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Freemasonry—A Factor in European Politics.

ON the occasion of the German Emperor's recent visit to Rome Signor Adriano Lemmi, Grand Orient of the Masonic Lodges, issued a circular which, a contemporary informs us, was couched in the "usual vituperative style of such documents." It is asserted that therein the Pope is stigmatised as a "ridiculous pretender," and "a knife planted in the heart of Italy," and concludes thus: "Let us persevere, brethren, in our work of redemption. Let the Masonic idea continue to be like the ether, which penetrates everywhere, and in which all moves and has its being. Let us scatter abroad and cultivate the seeds of our doctrine. The old world is dissolving; what matter? from its ruins rises another newer and fairer. Let us work armed at the temple of humanity, and comfort ourselves with the thought that the most formidable enemy is already overthrown; that no force of reaction avails to arrest progress, and the day is approaching when all nations will compose a single family of freemen, equals and brothers, and perfecting themselves in the school of mutual love, will give laws and auspices to the reign of human happiness."

It is neither our province nor wish to analyse the thoughts or actions of any of our foreign brethren or their lodges. Whether the hidden machinery available for action is used by the leaders of the craft in Italy, or elsewhere, for political purposes, we do not inquire. Suffice it for us English Freemasons, who are forbidden to introduce either religious dogmas or political theories, to stand aloof from all such practices. Indirectly, however, the whole Order is attacked by language such as is used in an English

newspaper, a copy of which now lies before us, in reference to the craft abroad, and of which the following example may suffice to show its tenor:—

"The Grand Orient of Italy, the head of the blasphemous hierarchy of freethinkers and infidels, holds in his impious grasp the representative of divine authority on earth, the embodiment of that teaching power which was the last bequest to the Church from its founder." We only shall give in reference hereto, however, an extract from the work of a world-renowned orator and statesman in reference to some of the speeches of Pio Nono. "But who, may it be asked, are these 'impious,' whose breath has the stench of a putrid sepulchre? The answer is more easy than agreeable. They are simply the Liberals of Italy. This is the favourite word for them, and a phrase almost exclusively indeed appropriated to their use. One passage in particular fixes the meaning beyond doubt. The Holy Father says, 'In Rome not only is it attempted to diffuse impiety all around, but men even dare to teach heresy, and to spread unbelief.' Now, as impiety proper is the last and worst result of heresy or unbelief, it is strange at first sight to find it placed on a lower grade in the scale of sins. But when we remember that in these volumes it simply means *Italian liberalism*, the natural order of things is perfectly restored."

With the tenets and teachings of our lodges the outside world has nothing to do; it must accept as a guarantee of their rectitude the fact that in our ranks royalty and nobility take prominent parts. Our acts of charity, patent to all, speak for themselves. Our members may belong to any religious sect they please, provided they acknowledge the great prime cause, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; toleration in matters ethical is one of the landmarks of our Order, but is toleration extended upwards? By one powerful religious body, no! There has been, and it appears likely ever to be, a great gulf between the Roman Catholic party and our body; why this should have been so we know not, nor do we stop to enquire. Time after time fanatical attempts have been made to repress, if not utterly extinguish, the Order; but these have all met the same fate—defeat. So it will ever be; but "the Masonic idea will continue to be like the ether which penetrates everywhere." In these days, when multifarious agencies are at work all over the world for the avowed purpose of civilization and enlightenment, it is a significant fact that Freemasonry treads very closely on their heels, "working," as Signor Lemmi appears to say, "armed at the temple of humanity." To the thinker, and there are many such in the ranks of our opponents, this must be a significant fact. "No force of reaction:

will avail to arrest its progress." This would never be the case were our system at fault in either the concrete or the abstract. Steadily and silently, but with unerring certainty, it steps on, and the day will come "when all nations will compose a single family of freemen, equals and brothers."

The fatuous ravings of ultramontaniam can never obscure the light which comes from above, and devices for electoral purposes, whether made use of by one party or the other, will not alter one iota the programme embodied in our great watchwords, "Brotherly love, relief and truth," and ought not to cause us to be less in charity with all men.

Living in England, free men, under a beneficent rule, the peculiar systems in vogue on the Continent in regard to any electoral struggle, such as is about to take place in Germany, are but imperfectly understood or appreciated, and the organisations which exist for the purpose of furthering this or that party's interests in the State are practically unknown here. Freemasonry amongst many other societies is made a potent lever by the school of advanced thought, and Masonic Lodges may be compared in some respect to the Jacobin clubs at the close of the last century in France. The use of the name of the G.A.O.T.U. having been discarded by the Grand Orient, the Grand Orient is no longer recognised by us; but the principles on which the Order is founded remain practically unaltered. Those principles it is our duty to defend from whatsoever quarter they may be attacked, and, confident in the rectitude of our purpose and of the excellencies of the craft with which we are identified, we can await with calmness any attempt to discredit or hinder us, no matter from what quarter it may come, and shall never have to say with Virgil, "*Heu prisca fides!*" In his preface to the Vatican decrees in their bearing on civil allegiance, Mr. Gladstone writes thus: "The Latin Church has probably a hundred and eighty millions of nominal adherents; a clergy counted by hundreds of thousands; a thousand bishops, and the Pope at their head. Nearly the entire hierarchical power in this great communion, together with a faction *everywhere spread and everywhere active* among its laity, are now deliberately set upon a design distinguished by the following characteristics. Internally it aims at the total destruction of right. Not of right as opposed to wrong, but of right as opposed to arbitrary will. Such right there shall be none, if the conspiracy succeeds, in the bishops against the Pope, in the clergy against the bishops or the Pope, in the laity against any of the three. Externally, it maintains the right and duty of the Spirituality, thus organised, to override at will, in respect of right and wrong, the entire action of the civil power; and likewise to employ force, as and when it may think fit, for the fulfilment of its purposes." Our readers must judge for themselves what kind of liberty obtains where such pernicious doctrine is promulgated, and, consequently, with what a jaundiced eye our free institution must be regarded.

THE STAR CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1275.—On Friday, 16th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Moor, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Capt. Vincent, J.; Stone, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Eckersall, A.S.; Meierhoff, Latham, Briant, Hill, Murché and Wood. Chapter was regularly opened, and Comp. Vincent was installed M.E.Z. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Latham personating candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Wood, P.S., 742, was elected a member. The Preceptor announced that the ceremony of installation of J. would be rehearsed on Friday next, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD LODGE.

IT is in the power of the members of any Masonic Lodge to make it a GOOD Lodge, and equally in their power to make it the reverse. To make or to mar their Lodge is the prerogative of its constituent members.

But what is a good Lodge?

It is one which it is pleasant to belong to and pleasant to visit; one which is distinguished for its correct and impressive rendering of the work; one which is noted for the high character and fraternal good feeling of its members; one which scans closely the qualities of every applicant for initiation and membership, and approves or rejects him according as he is morally and materially fit or unfit, and does not accept him simply because he comes with money in his hands; one which is at unity with itself, and not a divided household; one which is noted for its charity, wisely and liberally dispensed; and one that combines Refreshment with Labour on all convenient occasions. *Such a Lodge is a good Lodge*, a credit to the Grand Lodge of which it is a constituent, and a beneficent power in the Craft and in the community.

Now, how shall such a Lodge be created or fostered?

This work is not and cannot be the work of any *one* brother, but must be the result of the harmonious co-operation and action of many, if not of all. If there be even one decided "crank" in a Lodge he will mar the work of all the rest. But while *one* can destroy, no *one* can create. The honour of making a good Lodge cannot be claimed by any one brother, although some, from their official positions of influence and power, naturally may contribute more than others to the happy result which the brethren of all Lodges should aspire to accomplish, viz., the credit of having the *best* Lodge in their city or vicinity.

The first brother in influence and power is unquestionably the W.M. of a Lodge. He is an officer whom the Craft has entrusted with regal prerogatives. He has no equal in the Lodge. Every proceeding is under his control. He may convene his Lodge at pleasure, and close it at pleasure. Yet, though he be possessed of such authority, he rarely, if ever, uses it for ought but the promotion of the welfare of the masonic body. The possession of great power is almost invariably accompanied by a sense of responsibility for its right exercise. Very, very few Masters of Lodges err in wilfully exercising their prerogatives for improper purposes. More than any other brother, therefore, the Master has the ability to promote the highest prosperity of a Lodge. This he may do by the regularity and punctuality of his attendance at all meetings, the correctness and force with which he works the degrees, the example he sets of fraternal fellowship with the members, thereby promoting their mutual acquaintance, and the social virtues taught by the Craft; the promptness with which he visits, sympathizes with and relieves the sick, and the solemnity and fraternal feeling with which he buries the masonic dead; the grace with which he presides over his brethren while they surround the social board at refreshment, and the interest he displays in all the affairs of the Lodge. The Master who is facile in the performance of all these duties contributes thereby the lion's share towards making a good Lodge.

The elective and appointed officers are the next most potent factors for good in the Lodge. If they be always in their places, doing their own proper work, it will be well done, and the machinery of the Lodge will be in good working order. With a good Master, Wardens, and appointed officers, promptly in their places and knowing their work, one of the most valuable elements in a Lodge will be always present—skilfully performed work. *Without this no Lodge can prosper; with it no Lodge can fail.*

Next, the Past Masters should adequately and well support the officers of a Lodge, if it is to be permanently a good Lodge. The experience of the Past Masters cannot be dispensed with, if the Lodge is to prosper. They are the anchors of the Lodge when storms arise, while the officers are the sails of the Lodge when favouring breezes blow. Under any and all circumstances it is important that they be present, to lend whenever needed the aid of their counsel and advise.

Last of all it is the duty of *every member* to contribute his proper share to the promotion of the general welfare, and if any large number of the members fail to do this, the difficulty will be measurably increased for the remainder to make a good Lodge. There must be hearty co-operation from *all* the members to ensure the ready accomplishment of this work.—*Keystone.*

"THE OLD MASONIANS."—The members and friends of the above Association met on Friday evening last at Anderton's Hotel for their second social evening. The chair was ably filled by Bro. J. Swinford Francis. Mr. Morris opened the ball with a pianoforte solo, and he was followed by Mr. W. J. Packer who sang "The last of the Boys;" Mr. C. Heward Uwins gave "The Will-o'-the-Wisp." "*Encore, encore,*" was his reward. He cheerfully replied with the "German Drinking Song." Mr. E. Pontis Lines gave a capital rendering of "The Owl," "They all love Jack," and the "Maid of Athens" (*encore*). The recitations by Mr. W. A. Glass, Mr. R. Harold Williams and Mr. Frank Scurr were all of high merit. Mr. L. H. Palmer supplied the comic element, and all his songs were thoroughly appreciated, for he never fails to amuse his audience and to provoke merriment. A vote of thanks to the chair and the singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. We notice that the next fixture is a Cinderella ball. We think the Association is doing well to repeat these little dances. The one they gave last year was a great success, and we can only wish that they may be even more successful this season. We are sure that they would be pleased to welcome any brethren who would care to attend, and we are informed that tickets may be obtained on application to the Secretary, 17, Abbey Gardens, St. John's Wood.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE PATH OF LIFE.

THY path in life may open fair, my brother,
It's skies be bright, and sunshine gild the way;
While dewdrops glisten in its beams, and song-birds,
With joyous carol, hail the glad some day :—
Yet, ere thy noontide goal is reached, how often
O'er cast with clouds may be that azure sky ;
While passion's storm winds blast thy peace nor sof
Till hope's fair blossoms shivering fade and die.
Still keep thy Faith with stedfast heart, my brother,
Nor fail in Love, thy duties to perform ;
And then this comfort shall be thine, my brother :
There sitteth One above Who rules the storm !

Or should thy lot by Poverty o'er shaded
Condemn thy steps to pace the toilsome ground
Of petty cares and sorrows all unaided
By Fortune, though she showers her gifts around ;
Though cold and footsore, wayworn, weak, and weary,
Life's joyless road thy faltering feet may tread,
Nor find a single friend whose greeting cheery
O'er thy lone wanderings might Love's radiance shed ;
Still toil thou bravely on thy way, my brother,
Lest dark despair should crush thy heart forlorn ;
And take this comfort to thy soul, my brother,
"When night is darkest then, then comes the morn."

Thus, whether summer skies be bright above thee,
Or wintry snows enshroud thee with their gloom ;
If friends and kindred crown thy years and love thee,
Or lone and friendless thou approach the tomb,
Stay not for sorrow's tears nor joys beguiling
But manfully thine onward course pursue ;
And heeding neither Fortune's frowns nor smiling,
To God, thy neighbour, and thyself be true.
So speed thou ever on with bold endeavour,
Nor falter though thy feet be bruised and torn ;
Thy journey o'er, the clouds of Doubt shall sever,
And Death's dark night give place to endless morn.

[By the late BRO. A. ORLANDO STEED, J.W. of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224; and dedicated by him to the V.W. Bro. the REV. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.L. Eng., Dep. G.M., Suffolk, &c., &c.]

We are requested to Notify that:—

—In celebration of the eight hundredth meeting of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1289, Bro. Cull, the Preceptor, will occupy the chair to-morrow (Friday), and will work the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising. A large attendance of the brethren is expected.

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, Islington, on Wednesday, the 19th December, by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. P. Cohen, P.M., 205, W.M.; J. A. Powell, 186, S.W.; T. S. Hodges, S.W., 1695, J.W.

—The Annual Supper of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, will be held at the Builders' Arms, on Friday, the 14th December next. Bro. McNaught, W.M. of the Royal Standard Lodge, will preside.

—The Star Lodge of Instruction, hitherto meeting at the Five Bells, New Cross Gate, S.E., will meet on Saturday, the 1st proximo, and thereafter weekly, at the "Dover Castle," Deptford Broadway, close against the New Cross Station on the South-Eastern Railway, at 7 p.m.

—Bro. George Reynolds, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, at the last regular meeting, on Tuesday, and will be installed on the second Tuesday in January, 1889.

—Brethren and others, friends of YE ANCIENTE FRATERNITIE OFFE YE RAHERE ALMONERS, are respectfully reminded that the Ticket Benefit at Drury Lane Theatre, kindly arranged by Bro. Augustus Harris, will commence on Monday next, the 26th inst., and continue throughout the week (Saturday excepted). Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C., of 62, Long Lane, E.C., will gladly afford information in respect of this excellent charity, and supply tickets for the benefit.

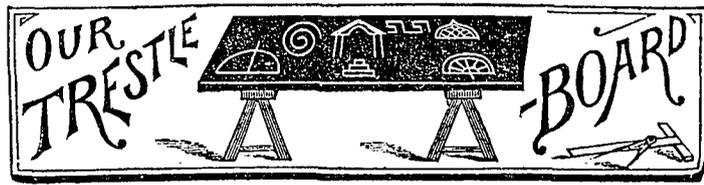
—The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 26th instant.

—The Sections of the Second and Third Lectures will be worked in the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, at "Hornsey Wood Tavern," Seven Sisters'-road, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 8 p.m. Bros. H. G. Gush, Preceptor; A. J. Berry, Secretary.

—Lodges of Emergency will be held in the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, Dunmow, Essex, in the months of December and January, for the purpose of conferring the respective degrees of F.C. and M.M. on a newly initiated member about to proceed to America.

—The ceremony of installation of J. will be rehearsed at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7.45 p.m., to-morrow (Friday), at the Star Chapter of Improvement.

—The Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 1996, meets every Thursday, at the Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High Street, Acton, at 8.15 p.m., and that the members will be pleased to welcome any brethren of the surrounding neighbourhood.



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

ALL communications should be forwarded to 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, E.C., London. Those relating to Editorial matter to be addressed to the EDITOR; and all others to Messrs. ADAMS BROS.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—With this number (14) we commence a new quarter. Our friends who have been supplied with the first thirteen numbers and have not remitted to our publishers, Messrs. ADAMS BROS., will oblige by now doing so; and their orders for continued supply will be esteemed. We can supply copies from No. 1, but only to a limited extent, as an early number is nearly out of print. In remitting from abroad, subscribers will please note terms stated under our inner title.

A correspondent asks us "Is there a Masonic Directory published (and, if so, by whom) giving addresses of secretaries of lodges throughout the United Kingdom?" We know of none such; nor do we see how anything of the sort could be prepared with any assurance of correctness, the office of secretary being only held from year to year. The place of meeting of a lodge should be at all times sufficient for the purpose of official communication.

We read in a Sydney paper that, in connection with a presentation by the members of a lodge to a lady, in return for great hospitality and kindness, the present was handed to the fair recipient by a brother described as "(96 deg.) probably the highest mason in the colonies." We, of course, understand what is meant, but it reads funny; and we can well imagine a stranger to our mysteries taking it for granted that the phrase alludes to stature, and wondering what would be the equivalent in feet and inches. He might even be led to believe that there are Masonic Giants in these days as there were giants in the past.

The *Masonic Record of Western India*, published at Allahabad, favours us with commendation as to our "printing, type, paper and mental pabulum;" hoping for, yet doubting, our ultimate success; and publishing in full our Editorial, "Is publication injurious to Freemasonry?" in No. 4, "a subject which should elicit some strong opinions from the fraternity." We thank our contemporary for its praise and good wishes, and throw ourselves upon the craft generally to dispel future doubts as to eventual success.

We shall call attention in an early number, to some "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," by our worthy brother H. Sadler (author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions"), and which are now passing through the pages of our contemporary, the *Freemason*. More particularly shall we refer to the original constitution, in 1827, of a Board or Lodge of Installed Masters, which acknowledged "the importance that all rites and ceremonies in the craft should be conducted with uniformity and correctness," and endeavour to ascertain how the powers then granted have not been regularly exercised for so many years past. The subject will interest very many brethren, who, in former years, have shared in the proceedings of real Boards of Installed Masters, and lament the carelessness and apathy which has brought about the almost entire abandonment of a beautiful and unique ritual.

We regret to hear that Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M., Bengal, has met with a serious accident from a fall from a ladder, thereby sustaining a severe fracture of the thigh.

It is said that by the formation of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, of which the Governor of the Colony, Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W. Eng., was recently installed Grand Master, the United Grand Lodge of England will lose as many as eighty lodges from its present register.

Bro. the Right Honourable Lord George Hamilton, M.P., has been elected Worshipful Master of the Chiswick Lodge, 2012, of which Bro. George Everett, P.M., is Treasurer (and candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer) and Bro. George Gardner is Secretary.

ALLAHABAD.

Lord Connemara will be installed as Master of Lodge "Perfect Unanimity" on the 23rd inst., and the following day he will be installed District Grand Master of Madras. The ceremony will be performed in the Banqueting Hall, it is believed by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

On the 17th inst. at the Woolwich Artillery Theatre, an original comic operetta, entitled *Our Court*, the music by Bro. J. Weaver, and the libretto by Messrs. Humphrey and John Addison, was produced. It contains an amusing story of East London life, and the music is bright and pretty—quite in keeping with the homely story—and went exceedingly well.

Review.

THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.—By Bro. Henry Josiah Whympier, P. Dep. D.G.M., Punjab; with an Introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. Eng.; Edited by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., Secretary of "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, London; and published by Bro. George Kenning, 1888.

We have deferred for a week or two, since acknowledgment, notice of this important work, desiring to make the fullest acquaintance with its pages before expressing an opinion. Its contents are most interesting, and deserve earnest consideration from all readers, whether they incline towards or disagree with the object in support of which they have been written. We are not prepared to acquiesce in all the arguments of the author, rather are we disposed to think the general question such as could not at the present time be thoroughly discussed with safety or satisfaction. It may be that later, the desire for the continuance of "Masonry Universal" may not be so strong as now, and then the suggestions made as to the admission of other "Great Lights" than that we have defined and acknowledge may have attention. The separation of Lodges from the Craft as at present constituted to meet the views of religionists and render the Order less cosmopolitan, would, in our judgment, be a fatal error for Freemasonry; and, so far, we cannot be in accord with our talented Brother. Nevertheless, his admirable work is full of interest and information, and its perusal has given us great delight. We do not hesitate to say that it should be known to every member of the Order who desires "light—more light."

We extract the following from a chapter on "English and Foreign Constitutions, &c.," as a concise exposition of the premises upon which the author's arguments are based. Referring to certain changes in the Constitutions as set forth in the earliest charges, he says:—

"Whilst we must deplore the changes which have been made, we must not further be blind to the results which have accrued from them in India. By the elimination of Christianity a very different institution now exists there to that which prevailed in Britain prior to 1717, and into which it is tolerably certain neither Mahomedan nor Parsee could, or would have entered. The institution has now so changed its character that there is no bar to any of these peoples, or to their beliefs. The political good which must result, even if no other arises, cannot of course be ignored, and we use the word 'political' in its widest sense, and as apart from national or party politics. Neither do we wish to deprive the Craft of the mission of charity which it is thus enabled to perform. None can value more highly than we do our Jewish and Parsee brothers; they fulfil most scrupulously the glorious and sublime injunction first enunciated by our Grand Master and Redeemer, and since sedulously preached by our Fraternity, 'Love one another.' But we maintain that their co-operation has been maintained on a wrong footing: the arrangements gradually introduced to conciliate them have caused us to violate our principles and veil our faith, and must in the long run entail the contempt of these very Brethren themselves. THEY never for one moment sink their professions or belief; on the contrary, they have secured for a visible symbol of their faiths a place of honour in our Indian Lodges. It is not required of us as Masons to acknowledge any religion as being equally true with our own. We owe due respect to the cherished faith of a brother who is dear to us, but we are not called upon to raise it to a place of honour beside our own. In doing so we are recreants to our own faith, and therefore bad Masons. Our Indian Brothers assert their Faith, whilst respecting ours, and are therefore good Masons. The only legitimate, honest, and manly way is to be true to one's self and one's creed. In the First Degree, every God-fearing man may be admitted, and obligated on that book which he holds most dear and sacred; but in an English lodge the Bible must not be displaced; it is our Great Light, not the symbol thereof. This fact impressed upon our Indian brother, naturally meets with his dissent. Shall we, then, retract our words, and say: 'Oh no, we mistake. The Zendavesta is the Great Light, at least, whilst we are addressing you!' Let us be honest, and say: 'Brother, this is *our* Great Light, it is not yours. Remain our dearly beloved brother; on this point we differ. Come and see us as a visitor, and be always heartily welcomed; but if you cannot accept our Light, betake you to a Lodge which shall reverence YOUR Great Light. Form there a lodge composed entirely of your own faith, where you may confer the second and third degrees according to your conscience; but do not profess for one moment to believe there can be a plurality of Great Lights, and do not attempt to constrain us to any such profession: it would be a mere mockery. We cannot accord your Great Light a place in our hearts equal to our own, neither can you do the same by ours. We should neither of us believe our own professions. But in your own lodge we will visit you as a brother, and show that respect to YOUR Great Light which our consideration for your feelings demands, and you will, without violence to your religious sentiments, do likewise when visiting us.' Thus, and thus only can we be consistent as Masons, as Christians, as Jews, as honest believers in any religion."

We shall take an early opportunity to refer again to this interesting work; and more particularly to the chapters on the Lectures and the Ritual, in which are to be found most instructive passages. Meanwhile, a kind and brotherly word may be said in commendation of Bro. Hughan's prefatory remarks, and of Bro. Speth's careful editing. Bro. Whympier is now in India, but he leaves with us a work which, however we may decide upon its arguments, will keep his memory green in England.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address, C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution met at Freemasons' Hall on the 14th inst. Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., Vice-President, in the chair, and there were also present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; A. H. Tattershall, Charles Kempton, W. B. Daniell, J. J. Berry, Wm. Smith, W. Belchamber, E. West, L. Stean, C. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Works; Herbert J. Adams, G.S.B.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. J. Perceval, W. J. Murlis, J. M. Case, P.G.D.; C. H. Webb, Hugh Cotter, Charles Lacey, W. Hilton, H. M. Hobbs, James S. Fraser, R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. Newton, Alex. Forsyth, John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B.; B. E. Blasby, John Larkin, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting were verified. The deaths of eight annuitants (five males and three widows) were reported.

The receipt of £200, being part of the residue of the estate of the late Miss Louisa McKellar, was acknowledged. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart reported as to the land at Croydon, and the transfer of the building to new trustees.

The widows of three recently-deceased annuitants had half of their late husbands' annuities granted to them.

Four men and six widows were placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224, AT SUDBURY.

A large gathering of Suffolk brethren attended at the Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on Friday last, the 16th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. I. Mason's successor to the chair of K.S. Amongst the number present were—Bros. W. Inglis Mason, W.M.; C. Joslin, S.W.; C. W. Lord, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Chap.; J. F. Hills, Treas.; F. Wheeler, Sec.; M. Reid, S.D.; William Bailey, J.D.; C. E. Mauldon, D.C.; B. H. Hurst, Org.; E. Andrews, I.G.; J. George, Stwd.; H. C. Pratt, P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; D. Alston, P.M.; H. Welham, P.M.; W. G. Walford, P.M.; J. B. Ardley, P.M.; C. W. Grimwood, P.M.; W. H. Smith, P.M.; G. H. Grimwood, P.M.; E. S. Garrett, H. Hills, H. F. Hills, J. G. Steed, A. W. J. Salzmann, J. S. Carlton, Rev. David Hughes, N. Apicle, W. L. Lewis, C. Sewell, G. G. Whorlow, Rev. W. Edmond Dixon, J. C. Sheehan, C. J. N. Row, G. F. Hawkins. Visitors—E. Hennemeyer, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; Frank B. Smythies, 433; A. Taylor, J.W. 332; C. S. Goodchild, W.M. 1823; Charles Cooke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1823; B. B. Syer, P.G. Chap. 1823; Thomas Stokoe, P.M. 1823; E. H. Inman, P.G. Reg. Essex, 2154; F. J. Allen, J.W. 305; Zack Hunt, 2154; Charles E. Porter, 879; W. Clark, P.G.P. 114; James Bardwell, 1823; Robert Bullen, 943.

The officers having entered in procession, the Lodge was opened with solemn prayer and music. A ballot was taken for Bro. G. H. Thynne, of the Parthenon Lodge, No. 581, a joining member, and was found clear. Awaiting the arrival of the Deputy Pro. Grand Master, the subscribing members to the Charitable Association of the Lodge balloted for two life subscriberships to the masonic institutions, which fell respectively to Bros. J. George and T. Ardley, P.M., P.G.S.D. The V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, was then announced, received with salutations, and the ceremony of installation was at once proceeded with. Bro. C. Joslin, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Mason, and was inducted in due form and with perfect ceremony into the chair of K.S., and received the salutations of all present in the usual manner. I.P.M. Bro. Mason was then invested, and the officers appointed and invested were—Bros. Charles W. Lord, S.W.; Mitchell Reid, J.W.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; W. Bro. Joseph F. Hills, P.M., Treas.; W. Bro. Frederick Wheeler, P.M., Sec.; Bernard Hurst, D.C. and Org.; William Bailey, S.D.; Ephraim Andrews, J.D.; Harris Hills, I.G.; Joseph George, Stwd.; Henry M. Sholl, Tyler.

The addresses to officers and brethren were admirably delivered. A very handsome past master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, and certainly one of the best we have seen for some time, was then presented to Bro. W. Inglis Mason, amidst the merited applause of the brethren, for valuable and earnest services to Freemasonry, as well in the Lodge itself as in the locality generally. The charity box was circulated with excellent result, and in peace and harmony the Lodge was solemnly closed.

A very excellent banquet was served at the Rose and Crown, by Bro. J. George, the host of that well-known hotel, and a Steward in the Lodge. To his wife and self many praises went forth from the guests generally for the quality and quantity of the provisions and good service, which it would be found difficult to excel in many Metropolitan hotels. After the cloth had been cleared, the usual *post-prandial* masonic speeches set in with vigour, relieved throughout the evening by the performance of a capital selection of vocal and instrumental music, performed under the direction of Bro. Charles Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O., by Bros. Gowers, F. B. Smythies, and R. O. Coombs. The violin solos by Bro. Smythies were extremely well rendered and called forth many expressions of satisfaction. Brevity in speech was the order of the evening, and the masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in customary set phrases, the principal replies being those of the Dep. Prov. G. Master in acknowledgment of the toast of "The Installing Master;" of Bro. Mason in that of "The I.P.M.;" of Bro. Roe in that of "The Charities;" and of Bro. Hennemeyer to the toast of "The Visitors." A collection in aid of Bro. Mason's stewardship at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, resulted in adding the sum of £8 to his present list.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Masonic Record of Western India, Allahabad (quoted on page 189)

Evenings Abroad.

"ATALANTA" AT THE STRAND THEATRE.

Expectation ran high when it was reported that at the Strand, the ancient home of burlesque, there was to be a revival of the traditions of the house. Recollection of productions which are now historical and of triumphs of acting which made their originators celebrated, could not fail to arise; and, when it was stated that the subject of the travesty was a classical story which lent itself well to elaborate *mise en scène* and would provide plenty of opportunities for the clever company engaged to support it, anticipations of pleasure to come became all the more keen—alas! that things which begin "so bridle-y should end so saddle-y," as our friend Kellino in *Nemesis* observes. *Atalanta* has not answered expectation; the verdict of the first night, though adverse, was just; but, doubtless, improvements will soon be made which will render the burlesque more acceptable. No one ever knew a piece of this kind to be perfect on a first representation; actors and actresses after becoming more accustomed to their parts can elaborate and work up the material which they are supplied with; here, however, the author must be called in; he must reorganise his book and he must provide more matter to prevent some of the talent which has been engaged from being wasted. Judicious excision here and there and more strength substituted will tend to do what is wanted. There is no doubt that the author, Mr. G. P. Hawtreys, possesses plenty of humour, but at present it is not of that refined and subtle description which characterised the work of Past Masters of the Craft of travesty-writing. Portions of the work are humorous and graceful enough, but, at times, the fun degenerates into puerility, and weariness is the result. Another fault of the piece is that it is in three acts, while the story could well have been comprised in one. This, doubtless, is the cause of much of the weariness which characterises the production. The effervescence goes off, and, as a natural consequence, the end is tame, while noise cannot compensate for lack of humour. Great credit must be given to the Hon. Lewis Wingfield, who has designed the dresses, and to Messrs. Banks and Bruce Smith, who have painted the scenery. The groupings and stage business are in the safe hands of Mr. John Douglass, and, naturally, the result of his work is quite acceptable. But for the introduction of a lot of unnecessary and ungraceful children, this department merits the highest praise.

The interpretation taken all round was capital. As has been mentioned, however, such clever exponents of burlesque as Miss Marie Linden, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Wm. Hawtreys were utterly wasted in being allotted the sorry stuff which was supplied them. Nevertheless, they proved themselves a tower of strength, and saved the piece at its weakest moments. Of Miss Marie Linden's performance in the title rôle, it must first be stated that her imitation of Miss Mary Anderson stands out boldly as an extremely clever and artistic effort, while her dancing is graceful and pretty. Mr. Tom Squire was admirable throughout; his business was eccentric, funny, but by no means too effusive. Mr. Wyatt worked like a veritable Trojan, and with a commendable result; his scene with Aphrodite was as excellent in its way as was that with Miss Linden. Mr. Wm. F. Hawtreys, as the king, had a capital opportunity to distinguish himself; he was unctuous, and satisfactorily fulfilled the duties allotted to him. Mr. Fleming Norton as Socrates, had no chance to be anything but insignificant. Miss Alma Stanley as Aphrodite, looked simply a picture, and sang her music so well as to gain great applause. She only appears in one act, but what she had to do was done excellently well. Mr. F. Wensley as Orpheus sang a ballad prettily. Miss Minnie Cunningham, as Daphne, danced twice, and quite won the hearts of the auditory; her first essay, in classical costume, was the prettiest thing of its kind seen for a long time; her second dance was too protracted.

A pretty little one-act play by Bro. Brandon Thomas, entitled *A Highland Legacy*, formed the curtain raiser. The author, excellently made up as an elderly Scotchman, acted admirably, while Mr. Percy Lyndal, as the hero, and Mr. Graham Wentworth, as our old friend De Lacy Fitz-Altomont of *The Prompter's Box*—here called Cavendish Howley, an actor—distinguished themselves greatly.

Two *contretemps* to curtains occurred on Saturday night last. At the Strand Theatre the curtain, at the end of Bro. Brandon Thomas's play, declined to go down; at the Shaftesbury Theatre the iron curtain, despite the efforts of the scene-shifters and others, declined to go up. The audience had to go away without seeing Miss Wallis as Pauline in *Lady of Lyons*, and all the money taken at the doors had to be returned.

Query.—Did any of those who went in with orders receive any money on leaving the theatre? Now, Mr. Griffiths, how much were you to the bad on the receipts and the money returned?

A wag in the pit remarked, *à propos* of this mishap, that "curtains which wouldn't go up certainly wouldn't go down in this country."

On Monday evening all was right, however, and Miss Wallis made her appearance. She is an intelligent and earnest Pauline; while Mr. Forbes Robertson, as the lover in this popular but maukishly sentimental play, was really very acceptable. Mr. Mackintosh had an opportunity of showing his decided talent as Colonel Dumas, and all the other parts were very well played.

Mr. Gilbert's new comedy, *Bramlingham Hall*, is due at the St. James's Theatre on the 27th inst.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

AS THE MASONIC STAR is written by Masons for Masons, and as they are mostly business men having more or less interest in the Stock and Share Markets, we have determined to include in our columns a weekly money article, written by one of our Craft actively engaged in the markets. We write without prejudice, and with a view to give a general idea of what is going on from week to week. As the writer of the article has some twenty years' experience of the subject, and may fairly say that he knows the ways of doing business, *what is what* and *who is who*, he will be pleased to answer any inquiries addressed to the Editor where advice is asked upon whatever requires explanation, so that pleasure and profit may be the result. Any letter sent to us, and any reply given, will be treated on the square.

CAPEL COURT, WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOV., 1888.

The Stock markets continue to be agitated by the uncertainty respecting the movements of gold, and the impression is general that an advance in the Bank rate may be looked for. The amounts of bullion expected to arrive are but small, while the further withdrawals for South America are known to be large, so that there is little hope of any alleviation of the present stringency during this year. I am not disposed to put much reliance in the various rumours, set afloat principally in Vienna, of European complications. For one thing the present is not the time of year when any serious disturbance would be initiated, and for another the consequences would be too serious to be considered lightly; nor is there any actual burning question to the front. The fact is, perhaps, that the cheapness of money during the early part of the year carried prices up too high and too fast, and now, with so much money locked up, there is a natural stringency which it will take time to dissolve. In the present state of things, I should not care to buy any foreign stocks, with the exception, perhaps, of the Turkish grouped stocks. The latest reports from the Debt Commissioners are favourable, and give very good hopes of continued improvement; and, as these stocks have to be redeemed by the action of a sinking fund now in operation, a steady advance may be anticipated.

English rails have lately been neglected; but if I look at the satisfactory traffic returns, I cannot but think that prices will rise. North Easterns should go better, while Brighton also would be a good purchase but for the fact that every little punter is a bull of more stock than he is able to carry. Amongst this class of stocks, Furness railway should not be forgotten. Trade in the district of Barrow was for some years very dull; but, with the reopening of some of the old works and the extension of others, no other place in England shows signs of greater activity.

The rate cutting on the American railroads seems to be more serious than was at first thought; why this particular time is chosen for a rate war no one seems to know, and until matters get a little more settled we had better sit on the fence and let the Yankees play it out amongst themselves.

American affairs naturally affect the Canadian lines, and although I am in favour of the Grand Trunk properties, which always show an immense power of recuperation, I am very dubious about the Canadian Pacific. There is too much of the Yankee system in its management. Reckless extensions and a strong tendency to fight its neighbours are the main points in its programme; and this too with an empty exchequer, every available security pledged up to the hilt, and the future discounted. The fall in the price of the shares is slow, but none the less sure.

So much has been said about the Paris Copper Syndicate that for me to give an opinion on the subject seems rash, but I am satisfied to look at the immediate future; what is going to happen some years hence has but little interest for me. Those who are "bears" of copper shares prognosticate the speedy collapse of the syndicate, while the "bulls" say it will last for ever. But of this I am satisfied, that it will last quite long enough to make the bears sit up and howl. For the next year the price of copper is secure, and, consequently, the price of copper shares. Rio Tintos are the great bone of contention, and if the proposed division of the shares into smaller denominations is carried out, they will rise to 30, or the equivalent. Amongst other coppers Copiapo are the cheapest. Nitrate shares are very high, not so much on their own merits as owing to the recklessness of a certain group, who blindly follow where the Woolpack party lead, who will certainly one day clamber out on the backs of their followers.

Next Monday the fortnightly settlement commences, and we may expect heavy contango rates; and let speculators bear this well in mind, that after this one there are only two more settlements this year in which to adjust everything. Bankers have a way of making their borrowers clear out their stocks before the end of the year, so as to show as clear accounts as possible, and this process does not tend to higher prices. *verb. sap.*

CRAFTSMAN.

GOING TO PRESS.

We greatly regret our inability to insert several notices and items of interesting information. The pressure on our space is so great that we must ask for future communications to be made at the earliest possible moment.

TERRY'S THEATRE.

Sole Lessee, Mr. Edward Terry.

THIS EVENING at 8.30. SWEET LAVENDER. Messrs. Edward Terry, Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, F. Kerr, H. Reeves Smith, S. Matthews, Prince Miller; Mesdames M. A. Victor, C. Addison, M. Millett, and Blanche Horlock.

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CLOSING OF LODGES IN 2ND AND 3RD DEGREES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have taken THE MASONIC STAR from the period of its birth, and congratulate you on the growing progress of your "Lewis." Particularly interesting to me is the answer you have given to Bro. Sawyer in this day's number. However any W.M. can excuse himself in omitting the ritual and beautiful ceremonial of closing the M.M. Lodge is to me a great puzzle. I could never find any "authority vested in me, &c., &c.", and as we are bound by "Constitutions" to watch that the "ancient landmarks, &c., &c.", it behoves all W.M.'s to insist upon closing each lodge in due form.

I hope this matter will be pressed again and again (if necessary) upon the attention of the rulers of all Craft Lodges, and that it will be felt that it is insufferable that such a pleasurable and instructive ceremony, when neatly performed, with just the *one*, the *solitary* reference (which seems very remarkable, and therefore especially to be recognised) to K.S.

Many other points of value to which you have drawn attention have commended themselves to me, and for which I, as an old Mason, feel delighted to acknowledge and to thank you.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. (Craft), P.M. (Mark), P.H. (Arch), K.T., P.P.G.O. Devon.

KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In reply to P. E. P., I beg to inform him that the Priory of Malta attached to the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, Darlington, and also the one attached to the Royal Kent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, are both worked regularly, and I believe nearly all the members of both Preceptories have taken the Malta degree.

Yours truly,

S. F. BOUSFIELD, P.E.P.

P.S.—There will be a Priory of Malta held at Darlington, on Tuesday, circular of which I enclose, and I can assure P. E. P. of a hearty reception if he will do us the honour to attend.
Darlington, Nov. 16th, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In answer to "P. E. P.," the Eminent Preceptor of a Templar Preceptory should be installed a Prior of the Order of Malta before he is entitled to wear a distinctive badge. Any K.T. Preceptory can, under its warrant, work the Malta, and if a few members make up their minds to work the degree, the ritual is not difficult to learn.

I advise those wishing to perfect themselves in the degree, to attend the meeting of Great Priory, where the Great Sub-Prior (Col. Shadwell Clerke) and his officers do the work in excellent style.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE,

26, Budge Row, E.C.

Past Grand Capt. of Guards.

PERPETUAL PRESENTATIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR,

Ladies, I believe, are not generally credited with any ability as regards arithmetic. I dare say I am as incompetent in that respect as others of my sex, but I really am at a loss to understand the following:—By payment of £1,050 to either school it appears a perpetual presentation is secured to any province making such payment. This sum, I presume, is invested, as trust funds usually are, in Government securities, consequently returning at the utmost some £31 10s. per annum interest; but I find on reference that the average annual cost per pupil in the boys' school is about £50, and in the girls' about £47. It seems to me, therefore, that there must be a considerable loss to either institution on every transaction of the kind. Any explanation on the subject you can give through the medium of your journal will much oblige,
Yours truly,

A (LADY) LIFE GOVERNOR OF BOTH SCHOOLS.

My husband is a subscriber to your paper. I don't profess to understand much of it, yet take some slight interest in its contents.
November 19th, 1888.

LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In reference to the discussion opened last week, I would like to mention my experience. After being raised I attended a Lodge of Instruction. The ceremony of raising in my Lodge made such a vivid impression on my mind that I was led to consider masonry to be perfection. The same ceremony was presented to me in a Lodge of Instruction in so far different a light that I would prefer to draw the veil over my impression there. Should this be?

Fraternally yours,

A VERY YOUNG MASON.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. STUART, P.M., Sec. 87.—Thank you for the information you have so kindly sent us. We could wish that many other Secretaries were equally obliging.

C. WOODS, 1869.—Again we are obliged to you, and we shall hope to hear from your friend.

E. T. GRUBB.—We have sent on your communication to "Bell."

J. N. HODGKINSON, AYLESBURY.—We are obliged for communication to hand. A brief notice was given last week, and we regretted then, as we do now, that want of space prevented detailed particulars of the interesting event.

T. C., P.M. & Sec. 157.—Very sorry. Your report came too late; and, moreover, the date of meeting was so far back that the event had become "ancient history."

W.M.'S AND MAYORS.

Amongst the several brethren who will occupy the chairs of their respective lodges as Worshipful Masters, and the chairs of Chief Magistrates of their respective towns as Mayors, during the ensuing year, W. Bro. John Knott, W.M. of the "Lodge of the Four Cardinal Virtues, No. 979" has been elected Mayor of Crewe (Cheshire) and we offer his Worship our hearty congratulations.

The Whittington Lodge, No. 862, held its Installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last, 19th inst., when Bro. Wm. Hill, W.M., installed his successor, Bro. James Irvine, into the chair of K.S. The entire proceedings were of the most satisfactory nature and reflected great credit on all concerned. A lengthened report is crowded out of this week's issue.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

MERCHANTS' LODGE—No. 241.—Regular Monthly Meeting at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 13th inst. There was a large attendance of members and other brethren, amongst whom were several distinguished Prov. Grand Officers. There were two initiations and two passings, and the ceremonies connected therewith were very ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Capt. Macnab and his officers. After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M., in replying to the toast given by P.M. Winsor, said it gave him great pleasure to preside over a lodge which had for more than a century done excellent work in the province, and he intended to devote the greater part of his spare time to the furtherance of masonic work. They all knew the interest he took in the West Lanc. Masonic Educational Institution, and he would only remind them that without their help the usefulness of that charity would be greatly impaired. He had, however, no doubt but that the members of the Merchants' Lodge would contribute as readily now as they had done in the past, and, from what he saw of the good that institution was doing, no worthier object could merit their support. A well-arranged programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Ewart, the organist, assisted by Bros. Hogarth, Griffiths, and Latham, &c., was performed during the evening.

ARBORETUM—No. 731.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, on the 14th inst., the Mayor of Derby, Bro. Woodiwiss, the Immediate Past Master, attended. Our distinguished brother was initiated in this Lodge about eight years ago, and has been a zealous officer throughout his career. In his response to the toast proposed in his honour, Bro. Woodiwiss, referring to the distinction which had been conferred upon him by his fellow citizens, declared that his aim would be to discharge the duties of the Mayoralty in the same spirit and with the same desire to promote the well-being of his fellows which had actuated him as a Freemason. There can be no doubt that the prediction of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Brigg, that Bro. Woodiwiss, in the discharge of his public duties would secure the same amount of confidence and respect which the brethren entertain for him as a craftsman is well founded, and we trust that our worthy brother may be spared to realise it.

JORDAN LODGE—No. 1402.—At the Masons' Hall, Torquay, Devon on Tuesday, the 13th inst. There were present amongst others :— W. Bros. T. Morgan, W.M.; T. Prust, I.P.M.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; T. Crossman, S.D.; John Taylor, J.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; F. Hent, P.M., Secy.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Chap.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; W. Hersey, G. West, E. Henley, W. Hill. A ballot was taken for Mr. E. Henley, a candidate for initiation, and he was duly admitted into Freemasonry. The charge was very ably delivered by the I.P.M., Bro. Prust. Bro. John Chapman presented the Lodge with a framed photograph of an ancient tracing board. The lodge already possessing some valuable masonic works, it was resolved that a suitable book-case should be provided for them, in order to form the nucleus of a lodge library, Bros. J. Chapman, J. Lane, and J. Taylor promising donations of books and pamphlets. Bro. Chapman consented to renew his short addresses, in the form of a Summary of the Masonic events, month by month, and the Lodge was then closed.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

COVENT GARDEN—No. 1614.—On Thursday, 15th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W.—Bros. Lichtenfield, W.M.; Greenway, S.W.; Clare, J.W.; Brindley, Preceptor; Noakes, Actg. Secretary; Lamaire, S.D.; Cursons, J.D.; Leary, I.G.; Hancock, Buxton, and others. The first Section was worked by the W.M., second by Bro. Hancock, third by Bro. Greenway, 4th by Bro. Clare. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Buxton candidate. Bro. Greenway, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 1471.—On the 15th inst. at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N., Companions J. Russell, M.E.Z.; H. Jenkins, H.; E. S. Lardner, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; N. Salmon, P.S.; W. Wigley, and several other companions. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wigley candidate. Comp. Jenkins, H., was elected M.E.Z., for the next meeting, and Comp. E. S. Lardner was elected a joining member.

ROYAL STANDARD—No. 1298.—On the 16th inst., at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N.—Bros. Scholtz, W.M.; Angel, S.W.; Yeates, J.W.; Cull, Preceptor; Brown, Acting Secretary; Airey, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Powell, Godwin, and others. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Godwin candidate. Bro. Cull was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

THE GREAT CITY—No. 1426.—On Thursday last, at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30—Bros. J. Gaskin, W.M.; J. K. Pitt, S.W.; J. Tattersall, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; H. J. Whitehouse, Acting Sec. and S.D.; Lazarus, J.D.; Ford, I.G.; H. D. Hills, Treas.; Lillington, W. H. Paddle, Surridge, &c. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Paddle candidate, and the second lecture was worked by the brethren. The fifteen sections are to be worked in this lodge this evening, at 6.30, when a large muster of brethren may be anticipated.

RAVENSBORNE—No. 1601.—On the 14th inst., at the George Inn, Catford—Bros. A. A. Drew, W.M.; J. T. Axford, S.W.; James Clarke, J.W.; G. Pickering, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; Reminton, I.G.; H. Shaw, Preceptor; Atkins, Sec.; W. Smith, Treas.; H. Visger, J. Noyes, A. Norris, Hardy Smith, J. Stevens, C. Anderson, J. W. Peters, D. Scott, opened in first, second and third degrees, Ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Peters and Scott candidates. Bros. H. J. Breese, of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, and Templer Down, of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, were elected members. Bro. J. T. Axford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

NEW FINSBURY PARK—No. 1695.—On Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters Road, N.—Bros. McNamara, W.M.; Trinder, S.W.; Hopwood, J.W.; Gush, Preceptor; Berry, Secretary; Reed, S.D.; Frampton, J.D.; Whitechurch, I.G.; Salmon, Oldis, Pugh, S. Good, Green, and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Salmon candidate. The first section, second lecture, and fourth and fifth sections, first lecture, were worked by Bro. Lardner. Bro. Bowden Green was elected a joining member, and Bro. Trinder, S.W., elected W.M.

Metropolitan and Provincial Lodge and Chapter Meetings FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

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THIS DAY (4th) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd.			(4th) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th.		
34	Mount Moriah	F. M. H.	14	Tuzcan	F. M. H.
65	Prosperity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street	92	Molra	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
66	Grenadiers	F. M. H.	141	Faith	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
211	St. Michael's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
176	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	165	Honour and Generosity	Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, Fulham	186	Industry	F. M. H.
861	Finsbury	191, Bishopsgate Street	205	Israel	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
871	Royal Oak	White Swan Tav., Deptford	259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, St. James's
1421	Langthorne	Swan Hotel, Stratford	1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
1563	City of Westminster	Café Royal, Regent Street	1348	Ebury	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1638	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H.	1441	Ivy	Surrey M. H., Cumberwell
1816	Victoria Park	Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park	1744	Royal Savoy	F. M. H.
1974	St. Mary Abbot's	Town Hall, Kensington	2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F. M. H.	21	Cyprus	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
177	Domatic	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	190	St. James's Union	F. M. H.
538	Vane	F. M. H.	228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
657	Canonbury	Masons' Arms, Basinghall Street	548	Wellington	White Swan Hot., Deptford
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford	890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	1365	Clapton	St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate
211	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill	1472	Henley	Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich
R.C.			R.C.		
97	Rose and Lily	33, Golden Square, W.	29	Palestine	33, Golden Square, W.
(4th) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.			(4th) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.		
197	Jerusalem	F. M. H.	2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
569	Fitzroy	Hon. Artillery Co. Hd.-Qrs., City Road	201	Jordan	Ditto
R.A.C.			212	Euphrates	Holborn Rest., W.C.
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.	754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Tav., Tottenham
(4th) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th.			898	Temperance-in-the-East	6, Newby Place, Poplar
1679	Henry Muggeridge	M. H. Tav., Coleman St., E.C.	1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1706	Orpheus	Holborn Restaurant	1056	Victoria	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
R.A.C.			1540	Chaucer	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
(4th) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th.			1719	Evening Star	F. M. H.
4	R. Somerset House & Inverness	F. M. H.	1768	Progress	Ditto
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony	Willis's Rooms, St. James's	1818	Clapham	Army & Navy Hot., Victoria St., S.W.
28	Old King's Arms	F. M. H.	1820	Sir Thomas White	Holborn Viaduct Hotel
79	Pythagorean	Ship Tav., Greenwich	R.A.C.		
183	Unity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street	157	Bedford	F. M. H.
222	St. Andrew's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	R.C.		
902	Burgoyne	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street	44	Bard of Avon	33, Golden Square, W.
905	De Grey and Ripon	F. M. H.	R.X.		
1608	Kilburn	Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate	15	St. Andrew's	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
1615	Bayard	33, Golden Square, W.	(5th) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.		
1632	Stuart	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge	22	Neptune	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street
1745	Farringdon Without	Holborn Viaduct Hot.	1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1828	Shepherd's Bush	Athenæum, Godolphin Road, W.	2192	Highbury	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1910	Shadwell Clerke	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			704	Camden	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
188	Joppa	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	N.B.—We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.—ED. M.S.		
1201	Eclectic	F. M. H.			
1537	St. Peter, Westminster	Ditto			
R.C.					
2	Plantaganet	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.			

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BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.				
43	St. Paul's ...	26th Nov	M. H., New Street	708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel	
74	Athol ...	5th Dec	M. H., Severn Street	778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto	
468	Light ...	18th Dec	Great Western Hotel	788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto	
473	Faithful ...	11th Dec	M. H., New Street	1194	Villiers ...	16th Mar	Ditto
587	Howe ...	10th Dec	Ditto	1293	Burdett ...	26th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	13th Dec	Ditto	1415	Campbell ...	13th Apr	Ditto
887	Leigh ...	28th Nov	Ditto	1494	Felix... Ap to Jy only	Ditto	
925	Bedford ...	24th Dec	Ditto	1512	Hemming ...	17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
933	Grosvenor ...	19th Dec	Ditto	1597	Musgrave ...	18th Mar	Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	27th Nov	Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel	
1031	Fletcher ...	12th Dec	Ditto	2024	Raymond Thrupp	4th Apl	Ditto
1163	Emulation TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto	2087	Electric ...	25th May	Ditto
1180	Forward ...	3rd Dec	Ditto	2105	Cama ...	15th Dec	Ditto
1474	Israel ...	16th Dec	M. H., Severn Street	2183	Royal Hamp. Court	12th Dec	Ditto
1551	Charity ...	18th Dec	M. H., New Street	R.A.C.			
1614	Alma Mater ...	18th Jan	Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel	
R.A.C.				1194	Royal Middlesex ...	18th May	Ditto
43	Fortitude ...	11th Dec	Great Western Hotel	1293	Burdett ...	12th Jan	Ditto
74	Athol ...	26th Feb	M. H., Severn Street	1691	Quadratic ...	15th Apr	Ditto
587	Howe ...	7th Feb	M. H., New Street				
938	Grosvenor ...	5th Feb	Ditto	HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
1016	Elkington ...	3rd Jan	Ditto	57	Humber ...	6th Dec	F. M. H., Osborne Street
1031	Fletcher ...	4th Dec	Ditto	250	Minerva ...	28th Nov	M. H., Dagga Lane
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.				1010	Kingston ...	5th Dec	M. H., Worship Street
37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Institute Street	1605	De la Pole TO-MOR.,	23rd Nov	58, Charlotte Street
146	Antiquity ...	12th Dec	Ditto	2134	Wilberforce ...	7th Dec	Ditto
221	St. John ...	19th Dec	Ditto	R.A.C.			
348	St. John's TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto	57	Humber ...	29th Nov	F. M. H., Osborne Street
1723	St. George ...	26th Dec	Ditto	250	Minerva ...	20th Dec	M. H., Dagga Lane
R.A.C.				1010	Kingston ...	21st Dec	M. H., Worship Street
37	Concord ...	15th Apr	Ditto	1605	De la Pole ...	30th Nov	58, Charlotte Street
221	St. John ...	6th Mar	Ditto				
243	St. John's ...	11th Dec	Ditto	ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.			
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.				1004	Athole TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
302	Hope ...	17th Dec	M. H., Darley Street	1075	S. Manghold ...	11th Dec	M. R., Ramsey
600	Harmony TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	F. M. H., Salem Street	1242	Tynwald ...	28th Nov	M. H., Douglas
974	Pentalpha ...	4th Dec	M. H., Darley Street	2049	Ethan Yamin ...	4th Dec	Ditto
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Dec	M. H., Darley Street	2050	St. Trinians ...	6th Dec	Ditto
1648	Prince of Wales ...	7th Dec	Ditto	2164	St. Germans ...	11th Dec	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
R.A.C.				2197	Spencer Walpole ...	10th Dec	M. H., Douglas
302	Charity ...	17th Dec	Ditto	R.A.C.			
600	Sincerity ...	4th Dec	F. M. H., Salem Street	1004	Athole TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.				LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			
271	Royal Clarence ...	21st Dec	Royal Pavilion	289	Fidelity ...	6th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
315	Royal York ...	4th Dec	Ditto	304	Philanthropic ...	28th Nov	M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Brunswick ...	13th Dec	Ditto	306	Alfred ...	7th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
811	Yarborough ...	15th Dec	Ditto	1042	Excelsior ...	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	1st Dec	Old Ship Hotel	1211	Goderich ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
1636	St. Cecilia ...	27th Nov	Royal Pavilion	1221	Defence ...	10th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
1821	Adlingworth ...	20th Dec	Ditto	1311	Zetland ...	21st Dec	M. H., Great George Street
1947	Stanford ...	12th Dec	Town Hall, Hove	2069	Prudence ...	8th Dec	Ditto
2201	Earl of Sussex ...	24th Nov	Royal Pavilion	R.A.C.			
R.A.C.				289	Fidelity ...	11th Dec	M. H., Carlton Hill
271	Lennox ...	1st Feb	Ditto	304	Philanthropic ...	5th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec	Ditto	306	Alfred ...	14th Dec	M. H., Kelsall Street
732	Royal Sussex TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto	1042	Excelsior ...	20th Dec	M. H., Great George Street
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb	Ditto	LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			
1466	Hova Villa ...	30th Nov	Old Ship Hotel	279	St. John's ...	5th Dec	F. M. H., Halford Street
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.				523	John of Gaunt ...	20th Dec	Ditto
68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Dec	F. M. H., Park Street	1391	Commercial ...	30th Nov	Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	4th Dec	Ditto	1560	Albert Edward ...	11th Dec	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality	12th Dec	Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Dec	Ditto
326	Molra ...	20th Dec	Ditto	R.A.C.			
610	Colston ...	19th Dec	Ditto	279	Fortitude ...	27th Dec	Ditto
686	Jerusalem ...	11th Dec	Ditto	1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan	Ditto
1388	Canyuges ...	1st Dec	Ditto	LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.			
1404	St. Vincent TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto	32	St. George's ...	28th Nov	Adelphi Hotel
2257	Powell ...	26th Nov	Ditto	155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec	M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.				203	Ancient Union ...	20th Dec	Ditto
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan	Ditto	216	Harmonic ...	13th Dec	Adelphi Hotel
103	Beaufort ...	27th Nov	Ditto	241	Merchants ...	11th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
187	Charity ...	6th Dec	Ditto	249	Mariners ...	6th Dec	Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.				292	Sincerity ...	10th Dec	Ditto
42	Relief ...	20th Dec (?27th Dec)	Grey Mare Hotel	594	Downshire TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Dec	Bridge Inn	667	Alliance ...	18th Dec	Ditto
191	St. John ...	13th Dec	Knowsley Hotel	673	St. John ...	4th Dec	Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Dec	Derby Hotel	680	Sefton ...	7th Dec	Ditto
1392	Egerton TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Stanley Arms	724	Derby ...	23th Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.				786	United Service ...	13th Dec	Ditto
42	Unanimity TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Derby Hotel	823	Everton ...	19th Dec	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb	Bridge Inn	1013	Royal Victoria ...	5th Dec	Ditto
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.				1094	Temple ...	12th Dec	Ditto
88	Scientific ...	16th Dec	Red Lion Hotel	1182	Duke of Edinburgh	13th Dec	Ditto
441	Three Grand Principles	3rd Dec	Ditto	1264	Neptune ...	3rd Dec	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty.	27th Nov	Ditto	1299	Pembroke ...	20th Dec	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1422	Alma Mater ...	20th Dec	University Arms Hotel	1325	Stanley ...	26th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.				1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	10th Dec	Ditto
88	Pythagoras... ..	19th Dec	Red Lion Hotel	1356	Toxteth ...	12th Dec	80, North Hill Street
441	Fidelity ...	23rd Jan	Ditto	1393	Hamer ...	20th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
859	Euclid ...	28th Nov	Ditto	1502	Israel ...	17th Dec	Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.				1505	Emulation TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
253	Tyrian ...	27th Nov	M. H., Gower Street	1547	Liverpool ...	12th Dec	Ditto
731	Arboretum ...	12th Dec	Ditto	1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Dec	Ditto
802	Repose ...	20th Dec	Ditto	1609	Liverpool Dramatic	27th Nov	Ditto
1085	Hartington... ..	5th Dec	Ditto	1620	Marlborough ...	5th Dec	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
R.A.C.				1675	Ancient Briton ...	27th Nov	M. H., Hope Street
253	Justice ...	8th Jan	Ditto	2042	Apollo ...	5th Dec	Ditto
731	Truth ...	16th Jan	Ditto	2114	Lodge of Prudence	17th Dec	Ditto
				2215	Anfield TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
				2229	Lathom ... Ja & My only		Adelphi Hotel
				R.A.C.			
				32	Jerusalem ...	17th Dec	Ditto
				203	S. John of Jerusalem	4th Dec	M. H., Hope Street
				216	Sacred Delta ..	20th Dec	Ditto
				241	Friendship ...	26th Nov	Ditto
				249	Mariners ...	17th Jan	Ditto
				292	Liverpool TO-DAY,	22nd Nov	Ditto
				594	Downshire ...	9th Jan	Ditto
				673	St. John's ...	12th Dec	Ditto
				680	Sefton ...	24th Dec	Ditto
				823	Everton ...	25th Dec	Ditto
				1094	Temple ...	27th Nov	Ditto
				1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	16th Jan	Ditto
				1356	De Grey and Ripon	5th Dec	Ditto
				1393	Hamer ...	3rd Jan	Ditto
				1502	Israel ...	11th Dec	Ditto

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.			OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
44	Friendship ... 7th Dec	Albion Hotel	340	Alfred ... 4th Dec	M. H. Alfred Street
62	Social ... 26th Nov	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	357	Apollo University ... 27th Nov	Ditto
64	Fortitude ... 25th Jan	Ditto	478	Churchill ... 3rd Dec	Ditto
152	Virtue ... 21st Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1515	Bertie ... 11th Dec	Ditto
163	Integrity ... 28th Nov	Ditto	R.A.C.		
204	Caledonian ... 12th Dec	Ditto	340	Alfred ... 20th Feb	Ditto
317	Affability ... 6th Dec	Ditto	357	Apollo University ... 28th Nov	Ditto
325	St. John's ... 19th Dec	F. M. H., Salford	PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—		
633	Yarborough ... 19th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street	16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.		
645	Humphrey Cheetham ... 5th Dec	Ditto	L.o. 70	St. John's ... 4th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
815	Blair ... 14th Dec	Town Hall, Hulme	105	Fortitude ... 10th Dec	Ditto
852	Zetland ... 12th Dec	F. M. H., Salford	156	Harmony ... 3rd Dec	Ditto
935	Harmony TO-DAY, 22nd Nov	Ditto	159	Brunswick ... 5th Dec	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
992	St. Thomas ... 5th Dec	Griffin Hotel, Jr. Broughton	189	Sincerity ... 10th Dec	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
993	Alexandra ... 11th Jan	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	202	Friendship TO-DAY, 22nd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
999	Robert Burns ... 24th Nov	Albion Hotel	223	Charity ... 18th Dec	193, Union Street
1009	Shakspeare ... 3rd Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street	230	Fidelity ... 6th Dec	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1011	Richmond ... 20th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	954	St. Aubyn ... 27th Nov	Ditto
1052	Callender ... 18th Dec	Town Hall Buildings, King Street	1205	Metham ... 17th Dec	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
1055	Derby ... 13th Dec	Bedford Street, Cheetham	1247	St. John's ... 13th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1077	Wilton ... 3rd Dec	Red Lion Hot., Blackley	1255	Dundas ... 17th Dec	Ditto
1083	Townley Parker ... 28th Nov	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street	1550	Prudence ... 1st Dec	Ditto
1134	Newall ... 4th Dec	F. M. H., Salford	1847	Ebrington ... 11th Dec	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
1147	St. David ... 13th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street	2025	St. George ... 27th Nov	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
1161	De Grey and Ripon ... 4th Dec	F. M. H., Manchester	2258 {	Western District	?
1170	St. George ... 17th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street	United Service		
1219	Strangeways ... 28th Nov	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	R.A.C.		
1253	Travellers ... 14th Dec	Queen's Hotel	70	St. John's TO-DAY, 22nd Nov	Huyshe Masonic Temple
1458	Truth ... 1st Dec	Conservative Club, Newton Heath	105	Fortitude ... 19th Feb	Ditto
1534	Concord ... 20th Dec	Chester Bank, Prestwich	156	Harmony ... 5th Dec	Ditto
1633	Avon ... 28th Nov	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys	159	Brunswick ... 23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
1773	Albert Victor ... 21st Dec	Town Hall, Pendleton	189	Sincerity ... 28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
1798	Zion ... 3rd Dec	74a, King Street	202	Friendship ... 14th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1993	Wolsley ... 4th Dec	74A, King Street	223	Concord ... 30th Nov	193, Union Street
2109	Prince Edward ... 12th Dec	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor	230	Fidelity TO-MOR., 23rd Nov	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
2156	Arthur Sullivan ... 12th Dec	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross	954	St. Aubyn ... 21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
2185	Ardwick ... 10th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick	1205	Elliot ... 28th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse
R.A.C.			1255	Dundas ... 19th Dec	Huyshe Masonic Temple
62	Social ... 12th Dec	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	2025	St. George ... 21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
152	Virtue ... 28th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street	PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—		
204	Caledonian ... 17th Jan	Ditto	11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.		
317	Affability ... 20th Dec	Ditto	257	Phoenix ... 28th Nov	110, High Street
325	St. John's ... 3rd Jan	M. H., Salford	342	Royal Sussex ... 19th Dec	F. M. H., Landport
581	Rectitude ... 6th Dec	Midland Hotel, Ardwick	487	Portsmouth ... 13th Dec	M. H., Highbury Street
645	Humphrey Cheetham ... 4th Dec	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1069	United Brothers ... 10th Dec	Grosvenor House, Southsea
815	Blair ... 27th Nov	Town Hall, Hulme	1428	United Service ... 14th Dec	M. H., Landport
935	Starkie ... 10th Jan	M. H., Salford	1776	Landport ... 20th Dec	Ditto
993	Alexandra ... 21st Dec	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	1834	Duke of Connaught ... 27th Nov	Ditto
1055	Derby ... 15th Jan	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham	1903 {	Prince Edw. Saxe	
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			Weimar	18th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne ... 6th Dec	M. H., Grainger Street	Hampshire Lo. of		
406	Northern Counties ... 5th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street	Emulation	9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
481	St. Peter's ... 10th Dec	Ditto	Portsmouth Tem-		
541	De Lorraine ... 21st Dec	M. H., Grainger Street	perance	26th Nov	Soldier's Institute, High Street
685	Northumberland ... 4th Dec	Assembly Rooms	2074	St. Clair ... 19th Nov	F. M. H., Landport
1342	Walker ... 12th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street	R.A.C.		
1427	Percy ... 18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street	257	Friendship ... 12th Dec	110, High Street
1626	Hotspur TO-DAY, 22nd Nov	Ditto	342	Royal Sussex ... 2nd Jan	F. M. H., Landport
1676	St. Nicholas ... 14th Dec	F. M. H., Grainger Street	487	Portsmouth ... 11th Dec	M. H., Portsmouth
1712	St. John's TO-MOR., 23rd Nov	Ditto	1428	United Service ... 15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport
2260	Ridley ... 18th Dec	F. M. H., Maple Street	1776	Landport TO-DAY, 22nd Nov	Ditto
R.A.C.			2068 {	Portsmouth Tem-	
24	De Swinburne ... 17th Jan	Ditto	perance	(?)	Soldier's Institute, High Street
406	De Sussex ... 14th Dec	M. H., Maple Street	SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
481	St. Peter's ... 20th Feb	Ditto	139	Britannia ... 13th Dec	F. M. H., Surrey Street
685	Northumberland ... 18th Dec	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road	296	Royal Brunswick ... 10th Dec	Ditto
NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1239	Wentworth ... 3rd Dec	Ditto
471	Silurian ... 5th Dec	F. M. H., Dock Street	1779	Ivanhoe ... 27th Nov	Ditto
683	Isca ... 19th Dec	Ditto	2263 {	St. Leonards (con-	
1429	Albert Edward ... 13th Dec	Ditto	secrated 21 July)	(?)	(?)
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
471	Silurian ... 30th Nov	F. M. H., Dock Street	139	Paradise ... 21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street
683	St. Woolos ... 9th Jan	Ditto	296	Loyalty ... 17th Dec	Ditto
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS		
L.o. 52	Union ... 4th Dec	Norfolk Hotel	130	Royal Gloucester ... 6th Dec	Ditto
93	Social ... 11th Dec	23, St. Giles Street	359	Peace & Harmony ... 17th Dec	Ditto
213	Perseverance ... 18th Dec	Ditto	394	Southampton ... 20th Dec	Ditto
807	Cabbell ... 29th Nov	Ditto	785	Twelve Brothers TO-MOR., 23rd Nov	Ditto
943	Sincerity ... 27th Nov	Ditto	1780	Albert Edward ... 4th Dec	Ditto
1500	Walpole ... 6th Dec	Ditto	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			130	Royal Gloucester ... 6th Dec	Ditto
52	Royal George ... 21st Dec	Norfolk Hotel	359	Peace ... 7th Dec	Ditto
213	Perseverance ... 13th Dec	23, St. Giles Street	394	Concord TO-DAY, 22nd Nov	Ditto
807	Cabbell ... 10th Jan	Ditto	SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.		
NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			80	St. John ... 11th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
L.o. 47	Newstead ... 4th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street	94	Phoenix ... 5th Dec	F. M. H., Queen Street
402	Royal Sussex ... 18th Dec	George Hotel	97	Palatine ... 13th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
411	Commercial ... 10th Dec	M. H., Goldsmith Street	1389	Fenwick ... 21st Dec	Ditto
1405	Southwell ... 7th Dec	Ditto	2039	Londonderry TO-MOR., 23rd Nov	Ditto
1434	Nottinghamshire ... 3rd Dec	Ditto	R.A.C.		
1435	Annesley ... 30th Nov	Ditto	80	St. John's ... 18th Dec	M. H., Park Terrace
1794	De Vere ... 21st Dec	Ditto	94	De Lambton ... 29th Jan	F. M. H.
1909	Carnarvon ... 17th Dec	Ditto	97	Strict Benevolence ... 21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace
2017	Duke of Portland TO-DAY, 22nd Nov	Ditto			
R.A.C.					
47	Abbey ... 29th Jan	Ditto			
402	Royal Sussex ... 11th Dec	Ditto			
411	Commercial ... 26th Nov	Ditto			
1435	Annesley ... ?	Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon ... 28th Jan	Ditto			

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

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Lodges and Chapters, as 3rd Thursday in November (see ante). ** The Editor will be greatly obliged for any information the Secretaries of the various Lodges may be pleased to send to him.

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(IV.) Exhibitions will be offered to a few of the cleverest and most deserving boys of the Royal Masonic Institution, to enable them to continue their education at Craufurd College after leaving the former.

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BOARDERS under 14 nominated by Shareholders	50	Guineas.
" " un-nominated	"	60	"
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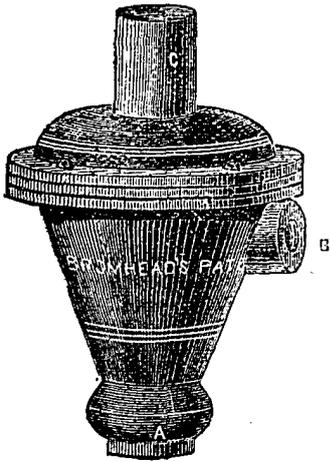


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