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### EAST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 30th instant, when a heavy programme of business will be dealt with, the most important item being the Report for the past year of the Finance and Audit Committees. From this we gather that, having regard to the numerous calls which have been made upon the public for contributions to the various Funds that have been, and are still being, raised for the sufferers by the war, the Committee are not dissatisfied with the amount that has been received in donations and subscriptions. In 1898 the total sum received under this head was within a shilling of £1080, but during the past year only about £931 was obtained, the falling off reaching to close upon £150—the precise sum being £148 3s. 2d. Towards this total of about £931, lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies contributed £612 10s. 4d., and individuals £297 10s. 6d., the remaining £20 15s. having been collected at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Oldham, in May. The income from investments and interest realised £639, the total receipt, including the balance from the previous year and two small sums, being upwards of £2154. The disbursement under the principal sub-heads were as follow: For Relief, £490, of which £412 was expended in Grants, and £78 was disbursed by the Almoners' Committee. The sum paid for the education of the 26 children on the Fund was £268, and for annuities among 13 brethren and widows of brethren, £253, the total thus disbursed being £1011, as against £847 in 1898. The establishment charges—including the Secretary's Salary, Printing Report, &c.—and certain small sundries, amounted together to £169, raising the outlay to £1180; the balance in bank and Secretary's hands being about £975. The value of the Investments slightly exceeds £20,000, so that the Institution has a substantial nest-egg to fall back upon if in any future year the receipts should happen to show a very serious reduction.

There are two other matters mentioned in the Committee to which attention must be called, the first being the loss sustained by the Institution through the death of Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N.

STARKIE, Prov. G. Master. The late Bro. Col. STARKIE was the founder of this useful and prosperous Provincial Charity, and at all times had taken the deepest interest in its welfare. To this interest and the zealous efforts he was continually making in its behalf, the Institution may justly ascribe most of its present prosperity, and the General Committee have done well in deciding that steps should be taken during the coming spring to establish a permanent memorial to our late distinguished brother. The second matter is the resolution to hold another Festival in aid of the funds of the Institution. It was announced at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, at which Lord STANLEY, M.P., was installed in office as the successor to the late Bro. Col. STARKIE, not only that such a Festival would be held some time during the month of May of the current year, but also that his lordship had kindly promised to preside on the occasion. It was also stated that out of the amount of donations and subscriptions which might then be received the sum of 1550 guineas would be appropriated to the purchase of a Perpetual Presentation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to serve as an enduring memorial to the services rendered by the late Prov. G. Master to Freemasonry generally and its Central Institutions, but more especially to the Craft in East Lancashire and its local Institution. We most cordially re-echo the wish expressed by the Committee that the proceeds of the coming Festival may suffice for this particular purpose as well as for the general purposes of the Charity. We call to mind that a few years since, when the one and only Festival that has been held in behalf of this East Lancashire Institution was celebrated in Manchester, under the presidency of the late Provincial Grand Master, the amount raised in Donations and Subscriptions was £4000. In the face of the numerous calls we have before spoken of as being made on the public in connection with the war, the Festival in May next may possibly not prove as productive; but we are confident that our East Lancashire brethren will do their utmost to raise a sum that will reflect credit on the Province.

### THE "CENTURY" QUESTION.

We have no intention of prolonging the controversy with our worthy Bro. MAY as to whether we are now in the last year of the 19th or the first year of the 20th century. But we consider it is due to one who has taken such pains to illustrate his views upon the question, that something in the nature of a reply should be forthcoming. Our remarks, however, shall be as brief as possible.

We are afraid that Bro. MAY has gone somewhat out of his way to needlessly enlarge the field of controversy. We make our start from a finite point—that is to say, from the Birth of CHRIST—and from that point we determine our calculations, either backwards—B.C.—or forwards—A.D. He goes back to Chaos, and even to the infinities which may have preceded Chaos. If we follow him thither, we shall stand a fair chance of losing ourselves, and, therefore, as we are dealing with a finite matter, that is to say, with a period of time which starts from a finite or determinable point and is continued (say) to the close of the 31st day of December, 1899, which is also a finite or determinable point, we shall leave the infinite severely alone. The question which has to be solved is:—"How many complete centuries have elapsed between these two finite points, namely, between (1) the Birth of CHRIST and (2) the close of the 31st

December, 1899?" Bro. MAY and others say 19 centuries; we and others say 18 centuries and 99-hundredths of a 19th century.

With all due respect to our worthy brother, he has been too eager to travel back to Chaos and the infinities beyond to bestow as much attention as it deserves upon that comparatively brief finite period of time which constitutes what is commonly known among men as the Christian era. This era commences from the Birth of CHRIST and ends at the present—which is necessarily an ever-varying—moment of time. Let the point C in the line A B represent the Birth of Christ,

A ————— C ————— B

Let the line from A to C be divided into 100 spaces, each representing a year, and similarly the line from C to B divided into 100 spaces or years. Thus C A represents a century of years before CHRIST, and C B a century of years after CHRIST. The section C A of the line A B, being produced infinitely, may be held to represent the centuries before CHRIST, Chaos which preceded them and the æons, which preceded Chaos; but the section C B is producible only to a limited extent, so as to represent the finite period which has elapsed between the Birth of CHRIST and the present time, or that point of time which has been fixed for the purposes of our illustration. Now the point C, representing the Nativity, is common to both the sections A C, C B of the line A B; but being a point—which, as EUCLID defines it, has no parts or no magnitude—it necessarily forms no part of either. In explanation of this seeming paradox, we remark that the last of the complete centuries of years which preceded the Nativity—represented by A C—insomuch as it terminates at C, may be said to include that point; and similarly the first of the complete centuries of years which followed the Nativity, or, in other words, the first century of the Christian era, insomuch as it begins at C, may also be said to include that point. Thus the point C is, in a sense, common to A C and C B. On the other hand as the century before CHRIST, represented by A C, lies wholly between the points A and C, and the century after CHRIST—C B—wholly between C and B, the point C forms no part either of A C or C B. Bro. MAY's illustration taken from the pedestrian who walks 100 miles, and does not complete it till the 100th milestone is reached, may be conveniently applied to our line A B bisected at C, so that A C and C B represent each a distance of 100 miles. Place two pedestrians one at A and the other at B, both facing inwards towards C, which is equidistant from A and B. Then let them commence at the same moment the task of covering the intervening distance of 100 miles between A and C, and B and C, respectively, and assuming they both maintain the same rate of walking throughout the journey, they will both arrive at, and if such a thing were possible, should occupy the point C at the same moment. But there is no interval between them; no Chaos—except such as may be caused by two bodies, which are not mathematical points, occupying precisely the same spot; no such dreadful things as "an eternity of cyclic æons of infinite" distances: they will each of them be at the point C. The only difference we are able to connect with these pedestrians is that, if instead of facing inwards they stand back to back and retrace their steps, the one who walks from C in the direction of A will, if he continues his journey far enough, ultimately reach Chaos, while the one from C moving in the direction of B, will be commencing his 1900th mile the moment he passes the 1899th milestone and will complete that mile when he reaches the 1900th stone.

The fact is, Bro. MAY has been confusing the Finite with the Infinite, with the result that he has landed himself in a Chaos of his own creation. Many people, amongst whom are the Emperor of GERMANY, Dr. JOSEPH PARKER, of the City Temple, and Bro. MAY, argue that 19 centuries, that is, 19 completed periods of 100 years each, were completed when the clocks struck what is commonly spoken of as the hour of midnight on the 31st December, 1899, and that instantly afterwards we entered upon the 20th century. Others maintain that 19 centuries will not have been completed until the corresponding hour on the 31st December, 1900, and we consider these latter are right, on the ground that it takes 1900 years to make up 19 complete centuries. In determining this question, it does not matter about

Chaos and the æons, the eternity of infinite ages, and so on. Men, who after all, are very practical beings, have invented a system for the measurement of time, which they call "chronology." Those among them who are Christians have adopted what they rightly consider the most important event in the world's history, namely, the Birth of CHRIST, as the starting point for this measurement, both backwards through the ages of the præ-Christian era, and forwards during the Christian era. To revert to the line before described, the Birth of CHRIST is the point C in the line A B, and the space A C, being marked off into 100 equal spaces, represents the first century before CHRIST, and the space C B, which is similarly marked off, the first century after CHRIST. The points at A and B, respectively represent, the former the point at which the last or 100th year of the first century before CHRIST is completed, and the latter the corresponding year of the first century after CHRIST. This line, as we have said, may be produced either way—in the direction of A as far back as Bro. MAY desires, the line so produced being marked off into successive centuries of 100 equal spaces or years each, and the line so produced in the direction of B being also marked out into centuries of equal spaces, and when the last of the 100 equal spaces in the 19th century has been traversed, the year 1900, and with it the 19th century, will be completed; but not before, and for this reason—that it takes 1900 years to make 19 centuries, not 1899 years.

### THE YORK GRAND LODGE.—A BRIEF SKETCH

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#### APPENDIX A.

A ROLL OF PARCHMENT, ENDORSED "1712 TO 1730." No. 7.

March the 19th, 1712.

At a private Lodge held at the house of James Boreham situate in Stonegate in the City of York. Mr. Thomas Shipton Mr. Caleb Greenbury, Mr. Jno Norrison Mr. Jno Russell, Jno Whitehead and Francis Norrison were all of them severally sworn and admitted into the honourable Society and fraternity of free-Masons.

Jno. Wilcock also }  
admitted at the }  
same Lodge }

Geo. Bowes, Esqr Dep. President.  
Thos Shipton Caleb Greenbury  
Jno Norrison John Russell  
Fran. Norrison John Whitehead  
John Wilcock.

June the 24th 1713.

At a General Lodge on St John's Day at the House of James Boreham situate in Stonegate in the City of York, Mr. John Langwith was admitted and Sworne into the honourable Society and fraternity of free Masons.

Sir Walter Hawksworth  
Knt and Barrt President.  
Jno Langwith.

August the 7th 1713.

At a private Lodge held then at the house of James Boreham situate in Stonegate in the City of York, Robert Fairfax Esqr and Tobias Jenkins Esqr were admitted and sworn into the honble Society and fraternity of freemasons as also the Reverend Mr. Robert Barker was then admitted and sworn as before.

Geo. Bowes Esqr Dep. President  
Robert Fairfax  
T. Jenkins  
Robt Barber.

December the 18th. 1713.

At a private Lodge held then at the house of Mr. James Boreham in Stonegate in the City of York, Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup> Hardwick Mr. Godfrey Giles and Mr. Tho Challenger were admitted and sworn into the honble Society and Company of Freemasons before the Worshipfull Sr Walter Hawksworth Knt and Barrt President.

Tho. Hardwick  
Godfrey Giles  
his  
Thomas T Challoner  
mark

1714.

At a General Lodge held then on the 24th of June at Mr James Boreham's situate in Stonegate in York. John Taylor of Langton in the Woulds was admitted and sworn into the honble Society and Company of Freemasons in the City of York before the Worshipfull Charles Fairfax Esqr

John Taylor

At St John's Lodge in Christmas 1716.

At the house of Mr. James Boreham situate Stonegate in York being a General Lodge held then by the honble Society and Company of Freemasons in the City of York John Turner Esqr was sworn and admitted into the said Honble Society and Fraternity of Free Masons

Charles Fairfax Esqr Dep. President  
John Turner.

At St John's Lodge in Christmas 1721.

At Mr. Robt Chippendal's in the Shambles York Robt Fairfax Esqr then Dep. President, the said Robt Chippendal was admitted and sworn into the honble Society of Free Masons.

Robt Fairfax Esqr D.P.  
Robt Chippendal

January the 10th 1722-3

At a private Lodge held at the house of Mrs. Hall in Thursday Market in the City of York the following Persons were admitted & sworn into ye honourable Society of Free Masons.

Henry Legh  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Marsh  
Edward Raper.

At the same time the following persons were acknowledged as Brethren of this ancient Society.

Edmd Winwood  
G. Rhodes  
Josh Hobson  
John Vanner  
Francis Hildyard, Jun<sup>r</sup>

February the 4th 1722-3

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Boreham's in Stonegate York, the following persons were admitted and sworn into the Ancient and Honble Society of Free Masons.

John Lockwood  
Mattw Hall

At the same time and place the two persons whose names are underwritten were upon their examinations received as Masons and as such were accordingly introduced and admitted into this Lodge.

Geo Reynoldson  
Barnaby Bawtry

November 4th 1723

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Wm Stephenson's in Petergate York, the following Persons were admitted and sworn into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

John Taylor  
Jno Colling

Feb. 5. 1723-4

At a private Lodge at Mr. James Boreham's in Stonegate York, the underwritten Persons were admitted and sworn into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Wm Tireman  
Charles Pick  
Willm Musgrave.  
John Jenkinson  
John Sudell.

June 15. 1724.

At a private Lodge held in Davy Hall in the City of York the underwritten persons were admitted and sworn into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Daniel Harvey  
Ralph Grayme.

June 22. 1724.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Geo. Gibson's in the City of York, were admitted and sworn into the Society of Free-Masons, the Persons underwritten, vizt.

Robert Armorer.  
William Jackson  
Geo. Gibson.

Dec. 28. 1724.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Jno. Colling's in Petergate the following Persons were admitted and sworn into ye Society of Free Masons.

Wm Wright  
Ric. Denton  
Jno Marsden  
Ste. Bulkley.

July 21. 1725.

At a private Lodge at Mr. Jno Colling's in Petergate York the following persons were admitted and sworn into the Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

Luke Lowther  
Chas<sup>s</sup> Hutton.

At an adjournment of a Lodge of Free Masons from Mr. Jno Colling in Petergate to Mr. Luke Lowther's in Stonegate the following Persons were admitted and Sworn into the Society of free Accepted Masons.

Ed. Bell Esqr Master  
Chas. Bathurst  
John Johnson  
John Elsworth  
Lewis Wood.

Augt 10. 1725.

At a private Lodge held this day at the Star Inn in Stonegate, the underwritten Persons were admitted & sworn into the Antient Society of Free Masons, vizt,

The Wors<sup>l</sup> Mr. Wm Scourfield Mr. Jo. Bilton.  
Mr. Marsden } Wardens.  
Mr. Reynoldson }

Augt 12. 1725.

At a private Lodge held at the Starr in Stonegate the underwritten Persons was sworn & admitted a Member of the Antient Society of Free Masons, vizt

The Wors<sup>l</sup> Philip Huddy Mr. John Wilmer.  
Mr. Marsden } Wardens.  
Mr. Reynoldson }

Sept. 6. 1725.

At a private Lodge held at the Starr Inn in Stonegate the underwritten Persons were sworn and admitted into Antient Society of Free-Masons.

The Wors<sup>l</sup> Wm Scourfield Mr. William Pawson  
Jonathan Perritt } Wardens.  
Mr. Marsden }  
Edmond Aylward  
Jon. Pawson  
Francis Drake  
Malby Beckwith

A New Lodge being call'd at the same Time & Place the following Person was admitted and sworn into this Antient & Honble Society

The Wors<sup>l</sup> Mr. Scourfield Mr. Henry Pawson  
Mr. Jonathan Perritt } Wardens.  
Mr. Marsden }

Oct. 6. 1725.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. James Boreham's the underwritten Person was admitted and sworn into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Antho. Hall  
Philemon Marsh.

Nov. 3. 1725.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Hutton's at the Bl. Swan in Coney street in York the following Person was admitted sworn into the Antient Society of Free-Masons.

John Smith

Decr 1st 1725.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Geo Gibson's in the City of York, the following Persons were admitted & sworn into the Antient Society of Free-Masons before.

The Wors<sup>l</sup> E. Bell Esqr<sup>e</sup> Mr. Will Sotheran  
Mr. Etty } Wardens.  
Mr. Perritt } John Iveson  
Jos. Lodge

Decr 8. 1725.

At a private Lodge at Mr. Lowther's being the Starr in Stonegate, the following Persons were admitted and sworn into the Antient Society of Free-Masons.

Christof Coulton  
Thos Metcalfe  
Francis Lowther  
George Coates  
William Day

Dec. 24. 1725.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Lowthers at ye Starr in Stonegate the following Persons were admitted and sworn into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Matt St Quintin  
Tim. Thompson  
Fran<sup>s</sup> Thompson  
William Hendrick  
Tho. Bean.

Decr. 27. 1725.

At a Lodge held at Mr. Philemon Marsh's in Petergate the following Gentlemen were sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free Masons. Leo<sup>d</sup> Smith was also sworn and admitted at the same time.

Chas Howard  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Thompson.

The same day the undermentioned Person was received admitted and acknowledged as a Member of this Antient & Honble Society.

John Hann  
Isaac F Scott

This Day Dec 27. 1725, being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the Society went in Procession to Merchant's Hall, where after the Grand Feast was over, they unanimously chose the Wors<sup>l</sup> Charles Bathurst Esqr<sup>e</sup> their Grand Master, Mr. Johnson his Deputy, Mr. Pawson and Mr. Drake, Wardens Mr. Scourfield, Treasurer, & John Russell, Clerk for the ensuing year.

Dec. 31. 1725.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Luke Lowther's, at the Starr in Stonegate, the underwritten Gentleman was sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

[Name omitted.]

Jan. 5. 1725-6.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. John Colling's at ye White Swan in Petergate the underwritten persons were sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Thomas Preston  
Martin Crofts.

Feb. 4. 1725-6.

At a private Lodge at the Star in Stonegate, Sr William Milner, Bart was sworn & admitted into the Society of Free Masons.

Wm Milner.

Mar. 2. 1725-6.

At a private Lodge at the White Swan in Petergate, the undernamed Gentleman was sworn and admitted into the Society of Free Masons.

John Lewis.

Apr. 2. 1726.

At a private Lodge at ye Starr in Stonegate, the following Gentlemen were sworn and admitted in to the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Robert Kaye  
W. Wombwell  
Wm Kitchinman  
Cyril Arthington.

Apr. 4. 1726.

At a private Lodge at the Star in Stonegate the following Gentleman was sworn and admitted into ye Antient Society of Free Masons.

J. Kaye.

May 4. 1726.

At a private Lodge at Mr. James Boreham's, the underwritten Persons were sworn and admitted into the Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

Charles Quarles  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Atkinson  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Ascough.

May 16. 1726.

At a private Lodge at Mr. Lowther's at ye Star in Stonegate, the undernamed Gentleman was sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Gregory Rhodes.

June 24. 1726.

At a General Lodge held at Mr. Boreham's in Stonegate the undermentioned Gentlemen were sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Jon Cossley  
Wm Johnstone.

At the same time the following persons were sworn and admitted into the Honble Society vizt

William Marshall  
Matt. ~ Cellar  
His Mark  
Benjamin Campsall  
William Muschamp  
Wm Robinson  
Matthew Groul  
John Bradley  
John Hawman.

July 6. 1726.

Whereas it has been certify'd to me that Mr. William Scourfield has presum'd to call a Lodge and make Masons without the consent of the Grand Master or Deputy, and in opposition to the 8th Article of the Constitutions. I do with the consent of the Grand Master and the approbation of the whole Lodge declare him to be disqualify'd from being a Member of this Society and he is for ever banished from the same.

Such Members as were assisting in constituting and forming Mr. Scourfield's Schismatical Lodge on the 24th of the last Month, whose names are John Carpenter, William Musgrave, Thomas Allanson and Thos. Preston are by the same authority liable to the same Sentence, yet upon their acknowledging their Error in being deluded and making such Submission as shall be judg'd Requisite

by the Grand Master and Lodge at the next monthly Meeting shall be receiv'd into the favour of the Brotherhood, otherwise to be banish'd and Mr. Scourfield & their Names to be eras'd out of the Roll and Articles.  
If any other Brother or Brothers shall hereafter separate from us, or be aiding & Assisting in forming any Lodge under the said Mr. Scourfield or any other Person without due License for the same, He or they so offending shall be disown'd as Members of this Lodge & for ever Excluded from the same.

July 6th, 1726.

At a private Lodge held at Mr. Geo. Gibson's the underwritten Persons were sworn and admitted into the Antient and honourable Society of Free-Masons vizt.

Henry Tireman  
Will. Thompson

Aug 13, 1726.

At a private Lodge at Mr. Lowther's at the Star in Stonegate the underwritten Gentlemen were sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free-Masons vizt

Bellingham Graham  
Nico Roberts

Dec. 13, 1726.

At a private Lodge at the Star in Stonegate, the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Arthur Ld Viscount Irvin was sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free Masons

A. Irwin.

Dec. 15, 1726.

At a private Lodge at the Star in Stonegate the undernamed Persons were sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free Masons

Jno. Motley  
Wm. Davile  
Thos. Snowsell

Dec. 22, 1726.

At a private Lodge at the Star in Stonegate the undernamed Persons were sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free Masons.

Richard Woodhouse.  
Robert Silburn.

June 24, 1729.

At St. John's Lodge held at ye Starr in Stonegate the following Gentlemen were sworn and admitted into the Antient Society of Free-Masons vizt.

Basil Forcer  
John Lamb.

The same day Edward Thompson Junior of Marston Esq<sup>re</sup> was chosen Grand Master, Mr. John Wilmer Deputy Grand Master. Mr. Geo. Rhodes and Mr. Geo. Reynoldson Grand Wardens for ye year ensuing & afterwards the Grand Master was pleased to order the following appointment. viz. I do appoint Dr. Johnson, Mr. Drake, Mr. Marsden, Mr. Denton, Mr. Brigham, Mr. R. Marsh & Mr. Eddy to assist in regulating the State of the Lodge, and redressing from time to time any inconveniences that may arise.

Edw. Thompson Gr. Mr.

At a private Lodge at Mr. Colling's being the Sign of ye White Swan in Petergate York May 4th 1730. It was order'd by the Dep. Mast<sup>r</sup>. then present—That if from thenceforth any of the Officers of ye Lodge should be absent from ye Company at ye Monthly Lodges, they shall forfeit the sum of One shilling for each omission.

John Wilmer Dep. G.M.

Copied from the Original Document in the possession of the York Lodge by William Cowling.

York May 13, 1875.

#### APPENDIX B.

"Old Rules of the Grand Lodge at York, 1725,"

"Articles agreed to be kept and observed by the Antient Society of Free-masons in the City of York, and to be subscribed by every member thereof at their Admittance into the said Society.

Imprimis—That every first Wednesday in the month a Lodge shall be held at the house of a Brother according as their turn shall fall out.

2.—All Subscribers to these Articles not appearing at the monthly Lodge, shall forfeit Sixpence each time.

3.—If any Brother appear at a Lodge that is not a Subscriber to these Articles, he shall pay over and above his club [*i.e.*, subscription] the sum of one Shilling.

4.—The Bowl shall be filled at the monthly Lodges with Punch once, Ale, Bread, Cheese, and Tobacco in common, but if any more shall be called for by any Brother, either for eating or drinking, that Brother so calling shall pay for it himself besides his club.

5.—The Master or Deputy shall be obliged to call for a Bill exactly at ten o'clock, if they meet in the evening, and discharge it.

6.—None to be admitted to the making of a Brother but such as have subscribed to these Articles.

7.—Timely notice shall be given to all the Subscribers when a Brother or Brothers are to be made.

8.—Any Brother or Brothers presuming to call a Lodge with a design to make a Mason or Masons, without the Master or Deputy, or one of them deputed, for every such offence shall forfeit the sum of Five Pounds.

9.—Any Brother that shall interrupt the examination of a Brother shall forfeit one shilling.

10.—Clerk's Salary for keeping the Books and Accounts shall be one Shilling, to be paid him by each Brother at his admittance, and at each of the two Grand days he shall receive such gratuity as the Company shall think proper.

11.—A Steward to be chose for keeping the Stock at the Grand Lodge, at Christmas, and the Accounts to be passed three days after each Lodge.

12.—If any disputes arise, the Master shall silence them by a knock of the Mallet, any Brother that shall presume to disobey shall immediately be obliged to leave the Company, or forfeit five Shillings.

13.—An Hour shall be set apart to talk Masonry.

14.—No person shall be admitted into the Lodge but after having been strictly examined.

15.—No more persons shall be admitted as Brothers of this Society that shall keep a Public-House.

16.—That these Articles, shall at Lodges be laid upon the Table, to be perused by the Members, and also when any new Brothers are made, the Clerk shall publicly read them.

17.—Every new Brother at his admittance shall pay the Waits as their Salary, the sum of two Shillings, the money to be lodg'd in the Steward's hands, and paid to them at each of the Grand days.

18.—The Bidder of the Society shall receive of each new Brother at his admittance the sum of one Shilling as his Salary.

19.—No Money shall be expended out of the Stock after the hour of ten, as in the fifth Article."

## Craft Masonry.

### Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73.

This successful lodge, which was started in 1760, held its installation meeting at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on the 16th instant. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable evening was the result. The principal feature which struck a casual visitor, was the large number of Past Masters still on the roll of members and the length of time several of them had held office. Amongst the latter are included Bros. David Rose, P.M., 29 years Steward; Geo. Free, P.M., 26 years Secretary; John Dixon, P.M., 23 years Treasurer. The W.M. who was installed to rule over this veteran lodge was Bro. Donald Fairmaner, a zealous and capable brother held in high esteem by the members. The brethren present included Bros. Frank Jennings, W.M.; D. Fairmaner, S.W.; A. Booth, J.W.; John Dixon, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Gregory, P.M.; Geo. Free, P.M., Sec.; D. Rose, P.M., Stwd.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; S. Klingenstein, P.M.; H. L. Hart, P.M.; F. E. Wrigley, A. J. Jeffery, S.D.; Geo. Hook, J.D.; G. G. Bidgood, I.G.; G. H. W. Grace, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Wills, and many others. Visitors: Bros. E. Overed, P.M. 1708; E. Frisby, W.M. 1524; J. Fairmaner, 1802; F. Lewis, P.M. 1599; W. W. Palmerston, W.M. 1809; E. W. Blandford, S.W. 2099; T. Tofts, 1446; L. S. Guy, P.M. 1612; P. W. Smith, 1563; Chas. Blake, 1708; C. Coleridge, S.D. 2242; D. D. Dennis, J.W. 171; W. J. Batho, 1208; G. Tapley Smith, 1563; A. C. David, 1901; J. G. Gamble, 362; D. J. Robinson, 186; F. Gilling, 2148; H. P. White, J.D. 1541; Walter Grace, 177; W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381; and others.

Lodge was opened, and minutes confirmed, and 10 guineas voted the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. J. H. Billinghurst was elected a rejoining member. Bro. J. Dixon, P.M., Treas., then occupied the chair, and successfully installed Bro. D. Fairmaner as W.M. The officers appointed were Bros. A. Booth, S.W.; A. J. Jeffery, J.W.; John Dixon, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Gregory, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Hook, S.D.; G. G. Bidgood, J.D.; J. H. Wills, I.G.; G. H. W. Grace, P.M., D. of C.; David Rose, P.M., Stwd.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. Bro. Frank Jennings, I.P.M., was decorated with a Past Master's jewel as a reward for valuable services, and made due acknowledgments for the same.

Lodge was then closed, and an adjournment made to the banquet.

The speeches in reference to the usual toasts were interspersed with selections from a musical programme, under the direction of Bro. Walter Grace, assisted by Bros. Duncan Tovey, W. B. Plummer, E. Miles, A. S. Wilks, W. H. Pocklington, and H. E. Crimp.

Bro. Frank Jennings, I.P.M., proposed "The W. Master," and said that Bro. Fairmaner had started on a year of office which they all hoped would be a successful one. It was usual on these occasions for the I.P.M. to say nice things of the W.M., but he could only assure the brethren that Bro. Fairmaner had studied Freemasonry in every branch, and would make a most excellent Master from every point of view.

Bro. Donald Fairmaner, W.M., in reply, said it was with a very great amount of diffidence that he occupied the chair. He felt proud to occupy the position, and flattered at the reception given the toast. Having been installed into the chair of this ancient lodge he would see that its reputation did not suffer at his hands. He would devote whatever energy and ability he possessed to advance its progress and ensure the comfort of the brethren. He wished to make a strong appeal to the members on behalf of Bro. John Gale, who was a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. With a lodge such as theirs they ought to get him elected on the first application, and he asked them to send to the Secretary any votes they could, which would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. Bro. F. Wrigley would be the representative of the lodge at the Benevolent Institution Festival next month, and in supporting the Steward they would also be supporting the candidate. If he (the W.M.) did not come up to their expectations he asked them to remember that he was only initiated four years ago, and put down his mistakes to his innocence.

Bro. W. J. Batho, P.M., replying for "The Visitors," apologised for his late attendance by a protracted meeting of the Board of General Purposes. He had, however, had experience of Bro. Dixon's working for many years. The W.M. had been a regular attendant at their lodge of instruction at Finchley, and he had, therefore, attended to support him. He was pleased to see Bro. Fairmaner in the chair and wished him a successful year of office.

Bros. E. Frisby, W.M. 1524; Parkinson, W.M. 1589; and W. Grace (representing the musical brethren), also responded.

Bro. F. Jennings, I.P.M., replying to the toast of his health, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. During his year he had done the best he could for the comfort of the brethren and the lodge generally.

"The Past Masters" was next given by the W.M., who referred to the many years several brethren had held that position, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present.

Bro. D. Rose, P.M., said it was 31 years since he occupied the chair of the lodge. Bro. G. Free, P.M., the late Secretary, paid his successor, Bro. Gregory, a graceful tribute by saying that the lodge could not have a more energetic Secretary, and Bro. F. E. Wrigley, P.M., thanked the brethren for the support they had already given him as Steward for the Benevolent Institution.

Other toasts were given before the pleasant proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

### Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

A well-attended meeting of this Kingston-on-Thames lodge was held on the 17th instant, when the W.M., Bro. W. J. Wells, raised Bro. Venn to the Degree of M.M. and passed Bro. Birch to the F.C. Degree. At the proper time a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Wells on leaving the chair, which he vacates in March next, and Bro. G. Cowen, M.D., was, with a unanimous ballot, elected W.M. in his stead. The W.M. elect offered his services as Steward for the Boys' Festival, and Bro. Gaze, P.M., goes up for the Girls, each being voted to guineas from the lodge funds for his list, after which the lodge was closed.

### St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting was held at Thorne, on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., and the circular announced that after the lodge a complimentary supper was to be given to Bro. H. Brew, who was about to leave the district. There were present Bros. G. Eland, I.P.M., acting W.M.; E. Simpson, S.W.; T. J. Smith, J.W.; E. Donkin, Treas.; J. Constable, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; B. Gaskill, S.D.; W. W. Peacock, J.D.; T. Barber, P.M., D.C.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; J. Acaster, I.G.; F. Pine, Tyler; G. Kenyon, P.M.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M.; H. A. Fenton, P.M.; J. H. Pawsen, P.M.; R. Brew, T. R. R. Marsdin, and J. H. Hardy. Visitors: Bros. W. Langbridge, 2078, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Harrison, P.M. and M.E.Z. 478; F. H. Buckland, P.M. 242; J. Hainsworth, J.W. 242; C. Porrett, Stwd. 242; and J. Morton.

The lodge being opened, the Secretary read the circular from the Grand Secretary respecting the so-called Hiram Lodge of London, after which it was unanimously resolved that the best wishes of the lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. Brew with the prayer that T.G.A.O.T.U. would prosper him in his new sphere of duty as I.R. officer at Worcester. Bro. Brew feelingly and appropriately thanked the brethren for their good wishes. Apologies for absence were read from Bros. E. Horst, W.M. (absent through illness); S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, F. T. Turner, G. E. Hardcastle, W. T. Chambers, Rev. J. J. Littlewood, C. W. Darley, and J. T. Robotham, all of 2259; A. Henry (Supervisor); J. Franks, P.M. 1428; T. H. Lee, W.M. 1482; M. Dowson, J.W. 1482; A. W. Fretwell, P.M. 242; T. W. Turner, W.M. 242; J. Mellors, W.M.; J. G. Pashley, of Rotherham, and others.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the club room, where Host S. Acaster had prepared a capital spread.

Due justice having been done to the good things provided, the usual Masonic toasts were proceeded with, and the W.M., Bro. Eland, gave the toast of the evening, "Success to Bro. Brew, wishing him Godspeed."

Having suitably responded, Bro. Brew gave his popular recitation "The French Horn."

Songs were given by Bros. Peacock, Maskill, Hardy, and Robotham, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, which, no doubt, Bro. Brew and the members of the lodge will look back upon with feelings of the greatest pleasure.



## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### DEATH OF JOHN RUSKIN.

A great man, a giant of intellect, has departed from us, and all educated England mourns his loss. John Ruskin was born in Billiter-street, London, 8th February, 1819; he died at Coniston, Lancashire, 20th January, 1900. At a very early age he gave fair promise of his future greatness. He began his literary work at the age of nine—"Endosia; a poem on the Universe." On leaving school, he went to Oxford, where he gained the Newdigate Prize for Poetry; his poem was "Talsette and Elephanta." His first work which attracted public notice was "Modern Painters," the outcome of his championship of the painter Turner, whose style he upheld, writing most scathing criticisms on those who opposed his judgment. Soon after his return from foreign travel, he published "Seven Lamps of Architecture," shortly followed by "The Stones of Venice." He was a warm supporter of Holman Hunt, Millais, and other leaders of the pre-Raphaelite movement. His book, "Unto this Last," was a fierce diatribe on Society, and caused great general indignation. Having previously lectured at Cambridge, where he created great astonishment by his out-spoken condemnation of modern art, as taught and practised, he was appointed Slade Professor of Fine Arts at Oxford. His original views, warmly espoused by a few, were opposed by the majority of the students; he was not understood, and consequently unappreciated. We cannot undertake to give the details of the life of this extraordinary man. He had many varied phases of character. A beautiful writer, with a thorough mastery of the English language; a critic, artist, political economist, scientist, philosopher, religionist, poet and seer (prophet), in all of these he was great. He stands out as one of the noblest figures of the dying century. His personal manner was rough and uninviting; but this was, perhaps, owing to his dislike to intrusion. To those who really knew him his temper was sweet and sympathising—as it occasionally happens, "sweetest nut has sourest rind." Like Carlyle, to whom in character he bore a marked resemblance, he was the sworn foe of all sham, and whenever he met it, opposed it with powerful earnestness. For many years, during the latter part of his life, he occupied himself with his "Preterita"—an autobiography—unhappily unfinished. As a writer he had a marked style of his own; it may appropriately be called highly poetical prose. As an instance we give a quotation from "The Two Paths." The author has been describing Nature herself as a wonderful artist, and how lavishly she offers her pictures for her children to admire. He says, "How they have been painted there is no manner of question. All those beautiful violet veinings and variegations of the marbles of Sicily and Spain, the glowing orange and amber colours of those of Sienna, the deep russet of the Rosso Antico, and the blood colour of all the precious jaspers that enrich the temples of Italy; and, finally, all the lovely transitions of tint in the pebbles of Scotland and the Rhine, which form, though not the most precious, by far the most interesting portion of our modern jewellers' work; all these are painted by Nature, with one material only, variously proportioned and applied—the oxide of iron that stains your springs at Tunbridge Wells. But this is not all, nor the best part of the work of iron. Its service in producing these beautiful stones is only rendered to rich people, who can afford to quarry and polish them. But Nature paints for all the world, poor and rich together; and while, therefore, she thus adorns the innermost rocks of the hills to tempt your investigation or indulge your luxury, she paints, far more carefully, the outsides of the hills, which are for the eyes of the shepherd and the ploughman. Have you ever considered, in speaking as we do so often of distant blue hills, what is it that makes them blue? To a certain extent it is distance, but distance alone will not do it. Many hills look white, however distant. That lovely dark purple colour of our Welsh and Highland hills is owing, not to their distance merely, but to their rocks. When you see this dark colour, dashed with russet and blue, and coming out in masses among the green ferns, so purple that you can hardly tell at first whether it is rock or heather, then you must thank your old Tunbridge friend oxide of iron. But this is not all. It is necessary for the beauty of hill scenery that Nature should colour, not only her soft rocks, but her hard ones; and she colours them with the same thing, only more beautifully. You have heard of 'porphyry' as among the most precious of the harder massive stones. The colour which gave it that noble name, as well as that which gives the flush to all the rosy granite of Egypt, is still owing to the same substance—your humble oxide of iron. And, last of all, the noblest colour seen on this earth is still mysteriously connected with the presence of this dark iron—the crimson of blood, with its vitality, depends on the existence of iron, as one of its substantial elements. Is it not strange to find this stern and strong metal mingled so delicately in our human life that we cannot even blush without its help." Writing such as this will never sink in oblivion. It has been truly said

"A great man never dies, immortal Fame  
Renews the lustre of his glorious name."

### STORAGE OF WATER.

Under ordinary circumstances the open storage of water tends to improvement in quality, caused by the beneficial action of aeration and light, the only exception being that of well water. Experience, however, has shown the desirability of covering reservoirs in the vicinity of towns, so that dust and other matters floating in the air may be excluded. Different methods have been resorted to to carry out this purpose. At Vienna, the main distributing reservoir is covered in by a roof supported on granite pillars in other places on the continent and in Great Britain arched roofs supported on cast iron columns, or by groined arches, have been largely employed, and the latter form of construction is chiefly followed in the United States. Perhaps, one of the most interesting contributions to hydraulic engineering literature, of recent date, has been a paper presented to the American Society of Civil Engineers. The paper in question evidences careful study and research, whilst the tabulated results add materially to its value. It is mentioned by the author that all the examples of the groined arch in water-works engineering which have come to his notice, are to be found in the United States. As we have already indicated, such applications are by no means new in Europe, and the reservoirs of Menilmontant, Belleville, and Montsouris, all in France, include notable instances of such construction. The last named has arching in the "Gustavino" method, which, as a matter of fact, was recently introduced into America. Many advantages are, no doubt, offered by groined elliptical arches; the quantity of material

is moderate, there is clear head room in each direction and the arrangement is favourable for ventilation. Brick has been hitherto chiefly employed as the material, but the use of concrete is now becoming more popular. As a general rule, the cost of the latter may be taken at one half that of brick masonry, and it is suitable for almost any kind of arch. Piers are more frequently built of brick, and it is probable that no financial or other advantage is to be gained by departing from this practice. There can be no doubt that masonry coverings are pleasing to the eye, and are at the same time, in every way satisfactory. The cost is, nevertheless, unnecessarily high, and it is likely that other designs will ultimately supersede groined arches. Concrete and steel tie bars combined, are equally durable, strong, and efficient, besides being considerably cheaper.

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[Third and Concluding Notice.]

In our two previous notices we have briefly traced the origin of early Art in the Netherlands. We will now consider the work of some of the artists, whose pictures are now exhibited. It cannot fail to strike the beholder, even in a mere casual survey, how good and conscientious is the work. One reason may be assigned from what we have already stated, that the training in Art was so thorough that a true artistic feeling was encouraged, that pupils loved and revered their instructors. They had every confidence in them, and a laudable feeling of *amour propre* urged them not to disgrace, by careless work, the master whom they served. When the pupil, in due time, himself became a master painter and member of the guild, he felt himself bound by duty and honour to render himself worthy of his community. As so many of the master painters received commissions from Monasteries, Cathedrals, &c., to paint sacred subjects, a strong religious feeling urged the artist to devote his best talent to the efficient carrying out the ideas of his genius; thus it was, that actuated by this strong religious duty he strove to render his work fitting to the dignity of the subject he undertook to portray. Let any one carefully observe the pictures of Hubert and Van Eyck, Van Gossaert, called Mabuse, Jacob Cornelissen, Hans Memling, Gheeraert David, Lucas Van Leyden, Quintin Matsys, Hugo Van Der Goes, and the numerous examples of the early Flemish School, 7, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 15, 45, 64, 66, 68, 72, 77, 88, 244, 245; it is apparent that, although the designs of the artists are in many cases, according to our modern ideas, extremely quaint, and also, even out of drawing, still we cannot but acknowledge that in the details, even to the most minute particular, there is evidence of painstaking and honest industry. So laboured are the details, that they strongly remind us of the cabinet pictures of the Dutch Masters—Gerard Dow, Ostade, and others. Such a fine collection of pictures of the Flemish school we do not remember having seen before. In addition to the pictures in the Flemish School, there is, in the North Room, a selection from the works of Sir Peter Paul Rubens. This is a loan collection. It may be well to remember that our unhappy monarch Charles I., however unfit he was to guide the helm of the State in the troublous times in which he was compelled, by his position, to take an active part, was possessed of great artistic taste, and was the generous patron of the two great artists of the age—Rubens and Vandyck—both of whom received the honour of knighthood at his hands. Both Sir Peter Paul Rubens and Sir Anthony Vandyck, at the king's invitation, visited England, remaining there some time. These two artists, in addition to the higher school of art, were distinguished portrait painters, as is evident by their fine pictures of Charles I. and his family, also the most illustrious personages of the Royal Court, male and female. The pictures of Rubens, now to be seen in the New Gallery, though possessing evident merit and in the artists' peculiar style, cannot be considered masterpieces. There are also a few pictures of the British School—Angelica Kauffman (one of the two lady R.As.), Sir Joshua Reynolds, Romney, Gainsborough, Sir Thos. Lawrence, &c.

### GENERAL NOTES.

An interesting account of the great Paris telescope, which, it is hoped, will be one of the features of this year's Exhibition, has been published in *Nature*, from the pen of Sir Norman Lockyer. The council which is superintending the matter state that they hope for such a magnifying power, that the surface of the moon will be seen as if our satellite were, comparatively but a short distance from us. The siderostat arrangement has been decided upon, thus avoiding all the expenses of a dome. The siderostat mirror has a diameter of 2 metres, or about 6½ feet, and weighs nearly 8000 lbs. To cast the huge plane mirror a special furnace was made at the Jeumont Glass Works, capable of holding over 20 tons of glass. The cooling of the cast glass lasted a month. The disc finally selected was taken to Paris by special train. The figuring, polishing, and mounting of these enormous discs have been confided to M. Gautier, who, it is stated, has been entirely successful not only with the plane mirrors, but with the two object glasses. The telescope tube is of sheet steel.

The New York Fire Brigade is pressing electricity into its service, and one of the latest additions to its appliances is an electric searchlight apparatus. It is mounted on wheels, like an ordinary fire-engine, and has a boiler and engine; but instead of driving the pumping machinery the engine will drive a dynamo to supply the current for the searchlights. There are two searchlights, each with 18-in. projecting lens, carried on a platform behind the driver's seat, but, when necessary, they can be removed and carried about to any convenient spot, connection between the dynamo being maintained by flexible cables. It is expected that these lights will be of great service in lighting up dark parts of streets, when the fireman have to make hose connections, fix ladders, &c., also in searching for missing people.

Mr. Chas. Wyndham definitely has decided to produce "Cyrano de Bergerac" at Blackpool on Monday, March 5th. He will, afterwards, visit Southport, Dublin, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, presenting the play in London some time between the 2nd and 7th May. There are 72 speaking parts in Messrs. Ogilvie and Parker's version. We understand that Mr. Loring Fernie, who played so successfully in "The Jest," has been engaged for an important part.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1900.

## Masonic Notes.

A special service will be held in the Cathedral Church of St. Giles, Edinburgh, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, the 4th prox., which will be attended by the lodges in the Metropolitan District and nearby. The offertory and the contributions otherwise received will be handed over to Bro. M. Thomson, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, to be appropriated as may seem best to him, "in aid of soldiers disabled and the widows and children of soldiers killed in the rebellion of South Africa." The Church, we are told, will to a limited extent, be open to ladies and non-Masons, but none will be admitted without tickets, and as no charge will be made for them, lodges obtaining tickets will be expected to contribute in return.

The contributions thus obtained will be handed over to the Lord Provost in one sum, so that no invidious distinction will be possible among the lodges in respect of the amounts they may severally contribute. Brethren who cannot be present are requested to remit to their respective lodge Treasurers, so that the total may be a representative one, and worthy of the Scottish Craft. Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., M.W.G. Master, will attend, and it is expected that the regimental band of the Gordon Highlanders will take part in the service.

We learn also from another source—the Secretary of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel, No. 1—that the celebrated prima donna, Madame Ella Russell, has most generously undertaken to journey all the way from London to Edinburgh in order to sing a solo at this Masonic service, and that she will do so without fee or reward—her usual fee we are told is 80 guineas;

that the Town Council of Edinburgh, headed by the Lord Provost, will be present in their robes of office; and that Bro. Lord Elphinstone, of Carberry Tower, Musselburgh, who is a member of No. 1, though unable to attend in person, has forwarded a cheque for five guineas as a contribution to the proposed fund.

The following is a copy of the letter received from Lord Elphinstone by the Secretary of the Arrangements Committee:—

"13th January, 1900.

"Dear Sir,

"With reference to your letter of the 6th inst., I now beg to enclose cheque for £5 5s. towards the Masonic Fund for Widows and Orphans, to be raised at the proposed Masonic Service on the 4th Feb. I very much regret it will be impossible for me to be present at the service myself, but I heartily wish the movement every success.

"I am, yours faithfully,  
(Signed) "ELPHINSTONE."

Our Derbyshire Mark brethren had a very successful meeting at Chesterfield on the 9th instant, when Bro. A. Woodiwiss, the popular Grand Mark Master of the Province had the satisfaction of inaugurating the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 529, the first that has been warranted since Derby was constituted a separate Province under his rule. Bro. Woodiwiss himself performed the ceremony of consecration, while the duty of installing Bro. W. W. Jeurwine, P.M., as the first W.M. was assigned to Bro. Percy Wallis, P.G. Treas. of England, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Secretary. A singular coincidence may be mentioned in connection with the latter ceremony, Bro. Jeurwine having 21 years ago, when presiding as the W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 246, Buxton, "advanced" the Bro. Wallis, who on this occasion returned the compliment by installing his mentor in Mark Masonry in the chair of A. What makes the coincidence still more strange is that Bro. C. F. Matier, the Mark G. Secretary, who was present and took part in the ceremony, stated in his speech in acknowledging the toast of the Grand Officers, that 21 years ago, he, too, had had the pleasure of installing Bro. Jeurwine as W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The addition of the Scarsdale Lodge to the roll of Derbyshire augments the number of Mark lodges in the Province to eight.

We heartily congratulate the brethren of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, on the brilliant success of the important function in which they figured on the 17th instant, when their new Hall, the first stone of which was laid some six months ago by the Marquis of Zetland, Prov. G. Master of N. and E. Yorkshire, was solemnly dedicated to "Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence." The ceremony was to have been performed by Bro. Lord Bolton, P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G. Master, but his lordship found himself at the last moment unable to fulfil his engagement, and his place was taken by Bro. M. C. Peck, Past G. Std. Br. Eng., the Prov. G. Secretary. And a most able substitute he proved himself, as a perusal of our report of the proceedings will show. The address he delivered was, indeed, a most eloquent one, worthy of the occasion and the lodge which provided it, and a credit to Bro. Peck himself.

We may also congratulate the brethren of North and East Yorkshire and their rulers on this latest addition to the already long list of private Masonic Halls which from time to time have been erected in the Province. There is hardly a lodge in the two Ridings which meets at an hotel or tavern, the majority of them having either Halls of their own or the use of those erected by lodges in the same locality, or else meeting in Assembly or private Rooms. Possibly the further brethren reside from the headquarters of Freemasonry, the more determined are they that the Craft shall receive all possible honour, and the readier to furnish means for the erection of premises especially dedicated to Masonic uses. At all events, in the north of England the Masonic Hall is the rule, and the hotel or tavern the exception; while, in other parts of the country, the latter it is which mostly provides the lodge quarters, and the purely Masonic Halls are few and far between.

*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?* There appears elsewhere a letter—the publication of which we held over from last week in order that we might make inquiries of the brother implicated—from Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., in which, in criticising what appears to—at all events we may charitably suggest—

to have been a slip of the pen on the part of one of our reporting staff, the writer himself falls into a more grievous error still. At the annual meeting of the La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, on the 4th inst., the W.M. would, on the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting relating to his election have been installed in the chair. Unfortunately, to the deep regret of the lodge, the brother to whose installation as W.M. the members were looking forward, was on the morning of that very day struck down by paralysis. Inquiries were made at the W.M. elect's home, and the report that was brought back being unfavourable, the lodge, on the advice of Bro. Terry, P.G.S.B., confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting with the exception of that portion relating to the election of W.M., and Bro. Thomas A. Tidy was called upon to act as such for another year. Our report goes on to state that "Bro. James Kench afterwards proceeded with the installation, and Bro. T. H. Clear was again appointed I.P.M., and the following brethren received the other collars of office," &c., &c., &c.

We have inquired of Bro. Terry as to the part taken by him in the proceedings—which our report shows was restricted to giving advice—and the result is as follows: As Bro. Terry happened to be on the premises, the lodge, in their difficulty, consulted him. He informs us that he told them no installation ceremony was necessary; that Bro. Tidy, the W.M., must remain in office until his successor had been installed; but that he might appoint and invest the officers for the new year. He then left the lodge—which he had only entered for the purpose of giving his advice—taking no further, as he had taken no previous part in the proceedings. Thus Bro. Terry did no more than give, with his usual courtesy, the advice that was sought of him, and, from the above particulars, it is clear the advice was such as might have been expected from so experienced a Mason. Hence if any error was committed, it must have been by Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., whom we have not had the opportunity of consulting.

As to the report, which will be found in the *Freemason* of the 13th instant at p. 25, there can be no doubt as to what it says. We can do no more than suggest that our reporter—who is as experienced in Masonry as he is in his profession—may not have been in the lodge during the whole of the meeting, and that this portion of the report was based on information obtained at second-hand, and not, therefore, always to be relied upon. However, there appears to have been an error in the proceedings which has escaped the eagle eye of our critical Bro. Le Feuvre. The report tells us that the I.P.M. presented the W.M. with "the handsome Past Master's jewel," which the brethren had voted—no doubt at the previous meeting, when their very natural expectation was that Bro. Tidy would vacate the chair at the usual time (this very meeting). But Bro. Tidy is not a P.M. He is still W.M., not because he may have consented to act as such until the next regular period of election, but because he cannot help himself, and it is duty to remain in office until his successor has been installed in his stead. Thus the gift of a Past Master's jewel to a brother who is not a P.M. is not only somewhat premature, but, also, in our opinion, irregular. Bro. Tidy's present service as W.M. is not a new, but a continuing, service.

The Special Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, in a letter dated "Cape Town, Jan 3," cites as evidence of the very great losses which the Boers have sustained by the war, a statement made at a Masonic meeting in Durban, to the effect that "the Worshipful Master and all the officers of the Ermelo (Netherlands Masonic Lodge)—it is believed, indeed, every member—had been killed in action or died of his wounds, so that there was absolutely no one left entitled to take care of the regalia of the Craft." We can trace no such lodge in the "Cosmo" under the Netherlands Constitution, but there is an Ermelo Lodge, No. 2516, and also a Concordia Lodge, No. 2685, both meeting at Ermelo, in the Transvaal, and both belonging to the English Constitution, under the government of R.W. Bro. George Richards, Dist. G. Master Transvaal. It may be true that the W.M., officers, and all the members of the Ermelo Lodge, No. 2516, have been killed in action or have died from their wounds, but they may not all have been of Dutch nationality, as some four-fifths of the members of the English lodges in the Transvaal are, we understand, of English nationality. Perhaps Bro. Richards, the District Grand Master, may be able to throw light upon the matter.

## Correspondence.

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

## LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. Last, the change he refers to had no connection whatever with Masonic Jurisprudence; neither was it the result of apathy and indolence, but simply a silent testimony to the reality of a great social upheaval.

In the preparation of "Masonic Social Life Sixty Years Ago" in 1897, it is possible I went deeper into such changes than was necessary for the purposes of a paper, and I, therefore, append a few extracts from it; but my friend must merely accept my opinion for what it is worth. The change was an inner effect of an outside cause, neither more nor less. A new epoch—glorious, far beyond any conception that might be formed of it then, and even now little understood across the Channel, although the benefits have been not merely national, but universal—had dawned at the Coronation. Perhaps one of the greatest blessings which, amongst others, we owe to our beloved Queen, was this personal and most potent example set at Court on her accession.

I think the extracts sufficiently indicate the difficulty of fixing a definite date, and as a matter of fact I doubt if the practice of calling the lodge from labour to refreshment is absolutely now extinct.

In Bro. Last's mother lodge he will find old instances in the minutes, and I think once as late as 1868, when I was present; but Airedale never favoured the custom at any period. On the other hand, the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, was, owing to its composition, perhaps the most representative of English lodges, so that, should its minutes be available to him, my friend will probably find there all he wants to know, between 1840 and 1845.

Of course, the custom has now lost its objectionable features to some extent; but in the old convivial days of full-bodied port it was different, and no wonder it was sometimes as difficult to say when the "labour" began as when the "refreshment" ended. The installation meetings especially were not remarkable for "work," in or out of the lodge, after the morning ceremony. I think that in the sentence quoted by Bro. Last, the word "lodge" really means "the assembled company" adjourned until five o'clock. This, however, does not affect the main point. The connection between labour and refreshment up to 1838 was, as my friend says, much closer. Then the prominence of the convivial element began to be condemned, and voluntarily, because there is nothing to prohibit any lodge following the old custom to-day. It was the abuse of it that did the mischief.—Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

20th January.

## EXTRACTS.

1. "I want you to bear in mind that 60 years ago a brother's Masonic life was as distinctly separated from his family circle as it was from the general public; also, that the Victorian era, commencing in 1837, was the beginning of a decided moral revolution in England. The year I have chosen to refer to as representative (1837) marks social conditions which had existed without much change since the accession of Geo. IV. in 1820, or 17 years farther back."

2. "No visible change, however, took place (although the young Queen's example was already having a real influence as early as 1838) until 1841, the year in which our M.W.G.M. was born, when"

3. "These dates (1820 to 1841) can, of course, be only approximate, because social habits and customs always take long to change, whether for good or evil; and, besides, that the elders of a generation, although, it may be, quite disposed to mend, rarely care to publicly own their errors."

P.S.—Bro. Last must excuse my giving these extracts; they do not pretend to be evidence of anything, but simply explanatory of a possible cause. The fact is I know of no authorities on this particular question.—J. R. R.

## BRO. HUGHAN ON THE YORK GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I do not know whether W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D., in his article on the York Grand Lodge, seriously means that the "time immemorial assertion" that H.R.H. Prince Edwin granted the old "Constitutions" at York A.D. 926 "is superior to proof." I know it appears in this way in the charters granted by the "Athol Lodge," but it does not make it correct. Unfortunately, no one seems to take the trouble to correct dates in our Masonic history that are obviously wrong. The only Prince Edwin we know of in English history as being in existence at about this period came to the throne in 955, at the age of 14, and died 959. He must, therefore, have been born in 941, or later than the supposed time when he granted the "Constitutions." To show the errors that creep in from a book I have before me, I glean that St. Alban, the proto-martyr, presided over the York Lodge in 926, whereas history states he suffered death in 303.—I remain, yours fraternally,

C. GARDNER VATCHER,  
W.M. Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877.

Royde House, Jersey,  
January 22nd.

## OUR RECENT REPORT OF LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your sub-editor has been caught napping. Some one has hoaxed him by sending him an account of an installation of a W.M. of the La Tolerance Lodge which cannot possibly be true. It is incredible that Bro. Jas. Terry should have installed the outgoing W.M. for a further period of 12 months because the W.M. elect was incapacitated by illness.

The Book of Constitutions, Rule 130, provides for this and requires a summons to be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren will again proceed to elect a Master, &c.

If Bro. Terry has acted as stated, I tremble for his treatment at the hands of the Board of General Purposes.—Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

Southampton,  
15th January.

THE LIFEBOAT Charles Whitton, belonging to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and stationed at Clogher Head, Ireland, rescued the fishing boat Irish Girl, of Dundalk, and her crew of six men on Wednesday night last. The fishermen were in an exhausted condition when taken on board the lifeboat.

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## GREAT BRITAIN'S APPEAL.

By PROF. F. W. DRIVER, M.A.

A Patriotic Poem.

From near, from far, throughout our native land,  
Rings forth the trumpet call to every hand:  
The Mother country, in her need, appeals  
For help from her dear sons, and each one feels  
That, though to all the summons may be sent,  
For each one, singly, is the message meant.

A noble feeling stirs the loyal heart,  
For Love and Duty each should bear a part,  
To face the gath'ring peril from afar,  
And, fearless, brave the fortunes of the war—  
Prove to the world 'tis not an idle boast,  
Great Britain's sons, undaunted, front a host.

But not alone for those who love their land,  
The Nation calls to make courageous stand—  
Our countrymen in Africa's torrid zone,  
Who equally with us Queen-Empress own  
As fellow subjects, they for aid appeal,  
Trust in our sympathy, and active zeal.

Nor shall they, in their trouble, call in vain.  
As we have done before, we'll do again,  
Whenever is an Englishman afraid  
Of danger, when he renders willing aid?  
In dire distress, no time nor trouble lost,  
He does not, coldly, calculate the cost!

In this our country's crisis may be found  
Spring up, instinctively, from native ground,  
Shamrock and Thistle, and fair English Rose,  
Unitedly one branch, it fearless grows—  
True type of Irish, Scotch, and Englishman,  
Rivals in honour, staunch in battle van—

Like lightning flashing forth the message runs,  
England now calls upon her loyal sons  
To render help in present time of need,  
True loving help, in thought, in word, and deed;  
Her colonies and empire to defend,  
True in the present, constant to the end.

And what the answer? from afar, around,  
Like roar of rushing waters comes the sound  
From thousands of brave hearts, one only cry—  
For Mother country we will live or die,  
Join in her triumph with exultant breath,  
Or, in her ruin, seal our faith with Death!

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following are the officers of the Board of Stewards for the Festival which will be celebrated next month on behalf of this Institution, namely:

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Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Institution.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, took his usual post; and, in the regretted absence of Bro. H. Garrod, Junior Vice-President, through illness, Bro. G. Graveley, P.G.P., acted as Junior Vice-President. Bros. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the G. Secretary's department.

The other brethren who attended were Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, H. A. Tobias, W. Fisher, F. W. Hancock, J. Block, W. Kipps, E. W. Nightingale, S. H. Goldschmidt, John Strachan, Q.C., R. W. Ker, Thomas Jones, W. H. Caton, John Ellinger, Col. Clifford Probyn, C. H. Stone, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; G. B. Chapman, E. Terry, J. W. Burgess, R. Robinson, W. Noble, F. J. Burdett, C. H. Webb, T. Grumant, H. Massey, W. Radcliffe, G. H. Lister, G. R. Langley, A. J. Potter, W. Rogers, J. Forsyth, W. N. Foxcroft, T. M. Bannon, J. Austin Carpenter, F. A. Guimaraes, G. N. E. Hamilton, W. Gower, A. Low, and E. Garnet Man.

To the amount of £300 the Board first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the meeting of December, 1899. There were 26 cases on the new list, from the London district, and from Guildford, Milford, Cheshunt Park, Old Swindon, Sittingbourne, Yatton, Poona, Darlington, Landport, Beaufort West (South Africa), Radcliffe, Birkenhead, Bootle, Fyzabad, Framlingham, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Five of these were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were voted a total of £525. Four were sent to Grand Lodge for £50 each, two to the Grand Master for £40 each, four for £30 each, and one for £25. Three cases had £20 each, four £10 each, and two £5 each.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF MR. WILLIAM GURNEY, a well-known member of the Bucks County Council, sufficient money has been raised in the village of Chalfont St. Giles, in that county, to equip a bed in the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital. The whole of the money was collected in the short period of three days, and the subscribers numbered 300, their contributions ranging from £5 to one penny.



## Craft Masonry.

### Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.

There was a capital attendance of members and visitors at the 132nd anniversary and installation meeting of the above lodge, held at the Guildhall Tavern on the 17th inst. Owing to the amount of business to be transacted, the proceedings opened early in the afternoon, when the W.M., Bro. G. A. W. Griffiths, raised Bro. German, after which Bro. Griffiths in splendid style installed Bro. Wm. Joseph Darby in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing 12 months. The new W.M., like his predecessor, is a very popular man in the lodge, possessing the esteem and regard of all the members, and he is ably fitted to occupy the exalted position, having previously industriously worked through the various offices. Bro. Darby then appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. G. A. W. Griffiths, I.P.M.; A. Cocks, S.W.; J. H. Bulmer, J.W.; C. Lacey, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; J. Mustart, S.D.; J. Iggleden, J.D.; F. G. Mustart, I.G.; G. T. H. Saddon, P.M., Org.; Dunningham, D.C.; Pacy, A.D.C.; Sterling, Dowling, and Tidman, Stewards; and Ellis, Tyler. The W.M., in eulogistic terms, presented Bro. Griffiths with a Past Master's jewel, observing that brother's year of Mastership had been a memorable one in the history of their old lodge. By his efforts it had been brought to a flourishing state, and was now one of the most popular lodges in the Metropolis. In proof, he might mention that evening they had on their summonses the names of no less than six gentlemen, who were anxious to join their ranks. In no previous year had a jewel been more worthily bestowed, and he hoped the recipient would live many years to wear it, as well as to give his able assistance for the benefit of the lodge. In conclusion, he (the W.M.) had another pleasing duty to perform in connection with their I.P.M., and it was one, he felt sure, that would come as an agreeable surprise to their esteemed brother. At the instigation of Bro. Iggleden, aided by the cordial co-operation of the other officers who served under Bro. Griffiths, it was unanimously decided to present their outgoing W.M. with a small token of their regard, as an evidence of the cordial, and, he might say, affectionate manner in which they had worked together during the year. Therefore, he hoped Bro. Griffiths would accept from those brethren a gold mounted cigar-holder, in a silver case, as a pleasant memento of his term of office as Master of the good old Sincerity Lodge. Bro. Griffiths, in returning thanks for the jewel, observed his services would always be at the disposal of the members, and he was pleased in knowing that he vacated the chair under such pleasant conditions, so far as the prosperity of their lodge was concerned. With regard to the second gift, which had taken him completely by surprise, he hardly knew what to say. However, it gave him infinite pleasure, and he warmly reciprocated the kind feeling and good fellowship of those who had so ably assisted him during his year of office. The W.M. then initiated four of the six gentlemen mentioned above. They were Messrs. F. R. King, E. J. Wallis, and E. Brokenshire. This ceremony was also ably performed.

The working of the lodge was followed by a charming banquet, which reflected great credit on the manager of the Guildhall Tavern. The new management has started well in this respect, and no doubt it will continue to give every satisfaction. It will be all the more appreciated by the members, as in times gone by there was considerable room for improvement.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, and the excellent musical programme prepared by the W.M., the toasts and speeches had to be curtailed; but it is almost needless to say full justice was done to the loyal ones, and both those referring to Bros. Darby and Griffiths were enthusiastically received and suitably acknowledged.

The artistes who contributed in no small degree to the success of the evening were Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Mary Monkman, Mr. A. W. Bolden, Mr. W. C. Gible, Bros. Tom Taylor, H. Hawkes, R. P. Hopkins (who played on the silver bells), Fred Russell (in his ventriloquial entertainment), and A. E. Kipps.

Among those present were Bros. Griffiths, W.M.; Bayley, acting I.P.M.; Darby, Cocks, Lacey, Webb, J. J. Mustart, Iggleden, Seddons, F. G. Mustart, Dunningham, Norman, P.M.; Higgs, P.M.; Butcher, P.M.; Jay, P.M.; Moore, P.M.; Starnes, P.M.; Dowling, Laundry, German, Gough, Sterling, Pacy, Tidman, Morris, Marshall, Prebble, Reeve, Frost, Yates, Harvey, Baillie, J. C. Higgs, Bulleid, Gray, Moore, King, Wallis, Brokenshire, and Hutchings. Visitors: Bros. Harding, 1178; Morby, 1853; Armstrong, 1817; Meyer, 2549; Ruman, 511; Malchcolm, 1930; Maloney, 2504; Lee, 1901; Montgomery, 1632; Lee, 2488; Hawkes, 1076; Kipps, 1275; Taylor, 45; Doune, 65; Waters, 27; Kerfoot, 172; Bishop, 172; Peters, 2394; Gray, 55; and West, 55.

### Old Globe Lodge, No. 200.

The annual installation meeting in connection with the above lodge—the mother lodge of Scarborough—took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas Cliff, on the 17th instant, when Bro. James Boyce was installed W.M., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Albert Holloway, I.P.M.; H. Mayhew, S.W.; G. E. Farr, J.W.; R. W. Leadbeater, P.S.G.D., Treas.; W. Ombler, Chaplain and Almoner; R. MacBean, D.C.; H. Marks, Sec.; T. A. Hopper, S.D.; J. Gildard, J.D.; H. E. Clarson, I.G.; G. James, Org.; G. T. Eaman and E. Nelson, Stwds.; Jas. Boyce, P.P.A.G.P., Charity Representative; and C. Travess, P.M., Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler.

The banquet took place at the Pavilion Hotel. The newly-elected W.M. presided, and the following toasts were honoured: "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, R.W. Prov. G.M. N. and E. Yorks; Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Bolton, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past;" "Bro. James Boyce, W.M.;" "Bro. Albert Holloway, I.P.M., and the Past Masters of the Old Globe Lodge;" "The W.Ms., Officers, and Brethren of Lodges Royal, No. 643; Denison, No. 1248; Leopold, No. 1760; and St. Nicholas, No. 2586;" "The Visiting Brethren;" "The Officers of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200;" and the Tyler's toast.

### York Lodge, No. 236.

On Monday, the 15th inst., Bro. John A. A. Askew was installed W.M. of the above lodge. The ceremony, which took place in the lodge room, Duncombe-place, York, was impressively performed by Bro. F. W. Laughton, W.M., assisted by Past Masters of the lodge. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. J. Rymer (Lord Mayor of York), P.P.G.R.; A. Jones (Sheriff of York), P.P.G.T.; G. Potter Kirby, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Foster, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Border, P.P.G.R.; G. Garbitt, P.P.G.D.; A. Buckle, P.P.G.D.; E. W. Purnell, P.G.D.; W. Hepper, P.G. Org.; Preston Cobb, P.G. Stwd.; E. Swift, P.P.S.G.W.; and others. The visitors included Bros. T. B. Whytehead, W.M. 2076, P.G.S.B. Eng.; W. H. Cowper, Charity Rep. N. and E. Yorks, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Capt. Grant, W.M. 973; J. H. Hill, W.M. 1091; E. Lawson, P.M. 910; F. H. Vaughan, P.M. 1611; Charles Garrod, J.W. 1611; Rudgard, W.M. 2328; G. E. Dunsford, 973; H. R. Whytehead, 2328; and others.

The newly-installed W.M. invested the following officers for the year: Bros.

Frederick William Laughton, I.P.M.; E. S. Robinson, S.W.; O. G. Taylor, J.W.; the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.M., P.G. Chap., Chap.; G. Potter-Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; T. C. Thompson, Sec.; J. S. Shannon, S.D.; A. G. Rayner, J.D.; J. H. Wray, D.C.; W. Hepper, P.G. Org. N. and E. Yorks, Org.; F. W. Cull, I.G.; Preston Cobb, E. S. D. Carter, and D. C. Larg, Stwds.; J. Hall, Tyler; J. S. Rymer, P.M., P.P.G.R., Charity Representative; A. H. Furnish, Librarian; and A. Proctor, P.M., Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction.

The installation banquet was held in the new banqueting room of the lodge, under the presidency of the W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that in certain countries on the Continent Freemasonry was looked upon as a society for political purposes, but it was not so regarded in England. (Applause.) Freemasons were regarded as amongst the most loyal members of the community, and at the present time her Majesty was in need of all their sympathy. (Applause.)

Bro. Border proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Lodge." He said he had reason to be proud that such a distinguished Englishman as the Prince of Wales should preside over the destinies of the Craft. (Applause.) He hoped that during the ensuing year they would be able to welcome the Prince to York, and no one would give him a heartier greeting than the members of the old York Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Whytehead, in replying to the toast, said that without Grand Lodge the lodges of England would be in a hopeless condition. It might interest some of the brethren to know that there was not always, as far as they knew, Grand Lodge to manage their affairs, but before the existence of Grand Lodge affairs were so mixed that they did not know much about them. He gave the history of the formation of Grand Lodge, and proceeded to give some interesting details of the four Grand Lodges which were working 120 years ago. It was established in 1770, and they had records, some of which were the earliest in England, and they should be proud of the possessions they had. (Applause.) He mentioned that he was now W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and that he was going to read a paper before it on the history of Freemasonry. He said that York had always been regarded as the headquarters of Freemasonry. They wanted to know what gave her that claim; there was no doubt something to be got if they could only do so.

Bro. A. Procter proposed "The Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings; the Hon. Lord Bolton, R.W.D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," and expressed the hope that Bro. Whytehead would give them the benefit of the lecture he was going to deliver in London. (Applause.)

Bros. Hepper, Preston Cobb, and Swift acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Purnell proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said that it was in their Masonic Charities that they evidenced not only to the brethren, but to the world, the virtue which, he believed, had been called the greatest virtue of all.

Bro. Cowper, the Charity Representative, responded, and gave some interesting details of the three Charities which were doing such noble work. The Girls' School, he said, had been in existence about 110 years.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., being received with acclamation and drunk with musical honours.

The W.M. expressed his satisfaction at the reception accorded to him by his brethren.

Bro. Buckle proposed the toast of "W. Bro. the Lord Mayor of York and W. Bro. the Sheriff of York."

Bro. the Lord Mayor of York, in responding, alluded to the universality of Freemasonry, and said that amongst others he had received a New Year's greeting from Bro. Webber, of Washington, also enclosing "A Masonic Ten Commandments," which he proceeded to read for the benefit of the brethren.

Bro. the Sheriff of York also suitably responded. The other toasts were "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of the York Lodge," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Officers of York Lodge," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

During the course of the evening, under the able direction of Bro. W. Hepper, P.G.O., harmony was dispensed by the following: Bros. Preston Cobb, Watson Hirst, and Foster, Chambers, Larg, and Hirst, forming the York Lodge Glee Party.

### South Saxon Lodge, No. 311.

The annual installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Lewes. The retiring W.M., Bro. E. G. Hales, installed his successor (Bro. G. J. Lenny) in the chair, and was himself presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. G. Hales, I.P.M.; G. H. Levett, S.W.; H. Granger, J.W.; J. H. Every, Treas.; R. Hollyman, D.C.; F. G. Hussey, A.D.C.; John James, Sec.; W. Gates, S.D.; F. F. London, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; G. C. Dusart, Org.; and A. Holman, Tyler.

Later on the customary banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel, under the superintendence of Bro. H. Tuff.

The new W.M., Bro. Lenny, presided, and, in addition to those already mentioned, the brethren present included Bros. R. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. Russell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Holman, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; W. Flint, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Lloyd, P.M.; J. W. Broad, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; S. Tanner, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Lines, C. Bloomfield, W. H. Mercer, A. Stone, F. G. Shilson, F. J. Gorringe, D. Roberts, S. Starnes, and J. Peters, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Guy, 1355; E. Drew, 1829; G. L. Hunt, W.M. 2450; W. Beaty, P.M. 2450; J. T. Rusbrigg, 1829; F. Jarrett, W.M. 341; O. N. Wyatt, W.M. 38; A. S. Cooke, P.M. 215, P.S. G.W.; H. Vallance, W.M. 1303; J. Andrews, W.M. 1110; T. H. Russell, 2408; H. C. Barrett, W.M. 56; E. A. Smithers, W.M. 271; H. Manwaring, W.M. 732; T. Southcombe, W.M. 40; J. H. Thomson, 1636; W. H. Thornton, P.M. 1013; M. Clew, P.M. 1821; W. Ling, 1721; F. P. Light, 1636; and J. F. Glover, 1821.

The vocalists were Miss Ethel Vey, whose first appearance in Lewes was a great success, Mr. W. N. Barnard, and Bro. W. G. Foster, Mr. Horace Jackson being the accompanist.

### Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359.

The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on the 15th instant, when Bro. William Martin, the S.W. of the past year, was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Aldis, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, in the presence of a large gathering, which included Bros. Le Feuvre, P.D.P.G.M., P.G.D. Eng.; Dr. A. W. Harris, W.M. 394; T. Lashmore, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Cross, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. O. Longland, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Jenvey, P.G. Stwd.; L. Steele, P.P.J.G.W.; T. G. Dacombe; J. Slater, P.P.G. Stwd.; E. Long, T. E. Smith, J. Berry (all of the lodge); J. C. Burbage, 319, P.P.G. Std. Br.; James Cole, 839, P.P.G. Reg.; C. J. Sharp, 839; H. Lashmore, 394, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Doggrell, 394, W. Pearce, 1112, P.G. Std. Br.; and A. H. W. Ritchie, 1461, as well as some of the Wardens of sister lodges.

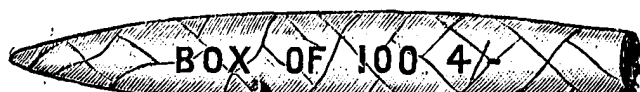
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Several apologies were sent for non-attendance, the prevailing epidemic being responsible for many of these, and special regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. J. Adams, Senior P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, who is laid aside by illness. The following officers were appointed for the year, viz., Bros. J. Berry, I.P.M.; T. Lashmore, P.M., Treas.; J. Adams, Sec.; G. Cross, P.M., D. of C.; L. Stevens, S.W.; J. E. Adams, J.W.; A. Smith, S.D.; A. E. Lisle, J.D.; A. E. Horton, I.G.; G. A. Andrews, Org.; C. T. Thornback and G. H. Male, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler. In re-investing Bro. Berry as I.P.M., the W.M. referred to the loss the lodge had sustained during the year in the death of the Master, Bro. Rowthorn, and incidental allusion was also made to the fact that two P.M.s of the lodge, Bros. Dusautoy and H. Coles, had passed away since the last installation.

At the conclusion of lodge business, the brethren, numbering about 70 in all, sat down to an excellent banquet, under the superintendence of Bro. Cross, D. of C.

In the course of the post-prandial proceedings, Bro. Le Feuvre, speaking of the charitable work of the Craft, said that the Executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had decided to receive into the School for the present without election, all eligible lads whose fathers, brethren of the Order, fell in the war in South Africa.

This announcement was received with hearty applause.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with a musical programme, arranged by Bros. Conlan and J. A. Billett, Bro. Andrews presiding at the piano.

#### Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, when there was a good attendance of members and several visitors. Bro. David Owen, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, D.P.G.M., who also delivered the usual addresses. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows, addressing them as to their several duties: Bros. F. Rendell, I.P.M.; Henry Ash, S.W.; W. R. C. Sudweeks, J.W.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; G. J. Smith, S.D.; M. K. Sloper, J.D.; H. J. Johnson, P.M., acting Org.; H. Courteen, I.G.; A. J. Randall and E. Giddings, Stwds.; and W. G. Pike, Tyler. The sum of £10 10s. was voted from lodge funds to the Sailors' and Soldiers' Families Association Fund, and Bro. the Rev. Wm. Gardiner, G. Chap. Eng. (who was present), was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was served in excellent style by the proprietor, Mr. George Tanner.

#### Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877.

The above lodge assembled at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 6.30 p.m., to celebrate its 500th meeting. Bro. C. Gardner Vatcher, W.M., presided, and was assisted in opening the lodge by Bros. A. Jagger, S.W., and D. P. Vincent, J.W. The usual routine work of the lodge having been completed, Bro. Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G. Master Jersey, Dr. J. Le Cronier, Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge were announced and duly admitted. Accompanying them was Bro. Colonel G. L. Walker, Dep. Dist. G. Master Madras. The W.M. having welcomed the Prov. G. Lodge, and having offered the chair of K.S. to the Prov. G. Master—which was declined in very flattering terms—the usual salutes were accorded the brethren to whom they were due. The Secretary then read a short history of the lodge's career, for which he was thanked on the proposition of the Prov. G. Master, seconded by his Deputy. The W.M. afterwards read a paper giving a rapid survey of Freemasonry in general in the past, including therein the theories of various writers as to its supposed origin. The Prov. G. Master, in proposing a vote of thanks to the W.M., said that he was very glad to have been able to be present to hear the interesting papers read by the W.M. and the Secretary, and hoped that the example set by these brethren would be followed by others who were interested in the literature of the Craft. In the paper read by the W.M. there were, he said, points which might be advantageously discussed, and he hoped that on some future occasion, as time did not then permit, the paper would be again brought before the lodge, when the brethren would have an opportunity of expressing their opinions on the various debatable points contained therein. The Dep. Prov. G. Master having seconded the vote of thanks, it was carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

#### Jordan Lodge, No. 1402.

##### MASONIC MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRO. JOHN LANE.

A special memorial lodge in connection with the death of Bro. John Lane, F.C.A., was held at the Masonic Temple, Torquay, on Wednesday, the 17th instant. Convened by the W.M. of the above lodge, Bro. J. D. Beer, there was a large attendance of members of the lodge and other brethren from neighbouring lodges. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. Eng., P.S.G.W. Egypt, &c., delivered an eloquent address on the Masonic virtues of the deceased, and premised by saying that the death of Bro. Lane was the greatest blow he had received in his lifetime. As one got older the loss of the friends of former days was felt the more keenly, and to him there were "no friends like old friends." Initiated in that lodge in 1878, elected W.M. in 1882, in 1887 the late Bro. Lane was appointed Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Devon, and the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, elected him to full membership, whilst the Grand Lodge of Iowa conferred on him the distinguished rank of P.S.G.W., because of his literary research, an honour rarely accorded to Europeans. The late Bro. Lane was noted for his extraordinary punctual attendance, knowledge of ritual, study of the history and general information bearing on all points connected with the Craft. In fact, he might be termed a veritable encyclopædia of accurate information, and was termed the Statistician of the Order. In December, 1886, he brought out "Masonic Records," a comprehensive compendium of facts and figures, which had never been equalled by any similar work, and had no rival under the sun. In issuing a revised edition in 1895 he presented the copyright to the Grand Lodge of England, and in accepting it the Grand Master conferred on him the high honour of P.A.G.D.C. of England. A diligent student of other branches, he also took an active interest in the Charities, and always placed his votes at the service of the lodge for the benefit of the province. As his closest friend and Masonic executor, he had given careful consideration to the question of the disposal of the library which Bro. Lane had amassed, and which for purposes of reference was invaluable. As it is the most valuable collection this side of Bristol, he suggested it should be acquired by the lodge, and placed in the library in the adjoining room for the benefit of the members and the province as the Masonic memorial of No. 1402, Torquay. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O., as W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, expressed deep and sincere sympathy at the loss they had sustained. Bro. Lane's Masonic virtues were of the rarest type, and his death was an irreparable loss to the lodge and province and the Craft.

Various other brethren followed with their personal and general testimony and regret, including Bros. W. Winget, C. Hill, F. W. Rabbich (on behalf of the Torbay Lodge, Paignton), J. Taylor, P.P.G.R. (with whom deceased was identified in many Masonic undertakings), E. Pike, W.M. (on behalf of the Hauley Lodge, Dartmouth), and T. H. Wills, Prov. D.G.D.C. The suggested *Lane Memorial Library* was thoroughly endorsed, and letters of appreciation of the late Bro. Lane were read from the Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. G. C. Davie, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.); the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. J. Stocker; Bros. C. F. Matier, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler of Eng.; and others. Bro. R. Freke Gould, the well-known Masonic historian, wrote, "Our brother was so modest that I do not believe he ever realised the astounding mark he made in the Craft." Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., W.M. elect, also wrote from Shanklin, as another of the honorary members. After special prayer, the proceedings concluded with the playing of the Dead March in "Saul" by the organist, Bro. Heaton Bailey.

#### London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962.

The above lodge held its 19th installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 19th instant, when its proceedings were presided over by Bro. Farnham Flower Grimes, W.M. The lodge, which is recruited entirely out of the London Rifle Brigade, has the honour of contributing three members to the military forces in South Africa, and each of them is an officer of the lodge. The first is Bro. C. W. Potter, the I.G.; the second, Bro. H. E. Warcup, 1st Steward; and the third, Bro. W. J. Taylor, 2nd Steward. Bro. Potter went with the first batch from Southampton on the 13th instant, but Bros. Warcup and Taylor were to go on the 20th inst. They could not, however, attend the lodge meeting, as they were under orders for the service at St. Paul's Cathedral and the subsequent festivities at Gray's Inn and Lincoln's Inn the same evening. Their absence was much regretted, as it was intended to give them a good send off. The brethren who assisted at the ceremonies of the evening were very numerous, and, considering the universal illness now rife, exceptionally numerous, many other lodges having been extremely unfortunate in the attendance of members and visitors on this account.

The list of brethren who supported the W.M. comprised the names of Bros. W. H. Latham, S.W.; C. F. Elles, P.M., Treas.; Capt. A. Haig-Brown, P.M., Sec.; Alfred Collins, S.D.; H. H. Nuding, P.M., D.C.; R. S. Chandler, I.G.; J. H. Crickmay, Stwd.; David McNish, P.M.; W. S. Wright, P.M.; Hiram Henton, P.M.; Charles Folliott, H. Lintott, T. Merritt, W. J. Taylor, W. M. Ward, A. Wright, F. J. Bernau, C. Smith, H. Mardell, J. S. Wilson, W. A. L. Sarrett, H. E. Cox, J. C. Blyton, W. Wilkie Jones, A. A. Niblett, R. H. Tayton, W. Cooper Norris, and G. W. F. Dawes. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Ohlson, S.W. 1586; Samuel Harris, 1513; W. H. Walkin, 2272; B. Hoddinott, P.M. 2005; W. M. Wiles, P.M. 174; Charles Jones, P.M. 1060; J. Lancaster, W.M. 1586; R. T. Godfrey, P.M. 141; J. W. Caverst, J.W. 141; John Chapman, W.M. 140; Joseph A. Hobday, P.M. 160; E. Coleman, 511; H. J. Taylor, 2272; Richard Poore, P.M. 1949; F. Page, P.M. 1613; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; C. Coleman, 1489; P. H. Morley, 1693; John Kane, 1538; Charles Allen, P.M. and Sec. 1056; B. Crewe, 4; J. Isaacs, I.P.M. 141; W. E. Jeanes, J.W. 548; J. B. Boyle, 1328; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M. 862; R. C. Bowers, P.M. 15, W.M. 1321; J. S. Holloway, D.C. 2375; H. P. Stimson, 15; and Frank W. Little, 1278.

The W.M. passed Bros. T. Merritt and C. Folliott to the Second Degree, and after the Report of the Audit Committee had been unanimously adopted, Bro. A. Haig-Brown, P.M. and Sec., at the request of Bro. Grimes, W.M., installed Bro. William Henry Latham, S.W., as Master of the lodge for the following 12 months. Bro. Grimes was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren formed the roll of officers of the lodge to serve under the W.M.: Bros. E. W. Davis, S.W.; A. Collins, J.W.; C. F. Elles, P.M., Treas.; A. Haig-Brown, P.M., Sec.; H. Bishop, S.D.; R. S. Chandler, J.D.; C. W. Potter, I.G.; H. H. Nuding, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Crickmay, Asst. D.C.; H. E. Warcup and W. J. Taylor, Stwds.; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler. Bro. H. H. Nuding, P.M., who presented the W.M. elect to the Installing Master, acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout, and performed his duties most efficiently. Indeed, every step throughout the proceedings, as is always the case in this lodge, was taken with the greatest military accuracy, and the marches past are a distinguishing feature. After Bro. A. Haig-Brown had delivered the addresses, Bro. Grimes, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Haig-Brown for performing the installation was unanimously adopted. The Grand Lodge circular respecting the spurious French lodge in London was afterwards read, and when the lodge had been closed, an elegant banquet was provided for the entertainment of the brethren, and a good programme of music performed under the direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., by Miss Gertrude Macaulay, Miss Masie Riversdale, and Bros. Arthur Court and Roland Henry.

Bro. A. Haig-Brown, P.M., and Sec., followed his customary precedent, and handed to each brother his New Year's card, which this year was, in the following words: "The Secretary tenders to members and friends of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, Hearty and Affectionate Greetings. May the New Year be Happy and Prosperous to all, and our Brethren Soldiers of the Queen Have a Safe and Glorious Return to Dear Old England. January, 1900."

Bro. F. F. Grimes, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the toast wished success to one who was to rule over the brethren for the ensuing 12 months, one who, although he took the honour took also the responsibility of the welfare and improvement of the lodge. The brethren would find his quality, and at the end of his year that their confidence in him for safeguarding the honour and prosperity of the lodge had not been misplaced. Bro. Latham had worked hard to attain the position of W.M., yet he felt he would fill it with satisfaction to himself and credit to the lodge.

Bro. W. H. Latham, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said the brethren had conferred upon him a very great honour in selecting him to be their W.M. For many years it had been the object of his life to join Freemasonry. His father told him to wait as he was very young. He waited some years. He was in the London Rifle Brigade, and he joined the lodge attached to it. He came among his old comrades, and when he experienced the hearty welcome they gave him, he said he must go through with it and get up to the position of W.M. His father in Masonry was Bro. John Gen; at the same time he worked hard and tried to do his best in the interest of the lodge which he had at heart. As long as he was spared he should be only too happy to promote the interests of the lodge. Twenty-nine years ago he joined the regiment. Some of the old members had passed up with him, and it was now like being at school to see around him those who had grown up with him. He might inform the brethren that he was going up as Steward for the Old People, and a good majority of the brethren had responded to his call; but he would like to see a little more. They must not forget the old people at home who wanted assistance as well as the others.

Bro. F. Flower Grimes, I.P.M., in responding to the toast proposed and drunk in his honour, said although he had devoted much time to the lodge for the last 12 months, for which the brethren now thanked him, he had set a rather bad precedent in not installing his successor; but his time had been too fully occupied for him to get up the final work; but he was partially prepared; he felt, however, that the ritual required great attention, and if the most serious part of the lodge ritual was not done well and in a fully efficient manner it were better to leave it alone, and ask some one to do it who could carry it through with the solemnity which it deserved. He hoped he had

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given satisfaction to the lodge. For the first time in the history of the lodge the outgoing Master had not installed his successor. The present W.M. was going to persevere and try to perform the ceremony, and he wished every success to him in his endeavour.

Bros. J. W. Simeons, Ohlson, Roberts, and Warcup were among those who replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. F. Page, P.M. 1613, in the course of his reply, said 30 years ago he donned the Volunteer uniform, and he put it on again on the 13th instant. His only son was with the forces in South Africa, and his nephew would go on the 20th. They all hoped they would return. They had gone to do their duty, as every man should, and if the same events which caused them to go had happened in the earlier times of those who were now old they would have done as their sons were doing.

Bro. Elles, P.M., Treas., replying in that capacity to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said it was a labour of love to serve the old regiment, and it was a pleasure for the lodge to show such a successful year of working. His hope was that the W.M. might have as successful a year as his predecessor. The temporary absence of those gallant fellows who had gone to South Africa had affected the charitable associations, but it was quite open to any brother to take a share in helping the Steward.

Bro. A. Haig-Brown, P.M., Sec., said he had endeavoured to perform the installation properly, and he was glad it met with the approval of the brethren. As Secretary he had a great deal to do, but he did it with the one idea of keeping up the credit and reputation of the lodge. During the almost 19 years of the lodge it had sent up annually over £100 to one or other of the Institutions; this year over £160 would be taken to the Old People's Institution. If every lodge would do that the Institutions would not want extra support. On the other side of the account the lodge had in times past to call upon those Charities for assistance, and if they looked on it as a debtor and creditor account they could not say they had added very materially to the funds of those Institutions. They had now a candidate in a daughter of a deceased brother, and he asked the brethren to send him their votes.

"The Health of Our Comrades who have gone or are going on active service in South Africa," was given as a special toast, and "The P.M.s," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the evening.

#### City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.

The regular meeting of this ever-growing and well-known lodge was held at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W., on the 18th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Harry J. Homer, W.M., supported by Bros. H. T. Culliford, I.P.M.; E. Rutherford, S.W.; J. B. O'Callaghan, J.W.; J. B. Burton, S.D.; S. Fonseca, J.D.; A. T. Winkler, I.G.; T. H. Beach, Sec.; S. E. Young, Asst. Sec.; J. T. Townsend, D.C.; J. Swift, A.D.C.; Sydney Hill, Org.; A. Espirel and W. Hill, Stwds.; H. Fonseca, P.M.; A. H. Marks, P.M.; E. T. Ginder, P.M.; Peter Hart, J. Griffiths, M. L. Wade, Joseph J. Lara, Knox, Young, C. J. Homer, R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler, and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Hyams, 1349; Tom Fraser, 2438; and R. T. West, 1744.

Lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Harry J. Homer, raised Bros. J. Griffiths and M. L. Wade, and afterwards passed Bro. Joseph J. Lara. The W.M. did the working of the two Degrees in excellent form. In moving that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. John Swift for his unflagging energy as Secretary during his year of office, Bro. H. T. Culliford, I.P.M., stated that Bro. Swift had left the books of the lodge in such a splendid condition that it would make it an easy task for the new Secretary, Bro. Beach. This was seconded by Bro. J. B. Burton, and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously. It was also resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the W.M., Bro. Harry J. Homer, for the three beautiful banners he had presented to the lodge. Bro. Culliford, I.P.M., who made the proposition, observed that there was no limit to the W. Master's munificence. Bro. T. H. Beach stated that he was going up as steward at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' Institution, and he asked the members to give him their kind support. The Secretary read a letter from the Grand Secretary as to the spurious lodge named Hiram, and after two gentlemen had been proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Other business followed, and the lodge was closed.

This was the first time in the history of the lodge that there was no initiate, but the W.M. stated that Mr. C. T. Tracy was to have been initiated that evening, but illness was the cause of his absence, and he hoped by the next meeting that he would be restored to good health and able to be present.

The brethren partook of an excellent and well-served banquet.

At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured.

In giving "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. stated that for more than 20 years he had taken a warm interest in Freemasonry, and had done great service to the three Institutions.

The W.M. submitted the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said they were legion, and they all looked to them with the highest respect, because they must have done something out of the common to attain their high position.

The I.P.M., Bro. Culliford, proposed "The W.M., Bro. Homer," and said it was without doubt the most important toast of the evening. (Applause.) They all knew his good qualities, and if he talked for half-an-hour he could not sing his praises too highly.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. Homer, W.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He remarked that they had always treated him in the kindest manner from the moment he was initiated; the right hand of friendship had been extended to him ever since, and he had known nothing but happiness in their good lodge. He had said he would never take office, but when Bro. H. Fonseca was installed he insisted that he (the W.M.) should accept the collar of Steward, and shortly afterwards he was anxious to go forward and felt that he must aspire to the chair. He was now in that high position, and he was indebted to Bro. E. Rutherford, S.W., for allowing him to overstep him. He had been ill, and he appealed to Bro. Rutherford, who was S.W. while he was J.W., and he consented to his preceding him, and he took that opportunity of thanking him, which he did from his heart, for his great consideration. He could not resume his seat without tendering his best thanks to the I.P.M., Bro. Culliford, for the many kindnesses he had received at his hands, and in conclusion he again thanked the members for the great honour they had conferred upon him by electing him Master.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and said that was an "off night" and their guests were only a few in number, but they were more than pleased to see them and hoped they would come again as the lodge depended upon visitors. The last visitor to arrive was Bro. Tom Fraser, the S.W. of the Eccentric Lodge, a very old friend of his, and he had very much pleasure in associating his name with the toast.

Bro. Fraser said that when he entered the room a few minutes before, he had no idea that the honour to respond for the visitors would be thrust upon him. He knew the W.M. was a splendid worker of the ritual, because he had the authority of a Grand Officer, and anything that Bro. Harry Homer took in hand was always a success, and his reign as W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge must be successful under his genial presidency. Bro. Fraser concluded his remarks in a very humorous strain, which elicited much laughter.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that they were noted for their excellent working of the ritual. Since he was initiated he had seen them installed into the chair with honour to themselves and credit to the lodge. There were several present who had done yeoman service in the lodge and their great efforts would never be forgotten, and he joined with the toast the names of Bros. A. H. Marks, P.M., E. T. Ginder, P.M. and the I.P.M., Bro. H. T. Culliford.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was Bro. A. H. Marks, P.M., on rising to respond. He thanked the W.M. for his kind words and the brethren for the way

they had received the toast. It would be infra dig. for a Past Master to speak of what he had done, but still he was glad to hear the good opinion the W.M. had of the Past Masters. He was sorry Bro. H. Fonseca, P.M., had gone, as he could have told them many interesting things of the doings of the City of Westminster Lodge in the past. The lodge had never forgotten the Charities, and he thought they had beaten the Masonic world for their great support of the three noble Institutions. Might he say that he was the real founder of the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge, which, after many efforts, he started, and during the four years it had been established they had turned out some splendid workers, including the W.M. and other members of the lodge, and that was in a great measure due to the good Preceptors, Bros. Johnson and Andrews.

Bro. E. T. Ginder, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, and said it was difficult to find suitable words after the eloquent speech of Bro. Marks. The lodge had given the largest amounts of any lodge to the Charities, and the W.M. would take up a list for the Girls which would be a record in the lodge. He deserved the support of them all, and he urged the members to show their admiration of him by sending him up with the largest amount ever known in the annals of the three Institutions.

Bro. Culliford, I.P.M., also responded, remarking that there was a crowd coming along who would put the old Past Masters in the shade.

The W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary and the Officers of the Lodge," and said that two of his officers were initiated with him. No W.M. could have a better S.W. than he had, and it would be hard to find a better friend, Mason, and officer. The J.W. was a very old friend, and he was one of the best. Their energetic Secretary was doing yeoman service for him; he had done great things for the lodge, and was happy and ever willing to do everything to promote its interests, and with the valuable assistance rendered by the Assistant Secretary, Bro. S. E. Young, and the other officers, the lodge could not go wrong. He joined with the toast the name of Bro. T. H. Beach, Sec.

In response, Bro. Beach stated that he was obliged to the W.M. for his kind words and he would do his best to serve him. He was proud of his office and with the assistance of Bro. Young, the Assistant Secretary, he would do his duty and everything for the success of the lodge. They knew that Bro. Homer was going up as Steward for the Girls; he had taken charge of the list, but he had not taken it round that evening as the W.M. did not wish it.

Bro. E. Rutherford also acknowledged the toast, and said it was a great pleasure to be S.W. of the lodge. He was glad to give way for Bro. Homer to go into the chair, and he appreciated the thanks of the W.M., but he had not done a great deal after all, because the W.M. had always been kind to him.

Bro. J. B. O'Callaghan, J.W., said that he had been all over the world, but he had never enjoyed himself so much as he had as a member of the lodge. His father was a Mason for 21 years, and neither his wife nor any of his family knew he was a Mason, as he kept the secret because they were all Roman Catholics, and they did not know until after his death. He had worn his father's apron ever since his death, with the exception of that evening, as strange to say he had it not with him then.

The Tyler's toast brought the happy and successful proceedings to an end.

During the evening Bros. Knox, Young, J. B. Burton, J. T. Townsend, Peter Hart, and Sydney Hill, vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren.

#### Barnato Lodge, No. 2265.

The installation meeting of this important lodge was held at the Cafe Monaco on Tuesday, the 16th instant. There were present Bros. H. Raphael, W.M.; Harry Townend, I.P.M.; J. L. Goldstein, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Hodgskyns, J.W.; L. S. Genese, P.M., Sec.; S. L. Isaacs, I.G.; J. L. Harward, D. of C.; W. Wright, Org.; Rich. Whiting, P.M., Tyler; Harvey Townend, P.M.; H. J. Phillips, P.M.; M. J. Jessop, P.M.; C. Vandyk, P.M.; G. H. Paine, Geo. Everett, P.G.T., W. D. Courtney, E. A. Levy, Geo. Louissou, Alec Abrahams, J. G. Myers, N. Gluckstein, D. Rodrigues, Howard, C. Adams, E. Boekbinder, E. G. Jacobs, H. Rantzen, W. Snapper, B. Marcus, G. Mayer, G. E. Oliver, L. A. Britton, Alphonse A. Abrahams, Alfred C. Levy, E. Isaacs, J. Hart, S. Abraham, M. Joseph, Geo. Harwood, and N. Mitchell. Visitors: Bros. Frank Crocker, S.W. 2786; Edgar Gerson, W.M. 2427; Professor F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; H. Trask, W.M. 2743; Geo. William, J.D. 2743; T. Thorne, J.W. 1612; C. Coleman, P.M. 1425; W. Hammond, 813; W. Chapple, P.M. 1425; Louis Harfield, 2705; R. Smith, Unattached; P. Orustren, W.M. 185; C. Benjamin, 1688; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Withers, 186; H. J. Mason, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; Wm. Searle, 907; Wm. R. Bennett, P.M. 1965, W.M. 2705; John Walkins, D.C. 2202; F. W. Downes, I.P.M. 1158; Guy Repton, W.M. 2127; J. Marcus, W.M. 235; H. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; W. J. Stratton, P.M. 751; L. J. Abrahams, 2007; John Paul, 1287; T. M. Lamble, W.M. 1668; N. Raphael, 1409; P. Samuels, 2534; P. Raphael, 360; H. M. Wilson, W.M. 2202; Ernest J. Rix, J.D. 1891; A. Struff, S.D. 1891; Albert G. Neville, S.W. 2739; J. W. Parsons, P.M. 753; Edward Terry, P.G.T.; A. Isaacs, 683; A. Hayse, 2705; W. Paine, 2048; A. Isaacs, 683; Chas. Pullen, 90; C. J. Pennell, 211; Alfred H. Cooper, I.P.M. 2551; Percy House, W.M. 1585; M. Beedle, J.W. 619; Jas. Hemming, P.M. 2398; T. Genese, 188; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Simmons; C. B. Lumley, W.M. 2323; B. T. Walkden, P.M. 2601; J. G. Fless, 185; Tom Maltby, 1710; Hart Thomas, 1716; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Alphonse Nathaniel Abrahams, Barnet Abrahams, Edwin Aaron Isaacs, and Alfred Cashmere Levy and proved favourable to each of the candidates for initiation. Bro. H. J. Phillips, P.M., presented Bro. J. L. Goldstein, S.W., W.M. elect, to the W.M., Bro. H. Raphael, the Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was opened and the second part of the installation ceremony was performed in an able manner by Bro. Harry Townend, P.M., who placed the W.M. elect in the chair. The W.M. invested Bro. H. Raphael as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters was closed. The brethren were re-admitted and saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees under the direction of Bro. Phillips, acting D.C. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hodgskyns, S.W.; B. Marcus, P.M. and Treas. 205, J.W.; M. J. Jessop, P.M., Treas.; L. S. Genese, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Harward, S.D.; S. L. Isaacs, J.D.; G. H. Paine, D.C.; J. Hart, I.G.; W. Wright, P.M., P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; H. J. Barnato, G. Louissou, and L. A. Britton, Stwd.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The I.P.M. gave the three addresses. The W.M. initiated Messrs. A. N. Abrahams, E. A. Isaacs, and A. C. Levy. We have many times heard the initiation ceremony rendered in a manner good, bad, and indifferent, but we never remember to have heard it done before in so perfect a manner; it augurs well for the success of the W.M.'s year of office. The lodge may, indeed, be congratulated on having so efficient a W.M. We hope to hear him perform the ceremonies of the Second and Third Degrees. Ten guineas were voted by the lodge to the Boys' School. Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., expressed his surprise that the lodge had received no communication from the Grand Secretary's office re the spurious Lodge Hiram under the Grand Orient of France. He solemnly warned the brethren that they must neither visit nor hold any communication with that lodge under the penalty of the erasure of the lodge from the Grand Register, and expulsion of offending brethren.

A Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to the I.P.M., Bro. H. Raphael, who returned thanks to the brethren of the lodge, and the lodge was closed.

After a most sumptuous banquet, the usual toasts were given by the W.M., and responded to with commendable brevity.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was followed by "God save the Queen."

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been proposed, "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung.

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"The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy G.M., Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed, and duly honoured.

Bro. E. Terry replied on behalf of the Grand Officers. He could not find anything new to say; he had responded so often to the toast. He knew their W.M.; he had met him in another lodge. He believed the lodge would have a happy year of office under so efficient a Master.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said all the brethren knew him and his merits.

The Worshipful Master replied. He said he had long been looking forward to the present occasion, it had been his ambition ever since he had been a Mason. He hoped to direct and share in the Charity exercised by his brethren, the chief aim of Masonry.

The Worshipful Master gave "The I.P.M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Raphael."

The I.P.M. in replying, said he would help the W.M. should he require it, but he did not think it would be necessary.

The W.M. gave "The Initiates." Each of them replied in a few words.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was then given.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., replied on behalf of the Charities. He said that during the past year the Craft had contributed £50,000 in the cause of Masonic Charity; he spoke briefly of the work of the three Charities; he alluded especially to the Boys' School, and thanked the brethren for what they had done in the past and trusted it would be continued in the future, he also gave some interesting details of the many successes obtained by the pupils of the Boys' School at the different examinations, he said how generously those of the Israelitish profession had helped the Masonic Charities.

"The Visitors" having been given, Bros. H. J. Mason, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; Guy Repton, W.M. 2127; W. R. Bennett, P.M. 1965, W.M. 2705; H. Frank, W.M. 2743; and C. B. Lumley, W.M. 2323; replied.

The Treasurer and Secretary briefly replied to the toast given in their honour.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge," followed. The Tyler's toast concluded the entertainment.

### DEDICATION OF A MASONIC TEMPLE AT HORNSEA, EAST YORKSHIRE.

The ceremony of dedicating the handsome new Masonic Temple of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, took place on the 17th inst., in the presence of a large assembly of brethren from Hornsea, Hull, and district. Barely six months have elapsed since the foundation-stone was laid with full Masonic honours by the Marquess of Zetland, Prov. G.M., and during that period the building has been erected and thoroughly fitted for the important functions which will take place in its interior; and it will, in addition to being one of the public buildings of Hornsea, be a most acceptable home for the Masonic fraternity of the town and district.

The dedication ceremony was to have been performed by Lord Bolton, Past G.W. Eng., D.P.G.M., but his lordship had at the last moment to cancel his engagement. Under the circumstances the duty fell upon Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. The Masonic Temple is a two-storey building, and constructed of red and white bricks, with stone dressings and rusticated quoins. On the upper floor there is a commodious lodge room, with large ante-room and lavatory. The lodge ceiling is shaped and panelled, and round the room has been constructed a raised platform. Above the dais is an ornamental arch and key-stone supported on fluted columns, with carved Corinthian caps. The building has been designed by Bro. P. Gaskell, P.M., architect.

The W.M., Bro. W. L. Harrison, opened the lodge, the other officers present being Bros. G. W. Brown, S.W.; A. Williamson, J.W.; J. Gaskell, P.M., P.P. G.O.; T. B. Redfearn, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.A.G. Sec.; J. J. Adamson, P.M.; W. Fillingham, Chap.; Albert Elsom, P.M., Treas.; B. Hoobon, J.D.; Alfred Thrisk, Org.; David Houston, I.G.; W. Harker, Tyler; G. M. Dimbleby, P.M.; F. Carter, P.M.; John H. Obce, C. D. Brighthouse, G. L. Scott, W. F. Cross, and Wm. Thirsk.

At the head of the Present and Past Prov. G. Officers was Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. With him were Bros. J. G. Wallis, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. T. Davis, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; R. R. Hawley, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. Tindell, P.M., P.P.G.D.; George Leigh, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Towler, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Thomson Foley, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; and John Rennard, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. The other visiting brethren present included Bros. George Rennard, W.M. 734; John Work, W.M. 2134; W. G. Stead, S.W. 734; F. Lawson, Org. 734; B. Saggs, I.G. 734; J. E. Ellwell, W.M. 294; Owen E. Aves, 734; J. Fox, 1605; F. Fisher, 250; W. C. Thornton, 57; H. Davis, S.W. 57; John Watson, W.M. 250; A. W. Dunn, 57; H. J. Fenner, W.M. 57; T. Binnington, J.W. 250; E. Wickens, W.M. 1605; W. W. Shores, 250; A. McKinna Johnston, 250; R. Witty, Sec. 250; C. Nicholson, I.P.M. 734; W. Johnston, 250; W. E. Atkinson, J.W. 57; F. Liddell, 288; E. R. Conkerton, 57; J. S. Lamplough, 1027, Shanghai, China; J. A. Brown, P.M. 250; and A. G. Brown, 250.

The ceremonial of dedication was most solemn and impressive, and will long be remembered by all present. The lodge had been duly constituted, and at a given signal the Organist commenced playing a suitable march. The doors were then thrown open, and the Prov. G. Officers, bearing the elements of consecration, entered the lodge room in procession, the Prov. G. Secretary, as Consecrating Officer, bringing up the rear, and taking the chair of the W.M. By successive stages the new temple was dedicated to "Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence." Bro. J. G. Wallis, P.M., officiated as D. of U., and Bro. P. Gaskell, P.M., as Chaplain.

The following oration was delivered by the PROV. G. SECRETARY:

We are met together to assist in the dedication of a Masonic Temple to the worship of the Great Architect of the Universe, and let us heartily join in the sentiment of Royal David, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go up to the house of the Lord." A Mason's lodge is no common edifice. It should be regarded by the Craft with the same reverence as that with which the ancient Hebrew brethren looked upon the grand temple, erected by King Solomon, the wonder of the world, and the chosen habitation of the Most High! In that beautiful house dwelt indeed the visible presence of God. In the sanctum sanctorum stood the Holy ark of the solemn covenant made between God and man. Bending lowly above it were the golden cherubim, those mysterious creations, representing the inhabitants of Heaven itself. Between them was the Mercy Seat, and here a lambent flame (the Holy Shekinah) ever burning, never increasing, never diminishing, indicated the veritable presence of the Almighty Jehovah. Well might the High Priest worship and adore before the Divine Oracle, nothing was left to faith, Omnipresence was revealed! Now our lot is cast in different times; although we can no longer enjoy the visible protection of the Lord of Hosts, shown by a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, yet we have greater privileges than ever were enjoyed by prophet, priest, or patriarch. The full revelation of God's Holy will and word spread before us in the volume of the Sacred Law. Let us ever act up to the Divine precepts it contains, so that when this mortal life shall have passed away, we may hopefully look forward to a joyful resurrection in the congregation of the just. As the ancient temple was symbolical throughout, in its situation, its plan, its furniture and ornaments, so our Masonic temples are the essence of symbolism, a fact which should never be lost sight of by those responsible for their erection and furnishing. And here I would beseech you, my brethren, never regard your hall as a mere lodge room, such as any club might possess, but a temple solemnly dedicated to sacred pur-

poses. A lodge should be a sanctuary of silence and peace. No jarring discord nor wrangling argument should be permitted to pollute its hallowed walls, but debates should ever be conducted with courtesy and propriety. Your hall should be like that temple which was built in reverent solemn silence—

"No sound of axe, no ponderous hammer rung,  
Like some tall palm the stately fabric sprung."

Our temples represent the world itself, and are situated east and west, being supported by the three great pillars W., S., and B., represented by the three principal classic orders in architecture, the Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian. These orders are assigned as follows: To the Master, the Ionic; to the S.W., the Doric; and to the J.W., the Corinthian; and in their construction aptly represent the characteristics of each. To the two Wardens are also assigned the columns B. and J., the celebrated pillars of the porch, symbols of the columns of fire and cloud. Solomon did not erect these pillars simply as ornaments to the Temple, but as solemn memorials of God's repeated promises of support to the children of Israel. They should ever be found conspicuous objects at the entrance of a properly furnished lodge. The three principal officers of a lodge bear the square, level, and plumb, the attributes of which are so significant that their application has actually gone outside the Craft and become proverbial among the people. The rough and perfect ashlar well symbolise the rude condition of the initiate as contrasted with the advanced Mason, who is fitted to become a living stone in that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. All the working tools, jewels, and ornaments of the lodge are well worthy our contemplation. From the gavel and chisel (emblems of labour and education), the 24-inch gauge, that symbol of diurnal duty, the pitiful emblems of mortality, which repeat to us the old saying, "Quod sum, tu eris"—"What I am thou shalt be," the sprig of acacia which teaches us that there is another life, brighter and better than all this world can offer; and, lastly, the mosaic pavement of the lodge, which beautifully illustrates the vicissitudes of life, showing us that there is no condition upon which poor humanity can rely with confidence. To-day our feet may tread the flowery meads of prosperity, to-morrow we may totter in the uneven steps of weakness, temptation, and adversity. This is finely expressed by our late Bro. Rob. Morris, with whose beautiful poem I shall conclude my address:

#### THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT.

I on the white square, you on the black,  
I at Fortune's face, you at her back,  
Friends to me many, friends to you few,  
What then, dear brother, binds me to you?  
This, the great covenant, in which we abide,  
Hearts charged with sympathy, hands opened wide,  
Lips filled with comfort, and God to provide.  
I in life's valley, you on its crest,  
I at its lowest, you at its best,  
I sick and sorrowing, you hale and free,  
What then, dear brother, binds you to me?  
This, the great covenant, &c.  
They in death's slumber, we yet alive,  
They freed from labour, we yet to strive,  
They paid and joyful, we tired and sad,  
What then to us, brother, bindeth the dead?  
This, the great covenant, &c.  
Let none be comfortless, let none despair,  
Lo, round the black, grouped the white ashlar there,  
Stand by each other, black fortune defy,  
All these vicissitudes end by and bye.  
Keep the great covenant, &c.

Next came the installation of Bro. G. W. Brown, the S.W. of the lodge, as the new Master. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. L. Harrison, the retiring Master, assisted by Bro. Redfearn, P.M. This part of the afternoon's proceedings was equally as successful as the first, and the new Master took his proper seat on the dais amid the hearty good wishes of the assembled brethren for a "Prosperous and Happy New Year."

He then proceeded to invest the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. L. Harrison, I.P.M.; W. Fillingham, S.W.; C. S. Brighthouse, J.W.; W. Thirsk, Chap.; A. Elsom, P.M., Treas.; G. L. Shackles, P.M., P.P.G. Charity Representative; P. Gaskell, P.M., P.P.G.O., Lecture Master; Cook Laking, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; D. Houston, S.D.; G. L. Scott, J.D.; J. G. Wallis, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; A. Thirsk, Org.; J. H. Obce, I.G.; Geo. Tripp, Almoner; G. Stephenson, G. E. Twigg, and A. J. Harrison, Stwds; and W. Harker, Tyler.

Before the closing of the lodge, the W.M. expressed the thanks of himself and his brethren to the Provincial Grand Secretary for the obligation he had placed them under in consenting to fill the place of Lord Bolton.

On the call of Bro. WALLIS, P.M., hearty votes of thanks were also given to Bros. Gaskell, P.M., the architect; Redfearn, P.M., the hon. solicitor; and to W. L. Harrison, I.P.M., for doing a large amount of gratuitous work in connection with the new lodge.

Bro. BLASHILL, amid warm applause, presented the lodge with a new pianoforte, subscribed for by some of the members.

Bro. HARRISON, P.M., on behalf of himself and the W.M., asked the lodge to accept curtains, poles, &c., for the temple, and Bro. W. Thirsk presented the lodge with a Chaplain's collar and Steward's jewel.

The gifts were received with acclamation.

The installation banquet followed.

The W.M. was supported by the majority of the brethren already named, and, in submitting "The Queen and the Craft," evoked a responsive cheer by a patriotic allusion to the bravery and pluck of "The soldiers of the Queen" in South Africa. Following the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, S.W. Grand Master," he referred in eloquent terms to the distinguished service rendered by the Prov. Grand Secretary that day, who acknowledged the sentiment, and concluded by saying that they had that day enjoyed a symposium of a refined and a highly agreeable character. (Loud applause.)

The W.M. submitted "The Provincial Grand Rulers," which he did in eulogistic phrase, and wound up by a flattering, but none the less sincere, remark respecting the merits of Bro. J. G. Wallis, P.M., whom he described as one of the best, if not the best, of Directors of Ceremonies.

Bro. WALLIS thought that in the work they were doing in connection with the present war in South Africa, the noblemen of the country had not only shown themselves noble in courtesy, but in deed. (Loud applause.) Many of them had shed their blood for Queen and country, and proved themselves noble men. (Renewed applause.) The Prov. Grand Rulers discharged their duty well, although some did not get all they expected from the Provincial Grand Lodge, in fact, it was impossible to satisfy some brethren. (Laughter and applause.)

Bro. REDFEARN, P.M., proposed "The W.M. of the Alexandra Lodge and his Officers" and

The W.M. thanked the brethren for the support given him on that important occasion in his Masonic career. Speaking with reference to those about him, he said he had got a magnificent set of officers, all of whom he was sure would co-operate with him during his year. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed.



## MASONS AND THE WAR.

A Masonic gathering somewhat unique in the annals of local Freemasonry was that at the service held last Sunday afternoon at the Church of All Saints, Portsea, "on behalf of brethren in South Africa." The Vicar, Bro. the Rev. William C. H. Hawksley, P.P.G. Chap., had, with the cordial approval of Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., invited the attendance of the brethren of the neighbourhood, and excellent was the response. Masons were present in very large numbers, the Portsmouth lodges being well represented; whilst brethren from Winchester, Chichester, Fareham, Southampton, and the Isle of Wight testified by their presence their fraternal sympathy. It was cause for universal regret that the Prov. G. Master, who had intimated his intention to be present, and who was to have been the guest of the Mayor of Portsmouth, was prevented by a severe chill from undertaking the journey. His place was taken by Bro. Goble, P.G.S.B. Eng., Dep. Prov. G. Master, who was accompanied by Bros. Richard Eve, P.G.Treas. Eng., and J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D. Eng., and attended by Bros. Commander Gale, Prov. G. Sec., J. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas., and a number of Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past.

A large congregation of non-Masons and ladies filled the huge galleries, which constitute a notable feature of the church.

The brethren having taken their seats, the Dep. Prov. G.M., entered the church in procession with his officers, a special position of honour being accorded to the Mayor of Portsmouth (Bro. Councillor Harold Pink) who is W.M. of the United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069. The service was fully choral, the choir of the church being reinforced for the occasion by a number of visitors including several brethren of the Order.

The opening hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung as the choir and clergy passed to their places in the choir, the first part of the service being sung by Bro. Rev. Bruce Cornford, Chap. 487, and the special Litany by Bro. Rev. H. Watts, P.D.D.G.M. Manitoba, Chap. 257. The lesson, Exodus, xvii, 8-13, was read by Bro. the Rev. C. E. Crowley, P.P.G. Chap.

Amongst the prayers, the following collect found a place and will probably be peculiarly interesting to brethren of the Craft:

Almighty and eternal God, we, the frail creatures of Thy providence, humbly implore thee to pour down upon our brethren in South Africa, in their present need, the dew of Thy divine blessing. Sanctify them with thy grace, strengthen them with Thy mighty power, and enrich their minds with true and genuine knowledge, so that they may the better be enabled in their time of adversity to unfold the beauties of true godliness, to the honour and glory of Thy holy Name. Endue them with such fortitude that in the hour of trial they fail not, but that, passing under Thy protection through the dangers of this sublunary abode they may finally ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the petitions of the Litany two suffrages were particularly appropriate, having regard to the need of the time and the circumstances of the occasion. They were thus worded:

That it may please Thee to take under Thy protection those Rulers in our Craft and others of our Brethren who are in danger or anxiety in South Africa, giving them a happy issue out of all their distress—

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to be with the Grand Chaplain of our Order and other Ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments in South Africa, endowing them with wisdom, zeal, and gentleness, to the healing and saving of souls—

*We beseech Thee to near us good Lord.*

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. HAWKSLEY, W.M. 257, P.P. G.C., from the words—"We be brethren." (Genesis xiii., v. 8.) Such unity, he pointed out, carried with it the responsibility which always attached to privilege. That day brought with it a further recognition of such responsibility. From afar across the sea and over the African heat arose the sound of war cries. Britain's need had proved to be the opportunity of her sons, and when the call of duty was heard the brethren of the Craft had not been found wanting. Members of the Order had been forward to act as soldiers in the field or to suffer and endure in obscurity. The Commander-in-Chief in South Africa, his Chief of the Staff, and the general at the Modder river were all P.G. Wardens; he who (now happily) led their armies on the other side of the Tugela was a P.G. Deacon, whilst the Grand Chaplain of England was amongst those ministering spiritual consolation to the suffering and dying. To come nearer home, it was satisfactory to remember that the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army was also a P.G. Warden. But there were many others who, with homes desolated, businesses broken up and hearts broken were patiently content to suffer, to do and to bear. From all a cry was heard, inarticulate as a sobbing wail of agony. They at least could thus translate it that day, "Let brotherly love continue." It was a demand that support should be afforded the support of hands uplifted in prayer—a prayer which should be no less potent than was that of olden time when Joshua fought the battle of the Lord in the valley of Rephaim. That demand found admission as being based upon profound Truth. The design of the Great Architect included the building of all humanity into one harmonious edifice. They were brethren, but it should be in the brotherhood of humanity. The failure of the world to recognise this fact constituted the *raison d'être* of the Masonic Order. It was the hope of Craftsmen that its recognition by themselves might tend with universal acceptance as

The one far off divine event  
To which the whole creation moves.

Its practical form, however, must be that of affording Relief to the brethren. In the sacred name of Charity the preacher appealed to those present to support the War Fund, for which a collection was about to be made. Let each do what he could.

Hand to hand: a brother's falling  
Look—his burden is too great;  
Stretch the generous hand and help him  
Up before it is too late.  
Each right arm's a Mason's prop  
Made to hold another up.

Turning to the crowded galleries, he concluded: Yet will I add one word to you who link your interests with ours to-day. "All the brethren greet you." We welcome occasions such as this when the popular world, though uninstructed in the secrets of our Masonic art, marks its sense of the loftiness of our purpose and the grandeur of our designs. We thank you for your kind sympathy with the members of our Craft to-day; we accept with gratitude your co-operation in our prayers; but, at the same time, we entreat you to remember that as you have cast in your lot with us in prayer and praise, so it is right that you share also in our burden too, and join with us in the relief we seek to assure to those in need. Yes, all the brethren greet you: and, as they greet you, they bid you "Love as brethren." So all of us must do our best, for "We be brethren." The need, is great, is urgent; but, after all, 'tis a passing need—it will be met: and then? Then the end—ah well—

When the Master of all from His star-spangled throne  
Shall issue the mandate to summon us home,  
May each brother be found to be duly prepared  
In the Grand Lodge above us, to meet his reward.

During the collection, which amounted to nearly £60, the following hymn, specially written for the occasion by Mrs. Will C. Hawksley, was sung, and the

Blessing having been given, a very striking and interesting service was brought to a close with a Masonic version of the National Anthem.

## HYMN.\*

Lord of the sea-girt Homeland,  
Lord of the swelling main;  
Lord of the spreading lone-land  
Of Africa's broad plain.  
About Thy throne beat war cries,  
Blood sullies earth's fair breast.  
Send from above, great God of Love,  
Upon this wild world rest.

Strengthen, O God, midst danger,  
Our armies as they stand,  
Guarding 'gainst foe and stranger  
The honour of our land.

Arm them with gallant courage,  
Shield them from shell and shot,  
Keep Thou their posts, Lord God of Hosts,  
In need forsake them not.

They come from English shire,  
From calm Colonial scene,  
Far from off seats of Empire,  
All soldiers of the Queen.  
Sons of Imperial Britain,  
In Freedom's cause they fight,  
As comrades loyal; O King most royal,  
Do Thou defend the right!

The Brethren of our Order,  
Master, Thy craftsmen they;  
In face of fierce marauder  
Direct their way to-day.  
Through every rank united,  
In concord heart with heart,  
Masons protect, great Architect,  
Skill, courage, love impart.

Great sons of greater mother,  
Sworn brothers in the Craft,  
Greetings to each and other  
Across the seas we wait.  
Some fail, but truth is victor;  
Some die, but glory lives;  
Grant those who fall, just Judge of all,  
The rest Thy mercy gives.

Like wing of wild bird weary,  
Daring the gale alone;  
Earth's voices, sad and dreary,  
Float out in forceless moan.  
Tune them to notes celestial;  
With love the round world fill;  
And wars shall cease, as Prince of Peace,  
Is heard Thy glad "Be still." Amen.

## Obituary.

## BRO. THE REV. R. J. SIMPSON, PAST G. CHAPLAIN.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, to whose lamented death at the ripe age of 77 years we referred with regret in our Notes of last week, was a veteran Mason of over 50 years' standing, had been a Grand Officer for 32 years, and will long be remembered, firstly, as having delivered the oration at the dedication of the new Buildings at Freemasons' Hall on the 14th April, 1869, and also for the part he frequently took in the debates in Grand Lodge. Moreover, and this, perhaps, is a fact less generally known, he had been formerly a prominent member of two provinces as far removed from each other as Durham and the old Province of Berk and Bucks. He was initiated in the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland, of which he was subsequently appointed Chaplain, in the year 1849, and having joined the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, was installed W.M. in 1865. In the interim he served firstly as Prov. G. Chaplain in 1853, and two years later as Prov. S.G. Warden, Durham. A few years later and we find him in the Province of Berks and Bucks, of which he was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain in 1864, and in which we read of him as a P.M. of Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, in 1866. It was during his sojourn in this province that he was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, in May, 1865, and then a little later came the crowning triumph of his Masonic career, when first in 1867, and again in 1868, he was appointed G. Chaplain of England, it being during his second term of office that as the senior of the two Chaplains, he delivered the oration already mentioned. It was also in 1867, that he was appointed Asst. G. Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter. Be it added that he was a Life Governor of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and had served one Stewardship on behalf of that Charity.

## BRO. WALTER MARTIN, P.A.G.P.

Bro. Walter Martin, whose death, we regret to announce, occurred on Saturday, the 20th instant, was initiated in the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, on the 14th March, 1878, and on the 8th October, 1885, had the honour of being installed its Worshipful Master. In March, 1894, he became one of the founders and was invested as acting P.M. of the Old Boys' Lodge, No. 2500. He had also served on the Board of Benevolence. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Wellington Chapter, No. 548, on the 28th November, 1882, and was installed M.E.Z. in September, 1891. It was also in the course of the same year that he became a founder and first M.E.Z. of the Southwark Chapter, No. 879. He has done good service to our three Institutions, being a Life-Governor of them all, and having acted as Steward at five of their festivals, namely, twice in each case for the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions and once for the Girls' School. His services to the Craft were recognised in 1897, when he was appointed Assistant Grand Pursuivant in Grand Lodge, and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter.

## BRO. GEORGE BALMFORD, P.G. ORG.

A short while since we announced the death, on the 6th inst., of Bro. George Balford, formerly a prominent member of the City Council of York, and a very worthy member of the Craft in the Province of North and East Yorkshire; he had held the office of W.M. of the York Lodge, No. 236; in 1876 he became one of the founders of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, of which he was a P.M. at the time of his death, and which he served so well as Treasurer for some 20 years, that on his retirement from the office he was presented with a very handsome gold Treasurer's jewel. He was also a P.P.G. Organist of N. and E. Yorkshire.

## BRO. T. B. DANIELL, P.M.

Bro. T. B. Daniell, whose death occurred on Saturday, the 6th inst., was one of the most popular and respected members of the Craft in the East-end of London. He appears to have been content with his membership of a single lodge—the Merchant Navy, No. 781, of which he was the sole surviving member and a Past Master, and which he served for many, many, years most loyally as Treasurer. But if he was thus content with the duties of the one lodge, he was a staunch supporter of all our Institutions, with the Old People for choice. He was a Vice-President of both our Schools, and had served three Stewardships for the Girls' and two for the Boys' School. Of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution he had qualified as a Patron, and had made his children, and even his grandchildren Vice-Presidents, while he had served half a dozen Stewardships, the most important service he rendered it having been at the Jubilee Festival in 1892, when as the chief Steward for No. 781, he compiled a list of £781. In him the Old People have lost a sincere friend and one of their most generous supporters, and the East-end of London one of its most sterling Craftsmen. The funeral took place at Ilford Cemetery on Friday, the 12th instant, and was attended by the W.M., the S.W., and several of the P.Ms., including the Secretary, and many of the members, while prominent among the wreaths under which the coffin was hid, was one sent by the lodge.

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# THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" SOLDIERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' ONE SHILLING FUND.

## Amount previously acknowledged—

	Shillings
Lodges ... ..	49,328
Lodges of Instruction ... ..	1752½
Chapters ... ..	3852
Mark ... ..	3017
Knights Templar... ..	378
A. & A. Rite ... ..	2100
Allied Masonic Degrees ... ..	210
Red Cross of Rome and Constantine ... ..	42
Great Priory of England and Wales ... ..	2100
Rose Croix ... ..	42
Secret Monitor ... ..	30
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ... ..	120

No.	LODGES.	Shillings
2399	Ordnance ... ..	420
1704	Anchor ... ..	400
	Duke of Clarence, Bahia, Brazil, proceeds of a Subscription List ... ..	344½
619	Beadon ... ..	160 }
	" Collected at Dinner ... ..	160 }
2272	Rye, Collected by Members ... ..	230
1637	Unity, Harrow-on-the-hill ... ..	210
1974	St. Mary Abbot's (making a total Donation from the Lodge of 690 shillings) ... ..	210
215	United Service, Newbridge ... ..	100
132	Unity, Collected by the Brethren ... ..	70
1540	Chaucer, Collected in the Charity Box ... ..	50
813	New Concord, Collected at a Ladies' Meeting ... ..	44
2346	Warrant Officers, Collected at Dinner ... ..	37
2521	Noel Money, Collected at a Meeting ... ..	36½
	CHAPTER.	
442	St. Peter's ... ..	105
	MARK.	
T.I.	Old Kent ... ..	210

# THE MANSION HOUSE REFUGEES FUND.

## Amount previously acknowledged—

	£	s.	d.
Lodges ... ..	205	0	0
Chapters ... ..	10	10	0
Rose Croix ... ..	6	6	0
Lodges of Instruction ... ..	2	10	0

# THE MANSION HOUSE TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.

## Amount previously acknowledged—

	£	s.	d.
Lodges ... ..	1844	12	6
Chapters ... ..	32	9	0
Mark ... ..	6	6	0
Instruction ... ..	30	0	0
Rose Croix ... ..	1	1	0
Cryptic Masonry ... ..	10	10	0

# PRINCESS OF WALES' HOSPITAL SHIP (MAINE).

1259	Duke of Edinburgh Lodge...	25	Guineas
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# LORD PROVOST FUND.— LODGE OF EDINBURGH (Mary's Chapel), No. 1 ... ..

	£	10	10	0
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# GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF SCOT- TISH SOLDIERS killed in the present Cam- paign ... ..

	100	Guineas
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# PROV. GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE, on behalf of the MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT AFRICAN RELIEF FUND ... ..

	60	Guineas
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# WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Liverpool Masonic Cycling Club ... ..	21	0	0
" Reserves' Fund ... ..	5	5	0

# MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT SOUTH AFRICAN FUND, In aid of Sick and Wounded Soldiers, Widows & Orphans, and of the Wives and Children of Reserve Men called up for service in South Africa, and of Militiamen who may be embodied.

	LODGES.	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged ... ..		91	1	0
633	Yarborough (per Daily Mail) ... ..	2	5	0
	ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND	15	0	0

# B O U R N E M O U T H F U N D, FOR THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS of the Troops Killed in South Africa (per the Mayor).

	LODGE.	£	s.	d.
195	{ Hengist ... ..	5	guineas	
	{ Collected at the Banquet... ..	13	13	0

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

# PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY, to the SURREY ASSOCIATION in Aid of Soldiers' and Sailors' Families ... ..

	£	2	2	0
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# MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, February 3, 1900.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28.

Logic Club, Cafe Royal, at 6 p.m.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29.

### RAFT LODGES.

79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.  
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.  
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
2614, Household Brigade, Prince's Hall.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.  
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8  
Brondebury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.  
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Hotel, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.  
Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
Perseverance, Ridley's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail- way Station), at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.  
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.  
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., N., 7.30  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30  
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.  
Walthamstow, Lord Brooke, Shernhall-st., Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantom-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30.

### RAFT LODGE.

141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.  
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Egyptian, Salut tion, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.  
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.  
Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.  
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Langton, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30.  
Mount Edgecumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Kembles' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W. at Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow- road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

### RAFT LODGES.

822, Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal.  
808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.  
1708, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1471, Islington, Great Eastern Hotel.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Bruns- wick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8  
Bromley & Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" room, at 8.  
Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

### RAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
227, Ionic, Criterion.  
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.  
1210, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1351, St. Clement Danes, Hotel Cecil.  
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.  
1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant.  
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal.  
1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.  
1772, Pimlico, Holborn Restaurant.  
1790, Old England, Fine Art Gallery, Croydon.  
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.  
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.  
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.  
2512, Fulham, Town Hall.  
2550, Piccadilly, Cafe Monico.  
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.  
2675, Victoria Diamond Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Woodford.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

### RAFT LODGES.

90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.  
142, St. Thomas, Hotel Cecil.  
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.  
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.  
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.  
2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal.  
2467, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel.  
2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.  
2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel.  
2771, Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

8, Britigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
250, Prince of Wales's, Hotel Metropole.  
2206, Cator, Holborn Restaurant.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

### RAFT LODGES.

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.  
1049, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.  
2466, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall.  
2661, Mendessohn, Holborn Restaurant.  
2741, Cathedral, Cannon-street Hotel.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
1304, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

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