under such auspicious circumstances.

Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., and Sir J. B. Monckton also acknowledged the toast.

The latter, in alluding to the proceedings of the day, bore testimony to the noble manner in which Bro. R. Clowes had invariably exercised the virtue of hospitality. The W.M. next submitted the M.W. Prov. Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. H.R.H., he said, had conferred a great honour upon the Lodge in attending that afternoon and installing him as W.M. Such a privilege was not shared by many Lodges, as H.R.H. was so busily occupied with his multifarious duties. In his government of the Province of Sussex he had exercised great skill and shown powers of management similar to those displayed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in ruling the Craft.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott responding to the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was cordially received. Sincerely thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, he expressed his regret that the Provincial Grand Master was not present. Sussex Freemasons were all proud of having such a Provincial Grand Master as the Duke of Connaught. The Duke, one of the best officers in the Army, had undertaken a most burdensome command at Aldershot. No general ever worked harder than he did, and yet, amidst all his duties, he found time to visit the Lodge bearing his own name, the Earl of Sussex. As to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master he had not so much to say about him. It had been hinted that he had not been so much in the West as in the East. If they wished to know why, he would tell them. Masonic secrets were said to be in the East and he had gone there to see if he could find any of them and bring them to the West. He had not found any, and he was therefore going again. All the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge had, he said, been gratified at the ceremony witnessed that afternoon. Age had, at last, got its reward, and, however old their W.M. looked, his performances that afternoon proved that he was a great deal older than his father.

Bro. C. W. Hudson I.P.M., in proposing the Worshipful Master, said it was his especial privilege to wish, on behalf of the brethren, prosperity and goodwill to the W.M. Their W.M. was young, but he was an ardent Freemason. He (Bro. Hudson) remembered the sincere manner in which the W.M. at his initiation appreciated every word of the ceremony, and how, subsequently, he had acted as Charity Steward at one of the Festivals. He had filled several offices ably. Personally he thanked him for his support during the last year. The W.M. had proved himself the worthy son of a worthy sire, and all would sincerely wish him a successful and happy year of office. The Lodge had the fullest confidence in him, and, rallying round him, would endeavour to make his year one of the greatest happiness.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was greeted with enthusiastic applause. He said he had looked forward since his initiation to the time when he hoped to occupy the chair. His feelings had not been unmixed with fear, for he felt that the greatest honour in one's Masonic career was to be installed W.M. of his mother Lodge. He had reached that high honour sooner than he expected owing to the wish of Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts to spend a considerable time abroad, and he wished Bro. Roberts a pleasant journey and a happy return to the chair. His fears had been dispelled by the manner in which he had been received inside and outside the Lodge, for he found that he was surrounded by friends anxious, not to criticise but to come forward and give him every assistance. He had been greatly impressed by his installation, and he thanked the Earl of Euston and all who had taken part in the ceremony. He would do all he could to carry out the duties of his high office, and trusted to leave the chair without blemish and in the same efficient state as he received it. He then proposed the Visitors.

Bro. Dawes said he had hoped to pass the evening without making a speech, but he could not

hesitate to respond, though, in acknowledging the hospitality and welcome accorded to the Visitors, he felt he had a task beyond his powers. The Visitors had had a Masonic physical and intellectual treat. Congratulating the W.M. he said his year was commenced under such happy auspices that it augured well for the Earl of Sussex Lodge and the Craft in the Province, and he hoped he would look back upon the year as one of the happiest of a happy life.

Bro. Ewart (Mayor of Brighton) also responded. That day would, he said, be a red-letter day in his life. He had had the honour on a previous occasion of meeting H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and he had that day impressed him as a good Mason as well as a splendid military officer. The Duke had kept his eyes open, and had been much interested in the alterations in the town since his last visit. As they passed the sea front, the electric light burst forth, and his Royal Highness said he had never seen such a perfect illumination. He (Bro. Ewart) also spoke with pleasure of the Duke's popularity in the army. The W.M., he said, had acquitted himself well and would doubtless follow in the footsteps of his worthy father as a good Mason.

Bro. Brez also responded.

Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts proposed the Masonic Institutions, remarking that Sussex was not behind in the race in which Masonic England engaged and in which all wished to be first.

Bros. J. Terry and J. M. McLeod responded, each bearing testimony to the excellent support given to the Masonic Institution by Sussex Freemasons.

The W.M. proposed the Past Masters, remarking that it was an open secret that Bro. C. W. Hudson I.P.M. would be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of England.

Bros. Hudson, A. King, and R. Clowes responded.

The Officers of the Lodge, submitted by the W.M., received replies from Bros. Chapman, Marshall, and Gerald Loder, M.P.

The Tyler's toast brought the enjoyable gathering to a close.

During the evening a programme of delightful music was sustained by the "Dilettante" Vocal Quartette, Bros. J. A. Brown, Edward Dalzell P.M., Frederick Bevan W.M., and Robert Hilton, under the direction of Brother Frederick Bevan.

## NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday, in the Lodge Room of the York Lodge, No. 236, Dancombe Place, York, for the purpose of electing a Provincial Grand Treasurer, in the place of the late Bro. Walter Reynolds, deceased.

In the unavoidable absence of the Marquis of Zetland Prov. G.M., the Lodge was presided over by the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett P.G.W. England, Deputy of the Province, who after the opening of Prov. Grand Lodge said they were met on a very sad occasion; for the purpose of electing a Treasurer in the place of their much respected Brother, W. Reynolds. He had served the Province as Treasurer faithfully, honourably, and to the satisfaction of all his brethren since 1885, and before that he was Director of Ceremonies. It was always a great pleasure to Bro. Reynolds to give his advice on every occasion when it was sought, and they owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the way in which the various Masonic ceremonies were carried out in the Province. No words of his were needed to express how much they owed Bro. Reynolds for the way he managed the affairs of the Province as Treasurer, and he would ask the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge to pass a vote of condolence with Bro. Reynolds' widow and family. Bro. Reynolds had a quiet, unassuming manner, and carried out his duties in a way that pleased every one with whom he was brought into contact, and he was sure he had not an enemy in the Province, which was showed by the fact of their unanimously electing him Treasurer. In conclusion he moved a vote of condolence with Mrs. Reynolds and family, and also expressive of the regret of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Bro. Reynolds' death.

Bro. J. W. Woodall P.P.G.W. seconded the vote. He said by the death of Bro. W. Reynolds the Province had lost a sterling Mason, and the Province was honoured by having a Mason who had so honestly and zealously looked after its

business as Treasurer. His advice had been always of the greatest service to the Province.

The vote was carried unanimously.

The D.P.G.M. said it was now their duty to elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was an office of great responsibility and dignity. There was a great deal of work attached to it, and they wanted a brother who was able and willing to undertake the work and who had gained the confidence of the Province.

Bro. the Dean of York said that he had much pleasure in proposing the election of their worthy Bro. Joseph Todd P.P.G.S.W. He was the oldest active Freemason in York, and for 15 years was Treasurer of the York Lodge, and vice-chairman of the Provincial Charities Education Association ever since it was formed. Such services showed the confidence which was reposed in him by the members of the Craft. He had known him for years as a brother Mason, and as a personal friend and neighbour, and in all his relations in life he bore out the character that he had gained as a Mason. They could not have a better man in whose hands to place the business.

Brother Whytehead P.G.S.B. England seconded the proposition. He said that he had been associated with Bro. Todd in Masonic work for something like 20 years, and a more energetic, knowledgeable, and prudent Mason did not live in York. It was thought that a Mason with such a record as Bro. Todd should have the honour of being elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bro. A. Farmer P.P.G.S.W. supported the nomination, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Todd having been invested with the collar of his office, thanked the brethren for the honour which they had conferred upon him. From his acquaintance and friendship with Bro. Reynolds he knew that the office was not a sinecure. It meant a lot of hard work, but it would be his utmost endeavour to discharge the duties zealously and to their satisfaction. He agreed with every word that had been said about Bro. Reynolds, whose abilities were ever at the service of his brethren, and he was always glad to communicate his knowledge to any brother who might desire it. He would do his best to try and make up for the loss they had sustained, to promote the interest of Craft Masonry and the Province, and to discharge faithfully the duties of the office to which they had so unanimously elected him.

The Lodge was then closed.

A correspondent of the *Observer* writes in a recent issue:—"The Prince of Wales's attendance at Lincoln's Inn on Tuesday next, at the consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge of Freemasons, is an event of considerable importance, as well generally as to Masons particularly. It is of importance generally because it is one further evidence that his Royal Highness makes no exception in his support of any public body he is asked to countenance, and it is of importance to Freemasons particularly because it proves his 'undying interest in Freemasonry,' which, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe stated in Grand Lodge last April, the Prince had assured him of while asking him to apologise to the brethren for his inability to be present. To the members of the Chancery Bar it is an exceptional honour, as it is the first Lodge consecration the Prince of Wales has attended since he became a Freemason, and consequently since the English Masons chose him as their Grand Master in March 1875. It is also a unique historical event, for, as far as is known, no other Prince of Wales has attended the consecration of a Masonic Lodge. The fact that very distinguished persons will be present on the occasion shows the favour in which the Prince's visit is held, while the founding of a Lodge, the membership of which will be confined to Chancery barristers, proves the confidence of a body of men who have the best opportunity of knowing that the ancient Craft is still being sought after by the best intellects in the world. The Order, which excludes all questions of politics and religion from the meetings of its members (who comprise all religions and all politics), and the watchwords of which are, to use the Prince of Wales's own words on his installation as Grand Master in the Royal Albert Hall on 28th April 1875, 'Loyalty and charity,' will certainly be strengthened by the establishment of the Chancery Bar Lodge."

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## FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your reprint from the *Catholic Times* under this head. The journal in question is misnamed. It should be called the *Roman Catholic Times*. I notice that in this article certain persons are referred to as the Lord Bishop of this or that. To this title they have no right. They are merely titular persons, not to be recognised by good Anglican Churchmen. If Roman Catholics, including the Bishop of Rome, would let the Freemasons alone, the Freemasons themselves would not be disposed to quarrel with the Roman Catholics. On the contrary they would be glad to receive them into their Lodges where all religious differences are lost sight of, and where they could work harmoniously in the cause of humanity. But if the Romans choose to take up the cudgels and say spiteful and stupid things they cannot blame the Freemasons if they get broken heads. This person who delivered the lecture you quote seems to be named O'Connor. The name is suggestive. I wonder if he is a Fenian and Dynamiter? Probably he is, but I also think it probable that if his Fenianism and Moonlight work tended to the propagation of Romanism we should not find his secret societies condemned by his priesthood, who are wonderfully accommodating in these things. Just as Popes in bygone days have sold licences for incestuous marriages, for murders, and for crime of all kinds, most of which crimes have been committed by the "Vicars of Christ" themselves, so now everything is condoned which is likely to strengthen the hands of the Roman Church. The motto of that church is *semper radem* I believe. Let us take them at the word of this proud motto. If they are *semper radem* their Popes are simply blackguards, their tender mercies are terrible, and their sole idea is to obliterate by hook or by crook from the face of the earth not only Freemasons but every other section of either civilisation or religion which does not kiss the Pope's toe. It is high time that such monstrous rubbish was knocked on the head. If the Romans want to do real good, to elevate the masses, to relieve distress, let them give up their silly diatribes and set to work like men. If their purposes are simply to proselytise the world, then let them look out, for Freemasons will stamp their wickets.

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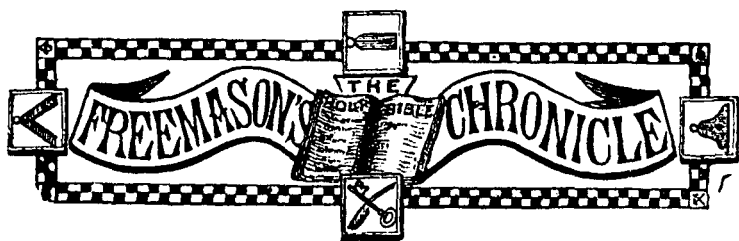
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SATURDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 1893.

As will be seen from the report of Wednesday's meeting of Grand Lodge, which we publish elsewhere, four brethren are nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer, a number in excess of anything previously known in connection with the appointment. We anticipate that the contest will be a severe one, and while regretting its necessity, for the reason that we object to even a semblance of opposition among Freemasons, we feel convinced it will be conducted with fairness. Our idea is that the Grand Treasurer, being an elective officer, should come from the body of Grand Lodge; being the chosen of the people, he should be one of the people; and on this ground we hope the brethren of the purple in Grand Lodge will not take a prominent part in any election by seeking to run their special nomination against the brother chosen by those wearing the blue. It would be most regrettable if this office led to a display of party feeling in Grand Lodge between what may be termed the upper and the lower house.

We are especially pleased at the unanimity of Grand Lodge in regard to the proposed increase of the salaries of the Secretarial staff. We never imagined it could be possible for opposition to be offered to the proposals set down, even though we were assured on good authority that something of the sort was contemplated. We congratulate the staff on their well-earned increases, and hope they may live to need and deserve further augmentations.

The remarks of the new Grand Master of Scotland, at the banquet following his installation, are very interesting, particularly so his speech in proposing the toast of the Scottish Bench. It is a coincidence that both Grand Masters of England and Scotland should take special notice of the Bar and Bench in association with Freemasonry within a few days of each other. We report the remarks of the Scottish chief in another part of this issue.

Another curious coincidence is referred to in the report we publish elsewhere of the Duke of Connaught's visit to Brighton, on the 25th ult., it being stated at the meeting that exactly 100 years ago, to the day, the then Prince of Wales paid a visit to Brighton, and laid the foundation stone of the Chapel Royal, on which occasion the name of the Vicar was Hudson—that also being the name of the Brother, who seconding a vote of thanks to the Duke of Connaught, referred to the event of a century ago. It seems strange that Royalty should visit a town on similar dates at so long an interval as one hundred years.

## NEWPORT PAGNALL.

THE annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Masonic Hall Company was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 25th ult., Bro. F. J. Taylor (Chairman) presiding. The report and balance-sheet showed the society to be in a very prosperous condition, a profit of £38 19s 11d being shown on the year's working. This, with the balance brought forward from last year, made £57 11s 7d in hand, from which it is proposed to pay 5 per cent. interest upon the shares, to add the sum of £20 to the reserve fund, and to carry forward to the next account the balance of £7 11s 7d.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

## CRAFT.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

AT the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 4th inst., Bro. S. J. Jenkins was elected W.M., Bro. F. A. Hearle P.P.G.A.D.C. Treas., and W. H. Phillips Tyler.

## YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 422.

AT the annual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, on Monday evening, Bro. Benjamin Townsend Adlard was elected W.M. for the ensuing year Bro. Alfred Kirk was re-appointed Treasurer, and Bro. George Scott Tyler.

## ROYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 574.

AT the monthly meeting, held at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, on the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. Hill, the Senior Warden (Bro. J. Napoleon Day) was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. H. Belcher was unanimously re-appointed Treasurer. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren dined together at the Queen's Hotel.

## ELIAS DE DERHAM LODGE, No. 586.

ON Tuesday of last week the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge entertained the Worshipful Master, Bro. Edward Waters, at dinner, in recognition of his services during the past year on behalf of the Lodge and the able and careful manner in which he had performed the various ceremonies. The chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. Fulford, who, in proposing the health of the W.M., congratulated him upon the gratifying recognition of his services, and alluded to the continued progress of Masonry and the desire of the Officers and brethren to render the Lodge worthy of its position so near the residence of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Radnor.

## DEVONSHIRE LODGE, No. 625.

THE installation of Bro. John Gregory Hodgson, of Sheffield, son of the Chief Constable of Glossop, took place on the 23rd ult., the ceremony taking place at the Town Hall, Glossop. The installing master was Bro. J. E. Steward P.M. 336 P.P.G.J.D. The banquet was held at the Masonic Hall, Norfolk Square.

## INVICTA LODGE, No. 709.

THE annual festival was held at Ashford, on the 1st inst. Bro. John Creery was installed as W.M. for the year. The other Officers are Bros. Thomas Kingsnorth I.P.M., Julius Kingsford P.M. S.W., H. J. Bracher J.W., Rev. P. J. Syré P.M. Chap., F. Hughes-Hallett P.M. Treasurer, Jas. S. A. Atkinson P.M. Sec., C. Igglesden S.D., C. Loud J.D., A. Legge P.M. Organist, A. J. Burrows I.G., A. M. Dorman and E. Pawlett Stewards, John Cooke Tyler.

## DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 837.

THE annual festival was held on the 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Ripon. The members present were:—Bros. R. Wilkinson W.M., J. W. Atkinson I.P.M., Dr. S. Jacob P.M. P.P.G. Org. S.W., F. Smith Mayor of Ripon, J.P., P.M. J.W., J. D. Waller Treasurer, W. B. Smith Secretary, B. Evans S.D., P. Evans P.M. J.D., W. Steel I.G., F. Bateman, J.P., P.M. D.C., J. W. Bishop P.M. and J. Nicholson Stwd., Snow, Spilman, Brown, Wegglesworth and Thorpe, also visiting Brethren W. R. Todd 373, J. Wilkinson 1800, W. C. Blackett 124 P.P.G.D. Durham, A. C. Bamlett 1416 P.P.G. Treasurer North and East Yorkshire, J. Richardson 406 P.M. 1001 P.P.G. Pursnivant West Yorkshire, B. W. Richardson 2069, G. D. Pook D.C. 1611, W. J. Kaye, M.A., P.M. 1522, C. Radd J.W. 1416, and others.

Bro. R. Wilkinson W.M. having been re-elected as Master, the installation ceremony was omitted, as was also the investiture of Officers—last year's Officers retaining their collars.

Bro. A. Brown was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M. the historical lecture being given by Bro. Jacob P.M. S.W., who was re-elected representative of the Lodge on the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire.

At the close of the business of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to banquet at the Unicorn Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The menu card was one of the most artistic we have seen, appropriate quotations from the pen of our late Laureate having been selected with rare skill and judgment to illustrate the toasts, by Bro. S. Jacob, LL.D.

## ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE annual meeting was held on the 4th inst., for the first time at the handsome new Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Saltash. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Bro. Dr. Robert Thornton Meadows, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. T. D. Netting, T. D. Deeble P.P.G.St.B., Dr. R. Revell P.P.G.St.B., W. R. Rawling 1071 were the installing Officers, assisted by a strong board of Masters.

## ASHBURY LODGE, No. 1459.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John in connection with this Lodge took place at West Gorton, on Thursday, 16th November, Bro. William Drabble W.M. Over 50 brethren were in attendance, the following being amongst the number, viz., Bros. J. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., Wm. Bee P.M. P.P.G.S., C. Walworth P.M., S. C. Richardson P.M., W. H. Beastow P.M., Thos. Aspinall P.M., Jas. Wright P.M., Thos. Hughes P.M., S. Chamberlain, J. T. Trotter, J. Jee, G. W. Davies, W. Dyson, A. Barber, W. Ashley, W. Williamson. Visitors:—Bros. Fred Hilton P.M. 1458 Prov. G. Dir. of Cer., Connoisseur Thos. Uttley W.M. 2464, Walter Newton P.M. 1322 P.P.G.J.D., G. W. Barnes W.M. 581, Geo. Parker W.M. 1083, W. J. Melling P.M. 2185, J. Forman P.M. 210, W. Goodman 2185, Chas. Jackson 2156, and Chas. Griffiths 581.

Our representative (Bro. E. Roberts P.M.) who had been to another meeting, and who consequently did not arrive at this until a late hour, has furnished us with the following particulars.

After the confirmation of minutes the ceremony of initiating Mr. Tom Wm. Downs was performed by Bro. Richardson, the working tools being presented by Bro. Walworth acting S.W. By this time the Worshipful Master elect (Bro. John Smith S.W.) who had been confined to his house by illness, arrived by special carriage, the same having been fitted up with warming apparatus for the occasion.

Bro. Wm. Bee Worshipful Installing Master, having taken the principal chair, appointed his Installing Officers, as follow:—Bro. Richardson S.W., Bro. Wright J.W., and Bro. Wallworth Deacon.

Bro. Smith having been duly presented, obligated, and installed, he invested Bro. Drabble as I.P.M., the latter ultimately explaining the jewel. Bro. Drabble also explained the working tools to each degree, while the address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Richardson, and those to the Wardens and brethren generally by Bro. Abbott. Bro. Bee invested the Officers.

We ought to mention that a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Davies Sec., for the very admirable manner in which his books had been kept.

The festival of St. John subsequently took place, Loyal and Masonic toasts being submitted by Bros. Wright, Beastow, Trotter, Davies, and others, the same being duly responded to.

Bro. Beastow presented to Bro. Drabble I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a splendid Past Master's jewel, which the recipient fittingly acknowledged. Bro. Wallworth being afterwards called upon to present to Bro. Wright a Past Treasurer's jewel, did so, saying that he had had many pleasant duties allotted to him in Lodge during the last ten years, but none had been so pleasurable as that which he was just about to perform. The speaker dilated upon Bro. Wright's past services, which he said were worthy of recognition, and concluded by hoping that the latter would live long to wear the jewel, and favour the Ashbury Lodge with his presence oftener than he had done latterly.

Bro. Hughes afterwards presented to Bro. Richardson a similar jewel, and did so in a very neat and appropriate speech, drawing attention to his constant efforts to improve the Lodge. The words upon the jewel were:—

Presented  
By the Brethren of the ASHBURY LODGE, No. 1459, to  
Bro. S. C. RICHARDSON P.M.,  
For services rendered as Treasurer, 1889-1893.

Songs, sketches, and instrumental pieces were contributed by various brethren, a very pleasant evening being spent.

## KING'S CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

ON Saturday, 18th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Bro. G. R. Bolton W.M., R. Palmer I.P.M., Soffe S.W., W. M. Stiles Treasurer, Fletcher Secretary, Jacoby S.D., Purles J.D., Pettitt Steward, P.M. Solomon and Bros. Leaver and Underhill. Brothers Reece and Leaver answered the questions leading to the second degree, were entrusted, and passed by the W.M. in a most perfect and earnest manner. After the business of the day the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and were highly pleased with Brother Clemow for the care with which he studied their comfort. Brother Clemow was once again deserving of being congratulated on his successful catering.

The W.M., in giving the toasts, observed that brevity was the order of the evening, and the brethren were to be brief in their responses, which was admirably carried out. Harmony was the strong point, and Bros. P.M. Solomon, Mote, Stiles, Reece, Leaver, Purles, and Hall were very successful in their songs.

Bro. P.M. Stiles, in returning thanks for the Past Masters, impressed on the Officers the necessity of making themselves perfect masters of their work, the better to keep up the high reputation of the Lodge.

The toast of the Officers and the Tyler's toast concluded a very successful and harmonious meeting.

## ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, 17th November, Thos. Threlfall W.M. The following were also present:—Bros. J. L. Smith I.P.M., Thos. T. Sefton S.W., Wm. Mosley J.W., Samuel Statham P.M. P.P.G. Treas. Chap., J. Clough Secy., J. Clarkson S.D., Thos. M. Brown J.D., Wm. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D. of C. D. of C., Wm. Lambert I.G., Wm. Thos. Blense and Wm. Allen Smith Stewards, B. W. Sefton P.M., E. Winterbottom P.M., J. Harrop P.M. P.P.G.D., R. Duxbury P.M. P.P.G. Swd Br., Thos. Kay P.M., Ed. Holland P.M., F. Townson P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), John Harwood, Richard Hilton, W. H. Landless, R. H. Berry, P. G. Hayden, J. Handley, Wm. Woodeson, Ald. Richard Mottram. Visitors:—Bros. J. Crompton Wood 2363 P.G. Asst. D. of

C., E. Williams P.M. 325 P.P.G. Spt. of Works, W. R. Sharp W.M. 325, Jas. Beardmore W.M. 852, R. Thomas W.M. 935, John Ramsbottom P.M. 325, E. Webb P.M. 1134, W. Hawkins 992.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, Bro. J. Harrop, assisted by several Past Masters of the Lodge, proceeded to install Bro. Thos. T. Sefton S.W. as Worshipful Master. Bro. Threlfall presented Bro. Sefton and he was duly obligated and installed, the proclamations in the E.W. and S. were made by Bro. Hardcastle, the working tools in the several degrees explained by Bro. J. L. Smith, the address to the W.M. given by Bro. Statham, that to the Wardens by Bro. Winterbottom, and that to the brethren generally by Bro. Townson.

The following Officers were invested by Bro. Duxbury, Bro. Saml. Statham P.M. Chaplain, Wm. Mosley S.W., J. Clough J.W., F. Townson P.M. Treas., J. Clarkson Secy., W. Hardcastle P.M. D.C., T. M. Brown S.D., W. Lambert J.D., W. T. Blense I.G., and W. Allen Smith, W. Bransby, Rd. Hilton, and W. Woodeson Stewards.

The festival of St. John afterwards took place, which in turn was succeeded by a festive board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were indulged in. Bro. J. Crompton Wood, in responding on behalf of the Provincial Officers, contrasted the work of that day with some which he had seen. He also mentioned several glaring abuses which had insidiously crept into the management of certain Lodges. For obvious reasons we cannot print his remarks, although if we could they would deserve to be produced in letters of gold. It will be sufficient to say that he gave one or two Lodges a severe castigation, but by withholding their names left his hearers in doubt which he referred to. If Bro. Wood could be induced to repeat his expressions in other Lodges they might ultimately reach the ears of those for whom they were intended, and have a most salutary effect.

Bro. Threlfall proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, saying that the brethren had considerably lightened his labours by having received the toast so enthusiastically. It was by a sort of unwritten law that the duty of submitting this particular toast generally fell to the lot of the retiring Master, and it was a practice which he advocated, because the I.P.M. could enter into the spirit of it much more feelingly and sympathetically than others could do. Bro. Sefton was thoroughly capable of maintaining his position, but what they had seen of him in the past would only strengthen their belief that he would perform his manifold duties with zeal and efficiency, for the interest which he had previously taken in Masonic matters had constituted him an authority.

The Worshipful M. responding said that he appreciated the position in which they had placed him, and he also recognised the responsibilities which such a position entailed. He had important ceremonies in anticipation, but promised that they should be reverently performed. With regard to the ordinary business of the Lodge, it was sometimes difficult to regulate things satisfactorily, there were so many differences of opinion, but he would try to bring these latter under one common control. His experience in matters connected with the social board had been limited, perhaps it was because his nature was of the quiet kind, but he appealed to the brethren to help him by offering their services when required. He was afraid that this particular feature of Masonry was sometimes overdone, but he hoped the members of his Lodge would mind this, and think more about upholding the beautiful principles of the Craft as his predecessor (Bro. Threlfall) had done, and for which he had the pleasure of presenting him with a token of respect. In placing upon his breast the beautiful jewel, which, as the inscription denoted, was the gift of the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge, he did so with pleasure, conveying to him at the same time the hearty good wishes of the donors.

Bro. Threlfall I.P.M. said in reply that judging from the speeches of the W.M. the latter seemed made for the chair. It was with mixed feelings of satisfaction and regret that he (Bro. Threlfall) relinquished the position which he had held for 12 months—satisfaction because he could look back with pleasure upon the pleasant time he had spent, and the assistance which had been rendered to him by the Past Masters and brethren—and with regret because he was compelled to leave them after such kindness. There had not been much work during his period of Mastership, but the lack of quantity was compensated for by the quality, for Bros. Harwood and Mottram, their new members, were an acquisition which they might all be proud of. He reverted to the soirée and picnic which he said had both been successful. During the year several presents had been made to the Lodge, which was now well furnished, and through the instrumentality of Bro. Berry Treasurer, they were now out of debt. He congratulated the Worshipful Master upon possessing a good set of officers, who would be zealous in the performance of their duties. In conclusion he said that he had had many kindnesses bestowed upon him, and as one good turn deserved another, he would offer to the Lodge a *souvenir*, at the same time handing a splendidly framed portrait of himself done in oils.

Bro. Sefton W.M., in accepting the gift on behalf of the Lodge, suggested that they should form a permanent portrait gallery of Past Masters.

The toast of the Visitors was allotted to Bro. Saml. Statham P.M. P.P. Grand Treasurer, who in a few introductory remarks expressed his thankfulness that after a severe illness he should have the pleasure afforded him of being present upon another of these interesting occasions. After paying a well deserved compliment to Bro. Harrop P.M. for the very able and perfect manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed, and also to the W.M. for his thoughtful and intelligent speech, Bro. Statham said—It is with unfeigned pleasure that I propose the next toast, that of our friends the Visiting Brethren, and it is one which accords with the principle and spirit of our noble Craft. As Freemasons we are cemented together by the indissoluble ties of brotherly love and friendship. True we are divided into various Lodges, Chapters, &c., but this is rather a necessity of convenience; we cannot all assemble round one bright, cheery fireside, but as the members of families re-assemble round the family board at Christmas-tide, so we as members of the great and glorious Masonic family can

now and then come together for the purpose of exchanging friendly greetings and giving a kindly welcome to each other. And as the bright, warm sunshine, shimmering on the bosom of a picturesque lake, lights up rock, tree, and landscape with radiant beauty, so are the companionships and friendships of life; they are not only the cement of society but the piquant source of life's holy brotherhood, and I think you will agree with me that amongst the many institutions which have been inaugurated for the purpose of ameliorating life's burdens we true and loyal-hearted Freemasons yield to none in our endeavours to foster the true and genuine spirit of brotherhood and the strong, affectionate bonds of friendship. It seems to me that the genius of our noble Craft may be fitly expressed in the beautiful lines of an old Irish song:—

"Long, long be my mind with memories filled,  
Like roses, which once were in vases distilled;  
You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,  
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

Then, again, this toast is always received in every Masonic Lodge with the greatest cordiality, and I am sure you will admit in none more so than the Albert Victor Lodge, wherever we visit, whether at home or abroad, we meet with the same warmth of fraternal welcome which we ourselves accord. Is there not something nobly grand in this universality of Freemasonry, spread as it is over the four quarters of the habitable globe, and folding in its embrace men of all climes and all tongues? It possesses a tie within itself nowhere to be found outside the pale of its influence. It is not perhaps in the busy hum of city life or at our own fireside that this tie is felt in its fullest strength, but as history informs us, in far distant lands, in times of difficulty, danger, and distress, on mid ocean, yea, and even on the battle-field does Masonry extend its chord of sympathy, finding a responsible echo in the heart of every brother. It weeps with those who weep, it rejoiceth with those who rejoice, in prosperity it reflects the radiant smile, and in adversity it holds out the helping hand.

Then, brethren, let us continue to foster the friendly sentiment, cultivate the true feelings of brotherly love, and thus exemplify one of the great cardinal virtues of Masonry explained to us so eloquently in the language of Bro. Townson, "uniting in one design, let it be our aim not only to be happy ourselves, but contribute to the happiness of others." Then as citizens of the world and friends of every clime, and as patterns worthy of imitation, we shall be living examples of virtue and benevolence, and we shall show to the world that we are true believers in one great and noble principle. The brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge are delighted to welcome upon the present occasion so many worthy and distinguished brethren of other Lodges, men who have rendered eminent service to Masonry, and who have won laurels of esteem and affection from their brethren. We do not presume to suppose that we have contributed in any degree to their Masonic knowledge, but we do indulge the lawful vanity that we may in some degree have administered to their pleasure. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The visitors in responding spoke in unqualified terms of the work of installation.

Other toasts followed, the same being relieved by songs and recitations from Bros. Clough, Harwood, Townson, and Roberts.

#### VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 23rd ult., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, under the presidency of Bro. D. Meiklereid W.M. Mr. T. Knight was ballotted for and approved; Bro. Josh. S. Brackett was also ballotted for and approved as a joining member. Bros. Hurst, Child, Cookerell, Owers, Brain, Hans, Marcks, and Thompson were raised. After further business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., extolling his business way of conducting the Lodge, to which he briefly replied. In responding for the P.M.s Bro. Govier referred to himself and the brethren who had passed the chair as belonging to the ranks of the unemployed. It might be said of them, "We have no work to do," but he could assure the brethren there was much for the P.M.s to think of, and the interests of the Lodge were always considered by them. Bro. Blackett, joining member, responded, and for the Officers, Bros. Reed S.W., and E. Smith S.D. The speeches were interspersed with melody.

**Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2472.**—The annual supper was held at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Walthamstow, on Monday, 27th ult., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. and Dep. G.M. Essex as President, supported by Bro. J. H. Wildash and Bro. N. Fortescue in the vice chairs. There were also present:—Bros. Wm. Shurmar P.P.G. Treas. Essex, H. Dehane, Geo. Graveley, G. J. Westfield P.P.G.S.B., J. H. Wildash I.P.M. 2472, H. F. Bromhead P.P.G.S. of W. I.P.M. 2374, C. G. C. Dunbar, D.D., Chap. 2374, Buchanan Vicar of Herne, C. Lorkin P.M., C. Dancyger P.M., W. Gray P.M., G. W. Knight P.M., and many others. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Wm. Shurmar, in proposing the toast of the President, said I have now the honour and privilege of proposing the toast of our very Worshipful President Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. D.G.M. for the Province of Essex. There can be no doubt that the almost unparalleled success that has attended this Lodge of Instruction is principally to be attributed to our signal good fortune in possessing such a distinguished and excellent President, and we may reasonably hope that while he continues to honour us by occupying that position, the reputation which we have gained for our correct rendering of the Emulation working will be fully maintained. The honourable name of Philbrick is everywhere held in the highest regard, especially in the Province of Essex where as Grand Superintendent he reigns supreme in the hearts and affections of the Companions, and as Deputy Grand Master has gained the goodwill and loving regard of the brethren. The President in very eloquent

terms responded. In replying to the toast of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction and Walthamstow Charities Association, the Preceptor said, it is a very proud moment for my colleague, my fellow workers and myself to hear our Lodge of Instruction spoken of in such high terms of commendation from such an eminent authority. We are amply repaid for any time or attention which we have devoted in our earnest desire to teach the members of this Lodge the ancient oral and traditional ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising, as nearly as possible in accordance with the working recognised by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. On Saturday last it was my privilege to pass five brethren in the Mother Lodge, and you will readily understand the intense pleasure it afforded me when they answered the questions leading to that degree in a perfect manner and without the aid of a prompter. We are especially favoured in the Lodge; so many brethren are endowed with retentive memories and are ardent students of the hidden mysteries of our ancient order. Where all are so efficient it is invidious to particularise, but as Preceptor, I feel that I should be ungrateful were I not to specially mention Bros. Carter, Gower, Fortescue, Hinde, Bestow, Clark, Bateman, Trickett, Lloyd, and Oakden. They are regular and punctual in their attendance, and consequently are making praiseworthy advancement in Masonic knowledge. We are honoured this evening by the presence of a College of Preceptors, viz., Bro. H. Dehane Preceptor of the Westbourne Lodge, Bro. Lorkin Preceptor of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, Bro. Dancyger Preceptor of the Joppa Lodge, Bro. W. Gray Preceptor of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, and Bro. G. W. Knight Preceptor of the Clapton Chapter. We shall be very pleased if either of those present will attend with their colleagues and officer the Lodge. On Monday, the 13th inst., we accepted an invitation for the Clarence and Avondale Lodge. We received a most cordial welcome and worked the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising, including the ancient charge and traditional history. Bro. Basil Stewart and Bro. Oxley would have been with us this evening but for a previous engagement to work the 15 sections. We hope to receive a return visit from them on Monday, 11th December. I am sincerely grateful to you for your hearty good wishes but I consider that our success is assured while we have such a distinguished and genial President. The toasts of the visitors was responded to by Bros. H. Dehane, Rev. Buchanan, Dancyger, Wm. Gray, C. Lorkin, G. W. Knight, and Geo. Graveley. The Secretaries, Bro. C. H. Bestow and J. B. Carter, replied to the toast of the Officers and Stewards. The supper was served in a most excellent way by Bro. F. Inman Hallows, and the musical arrangements, under the able direction of Bro. T. H. Lloyd, were carried out in a highly satisfactory manner.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—The fifteen sections were recently worked at this Lodge, at Bro. Musto's, the White Horse, White Horse Lane, Mile End, when about 50 brethren were present. Bro. J. Oxley P.M. acted as W.M., and the following took part in the working:—First Lecture—Bros. I. Davis, N. Isaacs, I. Goulston, M. Da Costa, N. Goldman, W. Richardson, and B. Stewart. Second Lecture—Bros. C. N. Fox, W. Musto, N. Isaacs, J. De Casseres, and W. Musto P.M. Third Lecture—Bros. B. Da Costa, L. A. Da Costa, and H. Harris.

#### MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 79.

BY BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

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#### ALL MEN ARE BROTHERS.—No. II.

All men are Brothers, bear the fact in mind,  
Extend the hand fraternal when you can,  
Our Grand Geometrician aye is kind,  
Yet for the Right is e'er a partisan.  
A place for all for long He has assigned,  
Risk not his stern displeasurable ban;  
Heed well His words, nor to His ways be blind,  
Be good, be just, be true to every man.  
These words remember ever day by day,  
As through the devious streets of life you plod—  
"Hail all men as your Brothers on the way,  
For all alike spring from one common sod."  
The man who does not when he kneels to pray,  
Must never say "Our Father" to His God.

Winder House, Bradford,  
18th November 1893.

The Directors of Spiers and Pond, Limited, announce that the Share Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 31st December, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants for the second instalment of four shillings per share, less income tax, making eight shillings per share paid on account of the dividend for the year ending 31st March 1894.

REAPING AND SOWING are the two most important periods in the life of the farmer, and granting that all circumstances are favourable, he naturally, during the latter period, hopes to get an adequate return for his labour. As he sows, he expects to reap, and unless constant industry has been exercised, the harvest is generally a poor one. So it is with regard to health, if we are not constantly on the watch and destroy the germs of disease as soon as they are discerned, the body becomes weakened, and at last is unable longer to resist the attacks of the enemy. Holloway's Pills destroy even the most minute traces of disease, by purifying the blood and strengthening the system.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## 'Saturday, 9th December.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street  
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
1612 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
1671 Mizpah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street  
1928 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
2369 Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, Gt. Queen St.

1347 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey  
1755 Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portishead  
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
2369 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury  
2384 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.  
R.A. 811 Yarrowburgh, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## Monday, 11th December.

5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.  
29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
136 Grand Report, Inns of Court Hotel, 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  
1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall  
2030 The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster  
2094 Fithorne and Middlesex, 68 Regent Street, W.  
2394 Galen, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2454 Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant  
R.A. 22 Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.  
R.A. 1118 University, Café Monaco, Piccadilly  
R.A. 1789 Ubique, Criterion, Piccadilly  
R.C. 53 Holy Sanctuary, 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  
109 Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth  
133 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Faversham  
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
159 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse  
237 Indefatigable, Masonic Hall, Swansea  
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
262 Salopian, 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  
797 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  
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield  
1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
1350 Ferner Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1380 Skelmersdale, Latham Hall, Seaforth  
1408 Stamford and Warrington, M.C., Stalybridge  
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1496 Trafford, 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  
1730 Urmston, Victoria Hotel, Urmston  
1792 Tudor, Masonic Hall, Harborne  
1802 Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford  
1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield  
1885 Torridge, Market Hall, Great Torrington  
1914 St. Thomas, Harecastle Hotel, Kidsgrove  
1918 Hardman, Queen's Arms, Rawtenstall, Lanc.  
1952 High Peak, Town Hall, Chapel-on-le-Frith  
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, M.H., Wellington, Som.  
2034 Masefield, Moseley and Beisall Heath Institute, Moseley, Worcester

2049 Eilan Vannin, Masonic Hall, Douglas, I. of M.  
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. 166 Harmony, Hayshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth  
R.A. 377 Hope and Charity, M.H., Kidderminster  
R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath  
M.M. 171 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham  
K.T. 5 Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
K.T. 56 Hugh de Payens, Old Bull, Blackburn  
R.C. 22 Victoria, Ipswich

## Tuesday, 12th December.

96 Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street  
180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.  
211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City  
235 Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing Cross  
548 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
834 Ranelagh, Criterion, W.  
933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 185 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
R.C. 71 Bayard, 33 Golden Square, W.

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, Royal Hotel, Lymington  
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
494 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, Clockheaton  
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
650 Star in the East, Gt. Eastern Hotel, Harwich  
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury  
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, Loominster  
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, Newton Abbot  
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
1287 Kenlis, 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., New Quay, Cornwall  
1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate,  
1713 Wilbraham, Black Horse, Walton, Liverpool  
1782 Machem, Swan, Colehill  
1837 Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington  
1847 Ebrington, Mas. Temple, Stonehouse, Devon  
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay  
2104 Whitwell, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees  
2134 Wilberforce, Masonic Hall, Hull  
2164 St. Germans, Peel Castle Ho., Peel, I. of Man  
2266 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford  
2324 Horwich, Bridge Hotel, Horwich, Lancashire  
2360 Victoria, F.M.H., Eastbank St., Southampton  
2420 F. de Rothschild, Five Arrows, Waddesden  
R.A. 43 Fortitude, Great Western, Birmingham  
R.A. 70 St. John's, Hayshe Mas. Tem. Plymouth  
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Kington  
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds  
R.A. 324 Reason, Wellington Inn, Stalybridge  
R.A. 402 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
R.A. 537 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
R.A. 540 Stuart, Bedford  
R.A. 652 Industry, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
R.A. 991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Northumberland  
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, 13th December.

Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3  
3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
13 Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich  
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
147 Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford  
166 Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdcote Road  
1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St.  
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, G.E. Hotel, L'pool St.  
1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., U. Norwood  
1766 St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreham  
1803 Cornhill, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1815 Penze, Thicket Hotel, Acreley  
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
2272 Rye, Peckham P.H., Rye Lane, Peckham.  
2410 Esculapian, Regent Masonic Hall, Arc St., W.  
R.A. 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
R.C. 1 Grand Metropolitan, 33 Golden Square, W.

54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale  
81 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  
244 Yarrowburgh, 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  
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, Derby  
755 St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Maunuludno  
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
1005 Zetland, The Bell, Gloucester  
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford

1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1080 Marmion, 14 Church Street, Tamworth  
1084 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
1088 Royal Edward, Masonic Club, Stalybridge  
1091 Erme, M.H., Chapple Place, Ivybridge, Devon  
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
1125 St. Peter, Freemasons' Hall, Tiverton  
1140 Ashton, Reform Club, Heston Moor  
1181 De la Pole, Masonic Hall, Seaton  
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
1218 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 Curwen, Masonic Rooms, Workington  
1465 Ockenden, Assembly R., Hayward's Heath  
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1582 Llanidloes, Trowythen Arms, Llanidloes  
1583 Prince Leopold, Asdale Hall, Stretford  
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Habburn-on-Tyne  
1703 Windrush, Corn Exchange, Witney  
1715 Arthur J. Brogdon, M.H., Grange-over-Sands  
1798 Zion, Grand Hotel, Manchester  
1848 Ferrum, Masonic Hall, Middlesbrough  
1855 St. Maurice, Working Men's Hall, Plymouth  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Masonic Hall, Amble  
1932 Whitworth, Masonic Hall, Spennymore  
1947 Stanford, Town Hall, Hove  
2046 Robinson, Bell Hotel, Maidstone, Kent  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Old Moor's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester  
2183 Royal Hampton Court, M.H., Hampton Ct.  
2234 Smyth, Masonic Hall, Osborne St., Grimsby.  
2294 Wavertree, Coffee House, Church Road  
2330 St. Lawrence, M.H., New Inn, Pudsey.  
2389 Avondale, King's Arms, Middlewich, Cheshire  
2423 St. Mark's, Rooms, Connah's Quay, S. Wales  
R.A. 62 Social, Queen's, Piccadilly, Manchester  
R.A. 88 Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge  
R.A. 251 Loyalty and Virtue, F.M.H., Barnstaple  
R.A. 274 Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newcharch  
R.A. 350 Meribah, Church Hotel, Kearsley  
R.A. 393 Berwick-upon-Tweed, M.H., Parade, B.T.  
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 703 Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool  
R.A. 709 Invicta, Bank Street, Hull, Asafoed  
R.A. 758 Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Clifton  
R.A. 1021 Henry Cook, M.H., Barrow-in-Furness  
M.M. 192 St. Outhbert, Masonic Hall, Berwick

## Thursday, 14th December.

19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel  
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
263 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C.  
534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.  
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.  
1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
1709 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1804 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow  
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
1987 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly  
2047 Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham  
R.A. 65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street  
R.A. 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 554 Yarrowburgh, Leadenhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 907 Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 1321 Emblematic, Criterion, Piccadilly  
R.A. 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Tudor City Hall, W.  
M.M. 86 Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall Avenue  
K.T. 117 New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35 Medina, Masonic Hall, Cowes  
50 Knights of Malta, St. George's Hall, Blackley.  
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland  
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., Starkie Street, Preston  
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Rufford, Lancashire  
369 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe  
381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Over Darwen  
437 Silence, Masonic Hall, Wincanton  
442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
469 Hundred of Elton, Masonic Hall, Spalding  
477 Mersey, Mas. Cham., Hamilton St., Birkenhead  
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Stafford  
561 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Grimsborough  
586 Elias De Derham, Freemasons' Hall, Salisbury  
593 St. Botolph, Corn Exchange, Stamford  
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
739 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Park St., Deal.  
786 Croxteth United Service, Mas. Hall, Liverpool  
816 Royd, Sun Inn, Littleborough  
945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon  
991 Tyne, M.H., Willington Quay, Northumberland

1035 Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale M.H., L'pool  
1055 Derby, Victoria Hotel, Manchester  
1061 Triumph, Market Hotel, Lytham  
1098 St. George, Temperance Hall, Tredegar  
1099 Hayshe, Masonic Hall, Stoke D'Acre  
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, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1204 Royd, Masonic Hall, Malvern  
1213 Bridgewater, Oddfellows' Arms, Eccles  
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne  
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1416 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Taikirk  
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton  
1583 Corbet, Whitehall, Towyn  
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot  
1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Clevedon  
1863 Priory, Masonic Hall, Fynemouth  
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable  
1992 Tenant, Masonic Hall, Cardiff  
2018 Shalden, Assembly Rooms, Aton, Hants.  
2038 Portcullis, Hanging Chapel, Langport, Som.



2217 Windermere, Central Buildings, Windermere  
 2227 White Horse, Masonic Hall, Westbury, Wilts  
 2234 Onslow, St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford  
 2261 Armitage, M.R., Market St., Milsbridge  
 2262 Dagmar, Anglers' Rest Hotel, Wraybury  
 2278 Kingswood, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne  
 2285 Eden, M. Rooms, Portland Sq., Workington  
 2311 St. Almund, Fox and Goose, Whitechurch.  
 2321 Acacia, Masonic Hall, Darley St., Bradford  
 2343 Sir William Harpur, Ass. Rooms, Bedford  
 2423 Grac-dieu, M.H., Coalville, Leicestershire  
 2449 Duke of York, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

R.A. 213 Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 286 Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bicap  
 R.A. 613 Bridson, Masonic Buildings, Southport  
 R.A. 723 Panmure, M.H., Barrack Rd., Aldershot  
 M.M. St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton  
 M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport

#### Friday, 15th December.

2346 Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall, W.M.  
 R.A. 1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern  
 M.M. 178 Era, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.  
 K.T. 6 St. George's, The Albion, E.C.  
 R.C. 10 Invicta, 33 Golden Square, W.

1152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 155 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 347 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Manchester  
 541 De Lorraine, F.M.H., Grainger St., Newcastle  
 1098 Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal  
 1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds  
 1330 St. Peter, Three Swans, Market Harborough  
 1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penrith.  
 1794 De Vere, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford, Strretford.  
 2371 Felix, Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, Suffolk.  
 2385 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.  
 2418 Hedworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields  
 2447 Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

R.A. 52 Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich.  
 R.A. 61 Sincerity, F.M.H. St. John's Place, Halifax  
 R.A. 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford  
 R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A. 1010 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Hull  
 M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., L'pool

#### Saturday, 16th December.

1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
 M.M. 251 Mount Moriah, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 998 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool  
 2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton

### INSTRUCTION.

#### Saturday, 9th December.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7.30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.,  
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N., 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
 1288 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, 11th December.

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  
 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
 382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
 1548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
 1975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7.30  
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.  
 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, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,  
 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7.30  
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7.30  
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
 1693 Kingsla d, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8.30  
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, 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, 12th December.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8  
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
 74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6.45  
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7.30  
 198 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  
 763 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8

320 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8.30  
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
 860 Delhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
 881 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  
 1416 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7.30,  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1473 Rootle, 148 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
 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  
 2148 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.  
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Road, 8  
 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, 13th December.

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, Swan's Nest, Moorgate Street, 7  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 539 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. 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.  
 781 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  
 1356 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 Cretton, Wheatheaf, Shephard's Bush, 8  
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
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 2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 2348 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton St., W., 7.30  
 R.A. 177 Domatic, 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, 14th December.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7.30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8  
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road  
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8  
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,  
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7  
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7.30  
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7.30  
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7.30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6.30  
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
 1602 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  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7.30  
 1977 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, Cock Tavern, N., 8

#### Friday, 15th December.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 167 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  
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
 1351 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7.30  
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 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

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87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7.30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
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