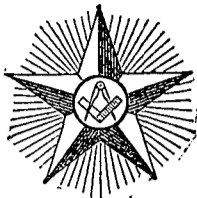


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## Freemasonry and Life Assurance.



READING lately one of the lectures or addresses of the late George Dawson, Esq., M.A., of Birmingham, in which he treated of the great importance of life assurance, the thought struck us that many of his remarks would be worthy of consideration by three classes of society: namely,—those who are anxious to become Freemasons before they have taken care to provide for relatives dependent on them; those who, having joined our Order, are lavish in connection therewith, and yet are not amongst the roll of life assurers; and those who, having the direction and management of our public charitable institutions, have not yet taken into account, as a principal factor in qualification for assistance, the early intention of an applicant to provide against the contingencies of life. We will follow out this train of thought; for we believe that very great advantages would mutually accrue to these three classes if a means could be found to ensure the practice of that "prudence" on which we so much enlarge in our theoretical teachings.

In the first place, it must be admitted as a fact that no man has a right to expect admission into our Order unless, in addition to moral character and respectable social position, he is possessed of independent means, or income sufficient to provide for the prospective needs of himself and family. One of our most ancient charges instructs us, in regard to candidates, to "let them 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." Therefore, to be true and loyal to our institution, no man other than such as those above described should ever be proposed

into our Lodges; nor then, unless some evidence has been afforded that of the four cardinal virtues that of prudence had been practised, to some extent at least, by assurance against family distress in the event of his death; no matter in how slight a degree, for the desire to increase a slender provision has a natural growth in all good men. Says Dawson: "I would rather beg whilst I am alive, than be begged for after I was dead. If I must be a pauper, I would rather bear what shame there is in it while I am alive, than I would suffer my friends to go round and make a collection for my children after I was dead;" and this should be the inborn sentiment of every man worthy of admission into Freemasonry. And there can be no excuse, on the score of inability to take the initial step, either in regard to condition of health or of cost. In respect of health, if a man's physical state is such as to altogether preclude him from the benefits of assurance, he can hardly be fitted for association with either "labour" or "refreshment;" and, in respect of cost, with what readiness will many men produce their initiation fee of five, ten, or fifteen guineas or more, and in grand style lavish unnecessary money on regalia and personal gratification, whilst not one penny has been set aside for family provision in case of accident or death. This should not be; the outlay does no good to the Order, and it inflicts harm upon those who should be protected. And we say that it should be, if not a regulation, yet, in these days *lex non scripta*, that every candidate for Freemasonry should have first provided by assurance against certain misfortunes. As regards other "unforeseen circumstances," our craft has never yet forgotten splendid provision for those in calamity; and that fact alone should, and, we believe, does, strengthen our arguments in favour of some measures being taken in the direction we point out, to prevent the Order being overwhelmed by the admission of persons unfitted for it.

What we have just said applies to the two first of the three classes referred to; and now as to those who control our Benevolent Fund and our respective Charitable Institutions. Would it not be worth while to consider in what manner it could be made understood that more consideration would be given to applicants for assistance, for support, and for education, to those who had exemplified, on their introduction into Freemasonry, that provident care for others which, consequent on "perhaps unavoidable circumstances," they are now seeking from others. It could be done without in any way offending the prejudices of those who speak of the Masonic Order as "not a benefit society," and might think that a policy in an assurance office would be a premium to secure grants and assistance from our funds and institutions. By-the-by, is not the Order already, by the

many years' past admissions of very unqualified persons into our Lodges, fast becoming, if it has not already become, a *big* benefit society? Otherwise, how comes it that we have to listen to applicants who, in some instances, are not even M.M.'s, and in very many not members of even one or two years' standing? But, benefit society or not, big or little, we ought in "justice,"—another of the cardinal virtues we expatiate upon—to do something to check the flow of the improvidence which swamps the masonic soil, and destroys the seed of that brotherly love and relief which should grow to the advantage of those most deserving amongst us. We say, that of the amount any man is prepared to pay for initiation and subscription a portion should be applied to provision against the inevitable; and rather than it should not be so applied he should select less expensive and extravagant Lodges. As to state of health precluding assurance, as we have heard some say, we know better. Here is a packet of prospectuses of Life Assurance Associations beside us. Let us take one at random,—here it is,—and in it we find that second-class lives, as those "whose state of health or family history prevents the acceptance of their proposals at the ordinary premium" (we quote the *SCYPTRE LIFE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON*) are denominated, *can* be assured by an arrangement which appears to us to be equitable and, in fact, more to the interest of the assurer than the company. In that, however, we have no concern. Our own policies are issued from other offices, whose conditions may be of the same nature and equally equitable as those of the *SCYPTRE*. We mention that association only in order that what we have said may be verified by reference, should any doubt.

Well, then, as every man *can* be assured, and as every candidate for Freemasonry *ought* to be assured, as well in justice to his family as to the Order to which he is about to attach himself, that he may not, in the first place, leave those he should protect and cherish dependent on his friends, and, in the second, not hinder the relief of those whose misfortunes have not deceased, what should prevent the application of a remedy to the prevalent evil? Probably, this question may be deemed of sufficient importance to interest many, as well Freemasons as others, who are concerned in fostering provident habits in early life amongst the population generally. To all such we are prepared, as far as our limited space will permit, to make public their views on the subject, and, so far as our humble influence can be made serviceable, to support such proposals as may seem best adapted for the purpose of enforcing on candidates for Freemasonry a preliminary provision against the sad results which often follow upon that "awful moment" to which our attention is so forcibly directed in the most solemn of all our ceremonials.

#### MARK MASONRY.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C., on Tuesday next, the 4th inst., at 4 for 5 p.m., when, after the confirmation of the minutes of the half-yearly communication of the 5th June last, and of the moveable Grand Lodge held at Cheltenham on the 10th July, the report of the General Board will be taken. Among the recommendations arising out of the report, the following will be considered:—

"That the annuity payable to male annuitants be increased to £26, and that to female annuitants to £21, and that a sum of £5 be annually presented at Christmas to each annuitant for the purpose of procuring clothing or fuel, or other necessaries; and that the Book of Constitutions, page 76, clause viii., and page 79, clause iv., be altered accordingly."

The M.W. Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year will be respectively nominated, and subsequently the charity jewels to the stewards at the last Benevolent Fund Festival will be presented. The next festival of that fund will be held in July, and brethren willing to act as stewards on that occasion should forward their names as early as possible to Bro. C. F. Matier, the secretary to that fund, at 8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

**T**HE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 5th December next, at six for seven o'clock precisely. A Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, submitting and recommending an application from the Body styled "The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales," for recognition, will be read; The Grand Master and Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year will be nominated; The President of the Board of Benevolence will be appointed and invested; A Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence will be elected; as also twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter recommends grants to twelve applicants amounting to £750. The Board of General purposes will submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4,026 0s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £24 8s. 7d. W. Bro. John F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sword Bearer, will move—"That in Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, the five words, 'receive due notice in writing' in line 4, be taken out, and the following inserted in their place: 'had due notice sent to him in writing by the secretary of his lodge in a registered letter to his last known address.'" "Also, in line 10, to add the words 'who vote' after the word 'present.'" This motion will, we learn, be seconded by Bro. Wm. Beavis, P.M., W.M. Harrow Lodge No. 1310, and Prov. G. Pst. Middx., and it being a most practical and important amendment to Rule 210 as it now stands, we call special attention to it and strongly advise its general support. An appeal, by the Star in the East Lodge, No. 918, Queens-town, South Africa, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of South Africa (E.D.) cancelling a sentence of exclusion passed by the lodge on Bro. William Bands for alleged masonic offences will be heard. The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

The following brethren have been nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence:—Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President, and none others have been nominated.

The following Past Masters have been nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence, viz., Bros. George Polc Britten, 183; William Peter Brown, 90; Thomas Cull, 1,446; George A. Cundy, 901; Charles Dairy, 141; James Burgess Grieve, 1,351; Lewis Christopher Haslip, 813; David D. Mercer, 1,641; George Read, 511; Francis R. Spaul, 1,768; Robert J. Taylor, 144; Alfred Cooper Woodward, 1,538, and there being none others nominated will be declared elected.

Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, for the following lodges:—

- No. 2278—The Kingswood Lodge, Elstree, Hertfordshire.
- 2279—The Thornham Lodge, Thornham, Lancashire (E.D.)
- 2280—The St. John's Lodge, Saugor, Bombay.
- 2281—The Lodge of Emulation, Perth, Western Australia.
- 2282—The Lodge of Harmony, Fremantle, Western Australia.
- 2283—The Euston Lodge, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.
- 2284—The Smyth Lodge, Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire.
- 2285—The Eden Lodge, Workington, Cumberland.
- 2286—The Albion Lodge, Albion, near Brisbane, Queensland.
- 2287—The Lodge Mokereta, Wyndham, District of Otago and Southland, N.Z.
- 2288—The Sitapur Lodge, Sitapur, Oude, Bengal.
- 2289—The Blundellsands Lodge, Great Crosby, Lancashire (W.D.)
- 2290—The Fairfield Lodge, Fairfield, Liverpool, Lancashire (W.D.)

#### THE BOARD OF MASTERS AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; and Bro. J. Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, were present and about eighty other brethren attended.

At the Board of Masters, which was first held, the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge in December was submitted to the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence which followed, the brethren confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master to the extent of £510.

On the new list of applicants for assistance were 41 names, whose qualifications for relief were through lodges in the London district 28 cases, Upper Mill 2, Sidcup, Devonport, Doncaster, Melbourne, Weymouth, Newport (Isle of Wight), Bruton, Illinois, Halesworth, Gainsborough, and Harwich.

Three cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total of £984, which was composed as follows: One recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, and two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; four recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of £40 each, and eight of £30 each; thirteen grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, three of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

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.]

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE SQUARE.

In the Holy Land, Oriental Masons teach that while the SUPREME ARCHITECT used the Gauge, Gavel, Plumb, Level, and other working tools in building the earth, yet when HE built the heavens HE used the SQUARE alone.

'Twas in Damascus on an April day;  
In the bazaars where pilgrims congregate  
I met an aged Mason; on his head  
The turban of Mohammed, large and green;  
In his right hand the mystic almond rod,  
Such as wise Jacob bore, and Moses bore  
When the Red Sea was cleft beneath his hand.

Mustapha was his name; tall, gaunt and gray,  
Yet his black eye, undimmed, flashed into mine;  
And his strong hand exchanged the mystic grip  
With sinewy force.

He was my senior by some forty years,  
And sixty years a Mason. He had thought  
More deeply than the most, of the intent  
Of Solomon's wise imagery so quaint and old,  
And how it makes its impress on the soul.  
I asked him which of all these emblems wise  
That glorify our Trestle Board, is best?  
Which gives divinest light! which points to us  
Most surely the Great Master of the Craft?

In quick reply, he laid that sinewy hand  
Upon the SQUARE. It is my favourite type,  
One that in a thousand Lodges I have loved  
To moralize upon, the Trying Square.

He took it up, and with great reverence  
Raised it toward the Throne. "By this," he said,  
"The Heaven of Heavens in perfect order fell,  
When God took out the Master's implements  
From His own chest, and built the universe!  
By THIS the radiant Throne—by THIS the Courts  
Of His own glory were constructed sure!  
Earth and the stars were fashioned well by THESE,  
The Gavel, Trowel, Level, Line and Rule;  
The Lodge Celestial by the SQUARE alone!"

This was the legend that the Arab told.  
I partly do believe it, for I see  
In this full angle and these perfect lines  
What in no other working tool appears.  
And noting that you choose this honoured type  
To give your Lodge a name, I charge you now,  
Dear brethren, KEEP WITHIN IT! Do your work,  
Your praise, your counsels to the listening Craft,  
And oh, your daily walk before the world,  
WITHIN THE SQUARE.

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

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The Installation Meeting of the Lodge "St. Margaret," No. 1452, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Monday, the 3rd prox., at 4 p.m., when Bro. W. H. Walker, W.M., will instal his successor, Bro. H. W. H. Elwes, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., into the chair of K.S. A banquet will be held at the Suffolk Hotel, at 6 p.m.

—To-morrow, 30th inst, the "Old Masonians," of which society the Dep. Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire, Bro. A. F. Godsen, M.P., is president, have a Cinderella dance at Anderton's Hotel.

—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Zetland Lodge of Instruction on Monday, the 10th December next. Bro. W. Kew, W.M.

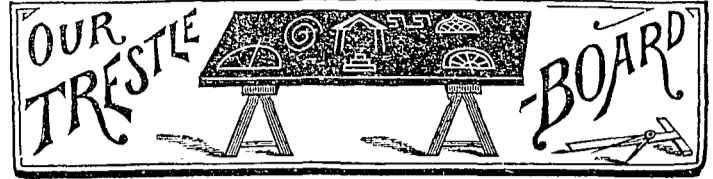
—The Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, Bro. Edmund Dare, W.M., will meet at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on Thursday, the 4th Dec., at 3.30 p.m. prompt. There is a good afternoon's work on the agenda, and a banquet at 7.

—The "Temperance" Chapter, No. 169, will meet next Tuesday evening, the 4th December, at five o'clock, at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford. If the ballot is successful, the exaltation will follow of Bro. George Bolton, of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, the son of Comp. Bolton, P.Z., and treasurer of the Chapter.

—The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 511, at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, N., on Monday, 3rd December next, when the members of the Lodge will be pleased to welcome as many W.M.'s. and P.M.'s. as can make it convenient to attend.

—The lecture by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry," to be delivered this evening in the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, at the Railway Hotel, London Street, E.C., will commence at 7 p.m. sharp.

—Bro. H. Lovegrove, F.S.I., &c., Vice-President of the Architectural Association, has resumed his course of lectures for the session, at 9, Conduit Street, W.



"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.

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Our pages are always at the service of our contemporaries, masonic or otherwise, but we should like others to do unto us as we do by them, namely, acknowledge the source of the information they publish. This remark is called forth by the announcement of certain paragraphs in the *Weekly Chronicle* which could only be obtainable through our columns, and in respect of which no acknowledgment has been made. Even "exchange" has not been offered.

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Our attention has been called to a printer's error in our last week's editorial, in the substitution of but one letter for another; an apparently trifling matter, yet absolutely destroying the sense of a sentence. Referring to "toleration in matters ethical, being one of the landmarks of our order," we are made to ask "but is toleration extended upwards? By one religious body, no!" To this no meaning can be attached. But reading as we wrote, "Is toleration extended *us*-wards?" the context is plain, and the argument incontestable.

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"Benedictine" (*see* "Correspondence"), asks if there is any objection to ladies wearing ornaments in which masonic emblems are displayed. We know of no masonic sumptuary edict which would be disregarded by the practice; and as to objections doubt their utility if made. We ourselves, "permit" the fair partner of our joys and sorrows, when sharing in the more than ordinary "gay and festive" gatherings of the craft, to adorn herself with a gorgeous brooch of K.T. design, "manufactured by Bro. George Kenning," and presented to her by a friendly Sir Knight; and if we did not "permit," 'twould be all the same. It is possessed and must be shown! We would advise "Benedictine," and all other brethren in doubt on the subject, not to interfere with any lady wearing whatever she chooses, "permitted" or otherwise. "Benedictine" should know that—

"The man's a fool who strives, by force or skill,  
To stem the torrent of a woman's will;  
For if she will, she *will*, you may depend on't,  
And if she won't, she won't, so there's an end on't!"

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Another correspondent asks us for an opinion as to the status of a brother placed in the Junior Warden's chair to supply, during a portion of the W.M.'s year of office, the place of the brother appointed and invested as J.W. at the regular installation meeting of the lodge, but who has resigned his wardenship? The substituted brother is not *the* Junior Warden of the lodge, and cannot exercise any of the functions beyond ceremonial work within the lodge, or enjoy any of the privileges attached to the office, whilst merely acting as *locum tenens* for the regularly appointed and invested officer, who, by his resignation, practically leaves the lodge without a Junior Warden until the next annual period of installation of W.M.

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The *Jewish Chronicle* of the 16th inst. announces the death of Bro. Levi A. Cohen at the St. Thomas's Home, the department for paying-patients in the hospital of that name. Our deceased brother was a well-known man at Tangiers, and to the Jews in Morocco his death will be a severe and long-felt loss. In association with our order he largely promoted, about three years ago, the establishment of the first Masonic Lodge ever opened in Morocco, and held one of the highest offices in that lodge, which has its headquarters at Tangiers. The event was considered of sufficient interest to be commemorated by portrait sketches in one of the London illustrated papers of the principal officers of the lodge, Bro. Cohen among them. He was a remarkable man in a land where civilization has barely obtained a footing; and the recollection of his short but usefully spent life, which terminated at the early age of 44, will not easily be effaced from those who in this country and in Morocco knew him and appreciated his sterling worth.

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We hail with great satisfaction the terms of a motion to be made at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man, of which the R.W. Bro. Major John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, J.P. and speaker of the House of Keys is the Prov. Grand Master; and which will be held at the Masonic Hall, Douglas, this day, 29th inst. The motion will be made by W. Bro. R. Swinnerton, P.G.D.C. as a recommendation from the Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge, No. 2197, and is to the following effect:—"That, with a view to securing uniformity of working, the Provincial Grand Lodge be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to promote the holding of combined Lodges of Instruction." This is a step in the right direction. If the motion is carried, we shall watch results with much interest, and shall hope to see its adoption in other Provinces prior to a movement to secure something of the sort for the metropolis.

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We regret to hear that Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., Northamptonshire, has sustained another bereavement in the loss of his wife.

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## Original Correspondence.

\* \* \* We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.

### LADIES' JEWELS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Could there be any masonic objection to the lady friend (however near and dear) of a mason wearing a brooch or anything in the way of ornament with a masonic emblem upon it? If this were allowed, I think it would please the ladies and not injure their masonic husband or brother.

Yours fraternally,  
BENEDICTINE.

\* \* \* See "Our Trestle Board."—ED. M.S.

### CLOSING IN 2ND AND 3RD DEGREES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I very much regret the second paragraph of my letter on the above subject in last week's MASONIC STAR was not sufficiently definite so as to be clearly understood.

By an unfortunate slip of the pen, the word "that" follows the word "insufferable"; the phrase should have been "it is insufferable to omit such a pleasurable and instructive ceremony when neatly performed," &c., &c. As I am desirous of the attentive consideration of the brethren being given to what I consider a matter of importance, I trouble you with this correction, taking much blame to myself for my carelessness.

Yours fraternally,  
November 23rd, 1888. A P.M. & P.P.G.O.

M.M. APRON.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I think you misunderstood my query a few weeks ago. I only asked if it would be the proper thing to do to have the dirt removed from a much-used M.M.'s apron; to remove nothing—only clean.

Yours fraternally,  
ANXIOUS TO BE CORRECT.

\* \* \* By all means clean!—ED. M.S.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As regular subscribers to your paper, let us add our encouragement to what we consider a long-felt want.

We should like to know by what authority a Prov. Sec. grants a dispensation for a masonic funeral, but "no ceremony whatever is permitted in the church or at the grave side." We hear that in some provinces such a prohibition is not in force, but here it has been made a hard-and-fast rule.

The insertion of this letter would, no doubt, elicit replies from members of other provinces. Yours truly and fraternally,

W.M., FOR SELF AND MEMBERS.

19th November, 1888.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A brother is invested with a Warden's collar. Shortly afterwards he receives an appointment which causes him to remove so far from the lodge that he cannot attend the meetings. He, accordingly, writes to the W.M. resigning his office.

Under these circumstances, has the W.M. the power to bestow the collar on another brother at the next regular lodge meeting? And, if so, would this second brother be recognised as a member of Grand Lodge, seeing that the name of the first invested officer has been duly sent up?

November 26th, 1888.

Yours fraternally,  
DEACON.

\* \* \* See "Our Trestle Board."—ED. M.S.

## MASONIC CALENDAR FOR MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Will you allow me to inform the editors of other calendars, and those who have communicated with me on the subject, that the calendar will not appear again under my editorship, as, for various reasons, I intend devoting my attention to metropolitan masonry.

I may add that more interest was taken in the calendar out of the province than in, and it seems odd that so large a province cannot properly support a calendar. Fraternal yours,

26, Budge Row, E.C.

HENRY LOVEGROVE, P.M., P.Z.

## Re MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

With reference to Junior Warden, Bro. Beavis' and other letters, I think it is quite right that the Secretaries of these Benevolent Associations should have some recognition for their valuable and gratuitous services; but I don't see that the head-quarters should be expected to recognise it themselves. What I should humbly like to suggest is this, that when brothers and subscribers are unable to continue their weekly subscriptions, the amount they may have paid towards the funds should form a surplus, which, when sufficiently large, should be appropriated to the purchase of a Life Governorship in any of the Masonic Charities and given to the Secretary, instead of refunding it to the brothers or others who, from some unforeseen circumstances, are unable to continue their aid and support.

London, Nov. 27th, 1888.

Yours fraternally,  
WM. H. LIDDALL, S.D. 45.

## Answers to Correspondents.

INDUSTRY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (*not Instruction*), No. 186.—If you wish us to notice your meetings, your scribe should send particulars promptly. A report of a meeting a fortnight ago is too "ancient" for our columns.

UNIQUE LODGE, 1789.—We shall be ever ready to accommodate, and regret setting aside your very interesting report, but it did not reach us so soon as it should have done.

T.G.C., Sec. 2272.—Much obliged, and information noted.

H.B. 1632.—Too late for this issue, and somewhat too lengthy.

AD. O.—Your article is in type. Will do the best we can for you in next number.

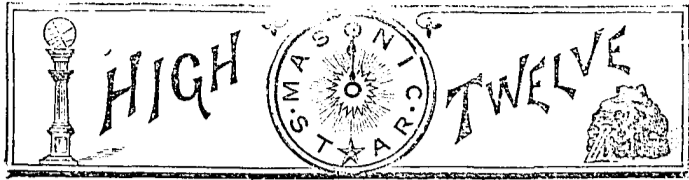
G.P., P.Z. 1185.—Yours shall be noticed next week.

T. F., HAVANT.—Yours of 26th shall have attention.

## FOURTH ANNUAL NORTH LONDON MASONIC BALL.

In our advertising columns will be found particulars of the Fourth Annual North London Masonic Ball, to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday, January the 2nd, 1889. This ball is under the patronage of Sir A. K. Rollit, M.P., and Mr. Cowley Lambert, M.P. The president is Bro. Charles Townley, so well known in musical and dramatic circles, and the vice-presidents are Mr. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec., R.M.B.I.; Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Sec., R.M.I.G.; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec., R.M.I.G., and Bro. Edward Terry, P.G.S. and P.M. 29, 1305. The commendable feature of the ball is that the profits arising therefrom are to be given to the masonic charities, and it therefore deserves the hearty consideration and support of all members of the craft, especially those residing in the northern part of our metropolis. The committee is a thoroughly representative one, not only of the craft but of residents of North London, and their names should be a sufficient guarantee to make the ball a greater success even than those which have preceded it. The tickets have been fixed at such a price as to make the company select, and those of our brethren who determine to be present will, we are sure, spend an enjoyable evening, and feel a heartfelt satisfaction in having once more been able to somewhat add to the funds of our several splendid institutions.

MASONIC LECTURE.—On Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, Liverpool, an interesting lecture on "Ancient Masonic Emblems" was delivered by Bro. Captain J. Macnab, W.M. 241. Bro. C. C. Robin, 786, occupied the chair, being supported by Bro. J. Brotherton, the preceptor, and there was a large attendance. Bro. Macnab announced that he had chosen for this lecture the purely ancient emblems only, reserving those of later date for a future occasion, and the novel and interesting manner in which he explained their origin, and accounted for their presence in modern masonry after the lapse of thousands of years, called forth the hearty encomiums of the audience. It is intended by the members of this useful lodge to have these historical lectures at frequent intervals in future, and on next Tuesday evening another member, Bro. West, is to follow on a kindred subject. We strongly sympathise with these endeavours to instruct by means of lectures other than sectional in our Lodges of Instruction, and wish they were more general.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

## Evenings Abroad.

"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA."  
AT THE PRINCESS' THEATRE.

Mr. Henry Pettitt has given us another good, emotional, sensational drama. As an example of pieces of this description, *Hands across the Sea* may take a very respectable position; and it doubtless will for a long time attract profitable audiences. There is always a strong family likeness in plays of this type, but conventionality does not trouble the spectator if only the workmanship be good. For no matter how familiar may be the incidents or the personages introduced, a capable dramatist and one whose instinct, as is the case with Mr. Pettitt, carries him on the right track, weaves his materials together in such combinations, that a new complexion is given to the whole, and the charm of the audience is complete. There is, perhaps, one fault which may reasonably be found in this play. It is a fault, however, for which no remedy can be found by me, because its elimination would necessitate a recasting of a good deal of the play. The villain is far too transparent and unreal, not to say feeble: true it is he indulges in his villainy freely enough, but this does not constitute the strength of mind and purpose which would be necessary to effectually weave the net around the hero, Jack Dudley. Jack is a man of purpose, of will, of intelligence; he would, despite his country breeding, see through Robert Stillwood at a glance. Even little Lucy, a girl in her teens, whose heart and womanhood are all she thinks about, has sufficient worldly sense to frustrate some of Bob's sweet schemes; and yet, Jack Dudley, presumably a strong man who has hitherto been able to fight his way successfully through the world, yields to the wiles of the Stillwood brain without even a mental wriggle with his own common sense. Of course, no drama can do without its villain; the hero and the heroine must of necessity go through their allotted trials during the earlier acts, in order that they may be reunited at last: the exigencies of the audience must be obeyed, and the author has to yield. Sometimes the criminal motive is strong, sometimes it is weak; here it is undoubtedly weak, but its weakness may be condoned in consideration of the other merits of the play. Speaking of originality with regard to this play, it is curious that a scene in it should have been taken bodily from *La Maison du Mari*. But with all the faults which the critical may find in it, *Hands Across the Sea* attracts and interests the public. As the hero, Mr. Neville gives us a touch of his old form; his Jack Dudley is a splendid specimen of an Englishman; in his most emotional moments he is manly and not tearful, and he carries the weight of the play upon his shoulders in the most satisfactory fashion. A sweet heroine is Miss Mary Rorke; her pathos is so natural and real, and her attractiveness is so great that she thoroughly enlists the sympathy of her auditors. Mr. Pateman gives us a marvellous performance; his death scene, indeed, is too terrible, and this is the worst that can be said of it. Mr. Garden is, as usual, highly amusing, and his fun is ably seconded by Miss Webster; and Miss Vizetty, whom I welcome as a clever recruit to the stage, was very nice in a small part. Mr. Abingdon plays the villain in a cool, artistic manner, while Mr. Buchlaw and Mr. Cross lend most valuable aid to a generally capable cast. Altogether, the Princess' piece is well worth seeing.

*The Armada* at Drury Lane will be withdrawn very shortly to make way for the Christmas Pantomime, which will be on the subject of *The Babes in the Wood*, and *Robin Hood and his Merry Men*, and *Harlequin who Killed Cock Robin*—a title which, though comprehensive, is not brief. Augustus Druriolanus announces "unprecedented preparations," and he has engaged a splendid company, chief amongst whom are Messrs. Nichols, Campbell, Leno, Stevens, and Miss Harriett Vernon.

The Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society of Sheffield gave a performance on the 21st inst., at the Baths, Victoria Street, when Tom Taylor's *Sheep in Wolf's Clothing*, and W. S. Gilbert's *Tom Cobb* were performed. These two pieces are somewhat a tax on amateur talent; but, I am informed that everything was done in a highly satisfactory manner. The gentlemen were ably assisted by Misses Ada Melrose, Lillian Hingston, and Ella Stirling.

On Friday evening last I journeyed to Leamington, at the invitation of Mr. Yorke Stephens, there to assist at an interesting *première*, to wit, that of *True Heart*, a powerfully interesting drama by a clever young dramatist, Mr. Henry Byatt, whose play, *The Brothers*, now running at the Vaudeville Theatre, all who see admire. Folk here in London will probably see this new play, and will have an opportunity of comparing it with some of those farragoes of dramatic rubbish which pervade the provinces and attract good business because the towns they are taken to are smothered with blood-curdling posters, and the company carries "real" steam-rollers, or "real" bloodhounds, or other realities of the Vincent Crummel type. Speaking individually, I consider *True Heart* a manly, breezy, and vigorous drama, full of interest and capable of attracting the public, wherever it may be sent. It was excellently acted by the company engaged, which embraces the names of some very popular artists, viz.: Messrs. Yorke Stephens, J. A. Howell, Sidney Vallentine, William Calvert, Henry Elmore, Murray-Innes; and Mesdames Clara Cowper, E. Chester, and Violet Croft.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

## Our City Article.

AS THE MASONIC STAR is written by Masons for Masons, who are mostly business men having more or less interest in the Stock and Share Markets, we include in our columns a weekly Money Article, written by one of our Craft actively engaged in the markets. It is written 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, NOVEMBER 28TH, 1888.

Although no advance was made in the Bank rate last week, in the best informed quarters it is confidently expected that a change will be made before long, and that money will be dearer as we get towards the end of the year. The latest development of the monetary position is the large shipments of gold from New York, and although this may serve to modify the pressure here, it merely shifts the place of the disturbance, and this is to be seen in the very unsettled condition of the New York markets. From day to day it is impossible to tell whether we are to look for better prices in American railway shares, or the reverse, and in this contingency my remarks of last week are equally applicable now. This is not the time to buy stocks in Yankee railways, neither is it safe to sell after the recent fall. We have momentary recoveries followed by relapses, and the dealers in the Stock Exchange are quite at sea as to which way the movement is tending. Looking at it merely from the monetary point of view, I am doubtful of any permanent recovery before the New Year, and still advise that this market, at all events, should be left alone.

When I turn to the English rails there is apparently nothing adverse to apprehend; the traffic returns still show good increases, sufficient to affect favourably the dividend prospects for the half-year, nor is this increase altogether discounted. The movements during the past week have all been upwards. North Easterns, to which I called attention last week, have risen from 156½ to 158, and may go still higher. Brighton "A's" are 1 per cent. better, and, with a continued increase in the takes they should improve. They are now over £15,000 to the good, and the distribution on the "A" stock will probably be at the rate of ½ per cent. better for the year; but, at the same time, it must not be forgotten that this stock is not strongly held, and, as a very favourite speculation, is more liable to fluctuation than any other. It is rather to the heavy lines, such as Midland, Great Western, and North Western, that I would direct the attention of the speculator.

The uneasy feeling in Paris is affecting adversely all Continental stocks, and from the different Bourses the markets are reported weak. Prices have been carried very high, so that there is rather a tendency towards realisations than fresh purchases. The Russian loan, it is said, will be issued on the 7th December and, until that is safely floated, every effort will be made to keep prices up. Paris is so much committed to the Panama Canal scheme that a collapse in that undertaking is an ever-present source of weakness, and this affects the dealing in all other securities. Rio Tinto shares should be watched very carefully, and may be purchased with tolerable safety on any fall.

Since I wrote, Canadian Pacific Shares have been much depressed, and although there is every disposition to think well of them, any advance in prices is taken advantage of by the holders to get rid of them. The determination of the directors to persevere in needless extensions and in a fighting policy is not calculated to inspire confidence amongst the proprietors, nor is it at all likely to benefit the railway; the ordinary shares have been as low as 52½, and, although now somewhat above that price, they are not an improving property. Grand Trunks have been making a hard fight to get themselves up, but the result is not a great success, although there is always a large oversold account in these stocks; there is also a large amount held as security against advances by the Banks, and this is not an element of strength at this time of year. At the fortnightly settlement yesterday, contango rates ruled high, but not so much as had been anticipated.

Mining shares are fairly active, and there is a disposition to buy the South African Gold Shares, but I need scarcely say that there are good and bad lots in this group. Spes Bona shares are not a bad purchase just now, as they are likely to be carried higher. Nitrates have advanced no further, as there is nothing actually to warrant any higher prices, and dealing is confined to a very narrow circle. The public have found they are only made use of by a certain set of wire-pullers as their services are required, so that they are very shy of assisting in the movement. There has been a good rise in the shares of a small company called Bell's Asbestos, but it is only amongst a few speculators that the dealings have taken place. Without going into the merits of the concern, it certainly seems extraordinary that people should give 18½ for £5 shares in a company which has never yet paid a dividend, and about the prospects of which absolutely nothing is known. Looking at the markets generally, I consider that English railways afford the best chance of a rise, but, as regards foreign stocks and American rails, I look for continued weakness and lower prices up to the end of the year, with decided advance in the rates charged for the use of money.

CRAFTSMAN.

### ANSWERS.

- No. 990.—It is the same man under another name; have nothing to do with him.  
 ASBESTOS.—(1) Yes; the Company is in liquidation. (2) Sell out now; you will buy cheaper later on.  
 LIGHT.—Cannot advise you; it is too late.

## Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.**—The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Swindon, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., under the banner of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Methuen, not being present. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. Eng., D.P.G.M., presided. The attendance of brethren from the various lodges in the province was good. The roll having been called and duly responded to, the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge meeting were read and confirmed and the various reports received and adopted. The D.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren, and in the course of his remarks said that the P.G.M., Lord Methuen, had desired him to express his regret at his unavoidable absence, being now in Scotland, and having mistaken the date of the meeting. He then made feeling allusion to the illness of the Prov. Charity Sec., Bro. W. Nott; and next congratulated the province on the appointment of Bro. Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.P.G.C., as Grand Chaplain of England. Referring to the Boys' School, he recommended that no steward should be appointed from this province until the charges against the management of that institution were cleared up satisfactorily. He next spoke in complimentary terms of the founding of the new Lodge, "White Horse," No. 2227 (Westbury), and also to the excellent working of Lodges No. 632 (Stowbridge), and 1271 (Bradford), both of which he had recently had the pleasure of attending to install their Worshipful Masters; and, in concluding, expressed his gratification at the large attendance of brethren and the cordial reception given by the receiving lodge. A vote of 25 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. H. Burt, as steward for that charity, was agreed to, and also one for the sum of £5 towards a testimonial to Bro. W. Nott for his services as Secretary to the Western Provinces Charity Organization Committee. All offices were then declared vacant and the D.P.G.M. proceeded to invest the following brethren as P.G. officers for the ensuing year:—J. C. Maclean, P.M. 355, P.G.S.W.; E. B. Merriman, P.M. 1533, P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, P.M. 1271, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.M. 626, P.G. Treas.; B. H. Watts, P.M. 626, P.G. Reg.; H. Bevir, P.M. 355, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 2227, P.S.G.D.; H. Kemble, P.M. 355, P.J.G.D.; J. H. Foley, P.M. 632, P.G. Sup. of Wks.; J. Chandler, P.M. 355, P.G.D.C.; W. L. Martin, W.M. 355, P.G. Asst. D.C.; F. Barton, P.M. 1271, P.G. Svd. B.; W. H. Brinkworth, P.M. 626, P.G. Org.; E. E. Bartlett, P.M. 586, P.G. Pours.; A. H. Lapham, P.M. 626, P.G. Std. B.; J. Savory, 355, P.G. Tyler. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Goddard Arms Hotel, where, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**WHITTINGTON LODGE**—No. 862.—Installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on the 19th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Hill, W.M., supported by his officers and a large number of members and visitors. Bro. F. C. Lockstone was raised to the third degree. The auditor's report was received and adopted, a balance in favour of the lodge, after clearance of all liabilities, remaining in the hands of the treasurer. Bro. Hill, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, comprising twenty-four in number, then installed his successor, Bro. James Irvine, into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom and with full and ably performed ceremonial. The officers appointed were:—Bros. H. Brocklehurst, S.W.; A. P. H. Pauncefort, J.W.; James Weaver, P.M., Secretary; Thomas Kingston, P.M., Treasurer; P. Day, S.D.; J. Sharp, J.D.; T. J. Collis, I.G.; A. C. Bonsall, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. Apologies for absence were received from the Grand Secretary and other high officials. Amongst the very numerous visitors was Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B. and Sec. R.M.B.I., who, as usual, enlisted the sympathies of the brethren in favour of "Aged Masons and Masons' Widows," and secured the W.M. for a Steward at the forthcoming festival, the brethren at once starting his list with the handsome contribution of £62. The banquet was everything that could be desired, and thorough enjoyment pervaded the brilliant company during an evening which was further enlivened by the admirable performance of a more than ordinarily good programme of music, under the direction of Bro. James Weaver, P.M. Amongst the vocalists were the Misses Jenny Chamberlin and Lizzie Dunkley, Bros. Wakefield, Reed and Arthur Cranch, and Mr. Wade. A new quartette composed for the occasion by Bro. Weaver, "The Freemason's Hymn of Praise" (words by the late Bro. Rob. Morris, and reproduced in a former number of THE MASONIC STAR), was exceedingly well sung and gave general satisfaction. The entire proceedings of this installation meeting reflected the utmost credit upon W.M., officers and brethren, and on all others concerned in carrying out the arrangements.

**DABLINGTON—ST. CUTHBERT'S PRECEPTORY.**—Regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, November 20th. E. P. Sir Kt. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D. in the chair. Minutes confirmed. Comp. Rev. R. Coulton elected. The E. Sub-Prior of N. & E. Yorks; T. B. Whythead; the E.P. Moore, of Ancient Ebor Preceptory; the E.P. Macdonnel, of Mount Grace Preceptory, and several other visiting companions of the order received and duly saluted. Preceptory closed and Priory of Malta opened. Five Kts. of T. duly elected and installed by the E. Prior Sir Kt. Dr. Hill Drury. Priory closed and the Kts. adjourned to refreshment.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL—MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE.**—No. 1,544, celebrated the festival of St. John under most auspicious circumstances. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Pendray, W.M.; R. Bate, I.P.M.; J. Pengilly, S.W.; E. Lakey, Treasurer; H. H. Vivian, P.M., P.G.J.W., Secretary; R. Rowe, S.D.; J. G. Shakerley, Organist; J. Whitworth, Steward; J. Nicholas, Tyler; P.M.'s J. T. Rodda, P.G., Steward; F. Bartle, F. J. Lee; Bros. W. Teague, E. J. Bennett, F. J. Gardener, A. Dunkin, T. Bennalack, H. Williams, J. W. Jackson, N. Williams, R. S. Behenna, R. Taylor, J. A. Temby,

W. Williams, G. Smith, M. Trounson, F. B. Broad, J. Adams. Visitors: Bros. J. Lovell, 121, P.P.G.S.D.; N. Pascoe, 699, W.M.; C. Kent, 699, I.P.M.; J. C. Benny, 75; W. Trevenen, 318, Treasurer; J. M. Richards, 318, W.M.P.G., Steward; J. O. Eva, 318, I.G.; R. Dunstan, 318, P.M.; F. W. Thomas, 450, J.W.; T. A. Kistler, 589, P.P.G.O.; E. M. Cock, 589, W.M., P.G.T.; J. Sarah, 589, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The W.M.-elect, Bro. J. Pengilly, was most ably installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Pendray. Bro. Pendray was invested as I.P.M., and the following were appointed and invested as officers:—Bros. T. Burge, S.W.; R. Rowe, J.W.; E. Lakey, Treasurer; H. P. Vivian, Secretary; J. Whitworth, A. Secretary; R. Bate, Chaplain; J. Newland, S.D.; W. Viall, J.D.; W. Trevithick, I.G.; J. G. Shakerley, Organist; W. Teague, N. Williams, F. J. Gardener, and R. Taylor, Stewards; and J. Nicholas, Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a banquet admirably supplied by Bro. W. Viall, at the White Hart Hotel. W. Bro. Cock, in replying to the toast of the Provincial G.M. and the officers of P.G. Lodge, complimented the brethren of Mount-Edgcumbe Lodge for the manner in which they welcomed the P.G. Lodge this year, and Bro. Vivian, in responding, said he was proud of the good feeling which marked the meeting of the P.G. Lodge. The toast of the visitors was submitted by Bro. Vivian, and responded to by Bros. J. M. Richards, W. Trevenen, Bogg, N. Pascoe, J. Lovell, T. A. Kistler, Benny, &c. During the evening some capital songs, &c., were contributed by Bros. Kistler, Lovell, Winn, Dunstan, Rowe, &c., Bro. White presiding at the pianoforte.

**LIVERPOOL.**—The installation meeting of the "Israel" Masonic Lodge, Liverpool, was held on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street; Bro. the Rev. H. M. Silver, W.M., in the chair. Several Provincial Grand Officers and other influential members of the craft were present. The Rev. H. M. Silver installed Bro. David Gabrielson as his successor in the position of W.M. The following were invested as officers of the lodge: Bros. Rev. H. M. Silver, I.P.M.; J. F. Davies, S.W.; John Latta, J.W.; Henry Gabriel, Treas.; Andrew Kirkpatrick, P.M., D.C.; George Thierry, Sec.; David Mathews, S.D.; M. Karet, J.D.; J. O. Roberts, I.G.; H. P. Cowell, Organist; J. Vos, S.S.; W. F. Terry, J.S.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. A sincere vote of condolence was passed to Bro. D. Stern on the death of his father. During the proceedings a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the Rev. H. M. Silver. It was mentioned that the Benevolent Fund of the lodge amounts to £400.—*The Jewish Chronicle.*

**ROYAL UNION**—No. 382.—Regular meeting, at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, on the 19th inst., Bro. J. Taplin, W.M. About 40 officers and members of the Lodge attended, and amongst the visitors were Bros. E. Terry, P.M. 29; Dharly, 901; Harper and Sanger (Jersey Lodge); Knight (Wayside Lodge); and Taylor (Brownrigg Lodge). Bro. Twamley was passed to the F.C. degree and Messrs. John Dinnis, Charles Hall, Andrew Chappell, Thomas John Pearce and George John Mercer were initiated into the Order, the respective ceremonies being most ably conducted. An excellent banquet was served by Bro. Twamley, the proprietor of the Chequers' Hotel, which gave general satisfaction, and a very pleasant evening was spent after labour. In connection with this Lodge an instruction meeting is held every Thursday evening at eight o'clock, under the supervision of Bro. E. Cotton, one of the Past Masters, and a skilful preceptor.

**CORDWAINER WARD LODGE**—No. 2241.—On Wednesday, the 21st inst, at the Cannon Street Hotel. Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., W.M., presided in the absence of Bro. Alderman Col. Cowan, S.W., through a domestic bereavement; Bro. Fred West, P.D.C., acting as I.P.M. There were also present: Bros. W. T. Buck, J.W.; Rev. R. C. Lewis, Chaplain; H. J. Adams, G.S.B. Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, Secretary; C. S. Buck, S.D.; J. T. Hepburn, J.D.; J. R. Reep, D.C.; A. Hawkins, J.P., A.D.C.; W. A. Prince and H. Carter, Stewards; W. Eckstein, J. W. Potter, R. Greening, C. Wilkinson, Pimbury, R. Cogan, Mason and A. Bull. Visitors: Bros. J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M. 176; Dr. J. H. Galton, James Wright, J. Cooper, H. S. Mendelsohn and F. Loughlin. The business consisted of one passing and two initiations. Bro. J. Steedman, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, was passed to the second degree, and Messrs. W. D. Ramsay and Arthur Wright were initiated, both ceremonies being well rendered. At the close of the proceedings, twenty-six members and visitors met at the banquet table.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

**THE GREAT CITY**—No. 1426. *Fifteen Sections.* At the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., on 22nd inst.; Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, P.M.; Bros. T. Hodges, S.W. 1695, presiding as W.M.; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, S.W.; W. M. Snelling, W.M. 1541, J.W.; J. L. Barrett, S.D.; J. Lazarus, J.D.; D. Hills, Treasurer and I.G.; W. J. Ball, Secretary, and between forty and fifty brethren, amongst whom were the members of the Leopold Lodge of Instruction in force. The whole of the sections were worked in most perfect manner by the following brethren, viz:—J. L. Barrett, S.W. 201; Philip Sharpe, W.M. 869; D. Hills, 185; Jas. Stevens, P.M. 1426, &c.; W. W. Snelling, W.M. 1541; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; C. Fox, P.M. 201 and J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463; some of the best section workers in the metropolis. It is almost needless to say that the correct and perfect style of the work rendered by these well-known masons gave unqualified satisfaction to their hearers. In a long experience we have never before heard section work performed in so thorough a manner. Well deserved compliments were paid to all concerned, and honorary membership conferred on the presiding master, who, during the three hours occupied in labour, did not falter for a moment. In an appropriate interval, an opportunity was taken to record the good wishes for safety and prosperity of Bro. E. R. Lillington, a member of the lodge, on the eve of departure for

Australia; and the thanks of that brother were expressively given and cordially received. Several visitors became joining members, and a most profitable evening was brought to a close in usual form.

RAVENSBORNE—No. 1601.—On Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the George Inn, Catford, S.E.—Preceptor, Bro. H. Shaw, P.M.—Bros. J. T. Axford, W.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; G. Pickering, J.W.; C. Thomas, S.D.; W. Reminson, J.D.; J. W. Peters, I.G.; C. Atkins, Sec.; J. Stevens, P.M.; Benner, Joyce, Cobb, McCarthy and others. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Cobb candidate. Ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. McCarthy candidate. The work was very ably performed by Bro. Axford as W.M., and an instructive evening resulted.

SOUTHWARK—No. 879.—The annual dinner will take place on Tuesday, the 11th prox., at 7.30 p.m., at the Lodge House, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road, when Bro. Beavis, P.M.P.G.P., Middx., the Preceptor, will preside. Early application for tickets, 4/-, is necessary, as the number is limited. Brethren are cordially invited to attend on Thursdays at 8 p.m. The business is conducted with full musical ceremonial, Bro. W. J. Russell, S.W. 73, presiding at the organ, assisted at times by Bro. Chatterton the organist of the mother lodge. South Bermondsey station (L. & B. Ry.) and Deptford Road (East London Ry.) are within a few minutes' walk, and trams pass the door at frequent intervals.

CLAPTON—No. 1365.—At the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Dalston, N., on Friday, 23rd inst. Bro. Baker, W.M.; Bros. Draper, S.W.; Cordell, J.W.; Finch, Preceptor; Church, Secretary; Cubbon, S.D.; Campbell, J.D.; Bokenham, I.G.; Bennett, Harrington, Ives, Sawyer, Osborn, Robinson, Vaughan, Diamond and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ives candidate. Bro. Draper worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the First Lecture. Bro. Draper, S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

JOPPA LODGE—No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., Bro. R. J. Chillingworth, W.M.; Bros. Dantziger, S.W.; E. Ansell, J.W.; Thom; Saqui, Secretary; Liscombe, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Thom, Preceptor; McDuell,

I.G.; Pegé, P.M.; Poppmacher, Dantziger, and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Poppmacher candidate. The second and fourth sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. Dantziger was appointed W.M. for ensuing week.

BROMLEY—ST. LEONARD—No. 1805.—On the 23rd inst., at The Cherry Tree, 321, Brunswick Road, Bromley, E. Bros. J. Bailey, W.M.; H. Johnson, S.W.; B. T. Johnson, J.W.; W. M. Mead, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; W. J. Rawley, I.G.; Archd. Peterkin, P.M. and Preceptor, and several other brethren. After some masonic work the change of date of meetings to Wednesdays was discussed, and will be settled at next Friday's meeting. Bro. W. J. Roberts was elected treasurer, and Bro. W. M. Mead secretary. Bro. H. Johnson was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting.

SIR HUGH MYDDLETON—No. 1602.—At the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road, N., on Thursday, 22nd inst., Bro. Dearing, W.M.; Bros. Garner, S.W.; Baker, J.W.; Weedon, Preceptor; Osborn, S.D.; James, J.D.; Kerk, I.G.; Merrifield, J.G.; W. James, Nillo and others. The ceremony of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Merrifield candidate. Bro. Garner, S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

DALHOUSIE—No. 860.—At the Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, N., on Tuesday, 20th inst. Bro. Allen, W.M.; Bros. Robinson, S.W.; Baker, J.W.; Lorkin, Preceptor; Dunston, Secretary; Johnson, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Le Crue, I.G.; Robinson, Starr and several others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. Le Creu candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Lorkin, Bro. Baker candidate. The 3rd section of the 3rd lecture was worked by Bro. Dunston. Bro. Robinson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

ZETLAND—No. 511.—At the York and Albany, Regent's Park, N.W., on Monday, 19th inst. Bro. Caseley, W.M.; Bros. Eyres, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Mulvey, Preceptor; H. Lichtenfield, Assistant Secretary; Rex, S.D.; Hazel, J.D.; Gittens, I.G.; Shimmonds, Wood, Reed, Monson and others. The ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Reed candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Shei candidate. Bro. Monson was elected a member, and Bro. Eyres, S.W., W.M. for the 26th inst.

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

### Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—General Laws and Regulations.

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THIS DAY (Last) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.			(1st) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th—continued.		
22	Neptune ... ..	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street	217	Stability ... ..	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street
1524	Duke of Connaught ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	765	St. James's ... ..	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
2192	Highbury ... ..	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	933	Doric ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A.C.			1159	Marquis of Dalhousie ... ..	33, Golden Square, W.
704	Camden ... ..	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street	1257	Grosvenor ... ..	F. M. H.
(Last) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.			1259	Duke of Edinburgh ... ..	C. of G. Hope Tav., Commercial Rd., E.
R.A.C.			1261	Golden Rule ... ..	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
134	Caledonian ... ..	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street	1381	Kennington ... ..	Horns Tav., Kennington
R.&S.M.			1397	Anerley ... ..	Thicket Hot., Anerley
1	Grand Masters ... ..	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.	1472	Henley ... ..	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
K.T.			1693	Kingsland ... ..	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
26	Faith and Fidelity, &c. ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	2032	Richmond ... ..	Station Hot., Richmond
(1st) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st.			2150	Tivoli ... ..	Tivoli Restaurant, Strand
142	St. Thomas's ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	2191	Savage Club ... ..	F. M. H.
1572	Carnarvon ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	R.A.C.		
1622	Rose ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	169	Temperance ... ..	White Swan, High Street, Deptford
1949	Brixton ... ..	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton	1629	United ... ..	F. M. H.
R.A.C.			Mark.		
975	Star of Denmark ... ..	Star and Garter, Kew Bridge	350	Temperance-in-the-East ... ..	Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar
(1st) MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.			355	Royal Savoy ... ..	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
12	Fortitude and Old Cumberland	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street	(1st) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th.		
25	Robert Burns ... ..	F. M. H.	GRAND LODGE, AT 7.		
69	Unity ... ..	Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn	511	Zetland ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
72	Royal Jubilee ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	1298	Royal Standard ... ..	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
83	United Lodge of Prudence ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	1585	Royal Commemoration ... ..	Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney
144	St. Luke's ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street	(2nd) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th.		
188	Joppa ... ..	F. M. T.	10	Westminster and Keystone ... ..	F. M. H.
256	Union's ... ..	F. M. H.	27	Egyptian ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1319	Asaph ... ..	Ditto	45	Strong Man ... ..	M. H. Tav., Basinghall St., E.C.
1625	Tredegar ... ..	Royal Hotel, Mile End Road	192	Lion and Lamb ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel
1669	Royal Leopold ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	227	Tonic ... ..	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1731	Cholmeley ... ..	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.	231	St. Andrew's ... ..	F. M. H.
2020	St. Botolph's ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	538	La Tolerance ... ..	Ditto
R.A.C.			554	Yarborough ... ..	Green Dragon, Stepney, E.
91	Regularity ... ..	F. M. H.	822	Victoria Rifles ... ..	F. M. H.
1056	Victoria ... ..	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.	1178	Perfect Ashlar ... ..	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1704	Cable ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel	1351	St. Clement Danes ... ..	The Palsgrave, 225, Strand, W.C.
1891	St. Ambrose ... ..	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington	1361	United Service ... ..	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
K.T.			1425	Hyde Park ... ..	The Westbourne, 1, Craven Road, W.
154	Shadwell Clerke ... ..	M. H., 33, Golden Square, W.C.	1672	Mornington ... ..	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct
(1st) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th.			1772	Phinico ... ..	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.
GRAND MARK LODGE, AT 4 FOR 5 P.M., HOLBORN RESTAURANT.			1790	Old England ... ..	M. H., New Thornton Heath, nr. Crydn.
7	Royal York of Perseverance ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	2128	United Northern Counties ... ..	Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields
9	Albion ... ..	F. M. H.	R.A.C.		
18	Old Dundee ... ..	Cannon Street Hotel	2	St. James's ... ..	F. M. H.
101	Temple ... ..	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street	9	Mount Moriah ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
172	Old Concord ... ..	F. M. H.	174	Sincerity ... ..	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
176	Caveac ... ..	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street	1351	Kennington ... ..	Horns Tav., Kennington

N.B.—We will insert hours of meeting of London Lodges, if summonses are sent to us in sufficient time.—ED. M.S.

**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.
<b>BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.</b>		
43	St. Paul's ...	24th Dec 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 ...	23rd Jan Ditto	1494	Felix... ...	Ap to Jy only Ditto
925	Bedford ...	24th Dec Ditto	1512	Hemming ...	17th Jan Greyhound Hotel
938	Grosvenor ...	19th Dec Ditto	1597	Musgrave ...	16th Mar Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	?25th Dec Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1031	Fletcher ...	12th Dec Ditto	2024	Raymond Thrupp ...	4th Apl Ditto
1163	Emulation ...	27th Dec Ditto	2087	Electric ...	25th May Ditto
1180	Forward ...	3rd Dec Ditto	2105	Cama ...	15th Dec Ditto
1474	Israel ...	10th Dec M. H., Severn Street	2183	Royal Hamp. Court ...	12th Dec Ditto
1551	Charity ...	18th Dec M. H., New Street	R.A.C.		
1644	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			
1016	Elkington ...	3rd Jan Ditto			
1031	Fletcher ...	4th Dec Ditto			
<b>BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.</b>		
37	Anchor and Hope ...	10th Dec F. M. H., Institute Street	57	Humber ...	6th Dec F. M. H., Osborne Street
146	Antiquity ...	12th Dec Ditto	250	Minerva ...	12th Dec M. H., Dagga Lane
221	St. John ...	19th Dec Ditto	1010	Kingston ...	5th Dec M. H., Worship Street
348	St. John's ...	27th Dec Ditto	1605	De la Pole ...	28th Dec 58, Charlotte Street
1723	St. George ...	26th Dec Ditto	2134	Wilberforce ...	7th Dec Ditto
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
37	Concord ...	15th Apr Ditto	57	Humber TO-DAY, ...	29th Nov F. M. H., Osborne Street
221	St. John ...	6th Mar Ditto	250	Minerva ...	20th Dec M. H., Dagga Lane
348	St. John's ...	11th Dec Ditto	1010	Kingston ...	21st Dec M. H., Worship Street
			1605	De la Pole TO-MOR., ...	30th Nov 58, Charlotte Street
<b>BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.</b>		
302	Hope ...	17th Dec M. H., Darley Street	1004	Athole ...	12th Dec M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
600	Harmony ...	20th Dec F. M. H., Salem Street	1075	S. Manghold ...	11th Dec M. R., Ramsey
974	Pentalpha ...	4th Dec M. H., Darley Street	1242	Tynwald ...	2nd Jan M. H., Douglas
1018	Shakespeare ...	12th Dec M. H., Darley Street	2049	Ellan Vannin ...	4th Dec Ditto
1648	Prince of Wales ...	7th Dec Ditto	2050	St. Trinians ...	6th Dec Ditto
R.A.C.			2164	St. Germans ...	11th Dec Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
302	Charity ...	17th Dec Ditto	2197	Spencer Walpole ...	10th Dec M. H., Douglas
600	Sincerity ...	4th Dec F. M. H., Salem Street	R.A.C.		
			1004	Athole ...? 16th or 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
<b>BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.</b>		
271	Royal Clarence ...	21st Dec Royal Pavillon	289	Fidelity ...	6th Dec M. H., Carlton Hill
315	Royal York ...	4th Dec Ditto	304	Philanthropic ...	26th Dec 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	Nova Ecclesia ...	1st Dec Old Ship Hotel	1211	Goderich ...	3rd Dec Ditto
1636	St. Cecilia ...	11th Dec Royal Pavillon	1221	Defence ...	10th Dec M. H., Carlton Hill
1821	Atlingworth ...	20th Dec Ditto	1311	Zetland ...	21st Dec M. H., Great George Street
1947	Stanford ...	12th Dec Town Hall, Hove	2069	Prudence ...	8th Dec Ditto
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
271	Lennox ...	1st Feb Royal Pavillon	289	Fidelity ...	11th Dec M. H., Carlton Hill
315	Royal Pavilion ...	18th Dec Ditto	304	Philanthropic ...	5th Dec M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Sussex ...	24th Jan Ditto	306	Alfred ...	14th Dec M. H., Kelsall Street
811	Yarborough ...	8th Feb Ditto	1042	Excelsior ...	20th Dec M. H., Great George Street
1466	Novo Villa TO-MOR., ...	30th Nov Old Ship Hotel			
<b>BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>		
68	Royal Clarence ...	10th Dec F. M. H., Park Street	279	St. John's ...	5th Dec F. M. H., Halford Street
103	Beaufort ...	4th Dec Ditto	523	John of Gaunt ...	20th Dec Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality ...	12th Dec Ditto	1391	Commercial TO-MOR., ...	30th Nov Ditto
326	Moira ...	20th Dec Ditto	1560	Albert Edward ...	11th Dec Ditto
610	Colston ...	19th Dec Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece ...	17th Dec Ditto
686	Jerusalem ...	11th Dec Ditto	R.A.C.		
1388	Canynoges ...	1st Dec Ditto	279	Fortitude ...	27th Dec Ditto
1404	St. Vincent ...	24th Jan Ditto	1560	St. George's ...	7th Jan Ditto
2257	Powell ...	24th Dec Ditto			
R.A.C.					
68	Royal Clarence ...	19th Jan Ditto			
103	Beaufort ...	?25th Dec Ditto			
187	Charity ...	6th Dec Ditto			
<b>BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.</b>		
42	Relief ...	20th Dec (? 27th Dec) Grey Mare Hotel	32	St. George's ...	26th Dec Adelphi Hotel
128	Prince Edwin ...	19th Dec Bridge Inn	155	Perseverance ...	21st Dec M. H., Hope Street
191	St. John ...	13th Dec Knowsley Hotel	203	Ancient Union ...	20th Dec Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales ...	4th Dec Derby Hotel	216	Harmonic ...	13th Dec Adelphi Hotel
1392	Egerton ...	27th Dec Stanley Arms	241	Merchants ...	11th Dec M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			249	Mariners ...	6th Dec Ditto
42	Unanimity ...	28th Feb Derby Hotel	292	Sincerity ...	10th Dec Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	18th Feb Bridge Inn	594	Downshire ...	27th Dec Ditto
			667	Alliance ...	18th Dec Ditto
			673	St. John ...	4th Dec Ditto
			680	Sefton ...	7th Dec Ditto
			724	Derby ...	26th Dec Ditto
			786	United Service ...	13th Dec Ditto
			823	Everton ...	19th Dec Ditto
			1013	Royal Victoria ...	5th Dec Ditto
			1094	Temple ...	12th Dec Ditto
			1182	Duke of Edinburgh ...	13th Dec Ditto
			1264	Neptune ...	3rd Dec Ditto
			1299	Pembroke ...	20th Dec Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
			1325	Stanley ...	24th Dec M. H., Hope Street
			1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	10th Dec Ditto
			1356	Toxteth ...	12th Dec 80, North Hill Street
			1393	Hamer ...	20th Dec M. H., Hope Street
			1502	Israel ...	17th Dec Ditto
			1505	Emulation ...	27th Dec Ditto
			1547	Liverpool ...	12th Dec Ditto
			1570	Prince Arthur ...	18th Dec Ditto
			1609	Liverpool Dramatic ...	?25th Dec Ditto
			1620	Marlborough ...	5th Dec Derby Hall, Tuebrook
			1675	Ancient Briton ...	?25th Dec M. H., Hope Street
			2042	Apollo ...	5th Dec Ditto
			2114	Lodge of Prudence ...	17th Dec Ditto
			2215	Anfield ...	27th Dec Eaton Hall, Breck Road
			2229	Latham ...	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 ...	24th Dec Ditto
			249	Mariners ...	17th Jan Ditto
			292	Liverpool ...	24th Jan Ditto
			594	Downshire ...	9th Jan Ditto
			673	St. John's ...	12th Dec Ditto
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			823	Everton ...	25th Dec Ditto
			1094	Temple ...	22nd Jan Ditto
			1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	15th Jan Ditto
			1356	De Grey and Ripon ...	5th Dec Ditto
			1393	Hamer ...	3rd Jan Ditto
			1502	Israel ...	11th Dec Ditto
<b>DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>					
253	Tyrian ...	?25th Dec M. H., Gower Street			
731	Arboretum ...	12th Dec Ditto			
802	Repose ...	20th Dec Ditto			
1085	Hartington ...	5th Dec Ditto			
R.A.C.					
253	Justice ...	8th Jan Ditto			
731	Truth ...	16th Jan Ditto			

NOTE.—Fourth Tuesday in December is CHRISTMAS DAY, and ? meetings on that date.



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<b>MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>		
44	Friendship ...	7th Dec Albion Hotel	340	Alfred ...	4th Dec M. H., Alfred Street
62	Social ...	31st Dec Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	357	Apollo University	26th Feb Ditto
64	Fortitude ...	25th Jan Ditto	478	Chunrehill ...	3rd Dec Ditto
152	Virtue ...	21st Dec F. M. H., Cooper Street	1515	Bertie ...	11th Dec Ditto
163	Integrity ...	26th Dec Ditto	R.A.C.		
204	Caledonian ...	12th Dec Ditto	340	Alfred ...	20th Feb Ditto
317	Affability ...	6th Dec Ditto	357	Apollo University	27th Feb Ditto
325	St. John's ...	19th Dec F. M. H., Salford	<b>PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—</b>		
633	Yarborough ...	19th Dec F. M. H., Cooper Street	<b>16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.</b>		
645	Humphrey Cheetham	5th Dec Ditto	Lo. 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 ...	27th Dec Ditto	159	Brunswick ...	5th Dec M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
992	St. Thomas ...	5th Dec Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton	189	Sincerity ...	10th Dec St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
993	Alexandra ...	11th Jan Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	202	Friendship ...	27th Dec M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
999	Robert Burns ...	24th Dec Albion Hotel	223	Charity ...	18th Dec 193, Union Street
1009	Shakspere ...	3rd Dec F. M. H., Cooper Street	230	Fidelity ...	6th Dec M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1011	Richmond ...	29th Dec Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	954	St. Aubyn ...	11th Dec 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 ...	26th Dec 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 ...	25th Dec 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 ...	26th Dec Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	R.A.C.		
1253	Travellers ...	14th Dec Queen's Hotel	70	St. John's ...	28th Feb 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 ...	26th Dec 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 TO-MOR.	30th Nov 193, Union Street
2109	Prince Edward ...	12th Dec Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor	230	Fidelity ...	22nd Feb 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	Elliott ...	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	<b>PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—</b>		
204	Caledonian ...	17th Jan Ditto	<b>11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.</b>		
317	Affability ...	20th Dec Ditto	257	Phoenix ...	26th Dec 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 ...	22nd Jan 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	25th Dec Ditto
1055	Derby ...	15th Jan M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham	1903	Prince Edw. Saxe Weimar	18th Dec M. H., Portsmouth
<b>NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.</b>			1990	Hampshire Lo. of Emulation	9th Feb F. M. H., Landport
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne	6th Dec M. H., Grainger Street	2068	Portsmouth Tem- perance	24th Dec Soldier's Institute, High Street
406	Northern Counties	5th Dec F. M. H., Maple Street	2074	St. Clair ...	17th Dec F. M. H., Landport
481	St. Peter's ...	10th Dec Ditto	R.A.C.		
541	De Loraine ...	21st Dec M. H., Grainger Street	257	Friendship ...	12th Dec 110, High Street
685	Northumberland ...	4th Dec Assembly Rooms	342	Royal Sussex ...	2nd Jan F. M. H., Landport
1342	Walker ...	12th Dec F. M. H., Grainger Street	487	Portsmouth ...	11th Dec M. H., Portsmouth
1427	Percy ...	18th Dec F. M. H., Maple Street	1428	United Service ...	15th Feb F. M. H., Landport
1626	Hotspur ...	27th Dec Ditto	1776	Landport ...	28th Feb Ditto
1676	St. Nicholas ...	14th Dec F. M. H., Grainger Street	2068	Portsmouth Tem- perance	(?) Soldier's Institute, High Street
1712	St. John's ...	28th Dec Ditto	<b>SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>		
2260	Ridley ...	18th Dec F. M. H., Maple Street	139	Britannia ...	13th Dec F. M. H., Surrey Street
R.A.C.			296	Royal Brunswick ...	10th Dec Ditto
24	De Swinburne ...	17th Jan Ditto	1239	Wentworth ...	3rd Dec Ditto
406	De Sussex ...	14th Dec M. H., Maple Street	1779	Ivanhoe ...	25th Dec Ditto
481	St. Peter's ...	20th Feb Ditto	2263	St. Leonards (con- secrated 21 July)	(?) (?)
685	Northumberland ...	18th Dec Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road	R.A.C.		
<b>NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>			139	Paradise ...	21st Jan F. M. H., Surrey Street
471	Silurian ...	5th Dec F. M. H., Dock Street	296	Loyalty ...	17th Dec Ditto
683	Isea ...	19th Dec Ditto	<b>SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS</b>		
1429	Albert Edward ...	13th Dec Ditto	130	Royal Glo'ster ...	13th Dec M. H., Albion Place
R.A.C.			359	Peace & Harmony	17th Dec Ditto
471	Silurian TO-MOR.	30th Nov F. M. H., Dock Street	394	Southampton ...	20th Dec Ditto
683	St. Woolos ...	9th Jan Ditto	785	Twelve Brothers ...	28th Dec Ditto
<b>NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>			1780	Albert Edward ...	4th Dec Ditto
Lo. 52	Union ...	4th Dec Norfolk Hotel	R.A.C.		
93	Social ...	11th Dec 23, St. Giles Street	130	Royal Gloucester .	6th Dec Ditto
213	Perseverance ...	18th Dec Ditto	359	Peace ...	7th Dec Ditto
807	Cabbell TO-DAY,	29th Nov Ditto	394	Concord ...	27th Dec Ditto
943	Sincerity ...	25th Dec Ditto	<b>SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>		
1500	Walpole ...	6th Dec Ditto	80	St. John ...	11th Dec M. H., Park Terrace
R.A.C.			94	Phoenix ...	5th Dec F. M. H., Queen Street
52	Royal George ...	21st Dec Norfolk Hotel	97	Palatine ...	13th Dec M. H., Park Terrace
213	Perseverance ...	13th Dec 23, St. Giles Street	1389	Fenwick ...	21st Dec Ditto
807	Cabbell ...	10th Jan Ditto	2039	Londonderry ...	28th Dec Ditto
<b>NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.</b>			R.A.C.		
Lo. 47	Newstead ...	4th Dec M. H., Goldsmith Street	80	St. John's ...	18th Dec M. H., Park Terrace
402	Royal Sussex ...	18th Dec George Hotel	94	De Lambton ...	29th Jan F. M. H.
411	Commercial ...	10th Dec M. H., Goldsmith Street	97	Strict Benevolence	21st Feb M. H., Park Terrace
1405	Southwell ...	7th Dec Ditto	<b>NOTE.—Fourth Tuesday in December is CHRISTMAS DAY, and ? meetings on that date.</b>		
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	3rd Dec Ditto			
1435	Annesley TO-MOR.	30th Nov Ditto			
1794	De Vere ...	21st Dec Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon ...	17th Dec Ditto			
2017	Duke of Portland ...	27th Dec Ditto			
R.A.C.					
47	Abbey ...	29th Jan Ditto			
402	Royal Sussex ...	11th Dec Ditto			
411	Commercial ...	26th Feb Ditto			
1435	Annesley ...	? Ditto			
1909	Carnarvon ...	28th Jan Ditto			

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. THIS DAY (Last) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.

Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. (Last) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.

Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. (1st) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st.

Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. (1st) MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.

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Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. (1st) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th.

Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. (1st) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th.

Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. (1st) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th.

Lodges and Chapters, as last 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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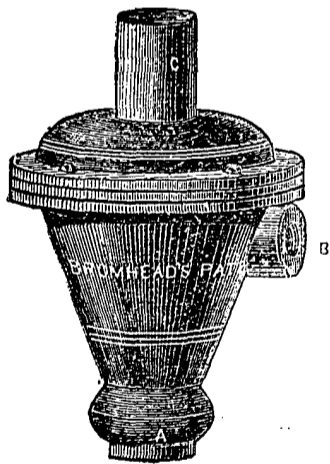
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