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The Approaching Festival of the R.M.B.I.

WE have arrived within four weeks of the day fixed for the celebration of the first in order of time of our three great Anniversary Festivals for the current year, namely, that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 22nd February prox. It will be well, therefore, if we look about us for the purpose of noting if the outward and visible signs of preparation are such as to satisfy our indulging in the hope that the results of the gathering will be worthy, not merely of the Institution itself, but of the exceptionally pressing demands of the year, which are almost, if not quite, without precedent in the history of the Charity. And, so far as we are able to judge, the indications just now are in the direction of fair, but not unusually fine, weather. There are not yet 300 Stewards. More than that number of names have been given in, but, as is very often the case, many have been withdrawn, and on reckoning up the gains and the losses we find the Board of Stewards, as at present constituted, is within 300. With this as a basis to work upon, and with the exceedingly fair average of £50 per list as our further guide, we are justified in assuming that, as far as present appearances go, the Benevolent Festival of 1887 will be about as productive as it was last year, when the yield was a small fraction in excess of £15,000. But while the circumstances of that year were very pressing, and, notwithstanding that fact, it was adjudged impossible, even with so satisfactory a product as £15,000, to increase the number of annuitants, it must be remembered that the circumstances of 1887 are so infinitely more pressing as to render it almost imperative that more annuitants should be taken on. There were but few vacancies and many candidates then; there are still fewer vacancies and more candidates now; and if we do not resolve in our minds to make a supreme effort to grapple with the increasing difficulty, due to the huge disproportion between vacancies and applicants, we shall sooner or later find it beyond the possibility of remedy. Thus, if the Festival Returns amount to about £15,000, the financial requirements of the year will be satisfied, the strength of the two Funds will be maintained, the vacancies that have occurred and may occur in the interim will be filled up in May, and all will go on as usual, with this very important exception, that more than one hundred old men and women candidates—instead of under one hundred candidates, as was the case last year—will be obliged to endure the pressure of extreme poverty for at least a further term of twelve months. Thus our readers can see for themselves that the Festival of next month must yield considerably more than £15,000 to enable the Institution to do more towards alleviating the existing distress than it is capable of doing at present. We must therefore endeavour in the first place to repeat the success of the 1885 Festival, when R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and cousin of the present Chairman, presided, and the subscriptions amounted to £17,770; and having done our best to ensure the possibility of such a result, we must again put our shoulder to the wheel with a view of carrying the looked-for total still nearer to, or even past, £20,000, so that the Jubilee Year of her MAJESTY'S reign may indeed be a year of jubilee to as many as possible of those of her MAJESTY'S loyal subjects who are present applicants for admission into our Benevolent Institution. What has been accomplished once can be repeated, and there is no reason why we should not have the £17,770 total of 1885 raised in 1887. More than this—there is no finality about Festival products. There was a time when a few hundreds sterling represented the total of a year's Festival; gradually the few hundreds became a few thousands, and the few thousands several thousands. Now the circumstances of the Institution appear to us to justify the necessity for the highest total yet obtained being in its turn surpassed, and we cannot have a better opportunity for attempting this achievement than when preparing for the celebration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee. Meanwhile and till the eventful Tuesday, the 22nd of next month, we have the Benevolent Institution in the position of TITYRUS, in the Virgilian Eclogue—"patulæ recubans sub tegmine fagi"—reclining hopefully under the shadow of a protecting "Beach."

It will be seen from the letter we published last week from Past Masters' Collars. Bro. W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317, that he purposes attending Grand Lodge, if possible, on Wednesday, the 2nd March prox., with a view, as he says, "to assist at the arrangement of this question," and considering the correspondence which has taken place on the subject and the interest we are in consequence justified in assuming it has created, we sincerely hope that Grand Lodge will see its way to a settlement which will be generally, if not universally, acceptable. In December last the Board of General Purposes, carried by a bare majority of one vote, its proposal to allow P.M.'s and Officers to wear their collars in their own lodges and in Grand and Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and such a vote in a tolerably full house is certainly nothing to boast of. Since then Bro. POPE, S.G.D., who spoke so strongly against the amendment which, if carried, would have allowed of P.M.'s wearing their collars on all occasions, has so far modified his opposition as to suggest that, if Grand Lodge is willing, there can be no objection to a P.M. wearing a collar "of rank." We need not concern ourselves about the difference between a collar "of office" and a collar "of rank," but we fancy this suggestion affords an opportunity for arriving at a settlement of the question. At all events, it seems desirable the brethren between now and the next meeting of Grand Lodge should give the matter their fullest consideration so that they may resolve one way or the other, and by a respectable majority of votes, whether a P.M. shall appear "collared" only at certain meetings or always.

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Masonic School Fund, Northern China.

THE report of the Council of the Masonic School Fund, District of Northern China, for the period ended the 31st Oct., 1886, which was submitted at the General Court of Governors, held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on the 29th November following, is very gratifying, and affords yet one more proof that, wherever Freemasonry establishes itself, it sooner or later finds for itself some work of benevolence on which to expend its energies. The idea of establishing a Masonic School Fund at Shanghai was only mooted at the meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, on the 22nd September, 1884. On the 27th October next ensuing, a Committee consisting of Bro. CORNELIUS THORNE, then D.G.M., and representatives of the different lodges and other Masonic bodies in the district was formed. On the 24th August, 1885, a general meeting of members of the Masonic bodies was held at Shanghai, at which the scheme proposed by the Committee was submitted, discussed, and unanimously adopted, its leading principle being the establishment of a "Masonic School at Shanghai to provide for the Education of the Children of Foreign Residents, Masons and others, and to afford a home for such children as may from time to time become chargeable to the Fraternity." It was arranged that there should be two departments—"one for boys over a certain age (say seven years) and one for younger boys, with girls of all ages," while accommodation was to be provided for a certain number of boarders, the boarding-house arrangements being open to the supervision of the School Council. All these and other matters were carefully arranged and provided for, and the greatest care was taken in order to ensure that everything was under proper control. A sum of about 3000 taels having been subscribed or promised by the Masonic Bodies and individual brethren, a meeting was held on the 2nd November, 1885, when a Council, with Bro. C. THORNE as its President, was organised, a Head Master and Lady Principal Mr. and Mrs. C. H. DALLAS—were appointed, premises at 22, Peking-road were taken, the year was divided into three terms, and the amount of fees payable per term was fixed. On the 5th April, 1886, the School was publicly opened by Bro. C. THORNE, Past District Grand Master, President of the Council, in the presence of Bro. J. I. MILLER, Dist. Grand Master, Northern China, and the brethren generally, there being thirty-nine pupils at the time, and by the end of the first term, fifty-three. In the second month of the third term, the number was still further increased to eighty-seven, whose fees were almost sufficient to defray the expenses of the School, while the main Fund subscribed by the brethren enables the Council to reduce the fees payable for the children of brethren not in affluent circumstances, and will be used in time to give free tuition and maintenance to the children of deceased and indigent Masons. This is the outcome of a scheme propounded less than three years ago, and there is no doubt the Council have done their work admirably, and will receive from the Craft generally the thanks they are so clearly entitled to. It is a great thing to find Freemasonry doing such excellent work in Northern China, and we sincerely trust that a School Fund which has begun under such favourable circumstances, and is being so usefully applied, may continue to flourish as long as there are Freemasons in Northern China to support and administer it for the benefit of their less prosperous members.

We are glad to find the Masonic Editor of the *New York Dispatch* has put his foot down strongly against the proposal to hold a Congress of Masons, we presume, in the United States. With him, we fail to see how, in the first place, a body of delegates from the different Grand Lodges can be brought together; in the next, what will be the questions they will be authorised to deal with when they have met? in the next, what likelihood there will be of the Congress agreeing on any one subject worthy of being considered by so august an assembly? and, lastly, what chance there is that any decrees it may issue will be obeyed by any of the Grand Lodges represented at its gatherings? Yet unless a Congress can agree about something, and then enforce or secure respect for its opinions, what good can result from holding one? But, even if we go so far as to picture to ourselves all the inherent difficulties of the situation overcome, and the Congress held with results of a most satisfactory character, how will it benefit Masonry generally? The Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom and the British Colonies and Possessions, in Germany, France, Italy, and other countries will not be bound by its decrees. There will remain still the differences of opinion which already exist as to what Freemasonry includes and what it does not include, what it allows and what it does not allow. There is a common basis on which the whole structure of Freemasonry rests, but that has not prevented the growth and spread of a variety of Masonic systems which it will be almost impossible to work into one harmonious whole; and unless a Congress could see its way to achieving some such result, we think it had better not be held. It would do nothing towards securing uniformity of system, while it would stand a very good chance of bringing the Craft generally into ridicule. Let us, therefore, bear the ills we know rather than fly to others we wot not of. We are better without a Congress.

**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.**

The following is the business to be transacted in the Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday next:—

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

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th October, 1886, to the 18th January, 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter ...	£138	10	3	By Disbursements during the			
„ „ Unappropriated				Quarter ...	£232	10	8
Account... ..	194	8	4	„ Balance ... ..		320	9
„ Subsequent Receipts ...	425	1	2	„ „ Unappropriated			
				Account... ..	205	0	1
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	£757	19	9		£757	19	9

Which balances are in the Bank of England (Western Branch).

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

1st. From Comps. Edward MacFarlane, as Z.; Frederick William Mackey, as H.; William Helton Daniell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Central Australia Lodge, No. 1898, Bourke, New South Wales, to be called the Chapter of Central Australia, and to meet at Bourke, in the district of New South Wales.

2nd. From Comps. John Edward Atkinson, as Z.; William Thomas Newitt, as H.; Hector Marshall Upshon, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Pitt Macdonald Lodge, No. 1198, Madras, to be called the Pitt Macdonald Chapter, and to meet at Madras, in the East Indies.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the St. George's Chapter, No. 140, Greenwich, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882. This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also received the following petitions praying for charters of confirmation, the originals being lost.

From the Principals and members of the Beadon Chapter, No. 619, London.

From the Principals and Members of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, London.

The Committee recommend that charters of confirmation for the above named chapters be granted.

The Committee have further received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the undermentioned chapters.

From the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, London, for permission to remove from Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn.

From the Constitutional Chapter, No. 294, Beverley, for permission to remove from the Assembly Rooms, to the New Masonic Hall, Register Square, Beverley.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY  
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
19th January, 1887.

**THE DUBLIN POCKET COMPANION, 1735.**

This rare, curious, and valuable work is chiefly of importance now because of its List of Lodges, similar to one issued in London for the same year (probably the original). The title-page is rather long, and the text thereof declares that its contents and circulation were "Approved of, and Recommended by, the Grand Lodge." It was likewise sold by "J. Pennel, at the Hercules, in St. Patrick's-street," Dublin, who was possibly connected with the "F. Pennell, at the three Blue Bonnets in St. Patrick's-street," for whom the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland were printed in 1730; and was probably the Bro. John Pennell who was elected to the office of Grand Secretary February 1st, 1731-2. The Plate (Frontispiece, mainly as Smith's of 1735, London) was Humbly Dedicated to Lord Kingsland, G.M., and the Address is by W[illiam] S[mith], surmounted by the Arms of Lord Kingsland. Then follows an abbreviated History of Masonry, after the style of its prototype, the Constitutions of 1723. The Laws which follow are mostly taken from the same work, one or two only being altered to suit their use by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Entered Apprentice charge, somewhat after the style of the one now in vogue, is then given, and the official approbation by the Grand Master and Wardens—"Kingsland, Grand Master; James Brennan, M.D., Deputy; Wm. Cobbe, John Baldwin, Esqrs., G.W." The songs, &c., are of the usual kind. Pages 76-9 end the work, and contain "A List of the Warranted Lodges in the Kingdoms of Ireland, Great Britain, France, Spain, Germany, the East and West Indies," &c. Those of Ireland run from numbers 1 to 37, the lodges warranted by England comprising the remainder, running from 38 to 163. To find the exact number, therefore, of any lodge on the English roll 37 must be deducted, being the consecutive numeration of the Irish List; hence those of England really cover the numbers 1 to 126. This numeration agrees with the English edition of the same year (1735). The Irish List, however, has the 79 (116) filled in for "The Hoop in Water-street, in Philadelphia, 1st Monday," and hence its special value and importance, for no other List, regular or otherwise, has yet been found to contain such a lodge on the English roll. The list itself was doubtless taken in part from some other, possibly one of Pine's of 1734 (owned by Bro. James Newton) has 128 lodges, owing to the introduction of two lodges before the 126 of Dublin which was warranted for London November 5th, 1734. The two in question, for Boston (America) and Valenciennes, thus becoming 126 and 127 respectively, so that the Dublin roll substantially represents an engraved List of 1734, apparently now lost. The curious points involved were noted by me in the *Voice of Masonry* (Chicago, U.S.A.) for September, 1875, and also in the *Keystone* (Philadelphia), and have since been referred to by other brethren, sometimes favourably and at other times adversely, as might be expected, because absolute certainty is at present impossible. There are no dates of warrants given in this "Pocket Companion," so we cannot tell when 79 was considered to be granted. Bro. Lane's estimate in the "Masonic Records" is 1731, which, as he has explained to me, is but a guess, for there is not an atom of information in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England respecting such a lodge at Philadelphia, but, if granted at all, I agree with Bro. Lane that it was doubtless the year 1731 which he has provisionally inserted in his invaluable "Masonic Records."

W. J. HUGHAN.

**MASONIC THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

In one sense every Masonic New Year is an old year. A profane poet has said—

New lords may come and give us new laws.

It is not so in Freemasonry; we have new rulers from time to time, but rarely, if ever, new laws. The new rulers administer the old laws. The distinguishing characteristic of our Fraternity is its stability, its unchangeableness. In the profane world governments are overturned, laws are repealed, new constitutions are adopted, and not unfrequently the sword is the arbiter of nations. It is not so in Masonry. The most sanguinary weapon used is an edict, and only ink is shed in promulgating it. Hence during the Masonic New Year upon which the Craft has just entered the history of the past year will be in the main repeated. It is worth repeating. The year which has just closed has witnessed general prosperity among our Masonic bodies. Harmony has prevailed, numbers have been increased, good material has been added to our spiritual temple, and the fraternal relations which should exist not only in each jurisdiction, but also between the various jurisdictions, have in general prevailed. True, the Masonic millennium has not yet arrived, and probably will not until we all reach the Grand Lodge above, for edicts are occasionally flying around, so that we realize that while Freemasons are striving after universal harmony and good order, these have not yet been fully attained.

Let us all remember one thing, in our several lodges, at this New Year's season: we generally have new rulers over us, and it becomes us to be kind in our criticism of them, ever remembering that every ruler is in some sense a learner. He is new to his station and duties, and cannot be expected to be at once expert in the performance of his varied functions. It is becoming to extend Masonic charity to him who presides for the first time over the "Sons of Light." Put yourself in his place, and you cannot fail to overlook any shortcomings you may observe . . . .

The Masonic New Year brings with it no duty for any of us, but the same old duty of faithful allegiance to the Craft, and diligent performance of the functions of our several stations and places. Freemasonry cannot be improved; we ourselves may be, but it never. We have no "new day, new duty." Masonry is nothing if not ancient. On its banners have ever been inscribed those words of more than magic power, brotherly love, relief, and truth. Its weapons have never been carnal ones, to destroy, but always arms of love, to shield from distress and to draw into one fold all those who seek the light. It sends out no missionaries to proselyte the profane, while it repels no approved good man and true who honestly seeks initiation. At this New Year's season let us remember these old truths. They were made for all time, and will never grow out of date. Daniel Webster, in one of his famous speeches, in criticising the views of an adversary, remarked concerning them, "What is valuable is not new, and what is new is not valuable." This is emphatically true of the principles and usages of Masonry. A time-honoured aphorism reads, "Old wood to burn! Old wine to drink! Old friends to trust! Old authors to read!" Let us, at the opening of this glad New Year, renew our allegiance to old Masonry, for that which assumes to be new is not Masonry at all.—*Keystone.*

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, in the chair; Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; David D. Mercer, P.M.; G. P. Britten, P.M.; Henry Garrod, P.G.P.; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; Chas. Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205; George A. Cundy, P.M. 901; L. C. Haslip, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap.; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; J. Soper, P.M. 1769; A. Betts, W.M. 1351; W. Willey, P.M. 9; A. E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; T. Gaisford, W.M. 781; G. W. Larter, W.M. 1602; W. Snodin, P.M. 157; W. S. Hall, P.M. 253 and 432; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; S. G. Fontaine, W.M. 45; J. Tydeman, P.M. 1327; E. Coste, P.M. 1327; J. Davis, P.M. 1309; W. Watkins, W.M. 1076; J. H. Smith, W.M. 2157; G. S. Bigley, P.M. 1298; R. W. Galer, W.M. 1366; C. Wakefield, W.M. 1259; A. Le Grand, P.M. 766; W. D. Fracis, W.M. 255; J. E. C. Matthews, W.M. 1644; J. Murray, P.M. 1706; F. Mead, P.M. 227; W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. 2048; L. Gardiner, P.M. 749; and C. W. Carrell, W.M. 1816. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. Lee, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, also attended.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the last meeting in December, 1886, to the amount of £530. The new list contained the names of nineteen petitioners from London, Portsea, Hanley, Liverpool, St. Helena, Totnes, Antigua, Carnarvon, Southampton, Halliford, Sydney (N.S.W.), and Harrogate. Two of these were dismissed, and two deferred. The rest were relieved with a total of £380.

There were recommendations to Grand Lodge, one of £75, and one of £50, one recommendation to the Grand Master for £40, and three for £30 each. There were four grants of £20 each, and four of £10 each, and one of £5.

THE GAVEL CLUB.

ANNUAL DINNER AND PRESENTATION.

The third annual dinner in connection with this very successful club was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 21st inst., when eighty-four gavellers and their visitors sat down to a most excellent repast, provided under the able management of Gaveller Madell. Amongst others, the following were present: Gavellers G. L. Kennaby (President); Hicklin, Bennett, Pritchard (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer); Sudlow, W. J. Kennaby, Bassano, Dawson, Smith, Pearce, Ingham, Gibbings, Hawkins, Sayle, Guenigault, Houghton, Blaxland, Combes, Madell, Willing, Matthew, Heming, Crutch, Cubitt, J. H. S. Palmer, Berther, Cook, Robinson, Lawes, Kirby, Pegram, Nash, Bennis, and Meyer.

The Gaveller PRESIDENT, in proposing "The Gavel Club," said that the success of the club in general, and also their special meetings, and this one in particular, was solely attributable to the energy of their much loved and respected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Gaveller Pritchard, whose name he had much pleasure in coupling with the toast.

Gaveller PRITCHARD, in response, thanked the gavellers and visitors for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and said that no effort on his part should at any time be wanting to forward the interest of the club and the enjoyment of the members. For the information of the visitors he begged to say that all gavellers were good gavellers—none bad—none even indifferent; but at the same time he must admit that some were better than others, and amongst the very best there was one whose name he was sure would be received with enthusiasm—Gaveller Madell. The mention of this name led to a most pleasing and important duty which he was deputed to perform. Every member of the club had been fully alive to the great courtesy, general attention, and kindness which Gaveller Madell had always bestowed upon them since his management of the Freemasons' Tavern. He (the Secretary and Treasurer) would not degrade the occasion or offend the susceptibilities of Gaveller Madell by attempting to enumerate the many gracious acts for which they were indebted to him; suffice it to say that they were all most anxious to mark their appreciation of his great kindness, and it had been decided that this mark of appreciation should take the form of a presentation album, containing the photographs of the members of the club. He wished Gaveller Madell to understand that although they might easily have made a more valuable present, from a monetary point of view, yet one more spontaneous could not have been made. The thing was no sooner suggested than it was done, and Gaveller Secretary and Treasurer felt sure that it would not take the lowest place amongst the many presents Gaveller Madell had received, but that should one of the originals of the photographs contained in that album ever be parted from him, there would be something to keep that parted gaveller in his remembrance, and when he opened that book, as no doubt he often would do, he would bear in mind that every photograph represented not only a brother in Masonry, a gaveller in the Gavel Club, but a friend in every sense of the word.

Gaveller MADELL rose amidst loud cheers to return thanks for the very handsome presentation, but said words failed him to say what he felt. He had received many presents, but none would be more dearly cherished than this one, and it should be handed down to his son if he was spared, which son he hoped would live to be a gaveller. He had always esteemed the assistance and kindly feeling tendered him from the very first by individual members of the club, and his ambition was to become a gaveller, for a more sociable and hail-fellow-well-met body of men never existed. In conclusion, he asked the members of the club to accept his most heartfelt thanks for their great kindness.

The Gaveller PRESIDENT next proposed "The Visitors," which was suitably and ably responded to by Bro. F. W. LEVANDER.

Later on, Gaveller SUDLOW said that although speeches were not as a rule welcomed in the Gavel Club, yet it would not be right to separate without drinking to "The Health of their esteemed President, Gaveller G. L. Kennaby." Gaveller Combes had done much to ensure a musical treat, Gaveller Secretary and Treasurer had worked very hard to make the evening a success; but Gaveller Kennaby,

as President, had also contributed, by his kind and genial conduct in the chair, in no small degree to the enjoyment of the gavellers and their visitors.

Gaveller KENNABY, in returning thanks, called attention to the important services Gaveller Combes had rendered to the Club by arranging the musical part of the entertainment.

The above toasts were interspersed with some capital songs and recitations. Visitor Bayne gave "Dearer than life;" visitor Southgate, "Love of my life;" visitor A. Thompson, "The meeting of the waters" and "The snow lies white" (encored); visitor Mackway, "My sweetheart when a boy" and "I heard a voice;" visitor Kift, "The Fatherland" and "Sentimental songs;" and Gaveller Arthur Combes "On 'Change" and "The dotlet of my eye." The recitations were "After dinner," by Gaveller Heming; "The soldier's pardon" and "Yacooob Strauss" by visitor H. J. Kestin.

The presentation album above referred to is very beautifully bound in full red Russia, and outside bears the lettering "Gaveller A. Madell, from the Gavel Club," whilst inside the inscription—"Presented to Gaveller A. Madell by the members of the Gavel Club"—is most beautifully illuminated. The pages have been specially lithographed, and each photograph is surmounted with the gavel and ribbon peculiar to the Gavel Club. Altogether it is a very splendid book, and we congratulate Gaveller Madell on the good feeling which has prompted the presentation.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).

This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn, on the 14th inst. Amongst those present were Sir Knights G. Graveley, C.E., E.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A., Prelate; J. B. Glenn, 1st Captain; J. H. Dodson, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treasurer; T. C. Walls, P.G.C. Gds., P.E.C., Registrar; Alfred Tisley, Expert; Capt. Stohwasser, C. of L.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Std. Br.; T. Wood, 2nd Std. Br.; Capt. Freer, Herald; Alfred Williams, P.E.C.; R. Berridge, P.E.C.; J. H. Thomas, L. Steele, C. Slater, Rawles, Equerry; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Comps. Nelson Prower, 355, and W. Maple, 1293, they were duly installed as Knights of the Order by the E.C. Sir Knight Glenn was then installed as Eminent Commander for the year ensuing by Sir Knight Graveley. The report of the audit committee having been received and adopted, a Past Commander's jewel was presented to Sir Knight Graveley. The officers appointed and invested were Sir Knights G. Graveley, Prelate; J. H. Dodson, 1st Captain; Alfred Tisley, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, Treasurer; T. C. Walls, Registrar; Capt. Stohwasser, Expert; H. J. Lardner, C. of L.; Wood, 1st Std. Br.; J. D. Harris, 2nd Std. Br.; Capt. Freer, 1st Herald; J. N. Spence, 2nd Herald; Sir Love Jones Parry, Bart., D.C.; and Rawles, Equerry. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Sir Knights Roebuck, P.E.C.; A. C. Veley, W. Kelly, Capt. Richardson, J. Dove Harris, and others. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to the widows and families of Sir Knights C. Sanders, M.D., P.E.C., and E. F. Storr, D.C.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights partook of an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit on the caterers. The usual toasts followed.

Huddersfield.—Hope Preceptory (No. 4).

A meeting of this preceptory was held on the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when the Very Eminent Prov. Great Prior of West Yorkshire, Sir Knight T. W. Tew, J.P., was present. Comp. Massie was installed as Knight Templar by Sir Knight Barker, after which the Constable, Sir Knight Joseph Knowles Kaye, was installed Eminent Preceptor for the year. The ceremony was performed very ably by Sir Knight Gill.

Afterwards the Eminent Preceptor entertained the Provincial Prior and other sir knights to dinner. Amongst the guests were Sir Knight Monckman, Prov. Chancellor, and most of the Provincial Officers and Eminent Preceptors.

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LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).

A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst. In the absence of the M.W.S., Bro. Dr. Hargreaves, through illness, the chapter was opened by Ex. and Pt. Bro. Kay, P.M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. North Eastern District, was admitted and saluted in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed. Ex. and Pt. Bro. Henry Warwick, M.W.S. elect, was presented to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, who performed the ceremony of installation with his usual care and impressiveness. The following officers were then appointed by the M.W.S., addressing each as to their duties in the chapter: Ex. and Pt. Bros. Powness, Prelate; Hess, 1st General; Fox, 2nd General; R. Wilson, 30°, M.W.S., Recorder; Locking, G.M.; Gerrard, Raphael; Walmsley, Herald; and Armstead, Capt. of Guard. A cordial vote of thanks was carried with acclamation to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister for his kindness in coming so far to be with them in such inclement weather. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served up in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. Warwick, having on his right Bros. C. J. Banister, 33°; John Barker, 30°; Fox, Armstead, Walmsley, and others; and on his left Bros. R. Wilson, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Fourness, Kay, P.M.W.S.; Hess, Locking, and others.

The M.W.S. proposed the loyal toasts, which were most heartily received.

The toast of "The S.C.," and their dear "Bro. Banister, Inspector General of the District," was proposed in felicitous terms by the M.W.S.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister responded to the toast most feelingly, giving some excellent advice to all the brethren, hoping that he might be spared yet to see the chapter increased to fifty members.

Ill. Bro. Banister proposed "The Health of the M.W.S." in most gracious terms, believing that he would prove to be

one of the best filling the chair for many years, and would emulate their late Bro. Hofferton, whose death was a serious loss to the Leodiensis Chapter.

The M.W.S. returned thanks in a most excellent speech, hoping that the officers he had appointed that evening would do their very best to support him, and fulfil the duties of each to the very best of their ability. It was his intention to have practice meetings, so that the chapter should be properly worked.

"The Healths of the P.M.W.S.'s" were proposed from the chair.

Ill. Bros. R. Wilson, 30°, Kay, and others, responded. "The Officers" were proposed and responded to, and the last toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Some excellent music and songs were given, and highly appreciated by all present.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The fratres of this college assembled on the 13th inst. for the quarterly convocation at the Masonic Hall, 16a, Great Queen-street, when there were present M.W. Dr. W. R. Woodman, S.M.; R.W. Fratres James Lewis Thomas, S.S.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.T.; E. H. Thiellay, M. of the T.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, M.B., Sec.; V.W. Fratres T. C. Walls, Robert Roy, S. L. M. Mathers, Frederick Holland; and Fratres J. J. Thomas, Nelson Prower, T. W. Lemon, Thomas Massa, W. G. Lemon, and others.

Bros. Thomas Olver Harding, M.A., B.C., and John Nicholas Frye were advanced to the Degree of Zelator in an impressive manner by the M. of the T. On the proposition of V.W. Frater Walls, a P.M.'s jewel was voted to each of the subscribing Past Masters. V.W. Frater Walls also gave notice of a proposition that in future, the M. of the T. be elected in January instead of in April as heretofore. R.W. Frater Dr. W. Wynn Westcott distributed copies of his work, "A Commentary on the Ten Sephiroth," and also copies of the Clavicula, No. 1, written by the M.W. Supreme Magus, Dr. W. R. Woodman. R. W. Frater F. Holland read a very learned and interesting essay on "The Tree of Life;" this will be subsequently printed.

After the dissolution of the college, the fratres dined together at the Holborn Restaurant, and a discussion on the occult sciences closed the day's work.

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PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE (No. 2).—An assembly of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Regent-street, on Monday, the 24th inst., under the M.P. Sovereign, Sir Knight J. A. Gartley. There were also present Sir Knights Bailey, H.P.; C. F. Hogard, Grand Recorder; J. Moon, P.S., as V.E.; H. Venn, P.S., as S.G.; F. Graves, Prefect; and Chauffourier. Visitors: Sir Knights C. F. Matier, Intendant General of Lancashire, and Castellari, who has just been appointed Intendant General of Bengal and its Dependencies, in succession to the lamented Sir Knight Col. Stewart.

A dispensation having been granted by the M. Ill. G.S., Sir Francis Burdett, Sir Knight Castellari was enthroned as a M.P.S. Sir Knight Soppet was elected M.P.S. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight Graves as Viceroy. Sir Knight Herbert Dicketts having resigned the office of Treasurer, a post he has held in the conclave for a period of 15 years, Sir Knight James Lewis Thomas was elected in his stead, and a resolution was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and a copy sent to Sir Knight Dicketts, expressing with what deep regret the sir knights had heard of the cause of his resignation, namely, his very serious illness; but a fervent prayer was expressed that he would soon be restored to perfect health, and be able to come amongst them as of yore.

After the business was concluded, the sir knights partook of one of those recherché little dinners for which the Café Royal is famous, and honoured the usual loyal and knightly toasts.

East Indies.

PENANG.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1555).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on St. John's Day, the 27th December last, when the brethren had been requested to be present to witness the ceremony of installing Bro. F. K. Jennings as W.M. for the ensuing year. The members and their guest numbered in good form long before the appointed hour of 5.30 p.m., the lodge itself being crowded. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Comrie, and the officers for the year having been appointed and invested, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

A very pleasant evening was spent, the newly-installed Master excelled in the able manner in which he proposed the various toasts, which were responded to ably and humorously by Bros. Comrie, Huttenbach, and other brethren.

Bros. Gottlieb and Hawkins presided at the piano, and many songs were admirably rendered by Bros. West, Lloyd, Comrie, Karl, and Christianson.

A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lunberg for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the arrangements for the banquet. The lodge was closed at 10.30 p.m. by the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Beal for poor and distressed Masons, and he appealed so earnestly to the brethren that the result was one of the largest subscriptions known in the lodge for many years.

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**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Western Daily Mercury," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Freemason" (Detroit), "Die Bauhütte," "Sunday Times" (New York), "New York Dispatch," "Cassell's National Library," "Loomis' Muscial and Masonic Journal," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Public Ledger Almanac, 1887," "Hampshire Independent," "Keystone," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "The Independent," "Masonic News," "Gnersey Advertiser," and "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1887.

**Original Correspondence.**

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

**MASONIC EXHIBITION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
Your number of January 15th contains a letter from Bro. Wm. Watson, which has much interested me, and I am surprised that it should have produced no rejoinder in your issue of the 22nd. He suggests a Masonic Exhibition in London. Let me add that (as was doubtless in his mind) it should be held the same week as the Grand Craft meeting in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, and its success would be assured. But unless some one or more prominent brothers move in the matter, nothing will be done, and there is already not too much time to spare. It appears to me the only way to succeed is as follows: Some dozen or more well-known brethren should volunteer—through your columns—to form a Committee to carry out the project, and amongst those should be, at least, three of unbounded leisure and energy, who must be ready to devote the next three or four months to the work, exclusive of all other occupation. Such a Committee could easily work out all the details, and I am perfectly convinced that help would be ungrudgingly afforded them by those worthy brethren who have shown us how to do it at York, Worcester, Shanklin, &c., and by collectors in all parts of the country. Experience, therefore, is of less importance than leisure and a capacity for work. Who volunteers?  
That the Exhibition, properly conducted, would leave a profit, I do not for one moment doubt. The employment of the surplus might be decided by the Committee, especially if they were fairly representative men. For my part, I should like to see the money expended in increasing the somewhat disgracefully meagre resources of our Grand Lodge Library. One thing is evident—if anything is to be done, it should be commenced *at once*.—Yours fraternally,  
G. W. SPETH.

**MASONIC RECORDS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
I was much amused at the semi-suggestion of Bro. Shackles that I should treat continental lodges in the thorough manner which Bro. Lane has applied to English ones. I said to myself, this thing is simply impossible; there are indications of lodges abroad of which nothing whatever is ascertained, except that they existed; neither their Grand Lodge, date of origin, founders, duration of existence, or aught else is known; but we meet with possibly such a note as this, "Bro. — from such a lodge was present." And such cases can be counted by the score. Again, lodges abroad were constantly changing their allegiance; lodges, Grand Lodges, aye, even entire systems of lodges make, meteor like, one solitary appearance and vanish from our ken; investigation becomes impossible. Bro. Lane's task has been difficult enough, in all conscience, and he has surmounted his difficulties gloriously; but he only professes to deal with lodges which appeared on the roll. There were possibly others in England in the early times, but probably so few that their existence may be neglected without much loss. But great as were Bro. Lane's difficulties, they pale before the obstructions in the way of a continental statistician.

And yet Bro. Kupferschmidt says that as far as Germany is concerned the work is already done. I know of other works by Polick, but not the one he mentions. Will he kindly forward it to me? I should like to study it for its own sake, and I should like to compare it with Bro. Lane's work. Our brother need not fear the comparison. Given the name of a lodge, or its number at any time, or its house of meeting, or even the town it met in, or any other the slightest clue, and a little investigation will reveal its whole history to you, "in epitome," within the covers of his work. That Polick's book under the circumstances should do the same in an equal degree I at present hold to be impossible, in spite of his well earned reputation; but if Bro. Kupferschmidt will lend me the volume, I will report it in these columns for the benefit of those interested.—  
Yours fraternally,  
G. W. SPETH.

**THE FREDERICK BINCKES PRESENTATION FUND.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
From representations which have reached the Committee there is reason to fear that a misapprehension exists with regard to the limitation in amount of individual subscriptions to one guinea. This was in no way intended to imply a restriction to that sum, but that they should not exceed it. The object of the Committee, and their desire is, that the Fund being raised should be an evidence of appreciation of the labours of Bro. Binckes during five and twenty years, and this purpose will be better served by the small contributions of the many, rather than by the large donations of the few.—I remain, yours fraternally,  
CHARLES FRED. HOGARD,  
Hon. Secretary.  
45A, Cheapside.  
January 25th.

**PROVINCIAL CALENDAR FOR MIDDLESEX.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
I thank you for your favourable notice of my little work. I have done all in my power to make it accurate, and if the Secretaries of the various lodges will do their part the next issue shall be perfectly accurate. I intended this year to give a list of the votes for our Charities, held by members of the province, but as nearly all the members belong to London lodges as well, the task is more difficult than in an ordinary province. I will send any of your readers a copy on receipt of six stamps.  
Next year I hope to give portraits of our Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary.—Fraternally yours,  
HENRY LOVEGROVE.  
26, Bridge Row, Cannon-street, E.C.

**THE MASONIC COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
In reply to W. Bro. Gould's note in last week's *Freemason*, I beg to say our Association was formed at Chicago on the 19th of August, 1880. It has reprinted several of the proceedings, and hopes to reprint more. Bro. J. Stacker Williams is still Secretary of our Association. His address is Newark, Ohio.—Yours fraternally,  
JAMES H. NELSON,  
M.M.C.A.  
Dublin, 24th January.

**MUSIC IN LODGES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
"The soul of music slumbers in the shell,  
Till waked and kindled by the master's spell;  
And feeling hearts—touch them but lightly—pour  
A thousand melodies unheard before!"  
The various letters that have appeared from different sources on this subject tending towards the confirmation of my appeal to the Sterndale Bennett Lodge for assistance in obtaining more simple, universal, and appropriate music for our various Degrees, lead me to hope that I have not only the present sympathy of the brethren, but that it will be an incentive for the future development of a service, not only fitting and comprehensive for the different ceremonies, but also capable of being rendered with effect and gratification by those whose duty it is to carry out to the utmost of their ability those labours devolving on the collar of Organist.  
The desire and the desirability of having at our disposal a concise service, one that would echo and emphasise each important truth of our ritual, so that the brethren, as well as the Master, could aid in indelibly imprinting it on the mind of the candidate, would be an addition to the present working surely of a most acceptable character to our Fraternity.  
Most sincerely and warmly do I thank your correspondents "P.M." and "H.L." for the support and interest they have shown towards me in this task, and one cannot but hope and trust that the Grand Lodge will not veto or set its face against the endeavours of brethren holding office in lodge to carry out those duties devolving upon them with satisfaction to their Master and pleasure to themselves.  
I am unable to find in the new Book of Constitutions what are our duties as Organists, but it is obvious that a collar would not be given unless there were labours attached to the office.  
Again, we are taught in our ritual that music "never shines with greater lustre than when employed in singing the praises of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe" (see 2<sup>d</sup> and Lecture, Fourth Section).  
And lastly, the "Freemasons' Liber Musicus," a work containing music for the various Degrees, both vocal and instrumental, is dedicated to our Grand Master, and most assuredly such a dedication would not have been permitted if it contained anything that could not have been rightly used for our ceremonies.  
How truly does "H.L." argue in your edition of last week, when he says—"What, I ask, would be said if it were proposed to abolish singing at our consecration ceremonies? If that singing be legal—and if not I hope no one will attempt to raise the point—why should the same privilege not be allowed in ordinary lodge business?" And might I further ask why was the Sterndale Bennett Lodge consecrated?—Vide *Freemason*, December 25th, 1886—Consecration of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182.

In reference to our Bro. Dr. Spark's letter concerning the "Freemasons Liber Musicus," I would remind him that my primary endeavour was towards obtaining a full service in *unison* practical for small lodges (and their number far exceeds the large ones), where it is impossible to do justice to selections in *harmony*, and that I mentioned four pieces from his work as examples of that class of music, and the advantages that accrued to us from having them at our disposal; and although the latter part of the anthem, "To Heaven's High Architect," is in harmony, it only required practice to make perfect. I have the small cheap edition (price ten shillings) to which Dr. Spark alludes, containing the "supplementary music," and the preface which speaks of the defects and advantages of the work.

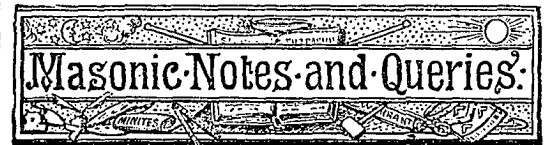
It is unfortunately too true that the fault often lies in the brethren not meeting together *before* lodge to practise at least once or twice. We had last week to throw over a musical service for installation solely on this account, and I most earnestly hope that brethren will take the hint of Dr. Spark, and meet together to try and do justice to music in lodge, and to his work, on which, as he says, he has spent "so many years of laborious research."

A service in unison with harmonies for the organists, as suggested in my former letter, would, I am sure, be a great boon to many who are now labouring to do their best with the talent at their disposal, and if it be of a catching nature would soon become universal. As the service of Tallis is familiar to all Churchmen, so I plead for a service of that brief construction that may be a Tallis to us in lodge, and the brethren knowing this service of the church know also the style of service that I am now endeavouring to have constructed for our lodges—a festal service in harmony for lodges having brethren competent of carrying it out, and the same in unison for the many, many lodges in which harmony cannot be adopted.

I trust that this correspondence will bear some practical fruit; we know that "a difficulty is a thing to be overcome," and having been the Organist of two Craft lodges, I have found a great difficulty. Will the "Sterndale Bennett" Lodge aid us to overcome it? If so, they will earn the unbounded gratitude of the Fraternity, for what says Shakespeare in his "Merchant of Venice"—

"The man that hath no music in himself,  
Nor is not mov'd with concord of sweet sounds,  
Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils."

Yours fraternally,  
EDWARD FORBES WHITLEY,  
Penarth House, Truro, January 24th.



**707] A CURIOUS JEWEL.**

I have in my collection, No. 70, a jewel precisely the same as Bro. Emra Holmes, 31<sup>o</sup>; my description is—a silver triangle, with golden heart in the centre, transfix'd by a silver arrow—unknown but *not* Masonic—supposed to be a lady's prize at an archery meeting. It may be the jewel of "A Stricken Heart."  
LAMB. SMITH.

**708] RE "A PROVINCIAL GRAND PORTAIT PAINTER."**

In the roll of Past Provincial Grand Officers appended to the lately revised by-laws of Leicestershire and Rutland appears the following record—following next after G.S. of Wks. and before G.D.C.—  
GRAND PAINTERS.  
1793, Joseph Smith, jun.  
1816, Nicholas Higginson.  
1816, Thomas Vowe Gregory.  
C. HENTON WOOD, M.A.,  
Prov. Grand Sec. Leicestershire and Rutland.

**709] MASONIC COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION.**

The association referred to by Bro. Gould is still in existence, and has already done good service in the promotion of the study of Masonic archaeology and the collection of old works on the Craft; the society being the means of fostering a most friendly spirit between the various collectors. The Bro. S. Stacker Williams mentioned is now the M.W. Grand Master of Ohio, and Bro. James W. Staton of Brooksville, Ohio, has issued a number of valuable reprints of Grand Lodge Proceedings and other important works, which until then had long been out of print. Bro. Staton would be glad to send particulars of these to any interested brother, and to receive names of intended members. I believe Bro. J. H. Neilson (Representative Grand Lodge of Egypt at Ireland), of Dublin, is one of the few members in Great Britain and Ireland; possibly the only one.  
W. J. HUGHAN.

**710] AN IMPORTANT QUERY.**

Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, U.S.A., a great authority as to Masonic bibliography, has written me about the "Complete Magazine," published in England in 1764, for the months of June, July, August, and September, containing rituals and other matter to prove that Freemasonry was in some way connected with primitive Christian religion. One of the rituals, so it is said, is called an examination and lecture of an "Entered Apprentice." Another is the "Journeyman's Lecture." I know nothing of this Magazine, and shall be glad to hear if any brother does. If not, would some brother kindly search in the British Museum for it, for it will not be convenient for me so to do for a month or two. These particulars are to be found in a work published at Leipzig in 1788, entitled "Die Schottische Maurerei, &c." in two volumes. The book occurs in the catalogue No. 2 for October 1886, published by Bro. George Kenning, of old Masonic Works, but when my order was sent for it, the two volumes had unfortunately been sold. Does Bro. G. W. Speth know of this German work, or of the Magazine of 1764? Should like a line from him on the subject, as I am bound to trace the periodical somehow and at some time or other, there being no real rest for me whilst matters of that kind are unsettled.  
W. J. HUGHAN.



### MASONIC GUIDE FOR THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE, 1887.

This Masonic brochure, edited by the indefatigable Bro. T. B. Whytehead, has reached its eleventh year of publication, and its usefulness is now so generally recognized that comment is unnecessary. Bro. Whytehead has for eleven years not only edited the Yorkshire Masonic Guide, but presented all the copies, issued from year to year, to members of the two provinces concerned and other interested brethren. We believe it is the only calendar that is so published. Yet, with all its merits, and they are not a few, Bro. Whytehead will excuse us when we remark that for two provinces, numbering nearly 100 lodges, a much larger work should be issued annually, so that the names of the W.M. and Wardens, at least, of each lodge may be given, and other particulars usual in such handy guides; neither should it be left to the editor aforesaid to bring out such a calendar, but all the lodges should share the expenses "pro rata." Lord Zetland, as Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, has 29 lodges, with 1891 subscribing members proud to acknowledge his lordship's rule. The R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew presides over the third largest province in England, there being 69 lodges, with 3260 members, in West Yorkshire. The numbers for both provinces are slightly in excess of the figures for the previous year. For the Royal Arch there are 15 and 38 chapters, and 587 and 1139 members respectively in the two Provincial Grand Chapters. We are sorry to note the continued separation of the three Mark Lodges at Hull from the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, and hope soon they will decide to join that body, for "Union is strength," Masonically as well as generally.

### THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY, Providence, R.I. (Dec. 1886.)

This excellent Masonic monthly has a most interesting article on the Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, written by our friend Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Pennsylvania. There is also a handsome plate of the "Home" for aged and indigent Freemasons belonging to that jurisdiction, which certainly looks most inviting, and is a credit to that old and respected Grand Lodge. It appears that from the fund organised in 1799 has grown the Institution known as the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund." In 1885 the money in hand amounted to some £15,000. During that year 273 applicants were relieved in the sum of over £600. Then there is another source of income and expenditure, viz., the "Stephen Girard Bequest," which in the same year amounted to about £12,500, out of which during 1885 there was distributed some £650 "among poor and respectable brethren hailing from lodges located in different portions of the world." The Home, within two years of its being opened, has been freed from debt, and now has fourteen inmates. Three Mark lodges in Philadelphia contributed the magnificent total of £800 towards the permanent fund. Yet all these funds are small compared with the enormous sums raised in this country for our Central Masonic Institutions; which yet are in need of still more!

### EAST ANGLIAN HAND BOOK, 1887. P. Soman, Argus Office, Norwich.

The re-appearance for the 28th consecutive year of this popular provincial Hand Book is most welcome. All its well known features are reproduced with, if possible, greater fulness of detail and greater accuracy than before, so that we do not hesitate to describe this as the most complete and valuable of the series that has yet appeared. There is, as usual, a long and painstaking review of the "Past East Anglian Year." There are some useful notes on the "Rivers and Broads" of the district, and above all, a most exhaustive account of the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Norwich in the summer, which is beyond all question the great event of the past East Anglian year. In short, the Hand Book is a most valuable compilation, and Bro. Soman, of the Norwich Argus, deserves great credit for the manner in which it has been carried out.



### Craft Masonry.

**ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).**—This ancient lodge held its installation meeting—a short account of which has already appeared in our columns—recently at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when Bro. Charles Richard Williams, who has discharged the duties of Senior Warden during the last 12 months, was installed as Master. There was an unusually large attendance of visiting brethren, including many Past Masters and Masters of lodges. The ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Walker, a P.M. of the lodge, and the W.M. received the customary salutations from the brethren over whom he is to preside during his year of office. The first duty the Master performed was to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. M. E. Stokes, S.W.; W. E. Abrahams, J.W.; Braund, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; A. Darch, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); Dunn, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); Reid, I.G.; Lewcock, A.D.C.; Braham, A.W.S.; Bridger, Asst. Sec.; and Rawles, Tyler. After the investiture of officers, the W.M. proceeded to initiate four candidates, namely, Messrs. Sharp, G. H. Clapham, Wheeler, and E. Horton, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. After the ceremony of initiation and the dispatch of the remaining business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in the Great Hall of the hotel.

Dinner being over, and grace having been said, the Worshipful Master rose to propose the first toast observed among Masons, namely, "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," remarking that the toast, invariably drunk at all gatherings of loyal British subjects, would be received and drunk with the greatest enthusiasm by the members of the Royal Jubilee Lodge and their visitors. The members of

a lodge founded to commemorate the fiftieth year of the accession of his late Majesty King George III. would also feel the pleasure felt by the whole of the nation at the present time, and share in the rejoicings at the occurrence of a rare event, similar to that from which their lodge received its name. He would ask the brethren, therefore, to drink the health of her Majesty, sincerely hoping that her glorious and happy reign would long continue for the benefit of the millions over whom she reigned.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," adding that this toast, that of the health of the head of the Craft, Masons also drunk with genuine pleasure. His Royal Highness had not only been their Grand Master now for many years, but had by his example and labours shed an additional lustre over Freemasonry. In the course of his hard working life he had obtained a thorough touch with Englishmen of all classes, and had never once lost it. If he (the W.M.) were to ask who was the most popular man in the United Kingdom, there could be but one reply, the Prince whose health he now asked them to drink, the Grand Master of English Freemasons, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The toast was received and drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and the toast of "The Principal Grand Officers" followed.

The I.P.M., Bro. G. F. Jenkins, then rose and proposed "The Health of the W.M." in well chosen terms, and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for their display of pleasure in drinking the toast. They, by their vote, had placed him in the chair to fulfil the duties of Master during the year, and he was exceedingly desirous of discharging his duties in a manner which would give them, not mere satisfaction, but genuine pleasure. To occupy the chair of Master of the lodge had been his ambition from the date of his initiation, and from the date of his appointment to a junior office his Masonic life had been one great rehearsal for the important post he had hoped one day to occupy. His labours had been rewarded by his installation in the chair of his mother lodge, and he hoped that during the year he would discharge the duties in the able manner in which they had been discharged by the long line of Past Masters who had preceded him.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and the newly-made brethren responded.

The W.M. next rose and proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. F. Jenkins, investing him also with the handsome Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge for his duties as Master during the past year.

The I.P.M. briefly responded, and the toasts which followed were "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Chas. Greenwood, W.M. of his lodge, and Prov. G. Sec. Surrey; R. D. Hilton, and Maidwell, P.M. 27; "The Past Masters"; "The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bros. Dunn and Darch, Past Masters, and holders respectively of those offices; "The Masonic Charities"; "The Officers of the Lodge"; and, in conclusion, the Tyler's toast.

During these proceedings a deputation from the Robert Burns Lodge visited their brethren of the Royal Jubilee, and there was some excellent singing by Bros. Greenwood, Chubb, Montgomery, Hughes, Dunkley, and Ralph, while Bro. Harcourt West recited in his masterly manner "Rubenstein's Piano."

It was announced that the lodge intend holding their second annual ball on Thursday, 17th prox., at Freemasons' Tavern.

Among the visitors were Bros. C. Deakin, P.M. 1178; M. J. Wrangham, P.M. 1310; John Jacobs, P.M. 1614; C. Gross, P.M. 2033; J. Taylor, P.M. 753; J. Cox, P.M. 190; Thos. Peet, P.M. 190; G. A. Payne, 933; B. Woodruff, P.M. 957; E. Partridge, W.M. 1686; H. Price, W.M. 177; W. Farthing, W.M. 2150; Gremble Valentin, 1314; J. W. Elliott, 73; Olver, Fullick, 879; and J. Turnbull, P.M. Star.

**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205.)**—This celebrated lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool, W.M., presided, and there were also present the officers of the lodge and Past Masters Bros. A. M. Cohen, C. F. Hogard, S. M. Harris, W. Littaur, M. I. Emanuel, H. M. Harris, I. P. Cohen, L. Norden, Joseph Da Silva, H. J. Phillips, E. H. Norden, J. A. Gartley, and Bassington. The visitors were Bros. Alderman Isaacs, 2127, late 205; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G. Deacon; Edgar Bowyer, Past G. Std. Br.; Dr. Woodman, Past G. Swd. Br.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Fredk. Binckes, Past G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Chas. E. Soppet, W.M. 60, Past G. Stwd.; James Terry, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Inst.; Wall, W.M. 188; Mather, P. Prov. Senior Grand Deacon Herts; Cohen, P.M. 185; Morice Hart, P. Prov. G.D. of C. West Lancashire, P.M. 1502; Wilson, P.M. 1185; Wise, P.M. 1158; Johnson, P.M. 1320; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1028; Maple, P.M. 657; Bloomfield, P.M. 185; Larner, P.M. 856; Dodson, P.M. 188; Larkin, J.D. 3; Freeman, J.W. 188; Mickle, P.M. 449; E. Terry, P.M. 20, Past G. Stwd.; George Kenning, P.M. 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; Groves, P.M. 1613; Harvey, P.M. 25; D.M. Davis, W.M. 1017; Hyman, 188; Rev. Dr. Maguire, Chap. 1964; Bromet, 1155; Best, 1613; Metcalf, 206; Jolley, 859; Duckitt, 1547; Chivers, 2030; Jacobs, 1437; Davis, 88; Robertson, 1962; Bloomfield, 185; Nicholson, 1716; Frame, 1348; Chetham, 1017; Hart, 193; Freidlander, 1446; Canwarden, 1613; Da Costa, 1349; Da Costa, 1349; Barnett, 330; White, 1696; Spencer, 1922; Harris, 185; Bergeman, 188; Rosenthal, 1349; Isaacs, 188; Jevy, 185; Smith, S.D. 993; Cullen, 1515; Colling 193; Davis, 1604; Bolton, 15; J. Bolton, 15; Page, 854; Harris, 1658; Ramus; and Jacobs, late 205.

After the opening and other formal business was disposed of, Bro. Henochsberg installed in splendid style, Bro. Solomon Jacobs, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. Bro. Jacobs immediately proved the excellence of the choice the brethren had made by investing his officers in strict accordance with Masonic ritual. These officers were Bros. Robert James Paton, S.W.; J. Bueno de Mesquita, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Essex, Sec.; Rev. Marcus Haines, Chap.; Tress Hart, S.D.; Marcus Bromet, J.D.; Joseph Da Silva, P.M., D.C.; Simon Scherl, I.G.; Joseph Lichtenfeld, A.D.C.; Elias James Ehrenberg, sen;

and John Da Silva, Stewards; and J. Nicholls, P.M., Tyler.

An elegant Past Master's jewel, of very appropriate design (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was presented on behalf of the lodge to Bro. Henochsberg, besides a Past Master's collar and silver jewel, the gift of the officers. The presentation was accompanied by some very laudatory remarks by the W.M. on the manner in which Bro. Henochsberg had discharged his duties as W.M., and Bro. Henochsberg, in acknowledging the presentation in reference to the gift of the Past Master's collar and jewel, said it was another proof of the unity which existed among the brethren. He was very proud of his officers, whose work had been excellent, and any W.M. might be proud of them. Bro. Joseph Da Silva took the Stewardship for the Boys' Festival, and the lodge voted ten guineas to his list, in addition to the usual annual subscriptions to the three Institutions. A discussion followed on the Earl of Carnarvon's circular respecting the Queen's Jubilee, but in the end it was approved of, it being explained that the approval did not bind the brethren to subscribe to the Imperial Institute Fund. The lodge afterwards unanimously agreed to present an address to her Majesty congratulating her on attaining the fiftieth year of her reign. Some further business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The customary toasts were given at the conclusion of the banquet.

In giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., &c.," the W.M. referred to the presence of several Grand Officers, Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Dr. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; and Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br. It spoke well for the Lodge of Israel when it had such distinguished brethren as visitors, but above all it showed that those brethren had Freemasonry at heart.

Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., and J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., responded, both expressing their delight at the working of the lodge, and also assuring the brethren that the Grand Officers did real work.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas observed that he seemed to be affiliated to the Lodge of Israel, he attended there so frequently. Whenever he visited it he felt as if he was going to the fountain head of Masonry, stepping on the threshold of the Temple of King Solomon, where Masonry was supposed to have begun. It was a great pleasure to receive the magnificent hospitality of that lodge and witness the excellent working. The I.P.M., with his beautiful voice and execution, had charmed all who listened to him. When he next returned to Grand Lodge he should repeat what he said now—that there was no better workers throughout the length and breadth of the land than the members of the Lodge of Israel.

Bro. Henochsberg, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said the brethren could believe him when he said it had been a very great pleasure indeed to him to install Bro. S. Jacobs as W.M., Bro. Jacobs having worthily earned that position by his energy and exactitude in the performance of the different lodge duties. The lodge would have in him a very excellent Master, as he would do his work to the satisfaction of every member.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he thanked the brethren from his heart. It was a great pleasure to him to find himself in the position of W.M. of such a lodge as the Lodge of Israel. Any man, especially one of his age (30) might be proud of it. He should do everything he could to uphold the good name and integrity of the lodge. With such examples as he had before him, it would be his fault if he did not. The P.M.'s of Lodge of Israel were patterns to all Freemasons. He did not know whether he was fortunate or unfortunate in having to follow Bro. Henochsberg; perhaps he was unfortunate, because the I.P.M. had made a great impression on the brethren by his excellent working, and this might a little dissatisfy them. However, he should endeavour to copy him as much as he could. The generosity he (Bro. Jacobs) had experienced would encourage him to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren and himself. The reception he had had convinced him that he had commenced well. Next year, when he vacated the chair for a more worthy brother, he hoped they would say he had well finished. If they did that he should be perfectly satisfied. During his lifetime there had been two eventful days—one on the 10th March, 1856, the other that day. On the first eventful day he was not expected to make a speech; that day he was. No doubt he did make himself heard on the first-named day; and he felt much in the same position that day as he did in 1856, when he was at a loss to find words to express himself. But there were some sentiments better understood than expressed. Such was his position then; but still he returned his hearty thanks for the way he had been received. While he remained in the Lodge of Israel he should consider it a duty to uphold the honour and integrity of such a lodge as the Lodge of Israel.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Corporation of London and Past Master Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs." The toast was not on the list, but they could not pay too much respect to it. He would have been very disrespectful indeed if he had not proposed this toast. They could not pay too much respect to Bro. Isaacs. He was an old P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, had done much work for it.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs, P.M., said, though he would have been glad to escape making a speech, he was not altogether sorry to address a few words to the members of his former lodge. He did so, however, with mixed feelings of pride, pleasure, and pain; of pride at being received as he had been, of pleasure at seeing so many brethren round the table whom he had the pleasure of meeting in times long gone by, and of pain when he reflected that so many who were members when he was one of the hardest, if not the ablest workers, were now missing. Coming among them after 25 years had elapsed, he felt like a Masonic Rip Van Winkle, finding those who had been young, active, dark haired men, although still alive, not young and no longer dark haired. He was pleased to see the same vitality in the lodge and the same excellence of working. The very name of the Lodge of Israel brought back recollections to his mind of a most serious character. He had the privilege in the lodge of initiating his own father, and of hearing from his lips that he was a freeman, and gleaning from him the information that he was of the full age of 21 years. He had had the pleasure of installing his brother as Master of the lodge in succession to himself. On that occasion, although he was flattered by being told how admirably he

performed the ceremony, he could not think he did it as well as Bro. Henochsberg did it that evening. As the Lodge of Israel was his alma mater it was very gratifying to find the work so ably performed. The W.M. had been good enough to join the Corporation of London in this toast. He had said very recently, and he said it again in all sincerity, that he believed the Corporation did very much for that religious equality which was one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. The Corporation had done much for the race which was so largely represented in the Lodge of Israel, and he was therefore proud to be at once a Mason and a member of the Corporation. In that Corporation were very many able zealous Masons. For some years past the brother filling the office of Lord Mayor for the year had been appointed Grand Officer. How long that would continue he did not know. The Corporation had been threatened and so had its existence. Therefore he would not say that he hoped that he should live long enough to be Lord Mayor of this great City. He might say he knew that if there was anything to which he might aspire he should have the very best wishes of the brethren of the Israel Lodge. He concluded by thanking the brethren again for the great compliment they had paid the Corporation and its very humble representative.

Bros. Dr. Woodman, Soppet, Wall, W.M. 188; M. Hart (Liverpool); Davis, W.M. 1017, replied to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Hart stating that the Lodge of Israel at Liverpool was the first to start a Benevolent Fund in the Province of West Lancashire, copying for that purpose the by-laws of the Lodge of Israel, London, and now out of 83 lodges in the province two thirds of them had a Benevolent Fund. Bro. Henochsberg himself and another brother originated the Benevolent Fund in lodge 1502.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Installing Master," who had performed the work so splendidly. The ceremony had made such an impression on him that he should never forget it. He had heard it five times in this lodge, but never had he seen it equalled. The I.P.M. was equally good at the banquet table. He had worked hard in Liverpool and was one of the founders of the Benevolent Fund there. His brain was always at work. He had done much for the Lodge of Israel in London, also he was the founder of the ball of the Lodge of Israel which was to enhance the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Henochsberg, in reply, said he took no credit to himself for the success of his year; it depended on his officers from whom he had received such remarkable support. He certainly did start the Lodge of Israel ball, but the work had been carried out by the Stewards. As to his performance of the installation ceremony, it had been so splendidly rendered year after year that he made up his mind when he became Master to imitate the bright example which had been set him. To show the esteem in which the W.M. was held he would read the following telegram, just received from Hanover: "Sincere congratulations and every success attend this and all your undertakings, from your friends, Sidney Isaacs and Dr. Kayserline." That he looked upon as great compliment. Bros. Terry and Binckes replied for "The Charities," Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., for "The Benevolent Fund;" Bro. S. M. Harris, for "The Past Masters;" and the S.W. and Bro. Hogard for "The Officers, Treasurer, and Secretary." The Tyler's toast was given before the brethren separated.

A splendid selection of songs and music was performed by Miss Maud Cameron, Miss White, Bro. Sidney Stanton, Bro. E. V. Page, Bro. I. White, Mr. L. Van Kollem, with Bro. J. Burns at the pianoforte.

**NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).**—An interesting meeting in connection with this old lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, City, when the W.M., Bro. Charles Weeden, was supported by Bros. A. Perl, S.W.; F. Perl, J.W.; the Rev. C. Stevens, Chap.; John Stillwell, P.M., Treasurer; R. R. Harper, P.M., Secretary; J. E. Chubb, S.D.; C. H. Ockelford, I.G.; J. Boulton and J. R. Cordell, Stwds.; A. J. Potter, I.P.M.; L. C. Haslip, P.M.; A. J. Gabb, P.M.; A. K. Turbfield, Tyler; and many other brethren. The visitors included Bros. W. Thomason, 209; E. L. Conrad, late 813; J. H. Samson, 1364; A. J. Dixie, 453; J. Draper, 1702; and others.

The lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and some time was expended on a motion to alter certain of the by-laws, there being no actual work on the agenda. It was intimated that the W.M. had consented to act as a Steward for the Boys', Bro. T. J. Cusworth, P.M., for the Girls', and Bro. C. H. Ockelford, I.G., for the Old Peoples' Festivals; and the sum of twenty-five guineas was voted towards Bro. Cusworth's list. A draw for a Life Subscribership of one of the Institutions took place latter in the evening, the ballot resulting in favour of Bro. J. R. Cordell.

At the banquet which followed, the customary toasts were honoured, after which

Bro. A. Potter, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," observing that every one who had come into contact with Bro. Weeden proved him to be a good man and Mason. He had been on intimate terms with their W.M. for some years, and knew he had been a friend indeed to many. This was the last time he should have the opportunity of sounding that brother's praises, and he did so with all sincerity.

Bro. Weeden, W.M., in responding, thanked the I.P.M. for his kindly eulogy, and trusted that he might long enjoy the esteem of the brethren, and that the good understanding and harmony now pervading the lodge might ever continue to subsist. He then extended a very cordial welcome to the visitors, and observed that it was a characteristic of the New Concord Lodge that members of sister lodges were always assured of a hearty reception.

The toast was suitably acknowledged by the several visitors present.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," whose continued interest in the welfare of the lodge was a most gratifying feature, and he thanked them one and all for the valuable assistance they had rendered him in carrying out the duties of his office. He regretted the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Cusworth, P.M., whom he hoped soon to see in his accustomed place.

Bros. Potter, Gabb, Stillwell, Harper, and Haslip severally responded, each expressing his unabated interest in the lodge, and desire to uphold the prestige it had so long enjoyed.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was next given by the Worshipful Master, and in response Bro.

Stillwell said he was proud of the position he had filled so many years as Treasurer of the lodge, and while they had such a Secretary as Bro. Harper there need be no fear of the lodge going wrong.

Bro. Harper, in his reply, spoke of the cordial way in which he had worked with their excellent Treasurer, and said as long as the present happy condition of things prevailed there was no apprehension of the lodge getting into debt, but would always be able to pay its way.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Masonic Charities," spoke of the Benevolent Association attached to the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, which had been the means of sending up over £4000 to the various Institutions. He was very pleased that the lodge had proposed the worthy Preceptor of that lodge of instruction going as a Steward to the next Girls' Festival, and had voted ten guineas towards his list. He advised all the brethren to join the Association, which afforded them a very easy means of becoming Life Governors of the Institution.

Bro. Harper thought it might be interesting to those who did not belong to the Association to know that, by means of the small subscriptions begun last March, even if no other members joined, they would be able to send up 230 guineas to the Charities this year. All that was accomplished by the members contributing one shilling per week each.

Bro. Haslip responded at some length, observing that the Institutions of the Craft, though starting with small beginnings, had now so increased in volume that last year no less a sum than £43,000 was raised for Charity. He hoped they would never want more, but if double the amount were required the Masons of England would produce the money. Most Institutions had suffered through the depression of trade, but he was happy to say sufficient money had been found to maintain the Masonic Institutions in a high state of efficiency. Speaking of the Benevolent Associations connected with lodges of Instruction, he said he belonged to one (the Third City of London), which hoped to send up 1000 guineas to the Institutions. The Second City of London Association had sent up 900 guineas, and there were others doing proportionately good work. No brother felt the outgoing of 1s. per week, though he might not be able to put down 10 guineas at once, and these Associations, though somewhat snubbed at first, were now acknowledged to be doing a substantial amount of good. Alluding to the Board of Benevolence, he was sorry to say that during the last year or two it had had to expend at the rate of between £10,000 and £11,000 a year. Its regular income was only about £8000, and recently it had been found necessary to sell out £3000 worth of stock. At the December meeting 57 cases were brought before the Board, and at the last meeting there were 19 more, showing the vast amount of distress that existed amongst Masons. All these cases were attended to, and only three were sent empty away. He concluded by earnestly advising all brethren to join the Benevolent Associations, and to support the Charities in every possible way.

Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was enlivened by some excellent songs and recitations.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the W.M. being well supported by a large number of members and visitors, there being present Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M.; T. C. Edmunds, S.W.; F. W. Dimsdale, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, I.P.M.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; F. J. Perks, Sec.; J. F. Saunders, Asst. Sec.; R. W. Fraser, acting S.D.; W. F. Bates, J.D.; Raney, I.G.; J. Bruton, D.C.; R. Allaway, Steward; Bruce, Org.; P.M.; J. J. Michael, C. J. Scales, W. M. Stiles, H. Stiles, G. Edwards, and R. Whiting, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Powdrell, R. Ross, W. H. Ross, and A. Dickey, of 1744; J. A. Ames, 390; W. D. Palmer and R. Bott, of 1949; G. Dickenson, 1681; E. G. Cherry, 861; J. Edmunds, 279; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Saxby Trongi and Hawkins were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. Wells was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A ballot was taken for the following gentlemen: Messrs. G. Evans, G. Davey, C. Meschini, and C. Martignini, which proved unanimous, and three being present were duly initiated into Freemasonry. A sum of 25 guineas was voted from the lodge funds for the W.M.'s list, he going up as Steward for the R.M.B.I. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, and under the personal superintendance of Bro. A. Clemow an excellent banquet was partaken of and heartily enjoyed.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were given and received in a very hearty manner. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was received by the brethren and visitors with enthusiasm.

The W.M. briefly replied, reminding the brethren that it was eleven years ago that night he was initiated into the Metropolitan Lodge by Bro. Micheal, P.M., and he sincerely thanked their Treasurer, P.M. Willing, for having seconded him on that occasion, and he hoped, being jubilee year, the brethren would send him up with a substantial list for the old people.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was then proposed by the W.M., and the brethren gave them one and all a very hearty reception.

The I.P.M., Bro. Lovegrove; and others, responded.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary," and they having replied, "The Visitors" came in for a hearty welcome from the W.M. and members, and they having responded, the next toast was "The Initiates," who replied in a very happy strain.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast brought another of those successful meetings to a close, for which the Metropolitan Lodge is so truly and justly noted.

Several brethren assisted during the evening with songs and recitations—Bros. G. Monk, R. W. Fraser, G. W. Knight, and others, with Bro. Dimsdale as accompanist.

**ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).**—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when the W.M., Bro. J. C. Smith, opened the lodge, and Bros. R. T. West, J. Southern, and G. Comley were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for five candidates, and four of them, being in attendance, were initiated, namely: Messrs. E. A. H. Ainsworth, S. Wickens, C. W. Harwood, and E. M. Weston. Bro. W.

Baker, 1734, was also admitted as a joining member, and the report of the Audit Committee having been presented and received, the ordinary lodge business was concluded. Bro. W. M. Stiles then presented to the W.M. Bro. Henry Dickey, the W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The W.M., Bro. Smith, then addressed the lodge on the subject, and thereafter administered the preliminary obligation to Bro. Dickey, who then gave his assent in the customary form to the ancient charges, which were recited by the Secretary, Bro. Scurrah, from the Book of Constitutions. At this stage of the proceedings all brethren below the rank of Installed Master left the lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. H. Dickey took the Master's obligation, and was formally installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Smith, W.M., and was duly saluted by the members of the Board. The Board having been closed the brethren were re-admitted, and Bro. Dickey was proclaimed and saluted in the three Degrees, and then proceeded with the investiture of the officers for the ensuing year, of which the following is a list: Bros. J. C. Smith, I.P.M.; William Jaques, S.W.; William H. Darling, J.W.; James Willing, Treasurer; W. A. Scurrah, Secretary; C. J. Knightley, Asst. Sec.; C. H. Holland, S.D.; R. Ross, J.D.; E. Perry, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, D.C.; Mordy and Holt, Asst. D.C.'s; O. Ruzicka and Dr. Powdrell, Stwds.; Lieut.-Col. Haddon, Org.; and Koester, Tyler. The customary addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the other members were then delivered by Bro. J. C. Smith, as Installing Master, bringing to an end a ceremony which had been in every respect most ably performed.

Bro. Dickey, W.M., then said that it seemed to be a custom among lodges to pass a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, but the Royal Savoy Lodge considered it to be a duty incumbent on an outgoing Master to instal his successor, and therefore it was not customary with them to pass such votes of thanks. The brethren, however, desired to show in a substantial manner their appreciation of the skill and ability with which Bro. J. C. Smith had performed the duties of W.M. during the past year, and he had therefore now the very pleasing duty to present Bro. Smith with a Past Master's jewel, with which he hoped Bro. Smith would appear among them for many years to come.

Bro. J. C. Smith said that when he entered the lodge he thought he should be able to make a very long speech in reply, but he was really so much overcome by the kindness that had been shown him that he must confine himself to a bare expression of his thanks. He had done his best to make them happy and comfortable during the past year and to do his duty as Master, and he tendered them his best thanks for the very handsome jewel which they had given him, as an intimation that his efforts had been successful.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., was then appointed to represent the Royal Savoy Lodge as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the lodge, desiring to do something more than usual on account of this being her Majesty's Jubilee year, passed a vote for 25 guineas to be placed on Bro. Stiles's list.

After the banquet which followed the lodge proceedings, at which about 140 brethren were present, the usual list of loyal and Masonic toasts received due attention, the W.M. remarking in proposing the first toast that this being the Queen's Jubilee year, he should endeavour to make it a good year in the history of the lodge.

Bro. J. C. Smith, in proposing "The Master's Health," said that he had the privilege to propose the toast of the evening. He was sure that no brother in the Royal Savoy Lodge had endeared himself to the brethren more than Bro. Dickey. They had had the privilege of knowing him from the date of his initiation. He thought that from the very moment of his initiation in that lodge Bro. Dickey had made up his mind to become a good Mason, and that if fortune should favour him he would become Master of the lodge. He had now attained to that object of his ambition. He had always shown himself to be a good Mason, and they were all pleased to see him in the chair, and the great interest he had shown in the success of the lodge was a sufficient guarantee that he would make an excellent Master, and he (Bro. Smith) was quite sure that when Bro. Dickey left the chair the brethren would have no cause to regret his appointment. He was the right man in the right place.

The Worshipful Master (who was received with great applause) said that he was deeply grateful for the kind expressions which the I.P.M. had employed in proposing that toast, and was also greatly impressed by the kindness and cordiality with which that toast had been received by the brethren. Bro. Smith had said that he was the right man in the right place, and it would be his earnest endeavour to prove by his conduct that Bro. Smith was justified in saying that. It was the Queen's Jubilee year, and he felt it to be a great honour to be elected to the chair that year. It was a great year for Masonry. He should do his best for the Royal Savoy Lodge; he felt greatly honoured in having attained to the proud position of the chair. He hoped that 1887 would be to them a good year, and he should do his best to make it so.

The toast "Success to the Masonic Charities" was linked with "The Health of the P.M.'s," which was replied to by the P.M.'s present, when Bro. Stiles took the opportunity of referring to his Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution, which he would hold jointly for that lodge and the Levander Chapter, and intimated that through the vote of the lodge of £25, and through the generosity of the brethren now present, he had already got £101 16s. 6d. on his list. He could not hope to emulate Bro. Scurrah, who on a well-remembered occasion took up £600; but he hoped to increase his present amount very considerably.

"The Visitors" toast was replied to by Bros. Axford, 2048; Summers, 177; Dickeson, 179; Silvester, 193; Saxelby, P.G.R. Surrey; and Cleghorne, 1287.

During the evening several songs and recitations were contributed by some of the brethren, and Mrs. Dickey, the wife of the W.M., also favoured the company with some very pretty songs, which were warmly applauded.

Among the many visitors present were Bros. Booth, 81; A. Woodliffe, 87; W. T. Perry, 861; J. H. Baker, 860; W. Christian, 860; J. Hooker, 1681; E. Brittain, 1681; C. J. Axford, W.M. 2048; S. R. Lovett, 3; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; T. Markland, P.M. 144; H. Stiles, P.M. 1732; C. Scales, P.M. 1507; R. Tucker, 2100; W. Bennie, P.M. 1237; C. J. Day, Org. 1641; J. Ellwood, I.P.M. 179; J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; G. Gregory, P.M. 1538; J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1257; M. Saxelby, P.M., P.G. Reg. Surrey; J. Hurdell, P.M. 1348; Dr. Kempster,

M.D., P.M. 1420; W. J. Burgess, P.M. 1472; R. Burlington, W.M. 860; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; F. Silvester, W.M. 193; G. L. Moore, P.M. 167; E. Storr, P.M. 167; James, P.M. 1339; A. Skinner, W.M. 177; W. Dickeson, W.M. 179; and E. C. Massey.

**LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE** (No. 1962).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, was honoured with the presence of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bros. Sheriff Kirby, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., and a very large number of visitors, the assembly numbering altogether nearly 100 brethren. Bro. Walter McDougall, W.M., opened the lodge, and the Past Masters of the lodge who were present during the evening were Bros. Neville Green, Walter McDougall, Walter C. Claridge, Secretary; and Haig-Brown. The visitors were Bros. W. Stenckes, 1506; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; John Gaywood, 206; J. Margetts, 1598; T. Thomson, S.W. and W.M. elect 1597; E. Revill, P.M. 840; J. Jacobs, 55; A. Mears, 222; A. Stein, 398; C. Allen, I.G. 1056; F. Levick, P.M. 404, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; C. J. Smith, P.J.W. 465; V. Day, 862; H. Gardiner, 1604; J. Wagstaff, 1744; J. C. Green, P.M. 1156; W. J. Heath, J.W. 766; M. Marins, 1017; H. A. Johnson, W.M. 869; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; C. E. Moser, 19; Wm. Morley, 1924; F. O. Robinson, 140; E. Blake, P.M. 507; George Mickley, P.M. 449; T. H. Hicks, I.G. 1597; T. Brown, 1597; S. Benton, P.M. 1657; H. Nuding, P.M. 140; J. Tickle, C.C., P.M. 1196; J. G. Prickett, 613; C. Woolmer Williams, P.M. 569; J. L. Jones, P.M. 1460, P.P.G.D. Middx.; H. Bevor, P.M. 355, P.G. Sec. Wilts; A. Blenkarm, 1559; Henry John, W.M. 749, P.M. 1679; F. Sackett, P.M. 1343; N. Sherwood, 231; J. G. Shaern, 28; J. W. Cleke, P.M. 171; G. James, 749; Thomas D. Birch, 1365; A. J. Pritchard, P.M. 1537; G. F. Burroughs, 1903; W. T. Wyatt, 26; and E. E. Darvall, 255. Bros. Sir R. Hanson and Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, signed with the members, being Hon. Members of the lodge.

The W.M. opened the lodge. Bro. Claridge raised Bro. Hancock and Bro. Haig-Brown installed Bro. Arthur H. Sandle as W.M. The officers appointed were Bros. L. V. Walker, S.W.; J. C. Tilt, J.W.; Walter McDougall, I.P.M.; Walter McDougall, P.M., Treasurer; W. C. Claridge, P.M., Secretary; J. Green, S.D.; H. F. Bing, J.D.; G. Gregory, I.G.; M. L. Levey, P.M., D.C.; E. Woodley Smith and H. H. Nuding, Stwds.; and Lackland, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel, of the London Rifle Brigade pattern, was presented to the I.P.M., who returned thanks to the brethren for their kind recognition of his endeavours to maintain the high character of the lodge, and to the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had conveyed the feelings of the brethren.

Lodge was then closed, and the company, numbering about 100 brethren, adjourned to banquet, where the toasts were proposed.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said, after referring to the way in which the Grand Officers did their duties, that they were actuated by but one desire that they might justify the high encomiums they always received from the brethren. The W.M. had alluded to Lord Carnarvon's letter about the jubilee. His lordship had thought very carefully over the question, which was beset with many difficulties. He (Bro. Colonel Clerke) hoped the proposal would meet with the general approval of the Craft. The M.W.G.M. had taken a peculiar interest in a scheme for celebrating the jubilee, and his good and faithful subjects the Freemasons should support him, as far as they could, by making a very small personal pecuniary subscription, which would enable the Grand Master to hand to her Majesty a handsome cheque towards the memorial. He was sure there was but one desire among the brethren—to support the Grand Master in every possible way. In thanking the brethren personally for that toast, he said he remembered that five years ago he consecrated the lodge; but, from no fault of his own, he had not been able to be present in it since. He was, however, very much pleased now to be present, and to congratulate the brethren on their prosperous career.

Bro. W. McDougall, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said that Bro. Sandle for many years had been a good Volunteer and a good Mason. He had always done his duty to every brother in the lodge in every position he had held, and now he had become W.M. he would maintain that respect which he had always received from all the members of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said he could not sufficiently thank the I.P.M. for his kind words. Since he had been in the lodge he had tried to do his best. The I.P.M. had also spoken of his services in connection with the Brigade. He was compelled to do his best in the Brigade, and from the length of time the brethren have been acquainted with him, they knew he would leave no stone unturned which would conduce to the honour and prosperity of the lodge and the happiness and unity of its members.

Bro. Walter McDougall, Treas., proposed "The Lord Mayor," an honorary member of the lodge, who was present at its consecration, and was one of the founders. Finding his municipal duties entailed such a heavy call upon his time he sent a kind letter and a nice cheque and tendered his resignation. The resignation was accepted reluctantly, but the brethren had not forgotten him. As a regiment, the brigade were dreadfully indebted to him and the Corporation for the facilities granted for a number of years in the use of the Guildhall for the purpose of drill. Under particular circumstances, no doubt, the use of the crypt was taken away from them, but they still had the use of the hall. As spokesman for the brigade he thanked the Corporation, which however, had a "quid pro quo" in the possession of a body of young men who would defend the city when required. From what had been done by the train-hands of former times he did not doubt that not only would the London Rifle Brigade, but other rifle volunteers would come forward and maintain the Corporation. The Lord Mayor was a private in the regiment, and was afterwards made honorary colonel of the 4th battalion.

The Lord Mayor in reply said he was proud of being a member of the brigade. He was also a member of the lodge, although he had not been present since its consecration, and he was pleased to see that it was still having additions made to its roll, there being another candidate for initiation at next meeting. He liked to see the Master

have work. He would be the Master of one lodge and was at present the Master of another, but he was sorry to say he was more often than not conspicuous by his absence. As to the remarks which had been made about the use of the Guildhall by the brigade, the Corporation were very proud of the brigade, and were glad to lend them the hall. Perhaps they had a "quid pro quo," but still there were other regiments who would be happy to defend the city. The crypt was closed at present, but the time might perhaps arrive when that rule would be relaxed. When it did, not a moment would be lost in throwing the crypt open.

Bro. Tickle, C.C., responded for "The Visitors" and said he was gratified at being the guest of the W.M., and he was pleased to see one of his oldest friends, Bro. Brown, P.M., perform the ceremony of installation. The visitors were much delighted at sitting down with so distinguished a citizen as the Lord Mayor of London, who no doubt at the end of his year of office, would by his genial disposition, and his kindness to all with whom he came in contact, be found to have been as popular as Chief Magistrate as he had been a member of the London Rifle Brigade and of the lodge. The visitors had had a great treat and were highly delighted at their reception. It was not always that they saw the installation ceremony performed so perfectly as it had been by Bro. Brown. Both in lodge and at the banquet the brethren had done their best for the unexceptional entertainment of the visitors.

Other brethren also responded. Bro. Haig-Brown, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Installing Master," and said it would be a bad day for the lodge when it got rid of the P.M.'s. As far as regarded what he had done that night he could assure the brethren that whatever he did for the lodge was done with the best intention, to keep up that prestige and honour of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. Although it was a juvenile lodge, yet with such a Board of Installed Masters as were present that evening it was plain there was a good deal of life in it. If all the members took an interest in the lodge it must prosper.

Bro. McDougall, P.M., Treas., said he felt very proud at his unanimous re-election. Without going into detail, although the lodge was only five years old and had struggled it had paid its way and now had a balance in money besides outstanding dues. Therefore it was in a good position.

Bro. Claridge, P.M. and Sec., said the lodge was consecrated in 1882. It had now 44 members. It had initiated 30 gentlemen and had four joining members. No one had been admitted a member unless he was an active and efficient member of the regiment. It had established a Benevolent Fund, which, from small collections round the table, now amounted to £27 16s. 1d. That had been augmented that evening by £1 18s. 3d. In 1882, when Bro. Neville Green represented the lodge at the Boys' Festival, he took up £130 12s. 6d. In 1884, the present Treasurer took £204 12s. to the Girls' School. In 1885, Bro. Brown took to the Benevolent Institution £141 15s., and last year he (Bro. Claridge) took to the Boys' School £163 10s. Up to the present time therefore the three I.P.M.s had received through that lodge £700 15s. 6d. Bro. McDougall was now going up for the Old People, and 57 guineas was got up for his list in a few minutes.

Bro. McDougall, I.P.M., who responded to the toast of "The Charities," with which Bro. Claridge concluded his remarks, said the Lord Mayor had placed 20 guineas on his list. He then called upon the brethren to support the candidature of Bro. Jolliffe for the annuity.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast terminated the list.

Some capital singing was given during the evening.

**EMPIRE LODGE** (No. 2108).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. In the absence of Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Sigmund Sinauer, P.M., supported by Bros. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D., as S.W.; and A. Meadows, P.G.D., as J.W. Amongst the members present were Bros. C. Washington Eves, Treas.; Lennox Browne, Sec.; E. A. Barnett, J.D.; E. Turner and A. Miller, Stwds.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; H. Truman Wood, P.G.A.D.C.; E. Wendt, D.C.L.; and A. Trendell, C.M.G., P.G. Stwd. The visitors included Bros. G. Haldane, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; R. C. Sudlow, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; T. S. Stooke, I.P.M. 262; J. Edmeston, P.M. 1635; J. H. Casson, P.M. 1635, P.P.G.O. Derby; E. Behnke, J.D. 969; H. Tipper, W.M. 2090; J. Gordon, 1924; J. H. Kiallmark, P.M. 1608; J. White, P.M. 228; F. Davison, P.G.D.; M. Slaughter, S.W. 404; F. Wolfe, P.M. 969; J. A. Ingoldby, S.D. 1701; G. Lister, P.M. 1461, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; H. Mackintosh, P.G. Stwd.; E. Probyn, P.M. 10; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; W. A. Barratt, P.P.G.O. Surrey; R. H. S. Spicer, 3033; Col. C. Harding, P.A. G.D.C.; Major-General G. F. Blake, P.M. 1724; W. St. Leonard S. Chubb, W.M. 2029; E. A. Harding, 1524; W. B. Kingston, 43; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formerly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report, which was adopted, showed that the total receipts for the year had exceeded £500, and that the excess of assets over liabilities was £208. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., then assumed the chair, and Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Browne, W.M., then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. T. R. Trendell, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Sir Somers Vine, J.W.; C. Washington Eves, Treas.; E. Turner, Sec. and Stwd.; Algernon Barnet, S.D.; A. Miller, J.D.; W. Harding, I.G.; H. Tanner, P.M., D.C.; Berlandina, Asst. Stwd.; and P. Nicholls, Tyler.

The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer, Bro. Col. Clerke, Grand Sec., in his usual admirable style. Notice of motion was given by the Secretary that at the next meeting he would move that the sum of twenty guineas be subscribed from the lodge funds to the R.M.I. for girls on the list of the W.M. Bro. H. Truman Wood, P.G.D., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge in consideration of his valuable services during the past year. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., on his retirement from the chair, the W.M. stating that he had received a letter from that distinguished brother, who is in the South of France, regretting his inability to attend, but expressing

cordial wishes for the welfare of the lodge. The circular from Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., respecting the proposed Jubilee Festival was read by the Secretary. The W.M., in submitting it to the notice of the brethren, said that few words would be required from him to ensure a hearty response. The special interest taken by the Empire Lodge in all matters connected with India and the Colonies, would be sufficient to induce the brethren to give their unqualified approval to the proposed subscription to the Imperial Institute. As a lodge, they would therefore be very pleased to assist in this undertaking, and at the same time be paying a compliment to H.R.H. the M.W. G.M. The decision of the brethren was then taken, and resulted unanimously in favour of the scheme.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors to the number of nearly 80, adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at the conclusion of which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the Worshipful Master said that in the Empire Lodge he hoped the members would have in their hearts the great event of the year—the Jubilee of her Majesty. He hoped they would do all in their power to honour the occasion, so that their lodge might set an example by their loyalty to the throne.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." having been given, Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers," and said it was a toast that was always received with cordiality. Their lodge had the exceptional distinction of having the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. as an honorary member. The brethren present were aware that many of the Grand Officers attended at the consecration of their lodge, and also assisted in doing honour to the Colonial Visitors. He was very highly indebted to the Grand Secretary for his kindness in installing him into the chair; to Bro. Capt. Phillips, P.G.D., for his assistance, and also to Bro. A. Meadows, P.G.D., who was his brother in a double sense, but who had unfortunately to leave early owing to the exigencies of his profession. He had learnt to respect the Grand Officers, some of whom he numbered amongst his intimate friends. He regretted the absence of Bro. Frank Richardson, whom he hoped would return to them again with renewed health. He coupled with the toast the name of their G. Chap., Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg.

Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., said he would not lose a moment in thanking the W.M. for his kindness. He was not aware that he was "their Chaplain," but as their W.M. had conferred that upon him, he would yield the title to no man. It was with some personal feeling that he responded, for it was in one of the Colonies that he first saw the light of Freemasonry. He thanked them for the hospitality shown the Grand Officers, and was sure that year by year their lodge would extend its influence, and maintain that link which was so important in keeping the Craft what it is.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., said he had been permitted to give the next toast, which was a most interesting one. That lodge was closely connected with the Colonies; but he wished to come nearer home than that, and give them a toast that would be considered a domestic, rather than a colonial one. It was "The Health of their highly esteemed Brother the Worshipful Master," whom he had the honour of installing that evening. He could not help remembering what occurred a year ago when that lodge was started. When a lodge was young a great deal had to be done, and the brother upon whom that devolved was the present W.M. Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., paid him many visits at that time, and the result had been what they had seen, and the work brought to a magnificent issue. He was then appointed to the important post of Secretary, and they would agree with him (the Grand Secretary) that they had only done honour to whom honour was due by electing him the second W.M. It was, therefore, with a great deal of pleasure that he proposed the health of the brother who was sitting on his left. Their W.M. had not been long in Masonry, but he had worked well, and had served the office of Warden in his own lodge. Those present knew the merits of Bro. Lennox Browne as well as he did, and they would all join him in drinking his health. He congratulated him upon attaining his high position, and also the lodge in having such a W.M.

Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., in response, said he appreciated the honour that had been paid him. As had been previously stated, he had not been long in Masonry—about 10 years—and in his mother lodge he had never missed a meeting. The previous year he had the privilege of being S.W. of the Maybury Lodge; but he had the option of being W.M. of the Empire Lodge, which he had preferred, solely because he thought he could serve them at an important juncture. The Grand Secretary had referred to his very frequent visits when the lodge was started, and he owned he had been very persistent in its interest, for he had a great enthusiasm for it. He was glad of the assistance of such men as Bros. Trendell and Sir Somers Vine. Bro. Admiral Sir W. Hewett, who was appointed S.W. at the consecration, having to serve her Majesty on the seas, was unable to take the chair, and it, therefore, fell on him as the only one of the founders who was eligible. He claimed their indulgence during his year, for he was new to the office, and he would do his best to conduct the affairs to their satisfaction. They should remember in that lodge that "unity is strength," and their object ought to be to bring Colonial lodges into unity with the English lodges. He thanked them very heartily for the kind reception accorded him.

Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., then said he had the pleasure to propose "The Visitors," who were so numerous and distinguished that he was embarrassed to know whom to ask to respond. He coupled the names of Bros. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Mackintosh, P.G. Stwd.; and F. Wolfe, Sen. P.M. present of his mother lodge, Maybury, No. 969.

Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, in reply, said that a few months ago it was his lot to return thanks for the visitors on the occasion of the princely reception given by that lodge to the Colonial brethren, and he did not then think he should have the good fortune to respond for the same toast again. He esteemed it a great honour, because he had seen installed into the chair a Mason whom he was certain would be able to direct his officers so as to maintain the position the lodge had attained. The lodge was to be congratulated on its progress and in possessing such a W.M. as Bro. Lennox Browne, who had been its principal founder. It was in the fitness of things that he should be installed into the chair; and he thought in these days,







having been read and confirmed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren of both degrees adjourned to refreshment under the presidency of Bro. W. E. Farrington. The customary toasts followed.

**SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.**—Adams Lodge (No. 6).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Britannia Hotel, on the 11th inst., to perform the very pleasing duty of installing Bro. Robert Henry Plattin, the W.M. elect. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Among the brethren were Bros. W. S. Carpenter, P.P.G.I. of Wks., W.M.; R. H. Plattin, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; J. Tower, P.G. Org., J.W.; G. T. Green, P.P.G. Org., I.P.M.; A. Spears, P.P.S.G.W., P.M., Treas.; J. Bagshaw, P.P. Asst. G. Sec., P.M.; H. G. Boorman, M.O.; M. Pierson, S.O.; C. Hallett, S.D.; E. J. Pyke, J.D.; C. E. Beck, I.G.; C. M. Glaysher, Org.; W. Matheson, J. Akhurst, and others.

Bro. A. Spears officiated as installing officer, and in an impressive manner performed the ceremony of installing Bro. R. H. Plattin W.M. for the ensuing year into the chair of A. The new W.M. said he felt great pleasure in investing Bro. W. T. Carpenter as I.P.M., being assured he would have his kind assistance during his year of office. The Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the following brethren invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. James Tower, S.W.; Henry George Boorman, J.W.; Marsh Pierson, M.O.; Charles Montague Glaysher, S.O. and Org.; Charles Hallett, J.O.; A. Spears, Treas.; J. Bagshaw, Sec.; E. J. Pyke, S.D.; C. E. Beck, J.D.; William Matheson, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The ceremony being completed, it was proposed by Bro. Bagshaw, seconded by Bro. R. H. Plattin, and supported by all present, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Spears for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. This proposition having been passed unanimously, Bro. Spears returned thanks in suitable terms, and expressed his regret that through the inclement weather they thought it not prudent on this occasion to solicit the presence of our much esteemed Bro. Frederick Binckes, the Grand Secretary, who have often been here and rendered them in former days much valuable assistance. It was then proposed and seconded that a contribution should be sent to assist the fund now forming for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to that distinguished and worthy brother, and was carried unanimously.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, Bro. H. Black, P.M., P.P. Asst. G. Sec. Kent; and Bro. Sergt. Taylor, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then assembled in the banquet room, and sat down to a most excellent repast, all expressing themselves greatly satisfied at the good things provided by the worthy hostess, Mrs. Green.

The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. After the toasts of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" had been duly honoured, the W.M. said he should propose a toast that had never been given at the banquet table connected with this lodge, viz., "The Health of the Grand Master, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was heartily and loyally responded to.

The Worshipful Master responding to the toast given on his behalf, thanked the brethren sincerely for placing him in such an honourable position as W.M. of that old lodge, and observed there should not be anything on his part left undone to make the lodge successful during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast brought as happy meeting to a close, and the brethren dispersed with many expressions of gratification at the pleasant evening they had spent.

**FRIZINGTON.**—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The Mark Masters of this lodge held their annual meeting on Wednesday, the 19th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. C. Gowan, P.G.S.B., as W.M. for the year, when the following were invested as officers: Bros. J. Routledge, S.W.; Dr. Lace, J.W.; J. Dickson, M.O.; B. Craig, S.O.; H. J. McKittrick, J.O.; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. M.O., Treasurer; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Reg. of Mks.; R. Wilson, P.M., Secretary; F. T. Albatt, S.D.; George Lowden, J.D.; A. Moordaff, I.G.; and J. Gordon, Tyler.

With other general business, and a vote of thanks to Bros. Dalrymple and Craig for their services, the lodge, with "Hearty good wishes," was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the last landlords of the Old Cock Tavern at Temple Bar, now pulled down, sent Lord Tennyson one of the tankards used in that hostelry, with the appropriate inscription from "Will Waterproof's Lyrical Monologue," "A pint-pot neatly graven." The Laureate writes as follows from Farringford: "I have, this morning, January 13th, received the Old Cock Tavern tankard. Will you give my best thanks to Messrs. Spiers and Pond for their present, and tell them that I shall keep it as an heirloom in my family, as a memorial not only of the old vanished tavern, but also of their kindness.—Yours faithfully, Tennyson."

The Hastings and St. Leonard's Annual Masonic Ball took place on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Royal Concert Rooms, Warrior-square, and was in every way a great success, over two hundred ladies and brethren being present. Too much credit cannot be given to the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M. 40; and R. J. Reed, 40, for the very efficient manner in which they had made and carried out the arrangements. The room was very tastefully decorated by Bro. George Veness with Masonic emblems, and presented a very brilliant appearance. Dancing commenced at 9.30, and soon the spectacle became very imposing, and to the strains of Bro. H. A. Muscatt's band some twenty capital dances were heartily enjoyed. The M.C.'s were Bros. C. Hallett, 40; W. H. Russell; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184; and T. W. Jordan, J.D. 1184. A well-served supper was partaken of shortly after midnight, provided by Bro. R. Dengate. The Stewards were Bros. W. S. Allen, J.D. 40; T. W. Markwick, W.M. 40; and Henry Kimm, W.M. 1184. The refreshments were purveyed in excellent style by Bro. Reed, of the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonard's. The proceeds of the ball are to be devoted exclusively to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.



The Gavel Club annual Cinderella is fixed to take place on April 18th, in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern.

The monthly meeting of the general Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, next, the 5th February prox.

A new lodge in Mark Masonry will shortly be consecrated at Brentwood, to be called the Brentwood Lodge, of which Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Grand Registrar in the Craft), will be first W.M.

The Mary Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 36, Philadelphia, held their monthly conclave on Thursday, the 13th inst., when Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, and St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, paid Mary a visit, and the Order of the Red Cross was conferred on sundry approved candidates.

Bro. J. D. Langton, P.J.G.W. Surrey, who has just returned from America, after some months' absence, was entertained at dinner by his friends on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. The chair was taken by the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain of the Savoy.

Bro. Squire, W.M. 3, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, assisted by his officers, at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, on Wednesday, the 2nd of February, after which the annual election of officers will take place. The chair will be taken at 8 p.m. precisely.

Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P. Soj., has kindly promised to give a lecture on Royal Arch Masonry at the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Friday evening, the 4th February. Companions are cordially invited to attend.

To the Craft belongs the honour of moving at Witney in the matter of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. The initiatory resolution was proposed by Bro. J. H. Shaylor, 349, and seconded by Bro. W. H. Tarrant, jun., 1703, at a representative meeting of townspeople, and was cordially agreed to.

The officers and members of the Hanley Lodge, No. 797, Dartmouth, have resolved on commemorating the Queen's Jubilee by a Masonic Ball, which will take place at the Subscription Rooms, Dartmouth, on Wednesday, the 9th prox., and the proceeds of which will be handed over to the Fortescue Annuity Fund for the Aged Freemasons of Devonshire.

The annual Masonic ball of the Hastings brethren took place in the Royal Concert Hall, Hastings, on the 18th inst., and, thanks to the admirable arrangements made by the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. R. J. Read and W. H. Russell, everything passed off most brilliantly. There was a large attendance, good music, and a good programme of dances, and it is to be hoped the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which it was proposed to hand over the proceeds, will benefit substantially by the fête.

Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402 (of Sheffield), delivered a lecture on the "Great Pyramid in connection with Freemasonry" to a large and appreciative audience at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, under the wing of the Chine Lodge. Bro. Alfred Greenham presided, whose name will be familiar to our readers as the projector of the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition, and the editor of the catalogue. The financial result of the lecture was also satisfactory. The lecture is published by Bro. George Kenning at the nominal charge of sixpence per copy, and contains two valuable illustrations.

The comfort of a well-fitting and waterproof boot is never more appreciable than in the sloppy, snowy weather we have recently experienced. The remark is suggested by our having tried with satisfaction a pair of the "true fits" manufactured by Bro. W. Beasley, of 28, Queen Victoria-street, and which thoroughly sustain their designation of merit for "ease and elegance." These hand sewn boots were awarded the gold medal at the International Exhibition of 1884, and have earned the approving testimony of thousands of wearers since that time. Bro. Beasley is making a speciality of boots for ball-room purposes, and also for skaters, both of which should be experimented upon by votaries of these phases of "poetic movements" in the matter of English pastimes.

The Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, has again to record another great success by a first Masonic ball, given under its auspices at St. James's Hall on the 20th inst., by which the members anticipate a good surplus to add to its Benevolent Fund. It was attended by about 200 of their friends, who seemed to have inherited the spirit of the officers and brethren of the lodge in doing all in their power to enjoy themselves, which we are sure they did. The band, under the direction of Bro. Graves, and the ball room were perfect, and the banquet provided by Bro. Roberts could not be surpassed. We must congratulate our Bro. James Terry in having such good friends amongst the members of this lodge, as we note with pleasure that both the W.M., Bro. F. V. Green, and the I.P.M., Bro. Valeriani, are Stewards for the Benevolent Institution.

The new Masonic Hall at Brixham, Devon, was dedicated on the 20th inst. by Bro. W. D. Rogers, Dep. P. G.M., in the unavoidable absence of Lord Ebrington, Prov. G.M. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., &c., delivered the oration, and was most heartily thanked on its conclusion by the numerous assembly of Craftsmen. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., preached a very thoughtful and suggestive discourse at the parish church, near the hall, the vicar of which (Bro. the Rev. Ebrington) being the Master of the Lodge, No. 248, for whose members the handsome building has been erected. The Secretary of No. 248 is Bro. C. Atkins, P.M. 27, well known in London for some years as a member of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. R. F. Gould was expected to take part in the proceedings, but was unable to attend, much to the regret of the brethren.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Henry Lovegrove, who has been in active practice as a surveyor for the last 16 years, and has had great experience of the working of the Building Act, is a candidate for the District Surveyorship for Charlton, the election for which will take place to-day (Friday). We wish our worthy brother success at the poll.

The first anniversary festival of the Eleanor Lodge of Instruction, No. 1707, will take place at Bro. Oddy's, the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Monday, the 31st inst., at 7 p.m. Bro. A. Money, W.M. of the Eleanor Lodge, will preside, and Bro. J. D. Berkin, W.M. of the High Cross Lodge, will occupy the vice-chair. Tickets 3s. 6d. each. Full particulars of Bro. L. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 2, Coleraine Villas, Avenue-road, Stamford Hill, N.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight will hold a special meeting at Southampton, on Monday next, the 31st inst., when a grant of money will be proposed towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the approaching festival of which, on the 22nd prox., the grand meeting of the Province, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has consented to preside. The question of suitably commemorating the Queen's Jubilee will also be considered.

The new clock presented to the Lancaster parish church by Mr. James Williamson, M.P., was set in motion for the first time on Saturday last by Mrs. Allen, wife of the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar of Lancaster. The clock has been manufactured by Messrs. Lund and Blockley, of Pall Mall, and chimes the full quarters on eight bells, besides striking the hour on a deep-toned tenor bell. The greatest care has been taken in the manufacture of the clock, all the materials used in its construction being of the finest quality and workmanship, and all the latest improvements have been introduced. It has been erected under the personal direction of Mr. Blockley, jun., and on a brass plate screwed to it is the following inscription: "Presented to the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Lancaster, by James Williamson, Esq., J.P., D.L., High Sheriff of the County, 1885. John Allen, D.D., vicar; William Thomas Sharp, B.A., John Hatch, Churchwardens."

The Royal Hampton Court Lodge, No. 2183, is to be consecrated to-morrow (Saturday). The ceremonies will be performed by V.W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, assisted by other Grand Officers of the province. The lodge meets at the Mitre Hotel, and is founded as a local working winter lodge, intended to supply a Masonic want much felt in the immediate neighbourhood. The officers designate are Bros. the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, M.A., as W.M.; Dr. H. W. Seager, as S.W.; and Capt. R. La T. Lonsdale, C.M.G., as J.W. The duties of Secretary will be undertaken by Bro. J. Frost Creswick, an old P.M. of the Leigh Lodge, 957.

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- GLOBE THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 8, **THE LODGERS**; at 8, **BARBARA.**
- SAVOY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, **RUDDYGORE, OR THE WITCH'S CURSE,** **VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 7.45, **NEARLY SEVERED**; at 8.30, **SOPHIA.**
- GAIETY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 8, **MONTE CRISTO, JR.**; at 7.30, No. 1 **ROUND THE CORNER.**
- COURT THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 8, **THE NETTLE**; at 8.30, **DANDY-DICK.**
- OLYMPIC THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7.45, **THE TWO BLINDS**; at 8.10, **HOME RULE**; at 9, **THE CHURCHWARDEN.**
- ROYALTY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7.45, **THE COMING CLOWN**; at 8.45, **MODERN WIVES.**
- COMEDY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 8, **THE BEGGAR STUDENT.**
- TOOLE'S THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7.30, **HESTER'S MYSTERY**; at 8.30, **THE BUTLER.**
- PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 8.30, **DOROTHY.**
- STANDARD THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7, **ALADDIN, OR THE SLAVE OF THE LAMP.**
- GRAND THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7.30, **ROBINSON CRUSOE.**
- SURREY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7.30, **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK.**
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 29. Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30. Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31. Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich. 1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W. 1745, Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot. Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st. 1201, Eclectic, Freemason's Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8. Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8. Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8. Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30. Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 7.30. Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30. Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8. Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7. Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10. Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8. Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7. St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45. St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1. Colonial Board, at 4. Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H. 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall. 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot. 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Hot., Leadenhall-st. 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly. 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 765, St. James', Bridge House Hot., London Bridge. 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E. 1261, Golden Rule, S, Air-st., Regent-st., W. 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley. 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich. 1093, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury. Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford. Mark 236, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-st., E.C. 315, Henniker, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C. 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly. Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8. Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8. Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7. Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8. Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8. Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8. Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8. Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threaneedle-st., at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30. Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7. Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30. Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8. Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8. Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.

St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2. GRAND CHAPTER, AT 6. Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington. 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney. 1687, Rothesay, St. James's Hall, W. 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch. Chap. 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8. Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8. Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8. Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30. Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30. Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8. La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8. Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30. Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8. Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W. Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8. Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30. United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham. United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent-s-pk., at 8. Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8. Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3. Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st. 227, Doric, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall. 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall. 913, Pattison, Assembly Room, High School for Boys, Plumstead. 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge. 1351, St. Clement Danes, The Palsgrave, 225, Strand. 1361, United Service, S, Air-st., Regent-st. 1381, Kennington, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg. 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., W. 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell. 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct. 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, S, Air-st., Regent-st. 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W. 1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W. Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall. 9, Mount Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 1381, Kennington, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8. Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7. City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6. Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creaton, Wheatseaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7. Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30. Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8. Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30. Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8. Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington. The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30. Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8. West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30. Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30. North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4. Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq. 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond-road. 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall. Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's. Mark 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8. Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30. Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8. Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8. Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8. Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7. Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8. St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8. St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood. Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6. Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8. Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30. Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8. Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W. Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8. Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

General Committee Boys' School at 4 o'clock. Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot. 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell. 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane. Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

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