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Prerogative.



OUR Editorial of the 27th ult., "By the Power in me vested," has caused sundry communications to be addressed to us which have considerably increased our previous personal knowledge of assumptions not only discordant with the spirit and letter of our constitutional laws and regulations, but directly antagonistic thereto. Before we enter into detail we will first endeavour to set before our readers the nature of that exclusive and peculiar privilege which is entitled *Prerogative*, so far as it affects Masonic jurisprudence and practice. And for present purposes we shall avoid all reference to the exercise of an authority which has never existed, and could not be conferred, in respect of Masonic ritual and ceremonial.

We read elsewhere, "If there is such a thing as prerogative in these days of plenary constitutions, we should like to know how and whence it comes, or how it happens that all acts thus originating are subject to scrutiny and require confirmation. We prefer the chart and compass of a constitution to go along with great power, even for an annual cruise, rather than a roving commission on the shoreless sea of prerogative. We believe that fixed, positive, express, general law is the only ground on which such an institution as Masonry can act out its true work and mission. Masonry should meet on the level of our law, special or personal favours neither being asked nor granted." We quote the *Masonic Review* and endorse every word of that paragraph.

Within the past few years we have experienced the growth of a strong desire to put down many attempts at reform by unblushing statements that they were "interferences with prerogative," the fact being, nevertheless, that a true reading and consistent interpretation of our

laws and constitutions, would at once prove that no such prerogative existed. Let us not be mistaken. Our loyalty and devotion to our chief head and ruler, and to each and all of his lawfully constituted officers, are as deep and strong as can be those of any of our readers, and "exclusive and peculiar privileges" conferred by our constitution, if there be any such, we would be the last to challenge. But if it is sought, as we believe it is sought, to "magnify dignity and clothe with marvellous powers" beyond the express limits of the rules and regulations of the Order any one of these, or to introduce Autocracy as the principle of the ruling to which the general body of English Freemasons are to be subservient,—then we think the time has come when those whose duty and privilege it is to advise, should be careful that they do not misrepresent facts and mislead both the rulers and the ruled. We have arrived at such a pass, that in our Masonic Parliament, laws are enacted and not carried out; speech is stopped on so-called points of order; and when all else is found ineffective, the *Deus ex Machina*, PREROGATIVE, is "staged." And now, forsooth, we have instances of those placed in authority over our private lodges assuming powers beyond anything ever intended by those who created them "rulers in the Craft," and ape-ing that which they are led to believe by the false doctrines propounded appertains to the *role* of a supreme head. We are told, and it is also within our own experience, that it is now becoming a common thing for Masters of lodges to make Masons at "sight,"—for a mere seven days' notice "by fiat of the W.M." which fiat, except in the most exceptional cases, and such as are particularly defined, he has no "exclusive and peculiar privilege" to exercise, is nothing less than "making at sight." Hence we have, too frequently, introduced into our Order men devoid of those essential qualifications which the principles of Freemasonry demand. And it is quite certain that many Masters of Lodges in the present day have never understood the true nature of the assent they gave to those "ancient charges and regulations" whereby they bind themselves "to submit to the awards and resolutions of their brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order;" to be courteous and *faithful* to the Lodge; and "strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge." Else we should not hear of such offences against Masonry as the abrupt exit from his lodge of a W.M., because his own opinion is not acceptable to the brethren over whom he rules; or of the direct and determined refusal of another to carry out a resolution of his lodge arrived at in proper and legal form. "By the power in me vested;" "by the exclusive and peculiar privilege

attached to my position;" by something, no matter what, which is above the Constitutions—say these high and mighty men who, drest in their brief authority, play such fantastic tricks,—your will must bow to *mine*, *my fiat* must be obeyed, *my resolution* shall make yours of none effect!

Here, then, we have in both the upper and the lower strata of Masonic government, a vien of imperfect and faulty material, the removal of which is essential. In American Freemasonry they have a short and sharp way of dealing with the lower strata. They dig through to it, and hale it before the constituted authority on almost the slightest provocation, and are not long in disposing of it where it was probably least expected. And as to the higher strata, in which in America are included the Grand Masters of several States forming the Union;—well, the following is but a mild quotation from the *Voice of Masonry* on the subject of Prerogative:—"In Missouri our Grand Masters govern the Craft according to the written Constitution, and act within the limits of the law. If matters come before them for consideration concerning which the law is silent, then they pass upon such questions and settle them according to the principles of right and justice. Such cases are reported to the Grand Lodge, which body approves or corrects, by proper legislation, the rulings of the Grand Master, and thus precedents are established. The decisions of the Grand Master have the force and effect of law until the meeting of the Grand Lodge and no longer. If his rulings are approved, they become the law of the Grand Lodge by its own act, and not by any mighty 'power in me vested,' as some Grand Masters phrase it. Are such acts by Grand Masters, *ad interim*, to be styled 'prerogatives?' To meet a necessity not provided for by the law, and settle a principle for future guidance, would seem more like the exercise of administrative functions in the discharge of official duty than the use of what is called 'prerogative.' If 'prerogative' means the right on the part of a Grand Master to do some proper thing not provided for by law, then it is not such a big thing after all, because the Grand Lodge will approve or disapprove his act. In doing so, the Grand Lodge shows itself to be a greater power than its Grand Master, and may annul his acts or rebuke his temerity. But this is not the kind of prerogative claimed and exercised by the 'higher law' advocates. Their prerogative is a god above all gods, even above Constitutions, which must bow and cry loud and long, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians.' Excuse *me*, Diana. I bow only to God and Law. It would be amusing, were it not so ludicrous, to observe the inflation of some brethren upon whom this dowry of power may chance to descend. With the placing upon them of the official jewel, they become dowered, and empowered to do things 'Solomon in all his glory' never knew or heard of. 'A greater than Solomon is here.' 'By the high power in me vested,' Constitutions are broken. Masons are made at sight. Questions of time and residence are ignored. The rights of innocent candidates are trampled upon, with many other things too tedious to mention. All these have been done in the name of 'Prerogative,' and 'by virtue of the high power in me vested.' Yes, and done in the face of Constitution and laws, promised obedience to which was required before the Grand Master could enter upon an office that was to endow him with such rare and extraordinary power. Whence this investiture of 'power?' It is not derived from the law. If not, what is its warrant? I was twice inducted into the office of Grand Master, and twice invested with an official jewel, but I received no such 'endowment' of power as some of my brethren claim who use the term 'by virtue of the high power in me vested.' It must have come upon them. They did not have it before, and the Constitution cried out 'Not in me.' Now you don't have it. Now you do. Whence came it? You say you are 'vested' with it. You ought not to say you have it unless you know it. If you are so confident of its possession, you ought to be equally clear as to whence it came. But it is the old truth, 'Ye cannot tell whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth.' And like the wind thus described, its claims and pretensions are varied, empty and blustering. Anything else in Masonry as useless, harmful and boastful, would be abolished by the Craft without delay. 'By virtue of the high power in me vested' an immature and inexperienced mind will perpetrate things by suspending laws which were enacted by the best brains and ripened experience of the Grand Lodge. In defence of

your little god, whom even the Ephesians would not worship, you plead abuse of power must not be charged to the power itself. It is sufficient to say, in reply, that any power liable to such abuses as 'prerogative' has no business in Freemasonry. It should be abolished for the wrongs perpetrated 'by virtue' of its existence."

We shall resume our remarks upon Prerogative at some early opportunity.

THE RITUAL.

CONTINUATION OF CHAP. V. OF BRO. H. J. WHYMPER'S "RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY."

Owing to pressure of other matter, we are compelled to defer this until next week.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, the 14th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, was installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge. Bro. Dr. Fredk. Lawrance, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by his officers and a full gathering of members. In the course of the evening there were as many as 200 brethren present, including the Lord Chancellor, a large number of Grand Officers, and some 64 Past Masters. There was a good afternoon's work performed in each of the three degrees; Mr. Callingham, of Chiswick, being initiated; Bros. E. Stretton, E. T. Spurr, and James Clarke passed; and Bros. E. O. Fountain and W. Maskell raised. These ceremonials having been ably performed and other lodge business disposed of, Bro. Lord George Hamilton was presented and duly installed by the V. W. the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. A valuable past master's jewel was presented to W. Bro. Lawrance on his retirement from the chair of K.S., the W.M. Bro. Lord George Hamilton stating that he should endeavour to imitate his predecessor in the performance of his duties during his year of office. The officers having been appointed, and much regret expressed for the absence of Bro. George Everett, the Treasurer, Father, and first master of the lodge, who was prevented by illness from attending, the lodge was closed, and an elegant banquet followed labour. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and we regret that the limits of our space preclude a lengthened report of some of the most interesting of the responses made thereto.

It may interest the brethren to know that Lord George Hamilton was initiated into Freemasonry in Ireland, and became a joining member of the Chiswick Lodge some three years ago. His brother is the Duke of Abercorn, who is also M.W. Grand Master of Ireland. Another brother is Lord Claud Hamilton, a Past Master of an Irish Lodge. We congratulate the Chiswick Lodge on the accession of so worthy a representative of a distinguished masonic family to the position of a Ruler in the Craft.

INDIA.

INSTALLATION OF LORD CONNEMARA, D.G.M. MADRAS.—At a very large meeting of Indian Freemasons assembled at Madras on the 26th November last, His Excellency Bro. Lord Connemara was installed District Grand Master of Madras by Bro. Colonel Moore, the Deputy District Grand Master. After the installation ceremony, the District Grand Master, in a speech, made a touching allusion to the late Bro. Lord Mayo, a distinguished Mason who lost his life while in exercise of that virtue which principally characterises a Mason—Charity. Congratulatory telegrams from His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, as District Grand Master, Bombay, and others were read. A banquet followed, at which 150 members were present. Colonel Moore proposed the District Grand Master's health, and Lord Connemara, in replying, especially mentioned the satisfaction he felt in seeing so many native brethren present. As Governor of Madras he was glad to note this, hoping that the principles of Masons would permeate the whole body of native society. He considered that the present ceremony was a sign that Freemasonry is a living force and power in India.

REVIEW.

Hughan's Facsimile of Engraved List of Lodges A.D. 1734: a Souvenir "of ye olden Tyme," dedicated to the M.W. Bro. Samuel Crocher Lawrence, P.G.M., of Massachusetts. By William James Hughan, P.G.S.D. of England, P.G.S.W. of Iowa, &c., &c. Published by Bro. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen Street, E.C.

We have been favoured by the receipt of an advance copy of this interesting work, especially interesting to masonic students and those of our craft who seek to be well-informed as to the existence of lodges in the earlier portion of the eighteenth century. The first thirty pages of the volume contain valuable information as to these, conveyed to the reader in the clear and concise language for which Bro. Hughan is celebrated throughout his works. A roll of the lodges referred to in the *facsimile* plates of Pine's engravings is most useful in pointing out the old lodges which still remain on the Grand Lodge register, whilst the reproductions in photo-zincography of the several plates are undoubtedly works of merit, alike faithful and curious. The low price at which this interesting addition to masonic literature (5s., post free) is published, brings it within the reach of all members of the craft, to whom we cordially recommend it.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

THE WORKING TOOLS.

LET us be *true*,—each Working Tool
The Master places in our care
Imparts a stern but wholesome rule
To all who work and journey here ;
The Architect divine has used
The Plumb, the Level and the Square.

Let us be *wise* ; the *Level* see !
How certain is the doom of man !
So humble should Freemasons be
Who work within this narrow span ;
No room for pride and vanity—
Let wisdom rule our every plan.

Let us be *just* ; behold the *Square* !
Its pattern deviates no part
From that which, in the Master's care,
Tries all the angles of the heart.
O sacred implement divine,—
Blest emblem of Masonic art !

Let us be *true* ; the *unerring Plumb*,
Dropped from the unseen Master's hand,
Rich fraught with truthfulness has come.
To bid us rightly walk and stand ;
That the All-seeing Eye of God
May bless us from the heavenly land.

Dear friend, whose generous heart I know,
Whose virtues shine so far abroad,—
Long may you linger here below,
To share what friendship may afford !
Long may the Level, Plumb and Square,
Speak forth through you the works of God.

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

ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemason's Hall, London, on the 11th inst., when Bro. John Leach Barrett was ably installed W.M. by his predecessor, W. Bro. A. T. Foreman. The attendance of members and visitors evidenced the favour in which this lodge is held by the masonic fraternity in the metropolis, and the entire proceedings were of a most satisfactory character, and fully bore out the application of the lodge's well chosen motto, "*Non videri sed esse.*" In the temporary and unavoidable absence of the W.M., W. Bro. W. H. Munday, P.M. opened the lodge, and after receipt of the report of the audit committee, passed to the F.C. degree Bro. Frölich in his usual perfect and able manner. The W.M. having arrived, then obligated the W.M. Elect, and raised his lodge. A board of installed masters was opened with full ceremony, which, whether ancient or comparatively modern, for there are contentions amongst many brethren on this point, is too instructive and interesting to be altogether eliminated from the ceremonials of the order. Its performance on this occasion, although taking many Past Master's present by surprise, gave much pleasure and satisfaction, and an almost general agreement was expressed in favour of the restoration of the ceremony if it had formed part of ancient working, or of its general adoption, if merely of comparatively recent creation. W. Bros. James Mander, P.M., and James Stevens, P.M., officiated as installed masters S.W. and J.W. respectively in the constitution of the board. On the introduction of the W.M. Elect, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with in the customary manner, and the newly installed Master, having been saluted from the centre, the board was closed with reversed ceremonial and in due form. The salutations in three degrees were then accorded, and the following officers were invested, the addresses of Bro. Barrett on investiture being most happily rendered, and meeting with general endorsement by the lodge and its visitors:—Bros. C. H. Chauffourier, S.W. ; R. Harvey Lyon, J.W. ; Jas. Mander, P.M. treasurer ; Arthur E. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G., Supt. Wks., Surrey, secretary ; Surridge, S.D. ; Le V. D. Anley, J.D. ; Alfred Madell, I.G. ; Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M., D.C. ; Haworth, A.D.C. ; G. W. Saul, P.M. (by Proxy), W.S. ; H. P. Anley, A.W.S. ; Potter, tyler.

W. Bro. Munday, P.M., concluded the ceremony of installation by the delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens and brethren. We have no hesitation in saying that but seldom, if ever, have we seen the entire business of an installation better performed. W. Bro. Dr. Lloyd, P.M. officiated as D.C., and carried out his important part of the work in a most able manner. The subsequent announcement that his son desired initiation at the ensuing meeting was hailed with acclamation. Other propositions for joining and initiation were made, and a telegram of condolence and good wishes for recovery was forwarded to W. Bro. Saul, P.M., who, as the result of an accident, had recently suffered amputation of a leg, but whose progress towards convalescence is now, we are pleased to say, assured. The lodge members appeared in masonic mourning for two of the brethren, the late Bros. Higgs and Johnston. Replies from the respective relatives of the deceased to votes of condolence were read, and this terminated the business of the evening. After the lodge had been closed, an excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers & Pond. In the course of the subsequent proceedings the I.P.M., Bro. A. T. Foreman, was presented with an elegant P.M.

jewel, and W. Bro. W. H. Munday with a P.M. collar and silver pendant jewel. The speeches of the W.M. in introducing the several toasts, and the responses made thereto, were in every case far beyond the average of those we have at various times listened to, and it would be invidious to select any in particular for lengthened report, even if our limited space permitted. In respect of other entertainment, it may be said that, without the aid of outside talent, excepting only the kind assistance of Mrs. Barrett, wife of the W.M., and a talented vocalist, the musical ability amongst its members afforded much satisfaction and saved the lodge funds—no small consideration in these days when the needs of masonic charity call for earnest attention on the part of individuals and lodges desiring to act up to the true principles of the order. A thoroughly enjoyable masonic evening terminated with the tyler's toast at a reasonable hour: and Bro. Barrett, the W.M., his officers and members have reason to be well satisfied with the entire proceedings. The following is a list of those present on this very interesting occasion:—Bros. A. T. Foreman, W.M. ; J. Leach Barrett, S.W. ; C. H. Chauffourier, J.W. ; J. Mander, P.M., treasurer ; Arthur E. Taylor, P.M. secretary ; R. Harvey Lyon, S.D. ; W. Surridge, J.D. ; Restall, I.G. ; Le V. D. Anley, A.D.C. ; Munday, I.P.M. ; J. H. Watts, P.M. ; G. G. Walker, P.M. ; S. Lloyd, P.M. ; Paddle, P.M. ; Jourden, H. P. Anley, Haworth, Pedlar, Madell, Frölich, Beasley, Richardson. Visitors: Bros. H. Youens, W.M., Ewell 1851 ; W. F. Birmingham, Amity 111 ; J. K. Pitt, P.M., East Surrey L. of Concord 163 ; John A. Gartley, P.M., Israel 205 ; H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., Middx. ; Jas. Stevens, P.M., Macdonald 1216 (MASONIC STAR) ; J. Cope Allengame, I.P.M., Worthing L. of F. 851 ; W. Lake, P.M., Fortitude 131 (*Freemason*) ; J. Blundell, P.M., Crystal Palace 742 ; A. Batts, P.M., St. Clement Danes 1744 ; W. Densham, S.D., Leigh 957 ; D. Hills, Tranquility 185 ; J. C. Thompson, Londesborough 1681 ; Oxenham, Waveney 929 ; G. C. Rivers, S.D., St. Margarets 1872 ; F. Landon, sec. Hope and Unity 214 ; M. A. Bontroy, P.M., La Tolerance 538 ; F. Eisenmann, J.D., Tranquility 185 ; and R. W. Heney, St. Lukes 144.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL met at Freemasons' Hall on the 5th inst., Bro. Wm. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., trustee, presiding. There were present Bros. Stephen Richardson, W. Maple, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, H. Venn, H. W. Hunt, J. H. Ebsworth, W. A. Scurrah, G. P. Britten, A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., J. S. Cumberland, W. G. Kentish, W. W. Morgan, Rev. Richard Morris, M.D., LL.D., Abbott Smith, A. E. Gladwell, J. Glass, Fred. Richards, A. Williams, G. Cooper, S.G.D., J. Rayner, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., A. M. Cohen, George Mickley, J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Geo. Lambert, W. A. Glass, and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B. (sec). The committee considered 19 petitions, accepting 17 of them, the other two being deferred. Eight applications for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and two notices of motion for the Quarterly General Court were handed in. There are now 72 candidates on the list, and this may be increased at the Quarterly Court to 74. There are 17 vacancies. Possibly at the ensuing Quarterly Court two more vacancies may be declared.

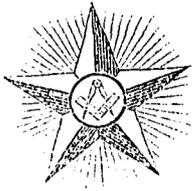
THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BENEVOLENT Institution met at Freemasons' Hall on the 9th inst. Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cotterbrune, P.G.P., W. Belchamber, C. Kempton, H. Cox, Chas. G. Hill, E. West, J. Discon, Hugh Cotter, B. E. Blasby, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., W. Hilton, Charles Lacey, J. Newton, A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry, W. H. Murlis, Sam Brooks, Hugh M. Hobbs, Alex. Forsyth, Louis Stean, John Larkin, George Mickley, Charles F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., C. H. Webb, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (secretary). The secretary reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitants and one male candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application from the widow of a deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was acceded to. The report of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., as to the purchase of roadway in front of the institution and the question of a boundary fence was received. The Committee considered 18 petitions, six men and 12 widows. Five of the men's petitions were accepted and 11 widows' petitions accepted, and one deferred.

THE ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ANNUITANTS of the Benevolent Institution was given on the premises at Croydon, on the 2nd inst., and was largely attended by friends and supporters. The entertainment, which was started ten years since by Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, was provided for by certain benevolent, kind-hearted and true brethren, including those of the Province of East Lancashire, and no portion of the cost came out of the subscriptions to the institution. One of the most delightful results of these gatherings is that it brings a large number of the same friends together year after year, and enables them to shake hands and once more wish each other a Happy New Year. On this occasion the proceedings were of the customary harmonious and pleasant character, and the "old folks" and general company enjoyed themselves exceedingly. We congratulate our worthy brother Terry on the increased support he receives towards the cost of this annual entertainment, as well as on the success which invariably attends it.

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, 53, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I've been a little puzzled lately to determine how much really was the amount of the collections last year for the R.M.I. for Girls, and on reading one of your contemporaries last Saturday I am more fogged than ever. This says that the "actual amount received in donations and subscriptions during the whole year was only £44,660 14s. 11d., while the total of donations and subscriptions at the Centenary Festival on 7th of June last was announced as amounting to upwards of £50,500." Now, I don't in the least mind being classed as a "Silly Critic" (critics are born, not made, so I am not to blame for being "silly") but I have always thought that an "undertaking to contribute a certain sum and its payment" were one and the same thing. I never have, and cannot find anyone who has, heard of a percentage of promised donations and subscriptions being *always in arrear*, or that such arrears fluctuated between hundreds and thousands of pounds. What does this mean? Is the pernicious long credit system a factor even in charity? If so, it seems many get very cheap advertisement. The writer of the article I quote from talks about "magic power;" and "stupidity" is his deduction. Here I agree with him; but why he should say that because "there are people, who, having no opinion of their own worth mentioning, are silly enough to accept whatever the critics may choose to say," I fail to see. Perhaps I have no opinion of my own worth mentioning, but why I should be accused of being *silly* enough to believe what he says I don't know. If he would, as he "knows something about these matters," publish what he knows, I might consider what amount of credence I could give his statement; but I fancy knowledge of this kind is like Turner's coloring—difficult to communicate. Why should any scribbler be favoured with information more than any subscriber? He must have been, as he says "he knows;" I'm like Montaigne, and don't believe in miracles out of church. Do the shekels he gives in charity weigh heavier than mine? I trow not. Yet he "knows something," and I don't. No, no! This is not as it should be, and, silly or not, I criticise it as unfair. Why don't the authorities speak out? They are the ones to give the information; but, like St. Paul, they are not careful to justify themselves, and they show this best not by their speech but by their silence.

For myself, I don't care a button for the feeble attempts any paragraphist may make to show me that I am "wrong" or "silly," or anything else: *what we all want is the truth pure and unadulterated.*

I feel that I cannot conclude this letter without thanking you for your article on the Charities. It must do good, for it is inconceivable that when a bold attempt has once been made to expose what is wrong, there should not be an effectual effort made to change a bad state of things into a good. Remember the lines—

"The mills of God grind slowly,
Yet they grind exceeding small;
Tho' with patience He stands waiting,
With exactness grinds He all."

It takes some people a long time to realize the meaning thereof.

Fraternally yours,

A SILLY CRITIC.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The craft are indebted to you, both for opening your columns to a discussion of this subject and for the excellent article with which you have introduced it. The signs of the storm which you prognosticate have been long visible to many who take an interest in our charities, and some liberal supporters have been in past years anxious that attention should be called in a temperate and friendly spirit to the expenses of their management. The House Committee of the Boys' School deserve credit for their proposition to place the condition of the institution fully before an independent committee of enquiry. You will possibly be supplied with an official reply to the letter in the MASONIC STAR of 10th inst., signed "Life Governor R.M.I.B.;" but it may be a satisfaction to your correspondent and others to hear from an outsider unconnected with the management of the institution, that the committee sat on several (I believe about ten) days; that they heard patiently any evidence tendered, and in the opinion of brethren who took an active interest in placing fully before them complaints against the management, made a thorough and painstaking investigation. Their report is awaited with much confidence that it will be full and complete, and ultimately prove valuable to the institution. By the terms of the resolution appointing the committee, they are to report to "a Quarterly Court," and probably you will be able to tell us that it may be expected on 25th inst. May I also add a word in reply to the letter of "P. M." His experience is of *Metropolitan* Associations, as to which he is no doubt right. *Provincial* Associations are formed on a *permanent* basis and usually make their payments annually only. Though names may be placed on a steward's list, and thus included in the sum announced at a festival, no votes or privileges are allowed by the institutions until the money has been paid in by the treasurer of the association. In collecting subscriptions over the extended area of a province, whose members are unable to meet with the regularity of a town lodge of instruction, an entirely different system is necessary. I will not trespass on your space by entering into details. I shall be very happy to forward to "P.M." a copy of our last local report and statement if he desires it.

Yours fraternally,

14th January, 1889.

PROVINCIAL.

Re R. M. B. INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

With reference to the commission allowed to the collector for the above on all monies paid over to the charity, allow me to suggest that each subscribing brother should, before sending his donation or subscription make the stipulation that no deduction be made for collector's commission, and that on this understanding only the money would be sent.

With regard to the statement of receipts, may I ask why the expenditure is not given? Surely there is not a shareholder in any company in the world that would accept such a bare statement from their directors, and why should we, as Donors, be expected to accept receipts only without seeing the other side of the ledger? It is high time that this state of things should be altered, and properly qualified auditors appointed to go through the accounts, and issue a balance sheet in the customary way.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

January, 14th, 1889.

JUNIOR WARDEN.

P.S.—Of course, I consider the collector entitled to receive the commission on all monies he collects personally, but why he should receive it on monies sent to the offices passes my comprehension.

ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I am engaged on the troublesome job of getting votes for a candidate for admission to the Girls' School. Hunting through the list of subscribers, I came across pages of names under the heading "Addresses unknown," though many of them appear as recent donors.

Can you tell me what this means? Are any proxy papers made out in these names? and, if so, what becomes of them? The same curious entry, I find, occurs in the book of the Boys' School subscribers. Do you think I could obtain any of these votes by applying for them? If yes, who ought I to apply to?

Yours fraternally,

J. C. H.

FREEMASONRY, TEMPERANCE AND THRIFT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

With regard to Bro. Green's remark on the above, it is very difficult to get any place to hold a lodge other than an hotel or public-house and does no harm to Freemasonry; but the harm is done by those who abuse it. With regard to signing a petition to Grand Lodge, what can it do in the matter? There are Temperance lodges, and if a brother does not like to meet at a public-house, resign, and join a Temperance lodge. Brethren should read the Book of Constitutions with regard to ancient charges, and then follow out the sound masonic advice laid down, and if that is done there will be no reason to ask how to act, but follow out the four cardinal virtues, viz., Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

Yours fraternally,

Wimbledon, Jan. 11th, 1889.

W. H. WINGFIELD, P.M. 1360.

Answers to Correspondents.

DORIC.—Your letter on the "Three Lesser Lights" is in type, but is crowded out this week.

G. M. TWEDDELL.—In type, probably next week.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th instant. Present: Bros. W. Simpson, W.M.; Robert Freke Gould, Past Grand Deacon, I.P.M.; Col. S. C. Pratt, S.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Professor Hayter Lewis, S.D.; Rev. C. J. Ball, I.G.; E. Macbean, Steward; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Steward; J. Finlay Finlayson, and C. Kupferschmidt; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. J. Wood, D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Professor P. L. Simmonds, R. Gowan, Professor F. W. Driver, J. B. Mackey, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; S. R. Baskett, F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; A. Rowley, Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; and Max Mendelssohn; also the following visitors: Bros. Burns Gibson, C. W. G. Pines, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; and C. Meiter.

The following brethren were admitted as joining members, viz.: Bro. Gustav Adolf Caesar Kupferschmidt, author of "List of Lodges founded in Germany from 1737 to the Present Time" (still in M.S.), "Notes on the Relations between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden during the last Century," and of several essays read in the Pilgrim Lodge; Bro. John Finlay Finlayson, author of "The Legends and Symbols of Freemasonry," and other works; and Bro. Caspar Purdon Clarke, Companion of the Indian Empire, author of a Paper read before the Society of Antiquaries, 1873, upon "The Supposed Mythic Church (or chamber) beneath the church of St. Clements, at Rome;" before the Society of Arts, 1882 and 1888, on "The Domestic Architecture of India," and "Street Architecture in India;" before the Iron and Steel Institute on "Art Castings in Bronze in India;" before the Royal Institute of British Architects, on "Moghul Art," and of 26 articles in the Calcutta *Englishman* upon "Indian Art," &c.

The following resolutions were carried, viz.: 1. "That this lodge heartily concurs in the object of the Gould Testimonial Fund; is pleased to see that its W.M., Senior P.M., Secretary, and other officers are on the committee of the same, and, remembering the vowed objects for which this lodge was warranted, amongst which is the encouragement of Masonic Literature, desires the Treasurer to forward to Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., the sum of ten guineas from the Lodge Account Fund, with a request that the name of the lodge may head the list of contributors immediately after the names of the Committee Members." 2. "That the Permanent Committee, taking into consideration that the whole working time of the Secretary has long been devoted to the service of the lodge, do recommend that a minimum salary of a £100 per annum be attached to that office while it shall continue to be held by Bro. G. W. Speth." 3. "That the members of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, have learnt with great sorrow the loss which Bro. W. M. Bywater, J.W., has experienced in the recent decease of his wife, and beg to assure him of their fraternal sympathy with him in his grief and distress; that the Secretary enter this expression of their feelings on the minutes of the lodge, and convey to Bro. Bywater the sincere condolence of his brothers." 4. "That Bro. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Past Grand Deacon, having served the office of first W.M. of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati from the date of the warrant, 28th November, 1884, to the 8th November, 1887, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his valuable services, and for the fraternal generosity evinced by him at its formation, in providing for the preliminary expenses; that the above resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to Bro. Sir Charles Warren." 5. "That Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Past Grand Deacon, having completed his year of office as Worshipful Master of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his courtesy in the chair and efficient management of the affairs of the lodge, and more especially for the time and study devoted by him during his Mastership to the preparation of the commentary and dissertation contained in Volume I. of Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha; that the above resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to Bro. R. F. Gould."

The following 15 lodges and 55 brethren were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle, thus bringing the total of admissions to 517, viz.: Lodge Victory, 1927, Nelson, New Zealand; North Suburban Lodge of Instruction, 2177, Carlton, Victoria; Southern Cross Lodge, 1778, Harrismith, Orange Free State; St. Clair Lodge, 2074, Landport; Minerva zu den drei Palmen, Leipsic; Prince Frederick William of Prussia's Lodge, 431 (I.C.), Ballymena; United Service Lodge, 1428, Landport; Salopian Lodge of Charity, 117, Shrewsbury; Salopian Lodge, 262, Shrewsbury; Eastnor Lodge, 751, Ledbury; St. Matthew's Lodge, 539, Walsall; St. Bartholomew Lodge, 696, Wednesbury; Tudor L. of Rifle Volunteers, 1838, Wolverhampton; Felix Gottlieb Conclave, No. 3, Penang; Lodge of the Marches, No. 611, Ludlow; and Bros. A. C. Smith, P.G. High Priest G. Chapter of Massachusetts; J. Hillis, Boston, Mass.; L. G. Boor, P. Dist. G.W., Wellington, New Zealand; Mr. Justice R. I. Finmore, Dist. Grand Master of Natal; Dr. W. C. Bland, Portsmouth; Commodore A. H. Markham, C.B., H.M.S. Active, Portsmouth; W. Gillman, Southsea; E. A. Crocker, Fochow, Dist. G. Supt. of W. North China; G. C. A. Haastorther, W.M. 2232, Vryburg, Brit. Bechuanaland; T. A. Gardiner, Longlands, Vaal River; T. MacNaught, Kimberley; J. Mychreest, Peel, I. of Man; E. H. Croghan, M.D.; J. G. Croghan, M.D.; and J. C. H. Croghan, all of Beaconsfield, South Africa; E. Bull, F. W. Peters, W. K. Bradford, S. Mendelssohn, D. J. Haartoff, F. M. Woollan, and E. Aburrow, all of Kimberley, South Africa; P. Bazenjee, Dist. G. Treasurer; M. P. Bazenjee, A. W. S. Holmes, and J. McConnachy, all of Hong Kong; S. S. Partridge, Dep. P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, P.A.G.D.C.; J. L. Brayshaw, Settle, Yorks; H. Firth, Baildon, Yorks; T. M. Lawson, Leeds; E. Taylor, Devoran, Cornwall; J. W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas. Hants and I. of W.; S. G. Munro, Southsea; R. G. Venables, Dep. Prov. G.M. Shropshire; T. Burne, Royal Hosp. Chelsea; S. S. Williams, Past G.M. Ohio; James Stevens, Author of several Masonic works, and Editor of the MASONIC STAR; J. W. Hayes, sen., Bangalore, P. Dist. G.W. Madras; Dr. C. J. Egan, King William's Town, South Africa, Dist. Grand Master Eastern Division South Africa; G. H. Fowle, Kokstad, Dist. A.G. Purst, Natal;

T. Howell, Southsea; Dr. L. van Deesburgh, Amsterdam; W. Lidgley, Devoran, Cornwall; G. H. Piper, Dep. Prov. Grand Master Herefordshire; D. W. Tallcott, Albany, P. Dist. Dep. G.M., New York; J. Wood, Whitsible; G. S. H. Gottlieb, Penang; Rev. J. Sanders, Northampton, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. T. Russell-Wright, P.P.G. Chap. Dorsetshire, Charminster; W. B. Maye, P.P.G.D.C. Devon, Buckfastleigh; H. Stevens, Ashburton; G. A. Nock, Clapham; S. Dyson, Elland, Yorks; Max Mendelssohn, Brownswood Park, Finsbury; and W. J. Cunliffe, Manchester, P.P.S.G.D. East Lancashire.

Bro. Simpson, W.M., read a highly interesting and original paper on "The Worship of Death." The lecturer propounded several novel and ingenious theories, which was very ably presented and powerfully sustained by arguments.

A vote of thanks concluded the business of the evening, and refreshment followed labour.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—A masonic ball, under the auspices of the five Leicester lodges, and in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will be held at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, on the 29th inst. The patronage of the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and a large number of high dignitaries in the craft has been secured for this endeavour to assist our Boys' School, and there is no doubt it will be a grand and pleasant entertainment. Bro. J. B. Waring, of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, is one of the hon. secs., and will doubtless afford further information if required. Address to him at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

—The installation meeting of the Lodge Temperance, No. 169, will be held this evening, 17th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, at 5 o'clock, when Bro. Robert Jackson the S.W. and W.M. elect will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

—Bro. Isidore de Solla has been engaged by the successful English tenor, Mr. Valentine Smith, to conduct his English opera season at the Olympic Theatre. We should say that Bro. de Solla's experience should stand Mr. Smith in good stead.

—The next social meeting of the "Old Masonians" will be held on the 18th inst. (to-morrow, Friday evening), at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, at 8.30. The chair will be taken by Mr. F. J. W. Hutton. Next Cinderella, Feb. 1st, at 7.30.

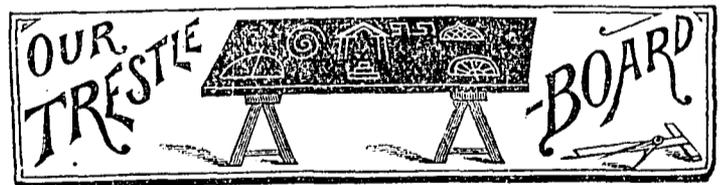
—The annual (Cinderella) ball of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, will take place at Cannon Street Hotel, on Friday, January 25th. Particulars in advertising columns.

—The Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Bro. Fred. Purkiss, W.M., will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., London, on the 21st inst. at 5.30. Initiation and other business. Refreshment after labour. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M., secretary, 153, Wirttemberg Street, Clapham.

—The Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Bro. J. Taplin, W.M., will meet at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 21st inst., at 4.30 p.m. Work in third degree, and election night.

—The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will hold a Smoking Concert at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Monday next, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m. Any profits arising therefrom to be devoted to Masonic Charity. Tickets 1s. each. Secretary, Bro. H. Hill, 12, Everleigh Street, Tollington Park, N.

—The fifteen Sections will be worked in the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, on Monday, the 4th February, 1889, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., at 7 p.m.



"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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We desire to call the attention of our provincial readers and advertisers to the list of agents published in our advertisement columns. We are making such arrangements that through our agents any local information or business matters can be respectively forwarded or transmitted without trouble or expense. We shall add to our list as may be desired in respect of other towns.

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The current number of the *Practical Teacher* contains the first part of an article on drawing, from the hand of one of our esteemed correspondents, Bro. Charlie Woods, 1869, Asst. Soj. Elect 1275.

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We regret to announce the death of Bro. Andrew Middlemass, P.M. 1329, P.Z. 176, &c., an active Camberwell politician, a vestryman, and a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works, who died on the 6th inst., after a short illness.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.—The West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, to be held at the Town Hall, Stratford, was consecrated on Thursday, the 10th inst., by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G.S., assisted by grand officers. Bro. James Boulton was installed W.M., and Bros. George Hay and Albert Govier were invested as senior and junior wardens respectively. Bro. W. E. Pardue was elected treasurer, and the W.M. appointed Bros. F. C. D. Fenn, sec.; Mark Gentry, S.D.; W. G. Norman, J.D.; and E. Triggs, I.G. We are told that this new lodge promises to be "second to none."

Evenings Abroad.

Things pantomimical have now settled down into quite a pleasant condition. All these heavy "shows" now go with precision in every department and one can make a tour of inspection with the certainty of not experiencing musical performances where singer and accompaniment are by no means harmonious; when actors and actresses "stick" for want of knowing their words; when scenery does not work, when delays occur and the stage-manager has to come on to beg a few minutes' indulgence while things are got a little straight. No one will deny that these untoward circumstances, which are only to be expected at times, make the duty of the critic more difficult to perform, seeing that in forming a judgment allowance must be made for *possibilities*. At this interval of time possibilities have become actualities and every body and everything can be judged on their merits, and I am now going in part to fulfil my promise of noticing some of the pantomimes which I have been forced to leave for a week or two.

I think one of the best pantomimes in London is that at the Pavilion Theatre which is founded upon *The Babes in the Wood*. The average playgoer of the West End would be surprised if he would take the trouble to make a journey to the Whitechapel Road to see Mr. Morris Abrahams' Christmas pieces. It is not exaggerating at all when I say that the stage management would grace any leading theatre, and, though the expenditure is not so lavish as at the National house, they do not stint any department at the Pavilion, and the dressing and stage decoration of the productions are truly brilliant. Mr. Isaac Cohen, the stage manager, whose task has already been incidentally touched upon, is a most accomplished person; his work is always most elaborately executed, and the first performances at this house are proverbially as perfect as it is possible for them to be. Here is an exception to the rule which so often obtains as to unpreparedness. It is a fact that I have seen the initial representation of a most elaborate pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre go as well and as perfectly as if it had been running a fortnight. This is the most potent argument I can adduce in support of my praise of Mr. Cohen's clever work.

There is really a capital company at this house this year. Mr. Arthur Alexander is a host in himself; he is truly comical, and he revels in the part of a villain of the deepest dye. His costumes, which are as numerous as varied, are delightfully absurd, and his efforts to amuse are more than ordinarily successful. Mr. Geo. English and Mr. Fred. Lay are two excellent workers who give plenty of opportunities for hilarity; while the Misses Louie Gilbert, Connie Melnotte and Ruby Lovell handsomely support the characters of Robin Hood and his two leading "Merry Men." The "Babes" are charmingly played by Miss Ada Reeve and Miss Violet Campbell, the former dancing with remarkable agility, and each of them giving some agreeable singing. I must praise Miss Lovell for a nice performance of a pretty serving maid; and Miss Sadie Gros-smith as the singing fairy gave her music with full effect. Of Miss Julia Kent I can only say that she is the most pleasing and dainty Maid Marion possible to imagine. Mr. Geoffrey Thorn, the author, has provided a capital "book."

Morris Abrahams having got his pantomime successfully launched, is now hard at work to get elected on the County Council. A good man for the position, and I trust to see him at the top of the poll.

Over the Surrey side, at Mr. Conquest's theatre, *The Forty Thieves* has been employed by Messrs. Conquest and Spry, the authors, as the pegs whereon there has been hung a series of most entertaining items. The good old story of the Arabian Nights is very elaborately put upon the stage and is extremely well acted. There is a plentiful supply of extremely grotesque fun, and the rough and tumble element is in excellent hands. All this, the usual concomitant of the pantomimes of our childhood, creates boundless laughter; and, in addition to the splendid fooling of the Albert and Edmunds troupe, there is supplemented a mechanical trap scene, the like of which used to be a feature of the Grecian pantomimes in the good old days. The entry of the Ali Baba family on the donkey barrow, the proceedings in the shop, and the business in the robber's cave, are all full of the most rollickingly extravagant practical fun. There is, in addition, an abundance of variety in this pantomime: good singing, ballets martial and ballets processional succeed each other, as do many scenes of beauty, which are practical joys while they are being displayed. For their share in the work the ballet master and the scene painters deserve, and now are accorded, very high praise. Mr. George Conquest, jun., is wonderfully good as Cogia Baba, and Mr. E. S. Vincent as Hassarac is most amusing. Mr. "Johnny" Hanson is not very happy as Cassim, and Miss Jenny Lee, as Catza, has not a part worthy of her powers. The Albert and Edmunds troupe consists of Miss V. Edmunds, Messrs. J. and W. Albert, and Mr. H. M. Edmunds: these are artists of rare ability; and, as has been previously stated, they carry all triumphantly before them. The Sisters Preston are very taking as Zorah and Hassim, while Miss Tyrrell and Miss Kate Fedora are each most excellent in her line. Miss Constance Moxon, as Abdallah, sang delightfully; but I cannot praise her acting, which lacks "go;" she strives very hard to be sprightly and engaging, and by no means fails in her endeavours, though I would like to see greater evidence of spontaneity in her work, which is a trifle forced. Mr. Conquest, *père*, the proprietor of the Surrey Theatre, may well be proud of his production this year.

LAUNCELOT GOBBO.

Our City Article.

CAPEL COURT, JANUARY 16TH, 1889.

The Directors of the Bank of England could hardly delay the reduction in the rate to 4 per cent. when the outside market was so much lower, and even now there is a difference of 1 per cent. At the fortnightly settlement commenced on Monday, the Contangos were very light and showed a disposition to go lower as the settlement proceeded. Although there has been a considerable rise in the prices of most of the general stocks in the last two or three weeks, it would not appear that there has been any considerable buying, as the amounts to be carried over were by no means large. What I mentioned only last week as to the dealers being in such a hurry to put up prices in advance of the public, so as to reserve to themselves the full benefit of the rise, is made more than ever apparent, and dealings are consequently checked to the detriment of the legitimate business of the brokers. In fact, the jobbers are becoming more and more speculators on their own accounts, caring little whether they do real jobbing business or not.

If we look down the list of railway stocks and compare the making-up prices of Monday with those of the previous account, the advance in prices becomes very noticeable; Metropolitan and Districts being almost the only exceptions, the greatest gains being in the heavy lines. North Staffords and Great Northern "A" are 3 better, and North Western, North Easterns, and Midlands nearly as much. The relapse in Metropolitan and District was brought about by the announcement of the dividend upon the former at the same rate as at the corresponding period of last year, although the large increase in the traffic receipts gave rise to expectations of a better return. Another dividend was announced yesterday, viz., the Brighton, at 8½ per cent. for the half-year, with a somewhat larger amount carried forward than before. This is exactly what had been anticipated, so that there was no move in the price when it was made known. Prices have now advanced far enough for the present, and I should be tempted to leave this market alone for a time.

I do not see my way in Foreign Stocks; they are fairly steady, but the Paris market is by no means strong. The depression in Rio Tinto's may be purposely brought about by the syndicate in order to catch the bears; at all events, I should not like to sell at the present price.

I have so often spoken of the uncertain movements of Grand Trunks that the sudden rise can be no surprise, and I am of opinion that they will go still higher. The Mexican railway return this week was a good one, but, as it doubtless includes the "sweepings" of the end of the year, it must not be estimated too highly. Their report comes out so late that there is plenty of time to make a pretty accurate estimate of the amount to be divided, the unknown element being always that payment may be received from the Government. The reports, however, of the enormous improvement in the prosperity of the country naturally lead to more hopeful views being formed than the half year's working and the recent accident warrant.

In the American market the bulls have had no reason to complain, even if there has not been as much doing as was expected. For some reason or other the New York brokers are not busy, and seem disposed to take very small profits, and this coming upon a lazy market, soon disposes of a good proportion of the previous advance. At the same time the tendency is distinctly upwards, nor do there appear to be any indications of further troubles to come in the immediate future.

There is to be noticed a decided weakness amongst the Nitrates group, which is probably to be traced to nothing more than a natural reaction, caused by some of the bull party taking profits. Col. North has either left England for South America, or is about to start, and this market is more dependent on this gentleman than it would like to acknowledge. My own opinion is that prices are much too high in some of the shares, and will not be supported by the dividends earned. Lately, shares have hung heavily, and one of the new issues quoted a few days ago at a substantial premium is now at a discount. The Nitrates Trust I mentioned some days ago has not yet been announced, but evidently something of the kind is wanted if prices are to be kept up.

The excitement in South African mines is not so great just now, but this may be owing to the attention of the dealers being given to the settlement which, I may remark, has so far passed off without any difficulties, and also there is a more general distribution of favours. St. Augustine's have been largely bought, and from what I can see the buyers know what they are about, and will be able to hand them back to the public at a considerably advanced price before long. A new territory in South Africa will shortly be opened up to mining operations, as a powerful syndicate has obtained a concession of the rich, and hitherto closed, district of Pondoland, and will doubtless be offered to the public before long.

Indian Mines are looking up and the current talk is that Mysore's will soon pass their previous record. There are so many new ventures being floated just now, that one has hardly time to consider which are the good and which the bad, but certainly there are some exceedingly bad; in fact, they are cases in which the profit must necessarily fall to others rather than the shareholders. Generally avoid all "Trusts" and also companies where there are reserved any "Founders' shares" which are to take half the profits after a small sum has been set aside for the ordinary shareholders who have contributed the funds necessary to carry out the enterprise.

CRAFTSMAN.

Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.

METROPOLITAN.

KING SOLOMON MARK LODGE—No. 385.—Bro. Robert Roy, W.M.—At the regular meeting on Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C. Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen and Bro. Dr. Richard Paramore were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason. After the lodge the brethren adjourned to 278, High Holborn, where an excellent vegetarian dinner was partaken of. The members of this lodge are all teetotallers, but with the exception of the J.W. not vegetarians; they, nevertheless, expressed themselves well pleased with the repast. The usual loyal and masonic sentiments were heartily responded to. Bro. Edward Macbean, from Glasgow, R.W.M. Lodge, No. 50, S.C., replied on behalf of the visitors and gave an interesting account of Masonry in Scotland.

PROVINCIAL.

DEVON—BARNSTAPLE.—LOYAL LODGE—No. 251.—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. James Bosson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Among those present were:—Bros. W. A. Roberts, W.M.; J. Bosson, S.W.; G. C. Davie, P.S.G.; O. J. Stoley, J.W.; H. C. Guppy, sec.; F. J. Codd, J.G.; W. Ivimy, P.G.Stewd., 1135; J. A. Kingdon, jun., J.D., 421; C. A. Youings; J. Smyth; G. W. Kite, P.M.; Thomas Russell, P.M., P.P.G.W.; H. E. Russell, S.W., 1973; J. H. Seldon, P.M.; W. Coulthard, J.D.; J. Brewer, P.M.; C. J. Pigot, org.; John Crook; R. W. Probert, 1135; A. Thorne; T. W. Pearce, S.S.; T. Ebsworthy, P.M.; R. P. Morrison, F.M., P.P.G.W.; H. Tardrew, 489; W. J. Joint; R. Harper; W. G. Crang, J.G.; J. Gaydon, P.M.; H. J. Edwards; E. L. Cordes, W.M., 303; J. Cummings; H. Hancock; M. Squire; and L. Lake, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., 1135. The W.M. Bro. Roberts appointed Bro. G. C. Davie the Installing Master, and the ceremony of installing Bro. J. Bosson as W.M. was gone through. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. A. Roberts, I.P.M.; O. J. Stoley, S.W.; A. J. Seldon, J.W.; J. F. Chanter, P.M., chaplain; J. Brewer, P.M., treas.; W. A. Roberts, sec.; W. Coulthard, S.D.; F. Codd, J.D.; T. Ebsworthy, L.M., M. of C.; C. Pigot, org.; T. W. Pearce, J.G.; W. G. Crang, S.S.; R. Harper, J.S.; A. Bater and H. Hancock, tyler. Bro. J. H. Seldon, P.M., was appointed Almoner, and Bro. J. Brewer the Representative to Committee of Petitions. Bro. W. A. Roberts was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The members subsequently dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, where the customary masonic toasts were duly honoured.—[We deeply regret to add to the above the report that Bro. Coulthard, who was generally respected by his fellow townsmen and brethren in the Craft, died suddenly after his return home from the lodge meeting. Bro. Coulthard was a total abstainer and a most moderate liver, being delicate in health and avoiding excitement, as a rule. The jurors on the inquest returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes." Great sympathy is expressed throughout the town for the widow of our brother so suddenly summoned to the Grand Lodge above.—ED. M.S.]

SOUTHMOLTON—LOYAL LODGE OF INDUSTRY—No. 421.—held its Installation Meeting at the Masonic Hall, Southmolton, on the 8th inst., when Bro. F. W. Kendle was installed W.M., as successor to Bro. A. W. C. Martin. Bro. Oram, P.M., acted as installing master. The following brethren were elected officers of the lodge for the year:—Bros. F. King, chaplain; J. A. Kingdon, treasurer; W. Mountjoy, secretary; G. H. Crocker, S.W.; J. A. Kingdon (jun.), J.W.; G. H. Mountjoy, S.D.; J. Hill, J.D.; W. Sandercock, I.G.; and R. Kingdon, tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the Unicorn Hotel, where Bro. Cole admirably catered, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in masonic style.

NEWTON—DEVON LODGE—No. 1138.—The installation meeting in connection with this lodge was held at Newton on the 8th inst. Bro. Lewis Stevens was installed as W.M. by W. Bro. C. Stevens in a board of installed masters, comprising:—W. Bro. J. Oliver, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Harris, H. Martin, W. Vicary, P.P.G.R.; C. Pope, J. Murrin, R. H. Grimbly, and W. Taylor. The W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. R. H. Grimbly, I.P.M.; A. Ponsford, S.W.; J. R. Cull, J.W.; H. Martin, treasurer; S. E. Endacott, secretary; Rev. W. L. Pope, P.P.G.C., chap.; E. W. Reynolds, S.D.; H. Foss, J.D.; R. Hambley, I.G.; G. H. Hearde, organist; G. Lugg, S.S.; T. W. Haydon, J.S.; and J. Hayward, tyler. The meeting re-elected Bro. W. Vicary, P.M., as the representative on the Committee of Petitions, Bro. C. Stevens as almoner, and Bro. R. H. Grimbly charity steward. The annual banquet was subsequently held in the adjoining hall under the presidency of the W.M.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE—CHELTENHAM.—FOUNDATION LODGE—No. 82.—The installation festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst., and there was present a very large gathering of Masons from the various lodges of the province. Bro. E. L. Baylis was the W.M. elect, and his installation was conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. the Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, assisted by the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith. The following were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. J. W. Drew, S.W.; Major Rogers, J.W.; W. R. Porcher, P.M., P.P.G.R., treas.; F. Titchhurst, P.M., sec.; the Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin, chaplain; Mascie Taylor, S.D.; Bro. Powell, P.M. 900, J.D.; and Col. Ford, I.G. Among the brethren present, in addition to those named, were the Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary to the Masonic Boys' School); T. Nelson Foster, Prov. G. Treas.; J. B. Winterbotham, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Dening, W.M. 951, Prov. G.S.D.; R. Prowde Smith, P.M. 82, Prov. G.S.W.; Major-Gen. Vizard, P.M. 761, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Walker, M.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. C. Sewell, P.M. 592, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Chris. V. Child, P.M., P.P.G.R., Bucks; G. Norman, P.M. 246, P.P.G.R.; S. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Bubb, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; G. W. Keeling, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. L. Butler, P.M. 246, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Lawrence, P.M. 246, P.P.G.J.D.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 246, P.P.G.S.W.; B. H. Dyer, W.M. 53; J. David, W.M. 702; W. Edwards, W.M. 493; F. Fenner, W.M. elect, 246; W. C. Ferris, W.M. 1005; Colonel Moutray Read; Major Logan; and Captain J. C. Griffith. It is interesting to note that this lodge was founded in the year 1753, and originally held its meetings at Burton's Coffee House, Crane's Court, Doctors' Commons, London.

LANCASHIRE, E.—LODGE OF ANTIQUITY—No. 146.—The festival of St. John was held on the 9th inst. at the Freemason's Hall, Bolton, when additional interest was attached to the meeting by the fact of his Worship (Bro. Barrett, P.M.) being installed as W.M. of the lodge. There was a large assemblage including Bro. S. Pope, Q.C., Recorder of Bolton, P.G.D. of England; Bro. J. Chadwick, of Manchester, P.G., Standard Bearer of England and Pro. G.S. of East Lancashire, and a large number of Provincial officers, including Bro. A. T. Akeroyd, Prov. G.D. of C. Salop. The installing officers were Bros. Cooper, P.G. Standard Bearer; Morris, P. Prov. P.G. of Works, and Duxbury, P.G. Sword Bearer. The addresses to the brethren were given by Bros. Newton, P. Prov. G.D., and Prov. A.G.S. Cooper and Duxbury. The musical service was well rendered under the direction of Bro. Binns, organist of the lodge. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented to Bro. Johnson, on his leaving the town, a handsome gold ring and framed illuminated address for his services as an officer of the lodge. The W.M. also presented to Bro. Voce, I.P.M., a P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the brethren. Bro. Morris was elected charity representative on the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. At the subsequent banquet Bro. Pope proposed the toast of the evening, the W.M. alluding in feeling terms to the honour conferred on the Mayor by the lodge, and also the equal honour to the craft by the acceptance of the office by the chief magistrate of the borough. Other Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, and the proceedings concluded.

LINCOLNSHIRE—BOSTON.—FRANKLIN LODGE—No. 538.—The installation of Bro. C. A. Kirby, P.M., No. 712, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, as Worshipful Master of this lodge, took place in the Lodge Room at the Peacock and Royal Hotel, on the 4th inst., Bro. J. W. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., being the Installing Master. The Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Thistlerthwaite, S.W.; G. H. Gregory, P.G. org., J.W.; H. Shepherd, P.P.G.J.D., treas.; J. Ferguson, P.M., sec.; W. H. Gane, S.D.; J. Lanes, J.D.; E. Claypoole, I.G.; J. W. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; C. W. Rysdale and G. Palmer, stewards; and M. Johnson, tyler. The usual banquet was largely attended.

BRIGG.—ANCHOLME LODGE—No. 1282.—The brethren held their annual meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Cary Court, when Bro. Joseph Frankish was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Fryer, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The officers invested were as follows:—Bros. C. Tillson, S.W.; Henry Spring, J.W.; J. Spring, jun., treas.; T. Cleugh, jun., sec.; E. Marrows, S.D.; Henry Cooper, J.D.; J. H. Cross, I.G. The Rev. A. W. Savory was appointed chaplain of the lodge.

GAINSBOROUGH.—YARBOROUGH LODGE—No. 122.—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on the 7th inst. A large number of brethren from Leeds, Hull, and other places attended. Bro. Hy. Wright was installed W.M., and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Mason, S.W.; F. J. Sowby, J.W.; Alfred Kirk, treas.; C. F. Iversidge, sec.; George Housham, D.C.; C. Shipham, S.D.; C. Greenhalgh, J.D.; Rev. C. Laing, chaplain; B. T. Adlard, org.; Sutton and Cassan, stewards; Arthur Curtis, I.G.; Scott, tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the White Hart Hotel.

BOSTON.—HARMONY LODGE—No. 272.—The Festival of St. John was celebrated on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when Bro. Charles Lucas was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing ceremony was performed by Bro. C. Pickering, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. G. B. Dickinson, S.W.; D. Stephenson, J.W.; the Rev. G. W. Lowe, P.M., P.P.G.Ch., chap.; J. Eley, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., treas.; C. Pocklington, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., sec.; H. Swinn, S.D.; H. Tyler, J.D.; J. Atkin, I.G.; J. Padley, P.M., P.P.G.Swd.B., D.C.; F. Fountain and F. Blaushard, stewards; T. Ward, tyler. The usual banquet took place at the Peacock and Royal Hotel in the evening.

SUSSEX—DERWENT LODGE, HASTINGS.—The Installation of the Rev. J. Puttick, P. Prov. G.C., as W.M. of the Derwent Lodge—No. 40—took place on Monday, the 14th inst., at Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms. The ceremony was very impressively done by the retiring W.M., Bro. Martwick, who had held that position for two years, and was, on the proposition of Bro. Norris, P. Prov. G.S.B., accorded a bar to the P.M. jewel, which was presented at the last annual meeting. Bro. Puttick invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Allen, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Rossiter, P. Prov. G.D., treasurer; Pearee, P.M., secretary; Randell, S.D.; Walmsley, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P. Prov. G.W., &c., D. of C.; Muscat, Org.; Gage, I.G.; Nicchurst, steward. Bro. Duke was elected Prov. Charity Steward. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, which was served by Bro. Boyce in excellent style. There was present, in addition to those already named—Bros. Lamborn, P.M.; Cole, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; Captain Hannah, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Russell, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; Norris, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Cooper, Jubes, Bryant, Foord, Duke, Veness, Wood, Harman, Bottey, P.M.; Edmed, Heaphy, Chance, 1184; Godward, 1090; Morrison, 916; Fletcher, 341; Ansecombe, 1821; Jordan, Wm., 1184; Hughes, 1184; Fletcher, P.M., 180; Heald, P.M., 1836. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening spent. The Black Crown Glee Singers, and Bros. Russell, Rossiter, and Martwick added to the harmony of the evening by their vocal ability.

WALES—SWANSEA.—TALBOT LODGE—No. 1323.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Wind Street, on the 2nd inst. Bro. W. Raleigh Parker was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Dixon (Harbour Master) being appointed treasurer. A resolution expressive of regret of the brethren at the death of Bro. Charles Bath, one of the first officers of the lodge, was proposed by the W.M., and carried unanimously; and the secretary (Bro. Henry Davies) was directed to forward a copy, with a letter of condolence, to the widow of the deceased. The lodge room was draped in black in memory of the late brother.

YORKSHIRE—BEVERLEY.—CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE—No. 294.—The annual installation was held at the M. H., Beverley, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. W. Richardson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Tom Turner, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.Reg. The W.M. invested his officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. T. Foley, S.W.; G. Shaw, J.W.; J. Cooper, treas.; J. P. Park, M.D., P.M., chap.; J. Edgar, sec.; D. Morley, S.D.; G. Robshaw, J.D.; W. D. Blackman, P.M., orator; J. Kemp, P.M., P.P.G.S.Wks., almoner; M. M. Westerby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., charity representative; C. Goulding, P.M., P.P.G.O., org.; T. Dixon, D.C.; J. R. Lane, I.G.; J. Sugdon, P.M., and R. Pape, stewards; and J. Westoby, tyler. Amongst the other brethren of the lodge present were W. Bro. J. C. Heselton, P.M.; E. Bryan, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. The visiting brethren were W. Bro. W. Reynolds, P.M. 250, P.G., treas.; W. Bro. H. Watson, W.M. 1040; W. Bro. W. Gillett, W.M. 2134; Bro. T. S. Camidge, 236, P.P.G.O.; T. Dixon, S.W., 1040; W. Overend, J.W., 1010; A. Peat, S.W., 1605; T. B. Redfearn, S.W., 2134; W. Woodall, J.W., 2134; J. De Meillae, 1248; and W. R. Watson and R. Smith, 1040. The annual banquet was held at the Beverley Arms Hotel, the W.M. presiding, and during the evening the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

NORTHALLERTON—ANCHOR LODGE—No. 1337.—The annual festival and installation was held at the Masonic Hall, Northallerton, on the 8th inst., when Bro. Thomas Russell, W.M. elect, was installed W. Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orle-Powlett, P.G.W. of England. The new-elected Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Bell, S.W.; A. H. Syree, J.W.; C. Waistell, P.M., treas.; G. J. Robinson, P.M., sec.; James Ward, S.D.; C. Tweedy, J.D.; G. J. Robinson, P.M.; T. Boddy, org.; C. Alexander, I.G.; J. T. Naylor, S.S.; W. S. Charlton, J.S.; E. Wilkinson, tyler. The banquet took place at the Assembly Rooms, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

MALTON—KING EDWIN CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS—No. 660.—The installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Malton, on the 8th inst., when the principals and officers for the year were installed and invested as follows, the installing officer being Comp. John Marshall, P.P.G.S., P.Z.:—E. H. Comp. J. B. Nicholls, P.P.G. S.L.B., M.E.Z.; E. Comp. J. Buckle, P.P.G.H., J.; E. Comp. J. Hudson, E. Comp. A. W. Walker, P.P.G.D.C., treas.; Comp. R. G. Lucas, S.E.; Comp. Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, S.N.; Comp. W. R. Metcalfe, P.S.; Comp. C. R. Stamford, 1st A.S.; Comp. W. J. Marshall, 2nd A.S.; Comp. M. E. W. Williamson, D.C.; E. Comp. J. W. Marshall, P.P.G.O., org.; Comp. John Quarry, S.B.; Comp. W. Stockdale, janitor.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

UPTON—No. 1227.—On Monday, the 14th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C. Bros. J. Stroud, W.M.; S. Toye, S.W.; C. J. Free, J.W.; Fenner, Preceptor; W. Hayward, secretary; Tarbertfield, S.D.; F. Hill, J.D.; C. Schmidt, I.G.; Richardson, Everett and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson candidate. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner. Bro. Toye, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, 11th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Cambridge. Present Comps. E. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Wicks, M.E.Z.; Moore, H.; Vincent, J.; Benedetti, S.N.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Darwin Smith, P.S.; Ekersall, Davis, Oldfield, and Eadie. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Ekersall personating candidate. Comp. G. L. Moore, H., 169, was elected M.E.Z. for next Friday.

ROYAL ARTHUR—No. 1360.—On Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.—Bro. March, W.M.—Bros. Shelley, S.W.; Salter, J.W.; S. Moreman, P.M., P.S.P.; Lurney, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Cause, I.G.; W. H. Winfield, P.M. (hon. sec.); Majeed, P.M.; Wing, Rutter, Wade, Joffie, Holmes. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rutter candidate. Charge given and proofs of proficiency rehearsed. Bro. Rutter was unanimously elected a member. It was resolved that the Ballot for a Life Subscribership to one of the Masonic Charities be taken on the first Thursday in February. Bro. Even was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and meeting adjourned to Thursday, January 17th, 1889.

PRESS EXCHANGES AND BOOKS RECEIVED.

Hughan's Fac-simile of Engraved List of Lodges, A.D. 1734 (reviewed); *Voice of Masonry*, Chicago, for January (quoted); *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, December, 1888 (quoted); *Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis, January; *Australasian Keystone*, Melbourne, for December, 1888; *Masonic Calendar for Durham and Northumberland for 1889*; *Masonic Calendar, 1889, for the Province of Hertfordshire*, Edited by Bro. Geo. E. Lake, Prov. G. Sec.; *Freemasons' Journal*, New York; *Freemason and Freemason's Chronicle*, London.

Provincial Lodges and Chapters (Largest Centres).

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE OR CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
BIRMINGHAM—16 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.			HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
43	St. Paul's 28th Jan	M. H., New Street	708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
74	Athol 6th Feb	M. H., Severn Street	778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto
468	Light 19th Feb	Great Western Hotel	788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto
473	Faithful 12th Feb	M. H., New Street	1194	Villiers 16th Mar	Ditto
587	Howe 11th Feb	Ditto	1293	Burdett 26th Jan	Ditto
739	Temperance ... 14th Feb	Ditto	1415	Campbell 13th Apr	Ditto
887	Leigh 23rd Jan	Ditto	1494	Felix Ap to Jy only	Ditto
925	Bedford 21st Jan	Ditto	1512	Hemming TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Greyhound Hotel
938	Grosvenor 20th Feb	Ditto	1597	Musgrave 16th Mar	Ditto
1016	Elkington 22nd Jan	Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
1031	Fletcher 13th Feb	Ditto	2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apr	Ditto
1163	Emulation 24th Jan	Ditto	2087	Electric 25th May	Ditto
1180	Forward 4th Feb	Ditto	2105	Cama 24th June	Ditto
1474	Israel 11th Feb	M. H., Severn Street	2183	Royal Hamp. Court 13th Feb	Ditto
1551	Charity 19th Feb	M. H., New Street	R.A.C.		
1644	Alma Mater TO-MOR., 18th Jan	Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
R.A.C.			1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
43	Fortitude 12th Mar	Great Western Hotel	1293	Burdett 11th May	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 7th Feb	Ditto	57	Humber TO-DAY, 17th Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
1031	Fletcher 5th Mar	Ditto	250	Minerva 23rd Jan	M. H., Dagg Lane
BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1010	Kingston 6th Feb	M. H., Worship Street
37	Anchor and Hope ... 11th Feb	F. M. H., Institute Street	1605	De la Pole 25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street
146	Antiquity 13th Feb	Ditto	2134	Wilberforce 1st Feb	Ditto
221	St. John 18th Feb	Ditto	R.A.C.		
348	St. John's 28th Feb	Ditto	57	Humber 31st Jan	F. M. H., Osborne Street
1723	St. George 23rd Jan	Ditto	250	Minerva TO-DAY, 17th Jan	M. H., Dagg Lane
R.A.C.			1010	Kingston TO-MOR., 18th Jan	M. H., Worship Street
37	Concord 15th Apr	Ditto	1605	De la Pole 25th Jan	58, Charlotte Street
221	St. John 6th Mar	Ditto	ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.		
348	St. John's 12th Mar	Ditto	1004	Athole 6th Feb	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1075	S. Manghold 12th Feb	M. R., Ramsey
302	Hope 18th Feb	M. H., Darley Street	1242	Tynwald 13th Feb	M. H., Douglas
600	Harmony TO-DAY, 17th Jan	F. M. H., Salem Street	2049	Ellan Vaunin 5th Feb	Ditto
974	Pentalpha 5th Feb	M. H., Darley Street	2050	St. Trinians 20th Feb	Ditto
1018	Shakespeare 13th Feb	M. H., Darley Street	2164	St. Germans 12th Feb	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
1648	Prince of Wales ... 1st Feb	Ditto	2197	Spencer Walpole ... 11th Feb	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
302	Charity 18th Feb	Ditto	1004	Athole 23rd Jan	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
600	Sincerity 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salem Street	LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.		
BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			289	Fidelity 7th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
271	Royal Clarence TO-MOR., 18th Jan	Royal Pavilion	304	Philanthropic 30th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
315	Royal York 5th Feb	Ditto	306	Alfred 1st Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
732	Royal Brunswick ... 14th Feb	Ditto	1042	Excelsior TO-DAY, 17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
811	Yarborough 19th Jan	Ditto	1211	Goderich 4th Feb	Ditto
1466	Hova Ecclesia 2nd Feb	Old Ship Hotel	1221	Defence 11th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
1636	St. Cecilia 29th Jan	Royal Pavilion	1311	Zetland TO-MOR., 18th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
1821	Atlingworth TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto	2069	Prudence 9th Feb	Ditto
1947	Stanford 13th Feb	Town Hall, Hove	R.A.C.		
R.A.C.			289	Fidelity 12th Feb	M. H., Carlton Hill
271	Lennox 1st Feb	Royal Pavilion	304	Philanthropic 6th Feb	M. H., Great George Street
315	Royal Pavilion 19th Feb	Ditto	306	Alfred 8th Feb	M. H., Kelsall Street
732	Royal Sussex 24th Jan	Ditto	1042	Excelsior TO-DAY, 17th Jan	M. H., Great George Street
811	Yarborough 8th Feb	Ditto	LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.		
1466	Hova Villa 1st Mar	Old Ship Hotel	279	St. John's 6th Feb	F. M. H., Galford Street
BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			523	John of Gaunt TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto
68	Royal Clarence 11th Feb	F. M. H., Park Street	1391	Commercial 25th Jan	Ditto
103	Beaufort 5th Feb	Ditto	1560	Albert Edward ... 12th Feb	Ditto
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality } 13th Feb	Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece 21st Jan	Ditto
326	Maira TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto	R.A.C.		
610	Colston 20th Feb	Ditto	279	Fortitude 1st Feb	Ditto
686	Jerusalem 12th Feb	Ditto	1560	St. George's 9th June	Ditto
1388	Canynge 2nd Feb	Ditto	LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.		
1404	St. Vincent 24th Jan	Ditto	32	St. George's 23rd Jan	Adelphi Hotel
2257	Powell 28th Jan	Ditto	155	Perseverance 15th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			203	Ancient Union TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto
68	Royal Clarence 19th Jan	Ditto	216	Harmonic 14th Feb	Adelphi Hotel
103	Beaufort 22nd Jan	Ditto	241	Merchants 12th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
187	Charity 7th Feb	Ditto	249	Mariners 7th Feb	Ditto
BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			292	Sincerity 11th Feb	Ditto
42	Relief TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Grey Mare Hotel	594	Downshire 24th Jan	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin 13th Feb	Bridge Inn	667	Alliance 19th Feb	Ditto
191	St. John 14th Feb	Knowsley Hotel	673	St. John 5th Feb	Ditto
1012	Prince of Wales 7th Feb	Derby Hotel	680	Sefton 1st Feb	Ditto
1392	Egerton 24th Jan	Stanley Arms	724	Derby 23rd Jan	Ditto
R.A.C.			786	United Service ... 14th Feb	Ditto
42	Unanimity 28th Feb	Derby Hotel	823	Everton 20th Feb	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin 18th Feb	Bridge Inn	1013	Royal Victoria 6th Feb	Ditto
CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			1094	Temple 13th Feb	Ditto
88	Scientific 11th Feb	Red Lion Hotel	1182	Dk. of Ednbg. 14th Feb	Ditto
441	Three Grand Principles 4th Feb	Ditto	1264	Neptune 4th Feb	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Univsty. 5th Feb	Ditto	1299	Pembroke TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
1492	Alma Mater TO-DAY, 17th Jan	University Arms Hotel	1325	Stanley 25th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
R.A.C.			1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 11th Feb	Ditto
88	Pythagoras 26th June	Red Lion Hotel	1356	Toxteth 13th Feb	80, North Hill Street
441	Fidelity 23rd Jan	Ditto	1393	Hamer TO-DAY, 17th Jan	M. H., Hope Street
859	Euclid ?	Ditto	1502	Israel 21st Jan	Ditto
DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			1505	Emulation 24th Jan	Ditto
253	Tyrrian 22nd Jan	M. H., Gower Street	1547	Liverpool 13th Feb	Ditto
751	Arboretum 13th Feb	Ditto	1570	Prince Arthur 19th Feb	Ditto
802	Repose TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto	1609	Liverpool Dramatic 22nd Jan	Ditto
1085	Hartington 6th Feb	Ditto	1620	Marlborough 6th Feb	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
R.A.C.			1675	Ancient Briton ... 22nd Jan	M. H., Hope Street
253	Justice 12th Mar	Ditto	2042	Apollo 6th Feb	Ditto
731	Truth 17th Apr	Ditto	2114	Lodge of Prudence 21st Jan	Ditto
			2215	Anfield 24th Jan	Gate Hall, Breck Road
			2229	Lathom 28th Jan	Adelphi Hotel
			R.A.C.		
			32	Jerusalem 21st Jan	Ditto
			203	S. John of Jerusalem 5th Feb	M. H., Hope Street
			216	Sacred Delta 15th Feb	Ditto
			241	Friendship 28th Jan	Ditto
			249	Mariners TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto
			292	Liverpool 24th Feb	Ditto
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			1094	Temple 22nd Jan	Ditto
			1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 20th Mar	Ditto
			1356	De Grey and Ripon 6th Feb	Ditto
			1393	Hamer 7th Mar	Ditto
			1502	Israel 12th Feb	Ditto

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MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.			OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.					
44	Friendship 1st Feb	Albion Hotel	340	Alfred 5th Feb	M. H., Alfred Street			
62	Social 28th Jan	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	357	Apollo University 26th Feb	Ditto			
64	Fortitude 25th Jan	Ditto	478	Churchill 4th Feb	Ditto			
152	Virtue TO-MOR., 18th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1515	Bertie 12th Feb	Ditto			
163	Integrity 30th Jan	Ditto	R.A.C.					
204	Caledonian 13th Feb	Ditto	340	Alfred 20th Feb	Ditto			
317	Affability 7th Feb	Ditto	357	Apollo University 27th Feb	Ditto			
325	St. John's 20th Feb	F. M. H., Salford	PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—					
633	Yarborough 20th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street	16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.					
645	Humphrey Cheetham 6th Feb	Ditto	Lo. 70	St. John's 5th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple			
815	Blair 8th Feb	Town Hall, Hulme	105	Fortitude 11th Feb	Ditto			
852	Zetland 13th Feb	F. M. H., Salford	156	Harmony 4th Feb	Ditto			
935	Harmony 24th Jan	Ditto	159	Brunswick 6th Feb	M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse			
992	St. Thomas 6th Feb	Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton	189	Sincerity 11th Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse			
993	Alexandra 8th Mar	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	202	Friendship 24th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport			
999	Robert Burns 25th Feb	Albion Hotel	223	Charity 19th Feb	193, Union Street			
1009	Shakspere 4th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street	230	Fidelity TO-DAY, 17th Jan	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport			
1011	Richmond TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	954	St. Aubyn 22nd Jan	Ditto			
1052	Callender 19th Feb	Town Hall Buildings, King Street	1205	Metham 21st Jan	1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse			
1055	Derby 14th Feb	Bedford Street, Cheetham	1247	St. John's 14th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple			
1077	Wilton 4th Feb	Red Lion Hot., Blackley	1255	Dundas 21st Jan	Ditto			
1083	Townley Parker 30th Jan	Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street	1550	Prudence 2nd Feb	Ditto			
1134	Newall 5th Feb	F. M. H., Salford	1847	Ebrington 12th Feb	8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse			
1147	St. David 14th Feb	F. M. H., Cooper Street	2025	St. George 22nd Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse			
1161	De Grey and Ripon 5th Feb	F. M. H., Manchester	2258	Western District } United Service } 20th Feb	East Stonehouse			
1170	St. George 21st Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	R.A.C.					
1219	Strangeways 30th Jan	Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove	70	St. John's 28th Feb	Huyshe Masonic Temple			
1253	Travellers 8th Feb	Queen's Hotel	105	Fortitude 19th Feb	Ditto			
1458	Truth 2nd Feb	Conservative Club, Newton Heath	156	Harmony 6th Mar	Ditto			
1534	Concord TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Chester Bank, Prestwich	159	Brunswick 23rd Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse			
1633	Avon 23rd Jan	Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys	189	Sincerity 28th Jan	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse			
1773	Albert Victor TO-MOR., 18th Jan	Town Hall, Pendleton	202	Friendship 14th Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport			
1798	Zion 4th Feb	74a, King Street	223	Concord 25th Jan	193, Union Street			
1993	Wolseley 5th Feb	74a, King Street	230	Fidelity 22nd Feb	M. H., Granby Street, Devonport			
2109	Prince Edward 12th Feb	Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor	954	St. Aubyn 21st Jan	Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse			
2156	Arthur Sullivan 13th Feb	Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross	1205	Elliott 26th Jan	Metham M.H., Stonehouse			
2185	Ardwick 11th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick	1255	Dundas 23rd Mar	Huyshe Masonic Temple			
R.A.C.			2025	St. George 21st Feb	St. George's Hall, Stonehouse			
62	Social 13th Feb	Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—					
152	Virtue 25th Jan	F. M. H., Cooper Street	11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.					
204	Caledonian TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto	257	Phoenix 23rd Jan	110, High Street			
317	Affability 21st Feb	Ditto	342	Royal Sussex 20th Feb	F. M. H., Landport			
325	St. John's 7th Mar	M. H., Salford	487	Portsmouth 14th Feb	M. H., Highbury Street			
581	Rectitude 7th Feb	Midland Hotel, Ardwick	1069	United Brothers 11th Feb	Grosvenor House, Southsea			
645	Humphrey Cheetham 19th Mar	F. M. H., Cooper Street	1428	United Service 8th Feb	M. H., Landport			
815	Blair 22nd Jan	Town Hall, Hulme	1776	Landport TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto			
935	Starkle 14th Mar	M. H., Salford	1834	Duke of Connaught 22nd Jan	Ditto			
993	Alexandra 15th Feb	Midway Hotel, Levenshulme	1903	Prince Edw. Saxe } Welmar } 19th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth			
1055	Derby 19th Mar	M. R., Bedford Street, Cheetham	1990	Hampshire Lo. of } Emulation } 9th Feb	F. M. H., Landport			
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.			2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance } 28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street			
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne 7th Feb	M. H., Grainger Street	2074	St. Clair 21st Jan	F. M. H., Landport			
406	Northern Counties 6th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street	R.A.C.					
481	St. Peter's 11th Feb	Ditto	257	Friendship 13th Feb	110, High Street			
541	De Lorraine TO-MOR., 18th Jan	M. H., Grainger Street	342	Royal Sussex 10th Apr	F. M. H., Landport			
685	Northumberland 5th Feb	Assembly Rooms	487	Portsmouth 12th Feb	M. H., Portsmouth			
1342	Walker 13th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street	1428	United Service 15th Feb	F. M. H., Landport			
1427	Percy 19th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street	1776	Landport 28th Feb	Ditto			
1626	Hotspur 24th Jan	Ditto	2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance } 28th Jan	Soldier's Institute, High Street			
1676	St. Nicholas 8th Feb	F. M. H., Grainger Street	SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.					
1712	St. John's 25th Jan	Ditto	139	Britannia 14th Feb	F. M. H., Surrey Street			
1863	Priory 11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth	296	Royal Brunswick 11th Feb	Ditto			
2260	Ridley 5th Feb	F. M. H., Maple Street	1239	Wentworth 4th Feb	Ditto			
R.A.C.			1779	Ivanhoe 29th Jan	Ditto			
24	De Swinburne TO-DY, 17th Jan	Ditto	2263	St. Leonards (con- } secrated 21 July) } 24th Jan	Ditto			
406	De Sussex 8th Feb	M. H., Maple Street	R.A.C.					
481	St. Peter's 20th Feb	Ditto	139	Paradise 21st Jan	F. M. H., Surrey Street			
685	Northumberland 19th Feb	Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road	296	Loyalty 18th Feb	Ditto			
1863	Priory 11th Feb	Grand Hot., Tynemouth	SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS					
NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.			130	Royal Glo'ster 14th Feb	M. H., Albion Place			
471	Silurian 6th Feb	F. M. H., Dock Street	359	Peace & Harmony 21st Jan	Ditto			
683	Isca 20th Feb	Ditto	394	Southampton TO-DAY, 17th Jan	Ditto			
1429	Albert Edward 14th Feb	Ditto	785	Twelve Brothers 25th Jan	Ditto			
R.A.C.			1780	Albert Edward 5th Feb	Ditto			
471	Silurian 25th Jan	F. M. H., Dock Street	R.A.C.					
683	St. Woolos 13th Mar	Ditto	130	Royal Glo'ster 7th Feb	Ditto			
NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.			359	Peace & Harmony... .. 1st Feb	Ditto			
Lo. 52	Union 5th Feb	Norfolk Hotel	394	Concord 24th Jan	Ditto			
93	Social 12th Feb	23, St. Giles Street	SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.					
213	Perseverance 19th Feb	Ditto	80	St. John 12th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace			
807	Cabbell 31st Jan	Ditto	94	Phoenix 6th Feb	F. M. H., Queen Street			
943	Sincerity 22nd Jan	Ditto	97	Palatine 14th Feb	M. H., Park Terrace			
1500	Walpole 7th Feb	Ditto	1389	Fenwick TO-MOR., 18th Jan	Ditto			
R.A.C.			2059	Londonderry 25th Jan	Ditto			
52	Royal George 15th Mar	Norfolk Hotel	R.A.C.					
213	Perseverance 14th Mar	23, St. Giles Street	80	St. John's 19th Mar	M. H., Park Terrace			
807	Cabbell 11th Apr	Ditto	94	De Lambton 29th Jan	F. M. H.			
NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.			97	Strict Benevolence *21st Feb	M. H., Park Terrace			
Lo. 47	Newstead 5th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street	Installation Meetings, as far as known, are marked * before date of meeting.					
402	Royal Sussex 19th Apr	George Hotel	Secretaries of Lodges will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of					
411	Commercial 11th Feb	M. H., Goldsmith Street	Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error					
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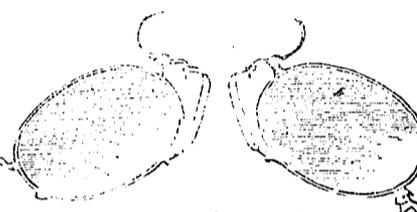
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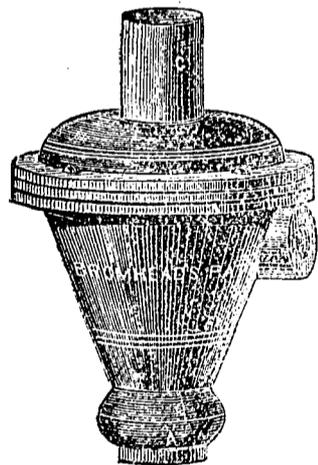
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