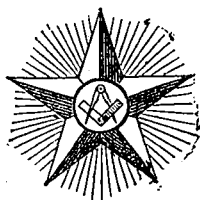


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The New Session.

WITHIN the next few weeks a large number of our Lodges will resume their pleasant labours after a recess which, we trust, will have given to their members refreshment and an increased zest for Masonic work. It is a fitting moment to urge upon the Craft generally the exercise of greater care and caution than has of late years been evinced in respect of sundry matters which materially affect the prosperity and progress of the Order. If we are somewhat venturesome thus early in our career in taking on ourselves to offer advice we do so in the dearest interests of Freemasonry; and because we believe that it is in the power of Lodge Officers to mitigate at least, if not altogether to do away with, existing evils. Amongst the foremost of those evils to which we desire to direct attention is that of indiscriminate admission of candidates into our Order. There can be no disputing the fact that the great increase in the number of our Lodges, and the strong desire of most of them to attain distinction on the score of numerical strength, have caused the introduction of men who were never fitted by social position, education or prospects to see the LIGHT. In proof of this statement we have only to refer to the lists of cases set monthly before the Board of Benevolence, and to those published by our respective Benevolent Institutions, and observe the large proportion of applicants in respect of whom neither notable Masonic service nor charitable contributions are recorded. It would be invidious to particularise, in this article at any rate, instances which must force upon the mind of any reasoning person the conviction that, notwithstanding asseverations to the contrary, the influence of mercenary and unworthy motives has had a great share in swelling the numbers of the Craft during the last two decades. As to the solicitation of friends against inclination, what can be said if it be a fact, as we are credibly informed it is, that credit for payment of initiation fees has been given to many so unblest with this world's wealth that such fees were beyond their power of payment except by instalments? It is time that a check should be put upon such practices, if they really exist; and our voice will not be wanting for

the purpose of denouncing what is tending greatly to injure our Order as a truthful and honorable society, and to swell the number of applicants for relief to our already greatly burdened institutions. The remedy for this evil is insistence that the law be observed in every case in respect of propositions for initiation, and that no exceptions shall be allowed by "Fiat" of the W.M. unless they be in strict accord with the regulations of the Order. The "Fiat" (let it be done!) is an innovation, and a very serious one. Probably permitted to meet cases of great emergency, it has gradually become a medium whereby introductions to Lodges are made on the very shortest possible notice and to the hindrance of the necessary inquiries before voting. The result is that men are received into Freemasonry who, had sufficient time been allowed to members, would have been reported as unfitted for the connection they sought. It is a very commendable practice in some Lodges to require from both the proposer and seconder of a candidate an unreserved statement in open Lodge of their personal acquaintance with him, and their assurance as to his moral behaviour, responsibility and fitness for admission, and it is a great pity that this practice is not universal. Before any of the members of a Lodge consent to nominate any person for Initiation let the following most excellent recommendation, contained in "*Ahiman Rezon*" as far back as 1756, be observed: "Let them (the candidates) first consider their income and family, and know that Freemasonry requires ability, attendance, and a good appearance to maintain and support its ancient and honourable grandeur." And what is still better as a recommendation, let no Brother propose a person to join the Order until after preliminary introduction to the members of his own family. The "home" is the place whereat we should first study the qualities of future associates before we connect them with our Lodges; and we may be certain our wives and daughters would soon tell us how far our intended initiates might be relied upon for fidelity to Masonic obligations.

This is but one of the many safeguards to the Order which have, during several past years, been neglected, and probably is, in fact, the most important of them. We could enlarge upon the topic to much greater extent than the limit of space allotted to our "Editorial" will permit. We shall, however, continue, at other convenient opportunities, to call the attention of the Craft generally, and particularly that of its rulers, to the subject, and meanwhile would respectfully urge upon our Brethren to give it their gravest consideration as an important factor for good or evil. The members of our private Lodges may be assured that any endeavours made by them to secure the introduction only of those who possess all the necessary qualifications for upholding the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry, and proving to the external world its beneficial effects, will be supported by the Chiefs of the Order. Let it be hoped that the new Session about to commence may be marked by an earnest resolution to prevent the entrance of bad material within our gates, so that the work to be accomplished before we are "called off" for another recess may be perfect in all its parts, and merit the approval of the MASTER BUILDER.

Lodge Officers.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Junior Warden.

"When the Junior Warden to Refreshment calls us,
And the Sun is at meridian height,
Let us merrily unite most cheerily,
In social harmony new joys invite.
One and all, at his call,
To the feast repairing,
All around, joys resound,
Each the pleasure sharing."—W.B.B.B.

As referred in our last article to the great importance of the selection by the W.M. of his first Principal Officer, and our present remarks may be applied with equal force to the choice of his second Warden. Indeed, there are some special circumstances which tend to increase the necessity for the exercise of even greater caution and circumspection in the selection of the Junior Warden, for, in his person, there is about to be constituted, as a member of Grand Lodge, a partaker in the legislative deliberations of our Masonic Parliament, and, for the first time in his masonic career, he will be called upon to exercise his judgment in expounding those laws which it has hitherto been his bounden duty to obey, and to assist in the framing of others for the future observance of the general body of the Craft. The change from a position of subservience to one of power is not unfrequently a severe trial of human nature; for the best disposed among us may often prove most excellent servants and assistants but intolerably bad masters. Nevertheless, it is from the manner in which the duties of a subordinate position have been discharged, and the zeal shown in promoting the interests to be derived therefrom, that judgment can be best formed as to the propriety of, and the results to be expected from, promotion to the rank of ruler and lawgiver. That brother who has the most fully carried out the recommendations contained in the Charge at Initiation, and more especially that "excellence of character" to which his attention has been peculiarly and forcibly directed, *Obedience*, is the Craftsman most likely to discharge the functions of a Junior Warden with credit to himself and advantage to his Lodge, and is the best qualified, in those moments when his column is in the ascendant, to communicate happiness to his fellow-workmen.

It has frequently been the subject of remark amongst veterans of the Craft that, as a rule, the most capable Junior Deacons have proved themselves best fitted for the office of Junior Warden, and have subsequently shone in the capacity of Worshipful Master. Of the respective Deacons' duties we shall have to treat in future chapters. We note the fact now as an encouragement to brethren not to neglect the lesser work in any portion of its detail if they should desire to merit distinction. Very often the office of Senior Deacon has not to be served by the advancing brother, whilst that of the Junior is but seldom left out of the curriculum of the Office-bearer.

As the third Great Pillar supporting a Freemason's Lodge, the Junior Warden represents that of Beauty. His prototype is Hiram Abiff, our Grand Master of ancient days, whose exquisite skill and masterly workmanship beautified and adorned King Solomon's Temple. His symbol is the Corinthian Order of Architecture, beautiful to a degree, and acknowledged to be the richest of the Orders and a masterpiece of Art. Our masonic tradition as to the conception of the Capital of this Order by Calimachus, at Corinth, should be well known (although we greatly fear it is not so) by every Craftsman who has the opportunity to use the Corinthian Column or Pillar of Beauty on specified occasions whilst in discharge of his duties. These may be said to be, in figurative language, the adornment of the work of Masonry with all his powers of genius and active industry, and the promotion of regularity amongst the brethren by the sanction of his own good example, the persuasive eloquence of precept, and a discriminative encouragement of merit.

The observations we have already made in respect of the powers of the Senior Warden equally apply to the Junior Warden. Both alike have the same privileges as to the ruling of the Lodge under certain circumstances, and both the same prerogatives in the Grand Lodge. The distinction of Senior and Junior is but the accident of rota, and does not affect the control which both or either can exercise in the government of the Lodge. "The Master and his Wardens" is the frequent expression contained in our laws and regulations, as well as in our ritual; and to them is delegated jointly the power to rule and, in conjunction with others, to hold and make perfect our several Lodges. In these respects they are *tria juncta in uno*, and this consideration should of itself enforce on the mind of every aspirant for the chair of Hiram Abiff the necessity of a full precedent qualification for the Office, and a sense that it would be not only detrimental to the Order he professes to revere, but dishonourable in himself, to accept the position without possessing the ability to discharge its duties with that credit and advantage to which we have before alluded.

Of these qualifications there are, in addition to those which have been enumerated in connection with the Senior Warden, others relating to duties in performance of which the Junior Warden should be an adept. To him is committed the important business of examination of Visitors, "lest through his neglect any unqualified person should gain admission," and however much it has been of recent years customary to have that duty vicariously performed, the custom would be "more honoured in the breach than in the observance" if the proper official discharged it. As matters at present stand, the examination is generally of a loose and slipshod character, and almost the slightest apparent knowledge of means

of Masonic communication is allowed as sufficient for introduction. This innovation upon an ancient and important landmark should be resisted by the Junior Warden, and in all cases, when strangers seek admission, he should himself "prove and vouch." Notably we find that on this point our brethren in the provinces are more conservative and strict than those of the metropolis. To thoroughly "prove," however, and with a certainty that attempts at imposture would be detected, the Junior Warden should himself be perfect in ritual and procedure, and that he cannot become without still further enhancing his qualifications for office.

The Junior Warden is the, in these days, presumed president at refreshment. In former times there is no doubt that he was president *de facto*. The Lodge was under his charge, and his column placed perpendicular, in token of his authority, when labour had ceased at "high twelve." Then "refreshment" was taken in the Lodge itself, and the necessity for governance during the hour of rest was obvious. Now, as a rule, all work is concluded, and the Lodge closed before the "social board" is approached, and hence the office of the Junior Warden has been deprived of one of its chiefest features. Nevertheless, much opportunity yet remains in the way of preparation for supreme command; and in the South can still be found abundant opportunities for acquiring and perfecting those qualities which, exercised in a more exalted position, render a brother Mason respected and beloved. The Junior Warden's jewel of office, the plumb, whilst reminding him and those around him of the rectitude of conduct which should distinguish him and them during those hours when they are beyond the precincts of the Lodge, is also an emblem of uprightness and integrity. The moral tendency of this beautiful symbol should be known, not only to him and to all Freemasons alone, but to all men who would "walk justly and uprightly before God and man, turning neither to the right hand nor left from the paths of virtue."

Punctuality in attendance on his Lodge is a most important responsibility on the Junior Warden. He should be present before the Lodge is opened that he may be enabled to "prove" strangers seeking to share in the ceremony of opening, and, equally with the Senior Warden, is expected to give a "full day's labour." Within the Lodge the ritual of the Order itself will instruct him as to further duties and responsibilities.

FREEMASON VOLUNTEERS.

IN connection with some of our crack Volunteer Rifle Corps there have been several Masonic Lodges formed. Of these we have knowledge of three attached to Metropolitan Corps, and it might be of interest to many of our Order if we were enabled to publish a list of all the Lodges so connected with the Volunteer Force generally. As far as we can learn, the first Lodge for which a Charter was granted to members of a Volunteer Regiment, as such, is the "Fitzroy No. 569," in connection with the Hon. Artillery Company, and the second the "Macdonald, No. 1216," which was consecrated in April, 1868, and is named after the late Col. J. H. Macdonald, the commanding officer of the First Surrey Rifles, at the head-quarters of which corps at Camberwell the Lodge is established. The warrant was granted to the then Major, now retired Lt.-Col. of the Regiment, Bro. Alexander Lodwick Irvine as first Master, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., as first S.W., and Bro. Polydore de Keyser, the present Lord Mayor of London, as first I.W. During the Mastership of Bro. Stevens a very handsome Silver Challenge Cup was presented by the Lodge to the corps as a prize for shooting. The cup is of the value of fifty guineas, and a sum of five guineas is annually voted by the Lodge to the holder of the prize for the year. On the 31st ult., the 19th competition for this Cup took place at Wimbledon in favourable weather. The competitors were efficient of the corps and members of the Lodge, the conditions being seven shots at each of the ranges of 200, 500, and 600 yards. Some splendid shooting resulted, the principal scores being as follows:—

MACDONALD LODGE CHALLENGE CUP.				
	200yds.	500yds.	600yds.	Total.
Bro. Private Davis	31	33	30	94
" Colonel Nevill	30	29	30	89
" Sergeant Burrow	27	32	27	86
" Private Newnes	29	30	27	86
" Corporal M'Alpin	23	28	33	84
" Armourer-Sergeant Watkins	31	26	25	82
" Private Messenger	29	26	26	81
" Corporal Allen	31	24	26	81
" Private Gunston	28	29	24	81

Amongst other prizes shot for on the same ranges on the same day, were the Ladies' Challenge Cup and the Sturdy Challenge Cup, and in both these several members of the Macdonald Lodge contested. A very keen contest for the first of these prizes resulted in favour of Lieutenant Lock, who made the splendid score of 99 out of a possible 105, and who also carried off the second with a total of 63 out of a possible 70.

We shall hope to be enabled to record the success of other members of the Macdonald Lodge at this meeting, which will terminate on the 8th inst., when the principal prizes to be shot for are the Irvine Challenge Trophy, value 70 guineas, the Wimbledon Series, the Pollock Challenge Cup, value 50 guineas, and the Championship.

THE EAST.

THE East is masonically styled the place of light, a figure that is too obvious to require illustration. It is in the East that "the golden doors of sunrise" open. Thence the god of day comes forth to banish the silence, coldness, and darkness of night. The benighted wanderers, chilled with night dews and melancholy with its ghostly stillness, turns his eyes longingly towards the East, and impatiently anticipates the dawn. So with those who feel the intellectual loneliness and darkness of their nature; they turn wistfully to the moral East, the heavenly East, the source of mental illumination.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

WHITE-APRONED BROTHERS.

COME, cease from your labors,
Ye white-aproned neighbours,
And answer my words—
Tell us, *Who are ye?*
"We are friends of humanity,
Hating profanity,
Spurning all vanity,
CHILDREN OF PEACE—
Men who can feel
All our *own* need of kindness,
And bless the GREAT GOD,
Who hath lightened our blindness."

Tell us, *What do ye?*
"By precept, example,
We're building a temple,
Fair, lofty and ample,
For HIM whom we serve—
Following the plans
That our MASTER doth give us,
And amply repaid
When His servants receive us."

And *What do you work with?*
"The Gauge and the Gavel,
The Plumb, Square, and Level,
And then as we travel
The Trowel we hold—
Skillfully these,
At first we're inducted—
Obediently these,
In the way we're instructed."

Your timbers, what are they?
"The blocks that we quarry,
And timbers so heavy,
Our hands shape and carry,
Those Ashlars are men;
Rough Ashlars they are—
But hewed, marked and garnished,
By precepts divine,
Our task will be finished."

Your resting, when is it?
"We look for no leisure,
We sigh for no pleasure,
We covet no treasure,
Till SATURDAY NIGHT—
Wages and joys,
And a rest without breaking,
Wait for us then,
In the home that we're seeking."

From *The Poetry of Freemasonry*, by the late Dr. ROB MORRIS, Masonic Poet Laureate.

A BROTHER'S ADVICE.

EVER with Fortune's bright sunshine around you,
Think well of the hearts torn by sorrow's sad throes;
Objects of pity at times may surround you:
Aid them with comforts, to banish their woes.
The tempests of life are oft sad and appalling,
Trouble's rough seas oft engulfing the brave:
Rush to the rescue when true hearts are falling,
Ever be ready a comrade to save!

Never through life turn your back on a Brother
Whom tempests have batter'd and wreck'd on life's way;
Rather be trying his sorrows to smother,
Let prosperity's sun lend him *one* cheering ray.
Friendship's the link which in life's cable bindeth
Firmer the Anchor that Hope leans upon:
If but one faithful heart a poor slighted one findeth,
His haven of life will be cheerfully won.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M., P.P.G.R. (Kent).

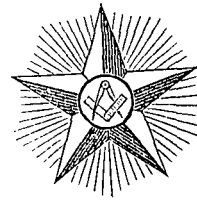
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FRIENDSHIP.

There are some icy hearts in which the germs
Of Friendship ne'er can grow. You know them long.
Yet never would prefer your lot among
Such undeveloped manhood; for the forms
Of men, but not their souls, are their's; no terms
Which they could offer, be they rich or poor,
Could bind our hearts in friendship for an hour,
Much less for life. Little above the worms
To which we all are journeying, are they.
The friends we lose by death we can't recall,
E'en would we do so, to this earthly ball;
But yet around our path the golden ray
Of other Friendships may illumine the gloom,
And cheer us in our passage to the tomb.

New Zealand Mail.

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Original Correspondence.

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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,
I should be glad to be informed whether or not it is the fact that the Principals of a Chapter can be installed into their respective chairs on the same date as that on which they are elected?
Yours fraternally,
G. B.

Answers to Correspondents.

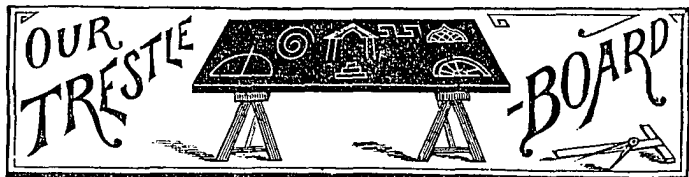
- J. SALMON, Willesden.—We are much obliged to you for the information re "Wharton, 2015."
- J. COOKSON, Stockport.—Thanks for information re "Strangeways, 1219." If you can and will recommend us an Agent for the sale of our paper in your district, we will arrange with him for a sufficient supply.
- J.W. asks us for a "List of suitable Recitations for a Masonic Banquet, stating where to be found and by whom published?" Such a list shall be prepared presently, but for the present we cannot give the request all the attention we could desire.

A Copy of this Number of THE MASONIC STAR has been addressed and posted to the JUNIOR WARDEN of each Lodge under the English Constitution at home and abroad. If any one of those Officers fail to receive same in due course a communication to the Editor is solicited, and the omission shall be rectified.

Secretaries of Lodges and Scribes of Chapters, &c., will greatly oblige us by forwarding notices of forthcoming meetings and information relating to Masonic matters of local or general interest to the Craft. Every attention shall be given to their requirements in respect of same, and we shall be happy at all times to reciprocate their favors to the full extent of our power. We respectfully solicit the support of each regular Lodge and Chapter and each Lodge and Chapter of Instruction by subscription for at least one copy, to be regularly forwarded.

Addresses of the following Lodges wanted. Notices have been returned through post.

Townley Parker Lodge	...	...	No. 1032
Studholme	...	...	" 1591
Northern Bar	...	...	" 1610
Eleanor	...	...	" 1707
Unity, Peace and Concord	...	...	" 316
Argonaut	...	...	" 2243
Dagmar	...	...	" 2262



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

We have communications from several brethren in favour of the proposal for opening a "Sale and Exchange Column" for Masonic students and collectors, and shall arrange for commencing same in an early number.

We shall be greatly obliged to the compilers or publishers of Provincial Calendars for the current year if they will be good enough to favour us with a copy of their respective works.

Masonic Notes and Memoranda.

"A chiel's amang ye takin' notes, and, faith, he'll prent it."—
BROTHER BURNS.
"The bearings of this obseruation lays in the application on it."—
Jack Bunsby—DICKENS.

The New York Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says:—Saratoga Springs is being treated to a "sensation" by George Law, an eccentric New York millionaire, who has given all his club friends presents of expensive jewels to the amount of many thousands of pounds. His passion has been to make a gift to every friend he met of a ring of the value of £100. He has an income of £50,000 per annum, one-half of which he expends in presents at his annual visits to Saratoga.

If George Law should come this way, it is just possible that a recent precedent might be followed, and a new Lodge constituted bearing his name, and affording him an opportunity of indulging his passion for making gifts to friends, and perhaps founders. If objection were to be taken to his name, there need be none to the place he came from. Indeed, it is better known than some names we wot of, and, in advertisement language, "distance is no object."

Bro. Ellman, a P.M. of Lodge No. 1303, completed his fiftieth year of Masonry on the 7th May last, and the South Saxon Lodge, No. 211, Lewes, with which Bro. Ellman is now connected, has forwarded to him a congratulatory vote, which we feel sure will not be one of the least of our veteran brother's highly cherished possessions.

The members of the St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, Landport, have presented Bro. Harry Kimber, P.M., with a silver inkstand and fittings, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as Treasurer of the Lodge. He had been a former guarantor for £100 in respect of expenses connected with the establishment of the Lodge, and the above grateful return is alike honourable to the givers and the recipient.

The Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, H. G. Pett, W.M., will hold its last meeting for the year this day (6th Sept.) at 5 p.m., at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will hold its next meeting at Keighley in October, under the banner of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, the centenary warrant for which Lodge has been lately granted.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at Stockport to-morrow, when the Lord Mayor of London will lay one of the foundation stones of the New Technical Schools with masonic honours. The 17th inst. is the date appointed for the Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, which is to be held at Knutsford.

The *World* pays the following compliment to our Bro., the Lord Mayor:—"There will be no further festivity at the Mansion House till the Lord Mayor Elect is entertained on Michaelmas Day. Mr. de Keyser has had numerous difficulties to contend with during his term of office; but he has amply merited Lord Salisbury's felicitous words of commendation. He has undoubtedly 'mingled judgment with benevolence, and pursued the duties of his position with untiring industry.' The Lady Mayoress has shown herself to be an admirable hostess; and Mr. Soulsby's activity and experience have once more proved an invaluable aid to the hereditary dispensers of that civic hospitality which has almost come to be regarded as part and parcel of the constitution."

The *Kreuzzeitung* appeals to "the officers of the German army," and to "all gentlemen of Christian and national principles," to resign their membership of Freemasonry. There are two parties growing up in Germany, those who honour and those who hate Freemasonry. The former will eventually conquer; but meanwhile bitterness will ensue, and, contrary to the designs of Freemasonry, political feud will be created. The Emperor is opposed to Freemasonry; his father was a strong partizan of it.

The Installation Meeting of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Bro. S. W. Graystone, W.M., will be held at the Forester's Hall, Whitstable, on Thursday next, the 13th inst. Bro. Saunders, S.W., is the W.M. elect.

The Cator Lodge, No. 2226, Beckenham, is stated to be rapidly growing in numbers and in a manner almost unprecedented in a place of the size of Beckenham. Let us venture to express the hope that the brethren of this lodge will study quality before quantity and not be too ready and eager to accept whomsoever may seek the honour of Masonic connection with them.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.—The Rt. Wors. Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master, The Wors. Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.P., P.P.S.G.W., Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. George Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., will hold its next annual meeting at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at twelve o'clock at noon (*see our Advertisement column*). The business on the Agenda is of great importance, and there will doubtless be a very considerable muster of the Worcestershire brethren.

The Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys respectively benefit to the extent of £100 each under the will of the late Bro. Colonel Edward Robert King-Harman, Parliamentary Secretary for Ireland, who died on the 10th of June last, and whose will has been proved during the past week. The personalty is sworn over £44,000. Miss King-Harman has left to her the Rockingham estates for life, with proviso that any one she may marry should take the name of King-Harman.

On Friday last the beautiful specimen of silversmith's work, in the shape of a wreath, which was presented to Bro. Charles Wyndham by his fellow artists from the Residenz Theatre, Berlin, was stolen from the vestibule of the Criterion Theatre, where it has been on exhibition for some months past.

Many of our brethren who have had of late years to attend Freemasons' Hall, and particularly the lodges and election meetings at the adjoining Freemasons' Tavern, will remember the smiling face of Bro. H. C. Knill, the Hall Porter, whose civility and readiness on all occasions gave general satisfaction. We are sorry to say that the result of a severe accident has rendered him permanently unable to do anything to earn his living, and he is now compelled to become a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Our brother was a member of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, and the "tongue of good report" has always been heard in his favour. Any proxies sent to us for Bro. Knill shall be faithfully applied.

THE CANDIDATE.

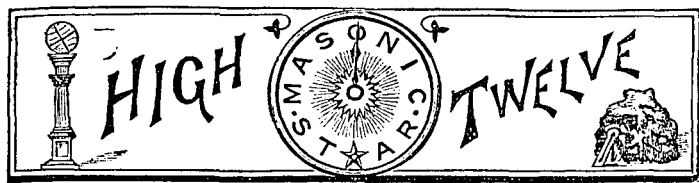
AT the present day, when so much has been said and written concerning Freemasonry, to become a member of the great fraternity is a matter of no inconsiderable moment; yet there is a touch of sadness in the thought that, out of the large number continually joining our ranks, so many are satisfied by merely coming into possession of the esoteric or secret portion of the ritual, without an endeavour, or even apparent desire, to penetrate further and discover the symbolism and true meaning that lies beneath the surface.

We see the candidate upon the threshold of our mystic temple, of his own free will, seeking admission to a society that has laboured for centuries in promoting the welfare of his fellow-men. There he stands, a man, free born, in total darkness concerning the trials he is to undergo, as weak and helpless as a babe, wholly dependent upon that Supreme Being in whom he expresses his belief. He enters into a new world, and receives a knowledge of all the virtues that expand the heart and dignify the soul. He discovers that the aim of Masonry is to introduce him to new views of life and its duties.

In due time he takes upon himself new duties and increased obligations, and by directing his attention to the wonders of nature and art he is taught that man is not to devote himself solely to physical labour. The cultivation of the mind and intellect, with which he has been endowed by his Creator, is impressed upon him, that he may be able to occupy with honour his proper station in society.

At length he attains the summit of sublime knowledge; he learns that man is born to die, and that beyond the grave there is hope of a blessed immortality. He has now passed through our solemn ceremonies and obtained possession of all the ritualistic secrets of the Craft. He has been instructed in all the details of that universal language by which he is enabled to converse with his brethren in every nation under the sun. He may to-day express his wonder and surprise that so much is contained in so small a compass; to-morrow it is forgotten.

What a theme for contemplation has been opened up before him. The ceremonies of initiation are but ripples upon the surface. Beneath lie the hidden mysteries, and to understand them requires deep and serious study. Volumes have been written upon these hidden things, yet it is a lamentable fact that few care to peruse them, or even give them a momentary thought. It is a duty the candidate owes to himself to investigate the ceremonies through which he has passed, and not content himself with the meagre explanation as given within the tyled precincts of the Lodge. Unless he does this, Masonry will soon lose its charms for him, and a few years hence he will wonder what such and such a brother, more zealous than himself, can find in Masonry to cause him to take so deep an interest in it.—*Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal.*



“Cease labour and go to refreshment.”

The glorious sun has attained its meridian lustre in the South, and declares the hour of high twelve. The Junior Warden's column assumes the perpendicular, to continue in that position only whilst labour is suspended for the purposes of refreshment, and to be lowered at all other times. The plumb rule rests against the rough and imperfect material to await the return of the workmen to their several tasks.

If the Junior Warden's column is perpendicular in the south at any time except when the workmen are at refreshment, whether before work is commenced or after wages are paid and “just dues” rendered, be sure that the symbol is not understood by either Warden or Tyler.

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We do not often get a good laugh out of appeal cases in Grand Lodge. Looking over some papers relating to the proceedings of a recent Quarterly Communication, we lighted on some connected with an appeal from a P.M. of a Lodge at Madras. A more frivolous complaint has never before, we presume, occupied the time of the august assembly. Yet it was made to cover some eighty-five pages of closely written matter, which, as Bro. FENN said, might have been condensed into some fifty words. Bro. PHILBRICK's able and witty exposition of the full particulars excited more hilarity than usually accompanies our learned Grand Registrar's addresses. The trouble was all about a clock which the Lodge in question had agreed to present to the appellant, in recognition of services, and the preparation of which, “with suitable inscription,” had been entrusted to a firm in England. Between the date of order and the arrival of the clock at Madras, some circumstances, of the nature of which we are quite uninformed, had arisen to cause a change of feeling on the part of the intended givers, and so the clock stopped altogether for the proposed recipient. Against this “wind-up” of his expectations the worthy P.M. appealed, but unavailingly. *High Twelve* will never sound for him on that record of the progress of time, and the “suitable inscription” has become no more to him than “such stuff as dreams are made of.”

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MY LODGE AT MINE INN.—Notwithstanding that Masonic lodges have not only assembled at public-houses beyond the memory of man, and have even adopted the tavern signs as a distinctive emblem, our American brethren evince repugnance towards sanctioning gatherings of the Fraternity at even an hotel of cosmopolitan reputation. The village inn and the town tavern are among the last relics of practical chivalry. During the Middle Ages, when travelling ecclesiastics found lodging places in monasteries, while bishops founded inns in large cities for accommodation of their retainers, designated by a symbol of celestial patronage, such as an angel, a saint, or, curiously enough, by a dragon, lawyers occupied inns of their own creation near the courts of law, while members of the mercantile and operative guilds sought shelter within taverns belonging to their varieties. The great barons maintained, in addition to their castles, large hostleries in the town of which they were provosts, whence they derived handsome incomes for lodging and protecting travellers, while the minor nobility kept taverns, over the doors of which they hung their shields, and where to this day we find in rural districts of England roadside taverns called the Talbot Arms, &c. Masons originally assembled at taverns, designated by the sheriffs of counties, under whose protection they were, and it is in memory of this ancient custom that lodges meet at notable public-houses, accessible to strangers.—*New Zealand Mail.*

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We note as an interesting announcement that Bro. BENJAMIN FOLSOM, U.S. Consul at Sheffield, at a recent gathering returned thanks as a Visitor on behalf of 600,000 American Masons. This appears to be an endorsement of the statement made by Bro. T. M. WALLER, Consul-General, at the Installation meeting of the Hornsey Lodge (No. 890), who said “that he was in this country as the accredited representative of America, and in numbers he spoke for 600,000 Masons.” These are big figures and worthy of our Brethren across the water.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE—No. 2068.—Bro. T. Tuffnell, W.M., arranged a picnic for the members of the Lodge, their wives, sweethearts and friends, on the 22nd ult., when a large party, occupying five four-horse brakes, left High Street, Portsmouth, for Goodwood, *via* Emsworth and Chichester. The band of the Border Regiment accompanied the party, and, as a matter of course, materially enhanced the general enjoyment. Opportunities were taken for saltatory exercise as well at Goodwood after dinner as at Westbourne after tea; and photography lent its aid to keep a pleasing record of the day's enjoyment and happiness. All were loud in their praise of the Committee who had arranged the entire proceedings, especially making “honorable mention” of Bro. R. G. Pither, the Secretary of the Lodge and the originator of the “outing.”

HUMBER—No. 57.—The Brethren of the Humber Lodge held their twentieth picnic at Rise Park last week. The party, numbering just on one hundred, left Freemasons' Hall early in the morning, and on arriving, at once proceeded to enjoy themselves in various ways. Archery, dancing, rounders, &c., were all well patronised. A capital luncheon and tea were provided, to which full justice was done, and the party returned, after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, soon after eight. Bro. R. T. Watson during the afternoon secured a good photographic group of the party.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

Our REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE COLUMNS we purpose placing at the disposal of Secretaries and Members of Lodges who may be willing to assist our endeavours to spread information. We shall increase the number of our pages as may be found necessary to meet their requirements, but must respectfully request them to condense, as much as they consistently can, the information they may be disposed to send us.—Address: Editor, THE MASONIC STAR, 33, Bow Lane, London.

* * * The list of Annual Subscribers to THE MASONIC STAR has been opened most satisfactorily, and we shall be pleased to hear from other Brethren willing to support us.

CRAFT LODGE MEETINGS.

MECHANICS—No. 245—JERSEY, August 16th, at the Masonic Hall—Bro. G. Long, W.M.—The business was merely of a formal character, and was followed by a banquet at which Bros. James Newton, Prov. A.G. Secretary, East Lancashire, and John Kenyon, P.M. 348, were present. Bro. Newton congratulated the Jersey Lodges on their possession of a Temple in every respect suitable for the performance of masonic work. A very pleasant evening was spent in social converse and harmony.

ROYAL YORKSHIRE—No. 265—KEIGHLEY, August 23rd, at the Masonic Hall—Bro. E. Lee, P.M. 408, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M.—CENTENARY—Emergency.—To mark this important occasion, the officers of the year were at the last Installation meeting appointed from amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge. After opening his Lodge the W.M. explained the tracing board in the First Degree, and also gave an admirable exposition of the principles of Freemasonry and its teachings. Bro. the Rev. J. Room, B.A., P. Prov. G. Chap., W. Yorks, and Chaplain of the Lodge, gave a very eloquent address on the Three Grand Principles of Masonry, which was listened to with great attention and was much appreciated. Both the W.M. and Bro. Room were applauded and thanked. Bros. Harrison, P.M., and J. Harrison presented a handsome frame for the Centenary Warrant, and also received thanks from the Lodge. A banquet was presided over by the W.M., and a most enjoyable evening concluded proceedings of more than ordinary interest to this old and prosperous Lodge.

LION—No. 312—WHITBY, August 20th, at the Masonic Hall—Bro. J. T. Stewart, W.M.—A good attendance of members and visitors. One initiation, to whom the “charge” was delivered by Bro. J. Stevenson, P.M., and one passing, Bro. Geo. Remmer, to whom the charge in F.C. degree was given by Bro. W. H. Falkinbridge, P.M. Refreshment followed labour.

ABERCORN—No. 1549—GREAT STANMORE, August 1st—Bro. Didsbury, W.M.—Installation—Bro. H. G. Webb was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Chas. T. Tolman was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Dr. Rogers, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. and Treasurer. Bro. Didsbury, I.P.M., was presented with a P.M. jewel. Greetings from brethren at home and abroad were received and acknowledged. The installation banquet which followed gave unqualified satisfaction.

CAMA—No. 2105—HAMPTON COURT, August 27th, at the Mitre Hotel—Bro. John Read, P.M., W.M.—Election Meeting. Bros. N. D. Fracis, S.W., Palmer, and Harrison were severally elected W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. A P.M. jewel was proposed to be given to the outgoing W.M. The Lodge was then closed.

ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE—No. 2184—August 23rd, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford—Bro. Geo. Westfield, W.M.—Bro. Walker was passed to Second Degree. Messrs. Brame, Poppy, and McHugh were initiated. The working of both ceremonies was highly creditable. At the banquet some excellent songs and recitations were given, and after a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated. Next meeting, 27th September.

REGENT'S PARK—No. 2202—September 1st. At the York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, Bro. Cama, W.M., Bro. Narotandass Indrajai Vaishnav was raised to the third degree; Mr. Pranjivan Jagjivan Mehta was balloted for and initiated. Past Master's jewels were presented to Bros. Goodchild and Shepard, P.M.'s, and after routine business the Lodge was closed. At the banquet which followed Bro Cama, in proposing the toast of “The Queen,” expressed his pleasure, as an Indian subject, that he should have opportunities to submit to English Freemasons that sentiment which was ever uppermost in the thoughts of their Indian brethren. The response to the toast of “The M. W. G. Master” elicited from Bro. Elmes, P.G.I.G. (I.C.) an assurance of similar loyalty to the Crown on the part of Irish Freemasons. The health of the W.M. was proposed by his uncle, Bro. D. P. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer, who complimented the Lodge on the good working of his nephew and his officers; and a very pleasing response was made by the W.M.—Bro. Mehta, the newly initiated brother, also made a telling speech, expressing his great pleasure at having received his solemn entry into Freemasonry at the hands and by the words of a fellow-countryman, and in England. He believed that such scenes as he had that evening witnessed and taken part in tended to cement the bond of union and national interest between two great nations. A very pleasurable and instructive evening was enjoyed by all present.

We have received some very neat and artistic designs suitable for Lodge Summonses and Craft Notices from Bro. Wm. GILL, of Queen's Park Road, Brighton, which are well worthy the attention of Lodge Secretaries and other brethren. We believe Bro. Gill would send specimens on application.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

UPTON—No. 1227—at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., Monday, 27th August, Bro. C. J. Free, W.M.; Bro. Fenner, Preceptor.—Ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the second section assisted by Bro. Simmonds; Bro. Fenner worked the third section assisted by the Brethren. Bro. Patrick elected W.M. for ensuing week.

KENSINGTON—No. 1767.—August 28th, at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Square, W.—Bro. Wood, P.M.; Bro. G. Read, P.M., Preceptor.—Initiation rehearsed, Bro. Sidders being candidate, Ceremony of Passing rehearsed, Bro. W. C. Williams being candidate. The 2nd section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND ST. MARYLEBONE.—No. 2021.—August 27th, at the Criterion, Piccadilly—Bro. Dr. Spurgin, W.M.—Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. Preceptor; Ceremony of Initiation rehearsed, Bro. Reed being candidate. In 2nd Degree the 1st Section was worked. Ceremony of Raising rehearsed, Bro. Hill as candidate. Lodge resumed. Bro. G. S. Russell, W.M. 1399, was elected a member: Bro. Greenway was elected W.M. for ensuing week. The annual dinner is appointed to take place at the Criterion on Monday, October 1st, when Bro. Cleghorn will preside.

WANDSWORTH—No. 1044.—On Tuesday, August 28th, at the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, at 8 p.m. Present, Bros. Curtis, W.M.; Peterkin, S.W.; Welch J.W.; Higerty, P.M. Preceptor; G. J. Jones, P.M. Treasurer; Hunt, S.D.; Wyatt, J.D.; Bray, I.G.; Bros. Gilardoni, Hudson, Clay and others. The Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wyatt being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hudson; who then very ably rehearsed the Ceremony of Installation, Bro. Jones as W.M. elect; Bro. Peterkin was elected W.M. for ensuing week, and Bro. Clay was elected a member. The Lodge has been working regularly week after week for years, and the support given by the brethren and the excellence of the work done is very gratifying to the Committee of Preceptors.

THE EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD—No. 463.—Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.M., P.G.J.W. Surrey, Preceptor; Bro. W. Fox Hawes, S.W. 463, Secretary, resumed its weekly meetings on the 4th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, High Street, Croydon, at 7.45 p.m.

DORIC—No. 933.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel Road, E., Bro. B. Da Costa, S.D., No. 1349, Preceptor, presiding as W.M., the fifteen Sections were worked in the following order:—

FIRST LECTURE.—1st Section, Bro. M. Corper, No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. A. Jacobs, I.G., 1349; 3rd, Bro. Shoesmith, W.M., 1349; 4th, Bro. L. Da Costa, S.W., 1349; 5th, Bro. J. De Casseres, J.W., 1349; 6th, Bro. J. Maloney, J.W., 1625; 7th, Bro. W. Richardson, J.W., 174.

SECOND LECTURE.—1st Section, Bro. C. Fox, J.D., No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. L. Simmons, 185; 3rd, Bro. Oxley, J.W., 1306; 4th, Bro. D. Moss, P.M., 1275; 5th, Bro. D. Shuter, 1349.

THIRD LECTURE.—1st Section, Bro. H. Marks, P.M., No. 1349; 2nd, Bro. W. Musto, P.M., 1349; 3rd, Bro. Harris, 1349.

The Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622, Bro. David Rose, P.M., Preceptor, Bro. T. Grummant, P.M., Secretary, resumes its meetings at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, TO-DAY, the 6th inst., at 8 o'clock.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor, resumed its meetings on Saturday last, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, at 7.30 p.m.

The members of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891, are requested to meet at eight o'clock on Monday evening next, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, near to the station, in order to assist Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M., the Preceptor, to form plans for the ensuing session. Bro. P. Skar is the W.M. elect for the evening.

The Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, resumed its weekly meetings on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury.

ST. AUBYN ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, H.R.D.M., 20.—The annual meeting of the members was held on Wednesday, 29th ult., at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport. The M.W.S. Elect, Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, J.P., was installed. The M.W.S. of the past year, Frater W. Trevena, officiated as the installing officer, assisted by Fraters C. Watson, T. Goodall, J. Allen, P.M.W.S., St. Aubyn Chapter, 20; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. (21 degree); F. B. Westlake (30 degree); J. H. Keats, P.M.W.S., Huyshe Chapter, 38; and E. Aitken-Davies, M.W.S., 38, P.M.W.S., 20. The Fraters invested as the officers were Captain Quin, R.N., Prel.; F. Crouch, 1st G.; G. L. Woodland, 2nd G.; C. Watson, P.M.W.S., Treas.; T. Goodall, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. H. Gillman, Raphael; W. G. Watson, G.M.; J. Austin, P.M.W.S., C.G.; C. Newton, O.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.M.W.S., Herald; S. Harvey, Equerry. I.B. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the Chapter a group of handsome photographs of the Supreme Council, 33 degree, appropriately framed. On a panel was inscribed, "Presented to the St. Aubyn Chapter S.P.R.C., of H.R.D.M., No. 20, Devonport, by the I.B. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 degree, P.M.W.S., and High Prelate, August 29th, 1888." In the evening the Fraters dined together at Williams's Restaurant, Chapel Street. The M.W.S., Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, presided.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER MEETINGS.

WEST SMITHFIELD, Chapter No. 1623.—August 23rd, at Anderton's Hotel, London, E.C. M.E. Compn. Edward Mallet, Z. The exaltation of a brother at this meeting had been anticipated, but at the last moment circumstances prevented his attendance, and the companions were deprived of the pleasure of hearing the beautiful ceremony as worked by Compns. Mallet and Patrick, both adepts in R.A. Masonry. A candidate for exaltation at ensuing meeting was proposed, and the chapter was then closed. A banquet followed, and a very agreeable evening was spent by the companions, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

CHAPTER OF INTEGRITY (No. 380), 20th August.—At the Masonic Hall, Morley, Yorks, M. E. Comp. W. H. Stewart, Z., Comp. Quartermaine was duly installed successively into the chairs of J. and H. by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z. 304, 306, and 380, and P.P. G.H. West Yorks, under the special dispensation of the Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire. Bros. T. Barron, W.M.; C. Reyner, G. Johnson, and M. H. Sykes, of 380, were then successfully balloted for as candidates, and Bros. Sykes and Rayner, being in attendance, were exalted by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z., &c., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Verity, P.Z. The thanks of the chapter having been specially voted to Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z., for his ready and effective aid on that and many former occasions, and also a vote of congratulation to Comp. Steele, P.Z., on his recent marriage, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to supper, and spent a pleasant hour or two at the social board.

A meeting of the Belvidere Chapter, No. 503, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and was numerously attended. In addition to the usual business, Bros. R. McVicar and G. F. Baker were admitted to the Order. The members afterwards dined together at the New Inn Hotel, by kind invitation of the Principal of the chapter, Comp. C. G. Long.

MARK MASONRY.

FOREST OF DEAN—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 340.—August the 22nd, at the Speech House. Bro. J. L. Piddock, P.M. 338, approved by ballot at previous meeting, was advanced to the degree of M.M.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. Bro. M. F. Carter, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. S. W. Hardingham was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Job Webb, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

For some of the items of information in the foregoing paragraphs we are indebted to the pages of our contemporaries, *The Freemason* and the *The Freemasons' Chronicle*. We have the satisfaction of knowing that our Editor has been of some service to these excellent journals during many past years, and we have therefore not hesitated to make present use of them. In the future, and when we are grown up, we shall welcome a similar use of our pages by them, "should they so desire it."

NORTHUMBERLAND FREEMASONRY.

CONSECRATION OF THE "RIDLEY" LODGE.

THE annual provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on Friday, the 31st ult., in the Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., presided, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. H. Holmes, P.G.D., and a large number of provincial officers and members of the various lodges in the province. The provincial lodge was held under the banner of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.

An interesting feature in the proceedings of the meeting was the consecration of a new lodge named, by permission of the Provincial Grand Master, "The Ridley Lodge," No. 2,260. The consecration ceremony took place in a most impressive manner, the principal officers who took part in the ceremony being the Prov. Grand Master (Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart.), the Deputy P.G.M. (Bro. Richard Henry Holmes, P.G.D.), the Acting Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. Rev. T. B. Nichols, M.A., P.P.S.G.W.), who gave the address and prayers in a most effective manner; the Provincial Grand Secretary (Brother B. J. Thompson), the Provincial Grand Registrar (Bro. J. M. Winter), the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Adam Robertson), and the Provincial Grand Wardens and other officers. Bro. George E. Macarthy, P.M., P.P.G.R., was installed as the first W.M. of the new lodge, and he afterwards appointed the officers for the Ridley Lodge, which will meet at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, on the first Tuesday of each month.

In the course of his subsequent address to the officers and members of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master expressed how pleased he had been with the compliment that had been paid to him by the brethren who had formed the new lodge in the province. When he heard that they proposed to pay him the compliment they had done, to call the lodge by his name, he felt highly honoured, and it was impossible for him to refuse to advance the prayer of their petition, and he had had great pleasure in duly constituting the lodge in accordance with the constitutions of the Order and the charter of the Grand Lodge of England. He expressed his best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Ridley Lodge, of which, in the course of proceedings, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley was proposed as a member.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed the officers for the year, and Hexham was named as the place of next annual meeting. The ceremony of consecration was one of the most beautiful and solemn that has been witnessed in the north for some years, and the Ridley Lodge was altogether constituted under the most favorable auspices.

The musical portion of the ceremony was performed by Bros. John Nutton and G. Leatham, of Durham Cathedral Choir, and Bros. R. Ferry, P.G.O., and R. Liddle, P.G.O.

MASONIC UNITY.—With reference to the Masonic Union in New South Wales, we are informed that the matter is practically accomplished, as over 160 lodges out of 180 have signified their intention of joining the United Grand Lodge.

Obituary.

BRO. LORD ALFRED PAGET.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Lord Alfred Paget, who had held the office of Clerk Marshal to Her Majesty with one or two brief interruptions since 1846 and concurrently till 1874, that of Chief Equerry as well. Our deceased brother was a great favourite with both the Queen and Prince of Wales, and was also popular in society. He was Vice-Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, and his death, which occurred suddenly on the evening of Friday, the 24th ult., took place on board his yacht, off Inverness. The deceased was the third son of the distinguished cavalry officer, the Marquess of Anglesea, who lost his leg at Waterloo, and was in his 72nd year, having been born in 1816. The funeral took place in Hampton Church on Wednesday, among those present being, in addition to the members of the family, Bros. Lord Suffield, Admirals Lord Alcester and Sir E. A. Inglefield, and others. The Hon. W. H. Carington, Equerry to the Queen, represented Her Majesty, and Major-General Arthur Ellis the Prince of Wales.

BRO. JOHN T. ALSTON, P.M.

The funeral of Bro. John T. Alston, of the firm of Messrs. J. and W. Alston, contractors, of Liverpool, took place at Everton Cemetery on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and was attended by a large gathering of the family and friends of the deceased, as well as very many members of the Masonic Fraternity, with which he had been connected for several years, being a Past Master of the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 213. Among the brethren present to show respect to Bro. Alston's memory were Bros. G. R. Ashton, W.M. 203; C. Birch, P.M., 203; E. Johnston, P.M., P.S.G.D.; J. P. Bryan, P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. May Smith, 1570; J. N. Hounsell, P.M. 203; W. McCulloch, 203; W. Gick, P.M. 203; P. Ball, P.P.G.T.; J. Casey, P.M. 1570; H. Taylor, 203; H. James, P.M., P.G.D.; J. M. Smythe, H. 203; B. Bailey, S.D. 2114; S. Dean, 203; T. Saxon, 241; J. Brotherton, P.M. 241; J. Winsor, P.M. 241; W. Thomas, 203; W. H. Martin, 203; J. Martin, 823; J. W. Baker, Sec. 203; J. Galloway, I.P.M. 203; W. Eastwood, 203; F. S. Fisher, 203; J. McEwen, Steward 203; R. Britten, P.M. 1756; J. Grierson, P.M. 1756; Bradley Pass, 477; T. S. Sergeant, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Wilson, 203; W. Heaton, 203; Phillips, 203; E. Donnelly, S.W. 203; J. G. Highfield, 203; G. J. Clough, S.D. 203; F. G. Elsworth, 241; J. B. Treasure, 1013; C. Bargery, P.M. 1756, P.G.D.; Bullen, 1756; and others.

BRO. JOSEPH E. HIRST, 823.

The remains of the late Bro. Joseph E. Hirst, of 124, Spencer Street, and 6 and 8, Rigby Street, Liverpool, were interred in the Necropolis of that city, on Saturday afternoon, the 25th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. The deceased was highly respected in his business, and by his kindly disposition had endeared himself to a large circle. Up to his death the deceased was a member of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, and the following brethren of his lodge joined in the procession: Bros. W. Maddox, W.M.; W. J. Lunt, C.C. P.M.; Robt. W. Gow, I.P.M.; J. J. Boyle, P.M.; R. T. Britten, S.W.; W. Spencer, Steward; Evan Morgan, W. J. Quine, Edward Beaven, Robert Arden, Walter Gaskill, P. Nicholson, C. H. W. Bush, G. Thomas, and others. The services in the chapel, and likewise at the grave, were conducted by the Rev. Daniel Jones, minister of Everton Road Baptist Chapel.

BROTHER HENRY JEFFS.

Bro. HENRY JEFFS, the well-known antiquary and Freemason, died at Gloucester, his native city, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The deceased gentleman, who was 69 years of age, for many years was a voluminous writer on various subjects connected with the early history of Gloucester, and particularly of the Cathedral. He for several years gratuitously edited the *Gloucester Mercury*, and was a well-known contributor to the press on archaeological subjects generally. He was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of the monument to Bishop Hooper which stands near Gloucester Cathedral. As a Freemason, Bro. Jeffs was also highly respected by a very wide circle of acquaintances. He joined the Royal Lebanon Lodge, of which he filled the chair in the years 1866-7 and 1875, and on the removal of the Zetland Lodge to Gloucester he joined that, occupying the chair in 1881, 1883 and 1886. He filled the office of Provincial Grand Junior Warden of the Province of Gloucestershire in 1872 and 1873, and last year received Jubilee honours at the hands of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., by his appointment to the rank of Past P.G.S.W. He was also Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Master Mark Masons of the county of Gloucestershire. He filled the office of High Sheriff of the city of Gloucester in 1882-3. The local freemasons presented him with a handsome shrieval chair of office, which he afterwards gave to the Gloucester Corporation for the use of his successors.

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For the current week, compiled from the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* (G. KENNING, London). This table is correct as to days of meeting named in the respective Warrants or Charters. In some instances, however, the Lodges, &c., may be out of session, and further enquiry may be necessary to prevent disappointment.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Lo., Lodges; R. A. C., Chapters; Mk., Mark Lodges; R. Cr., Rose Croix Chapters; R. X., Red Cross Conclaves; F. M. H., Freemasons' Hall, London; F. M. T., Freemasons' Tavern, London; M. C., Masonic Club; M. H., Masonic Hall; M. R., Masonic Rooms; M. T., Masonic Temple; P. R., Private Rooms; Hot., Hotel; Tav., Tavern; C. H., Coffee House; To. Ha., Town Hall; Rt., Restaurant.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
THIS DAY, (1st) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.			(2nd) TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th.		
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge	548	Wellington... ..	White Swan Tavern, Deptford
1445	Prince Leopold	Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.	1269	Stanhope	S. M. H., Camberwell
1790	Old England	Mas. Hall, New Thornton Heath.	Mark.		
1950	Southgate	Railway Hotel, New Southgate.	22	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
2128	United Northern Counties	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	223	West Smithfield	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
(1st) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th.			(2nd) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th.		
1815	Penge	Cricknet Hotel, Anerley	GENERAL COMMITTEE, BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, AT 4.		
R.A.C.			87	Vitruvian	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
1489	Ezra	Met. Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.	1228	Beacontree	Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
(2nd) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th.			1986	Honor Oak... ..	White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.
869	Gresham	Cheshunt Gt. Ho., Cheshunt Park	R.A.C.		
1446	Mount Edgecumbe	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge	946	Strawberry Hill	Town Hall, Twickenham.
1607	Loyalty	London Tavern, Fenchurch Street	1260	John Hervey	Holborn Restaurant.
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton	1446	Mount Edgecumbe	St. Botolph's Chmbrs., 191, Bishopsgt. St.
1743	Perseverance	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hotel.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.	1549	Stammore	Abercorn Ho., Great Stanmore.
R.A.C.			(2nd) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th.		
1293	Burdett	Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court	1076	Capper	Guilddhall Tavern, Gresham Street.
(2nd) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th.			1558	Duke of Connaught	S. M. H., Camberwell.
1366	Highgate	Gate House Hotel, Highgate	1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
R.A.C.			2168	Derby Alleroft	Athenaeum, Camden Road, Islington.
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.	R.A.C.		
			72	Royal Jubilee	Anderton's Hotel.
			860	Temperance-in-the-East	6, Newby Place, Poplar.
			898	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hotel.
			907	Royal Albert	White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS—continued.		
43	St. Paul's	22nd Oct M. H., New Street	1821	Atlingworth	20th Sept Ditto
74	Athol	3rd Oct M. H., Severn Street	1947	Stanford	10th Sept Town Hall, Hove
468	Light	16th Oct Great Western Hotel	2201	Earl of Sussex	27th Oct Royal Pavilion
473	Faithful	9th Oct M. H., New Street	R.A.C.		
587	Howe	8th Oct Ditto	271	Lennox	2nd Nov Ditto
739	Temperance	10th Sept Ditto	315	Royal Pavilion	16th Oct Ditto
887	Leigh	22nd Oct Ditto	732	Royal Sussex	27th Sept Ditto
925	Bedford	17th Sept Ditto	811	Yarborough	12th Oct Ditto
938	Grosvenor	19th Sept Ditto	1466	Hova Villa	5th Oct Old Ship Hotel
1016	Elkington	25th Sept Ditto	BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
1031	Fletcher	12th Sept Ditto	68	Royal Clarence	10th Sept F. M. H., Park Street
1163	Emulation	27th Sept Ditto	103	Beaufort	2nd Oct Ditto
1180	Forward	1st Oct Ditto	187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	12th Sept Ditto
1474	Israel	8th Oct M. H., Severn Street	326	Molra	3rd Oct Ditto
1551	Charity	18th Sept M. H., New Street	610	Colston	19th Sept Ditto
1644	Alma Mater	19th Oct Ditto	686	Jerusalem	9th Oct Ditto
R.A.C.			1388	Canynge	6th Oct Ditto
43	Fortitude	11th Sept Great Western Hotel	1494	St. Vincent	27th Sept Ditto
74	Athol	4th Nov M. H., Severn Street	2257	Powell	24th Sept Ditto
587	Howe	1st Nov M. H., New Street	R.A.C.		
938	Grosvenor	6th Nov Ditto	68	Royal Clarence	15th Sept Ditto
1016	Elkington	4th Oct Ditto	103	Beaufort	25th Sept Ditto
1031	Fletcher	4th Dec Ditto	187	Charity	TO-DAY, 6th Sept Ditto
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
37	Anchor and Hope	10th Sept F. M. H., Institute Street	253	Tyrian	25th Sept M. H., Gower Street
146	Antiquity	12th Sept Ditto	731	Arboretum	12th Sept Ditto
221	St. John	19th Sept Ditto	802	Repose	20th Sept Ditto
348	St. John's	27th Sept Ditto	1085	Hartington... ..	3rd Oct Ditto
1723	St. George	26th Sept Ditto	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			253	Justice	11th Sept Ditto
37	Concord	15th Oct Ditto	731	Faith	17th Oct Ditto
221	St. John	3rd Oct Ditto	DOUGLAS, I. of M.—3 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
348	St. John's	11th Sept Ditto	1004	Athole	19th Sept M. H., Loch Parade
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1242	Tynwald	3rd Oct Ditto
302	Hope... ..	17th Sept M. H., Darley Street	2197	Spencer Walpole	8th Oct Ditto
600	Harmony	20th Sept F. M. H., Salein Street	R.A.C.		
974	Pentalpha	2nd Oct M. H., Darley Street	1004	Athole	20th Sept Ditto
1018	Shakespeare	12th Sept M. H., Darley Street	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
1648	Prince of Wales	(?) 7th Sept Ditto	57	Humber	TO-DAY, 6th Sept F. M. H., Osborne Street
R.A.C.			250	Minerva	10th Sept M. H., Dagg Lane
302	Charity	22nd Oct Ditto	1010	Kingston	3rd Oct M. H., Worship Street
600	Sincerity	2nd Oct F. M. H., Salein Street	1605	De la Pole	28th Sept 58, Charlotte Street
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			2134	Wilberforce	TO-MOR., 7th Sept Ditto
271	Royal Clarence	19th Oct Royal Pavilion	R.A.C.		
315	Royal York	2nd Oct Ditto	57	Humber	20th Sept F. M. H., Osborne Street
732	Royal Brunswick	13th Sept Ditto	250	Minerva	20th Sept M. H., Dagg Lane
811	Yarborough	20th Oct Ditto	1010	Kingston	21st Oct M. H., Worship Street
1466	Hova Ecclesia	6th Oct Old Ship Hotel	1605	De la Pole	28th Oct 58, Charlotte Street
1636	St. Cecilia	25th Sept Royal Pavilion			

Provincial Lodges and Chapters—(continued).

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LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
289	Fidelity ... TO-DAY, 6th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 26th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ... TO-MOR., 7th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ... 20th Sept	M. H., Great George Street
1211	Goderich ... 1st Oct	Ditto
1221	Defence ... 10th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
1311	Zetland ... 21st Sept	M. H., Great George Street
2069	Prudence ... 8th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.		
289	Fidelity ... 11th Sept	M. H., Carlton Hill
304	Philanthropic ... 3rd Oct	M. H., Great George Street
306	Alfred ... 14th Sept	M. H., Kelsall Street
1042	Excelsior ... (?)	M. H., Great George Street

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LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
279	St. John's ... 3rd Oct	F. M. H., Halford Street
523	John of Gault ... 20th Sept	Ditto
1391	Commercial ... 28th Sept	Ditto
1560	Albert Edward ... 9th Oct	Ditto
2081	Golden Fleece ... 17th Sept	Ditto
R.A.C.		
279	Fortitude ... 25th Oct	Ditto
1560	St. George's ... 2nd Oct	Ditto

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LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
32	St. George's ... 26th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
155	Perseverance ... 19th Oct	M. H., Hope Street
203	Ancient Union ... 20th Sept	Ditto
216	Harmonic ... 13th Sept	Adelphi Hotel
241	Merchants ... 11th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
249	Mariners ... TO-DAY, 6th Sept	Ditto
292	Sincerity ... 10th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire ... 27th Sept	Ditto
667	Alliance ... 18th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John ... 2nd Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton ... 5th Oct	Ditto
724	Derby ... 26th Sept	Ditto
786	United Service ... 11th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton ... 19th Sept	Ditto
1013	Royal Victoria ... 3rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple ... 12th Sept	Ditto
1182	Duke of Edinburgh ... 13th Sept	Ditto
1264	Neptune ... 1st Oct	Ditto
1299	Pembroke ... 20th Sept	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1325	Stanley ... 24th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 10th Sept	Ditto
1356	Toxteth ... 12th Sept	80, North Hill Street
1393	Hamer ... 20th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
1502	Israel ... 17th Sept	Ditto
1505	Emulation ... 27th Sept	Ditto
1547	Liverpool ... 12th Sept	Ditto
1570	Prince Arthur ... 18th Sept	Ditto
1609	Liverpool Dramatic ... 25th Sept	Ditto
1620	Marlborough ... 3rd Oct	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1675	Ancient Briton ... 25th Sept	M. H., Hope Street
2042	Apollo ... 3rd Oct	Ditto
2114	Lodge of Prudence ... 17th Sept	Ditto
2215	Anfield ... 27th Sept	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
2229	Lathom ... (?)	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.		
32	Jerusalem ... 15th Oct	Ditto
203	S. John of Jerusalem ... 2nd Oct	M. H., Hope Street
216	Sacred Delta ... 18th Oct	Ditto
241	Friendship ... 22nd Oct	Ditto
249	Mariners ... 20th Sept	Ditto
292	Liverpool ... 27th Sept	Ditto
594	Downshire ... 12th Sept	Ditto
673	St. John's ... 10th Oct	Ditto
680	Sefton ... 19th Oct	Ditto
823	Everton ... 23rd Oct	Ditto
1094	Temple ... 25th Sept	Ditto
1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 19th Sept	Ditto
1356	De Grey and Ripon ... 3rd Oct	Ditto
1393	Hamer ... TO-DAY, 6th Sept	Ditto
1502	Israel ... 11th Sept	Ditto

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MANCHESTER—29 LODGES, 9 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship ... 5th Oct	Albion Hotel
62	Social ... 24th Sept	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
64	Fortitude ... 12th Oct	Ditto
152	Virtue ... 21st Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity ... 26th Sept	Ditto
204	Caledonian ... 12th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability ... TO-DAY, 6th Sept	Ditto
581	Faith ... 19th Sept	Church Inn, Openshaw
633	Yarborough ... 19th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham ... 3rd Oct	Ditto
815	Blair ... 14th Sept	Town Hall, Stretford Road
992	St. Thomas ... 3rd Oct	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton
993	Alexandra ... 21st Sept	Mildmay Hotel, Levenshulme
999	Robert Burns ... 24th Sept	Albion Hotel
1009	Shakspeare ... 1st Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1052	Callender ... 18th Sept	Town Hall Buildings, King Street
1083	Townley Parker ... 26th Sept	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
1147	St. David ... 13th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
1170	St. George ... 17th Sept	Ditto
1219	Strangeways ... 26th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove
1253	Travellers ... 8th Oct	Queen's Hotel
1458	Truth ... 8th Sept	Conservative Club, Newton Heath
1534	Concord ... 18th Oct	Chester Bank, Prestwich
1633	Avon ... 26th Sept	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Chorlton
1773	Albert Victor ... 21st Sept	Town Hall, Pendleton
1993	Wolsey ... 2nd Oct	74A, King Street
2109	Prince Edward ... 12th Sept	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor
2156	Arthur Sullivan ... 12th Sept	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross
2185	Ardwick ... 10th Sept	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
R.A.C.		
62	Social ... 10th Oct	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly
152	Virtue ... 23th Sept	F. M. H., Cooper Street
163	Integrity ... 9th Oct	Ditto
204	Caledonian ... 20th Sept	Ditto
317	Affability ... 18th Oct	Ditto
581	Rectitude ... 4th Oct	Midland Hotel, Ardwick
645	Humphrey Cheetham ... 2nd Oct	F. M. H., Cooper Street
815	Blair ... 25th Sept	Hulme
993	Alexandra ... 14th Sept	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne ... TO-DAY	M. H., Grainger Street
406	Northern Counties ... 3rd Oct	F. M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ... 10th Sept	Ditto
541	De Loraine ... 21st Sept	Ditto
685	Northumberland ... 2nd Oct	Assembly Rooms
1342	Walker ... 12th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1427	Percy ... 18th Sept	F. M. H., Maple Street
1626	Hotspur ... 27th Sept	Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ... 14th Sept	F. M. H., Grainger Street
1712	St. John's ... 28th Sept	Ditto
2260	Ridley ... ?	?
R.A.C.		
24	De Swinburne ... 20th Sept	Ditto
406	De Sussex ... 12th Oct	M. H., Maple Street
481	St. Peter's ... 21st Nov	Ditto
685	Northumberland ... 18th Sept	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road

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NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 52	Union ... 2nd Oct	Norfolk Hotel
93	Social ... 9th Oct	23, St. Giles Street
213	Perseverance ... 18th Sept	Ditto
807	Cabbell ... 25th Oct	Ditto
943	Sincerity ... 25th Sept	Ditto
1500	Walpole ... 4th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.		
52	Royal George ... 21st Sept	Norfolk Hotel
213	Perseverance ... 13th Sept	23, St. Giles Street
807	Cabbell ... 11th Oct	Ditto

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NOTTINGHAM—8 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 47	Newstead ... 2nd Oct	M. H., Goldsmith Street
402	Royal Sussex ... 16th Oct	George Hotel
411	Commercial ... 10th Sept	M. H., Goldsmith Street
1405	Southwell ... TO-MOR., 7th Sept	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ... 1st Oct	Ditto
1435	Annesley ... 28th Sept	Ditto
1794	De Vere ... 21st Sept	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ... 17th Sept	Ditto
2017	Duke of Portland ... 25th Oct	Ditto
R.A.C.		
47	Abbey ... 30th Oct	Ditto
402	Royal Sussex ... 9th Oct	Ditto
411	Commercial ... 24th Sept	Ditto
1435	Annesley ... ?	Ditto
1909	Carnarvon ... ?	Ditto

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PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
Lo. 70	St. John's ... 2nd Oct	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ... 10th Sept	Ditto
156	Harmony ... 1st Oct	Ditto
159	Brunswick ... 3rd Oct	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ... 10th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ... 25th Sept	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Charity ... 18th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity ... TO-DAY, 6th Sept	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... 11th Sept	Ditto
1205	Metham ... 17th Sept	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1247	St. John's ... 13th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1255	Dundas ... 17th Sept	Ditto
1550	Prudence ... 6th Oct	Ditto
1847	Ebrington ... 11th Sept	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
2025	St. George ... 25th Sept	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2258	{ Western District } { United Service }	{ ? } { ? }
R.A.C.		
70	St. John's ... 22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
105	Fortitude ... 20th Nov	Ditto
156	Harmony ... 5th Dec	Ditto
159	Brunswick ... 24th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
189	Sincerity ... 22nd Oct	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
202	Friendship ... 8th Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
223	Concord ... 28th Sept	193, Union Street
230	Fidelity ... 23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
954	St. Aubyn ... 15th Oct	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1205	Elliott ... 29th Oct	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
1255	Dundas ... 19th Sept	Huyshe Masonic Temple
2025	St. George ... 15th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse

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PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—11 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.		
257	Phoenix ... 24th Oct	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ... 17th Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ... 13th Sept	M. H., Highbury Street
1069	United Brothers ... 9th Oct	Grosvenor House, Southsea
1428	United Service ... 14th Sept	M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ... 20th Sept	Ditto
1834	Duke of Cornwall ... 25th Sept	Ditto
1903	Prince Edw. Saxe } Welmars }	18th Sept
1990	Hampshire Lo. of } Emulation }	13th Oct
2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance }	24th Sept
2074	St. Clair ...	17th Sept
R.A.C.		
257	Friendship ... 12th Sept	110, High Street
342	Royal Sussex ... 3rd Oct	F. M. H., Landport
487	Portsmouth ... 11th Sept	M. H., Portsmouth
1428	United Service ... 16th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1776	Landport ... 22nd Nov	Ditto
2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance }	(?)

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SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
139	Britannia ... 13th Sept	F. M. H., Surrey Street
296	Royal Brunswick ... 10th Sept	Ditto
1239	Wentworth ... 1st Oct	Ditto
1779	Ivanhoe ... 25th Sept	Ditto
2263	{ St. Leonards (con-) { secreted 21 July) }	{ ? } { ? }
R.A.C.		
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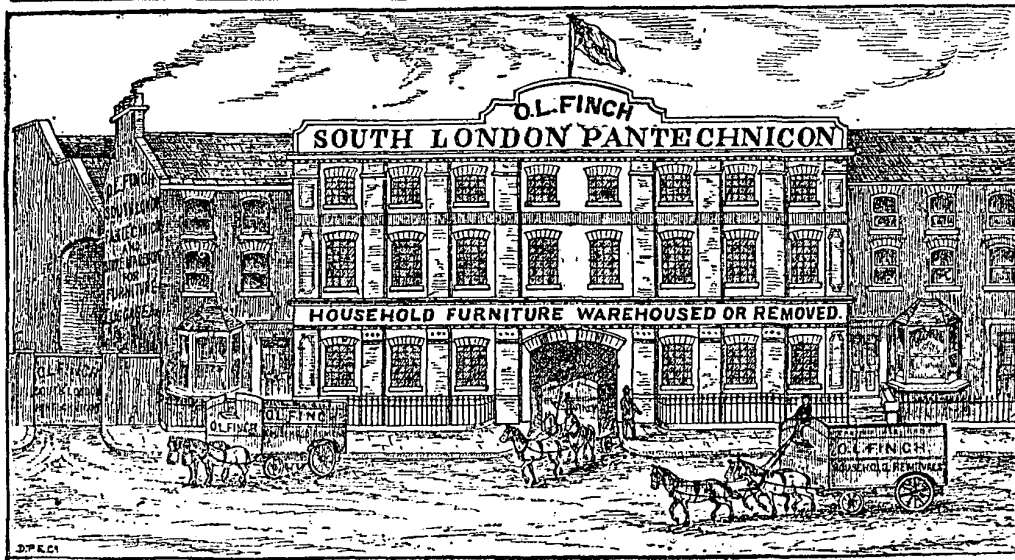
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Provincial Grand Master.
 The Worshipful Brother AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON, M.P., P.P.S.G.W.,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
 Bracebridge House, Kidderminster, Aug. 11th, 1888.
 Dear Sir and Brother,—By command of the Right Worshipful
 Provincial Grand Master, I hereby give you notice that the next
 Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the
 Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, on Wednesday, the
 12th inst., at Twelve o'clock at noon. All Master Masons are invited
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 GEORGE TAYLOR, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Sec.
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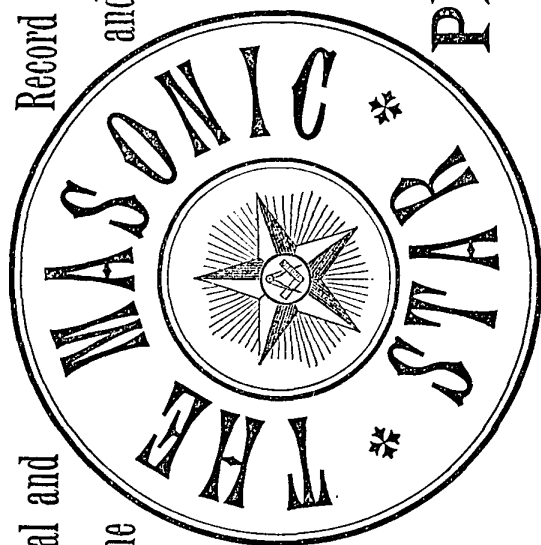
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