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## Candidates for "Mastership."

“**E**VERY Candidate for the Office of Master must be . . . . presented to a Board of Installed Masters.” So runs a portion of our Installation Ritual. It would appear from letters we have received, some of which we have published, that the meaning of the phrase is not understood by the Craft at large, or that the stipulation is wantonly or carelessly ignored. Which is it? The requirement itself is certainly expressive, and should leave no room for misunderstanding. Every *Candidate* shall be presented to a Board of Installed Masters! For what purpose? Can it be for any other than to prove, *as a Candidate*, that he is fitted for election; and qualified in all the other respects which are set forth in the recited requirements for the position he seeks? We think not. Having satisfied those brethren who have a greater knowledge of the duties of a Master of a Lodge by reason of having themselves discharged such duties—more or less efficiently, as the case may be—the Candidate submits himself for election, and being elected is installed;—by whom? Not *by* a Board of Installed Masters, but by a predecessor in the chair, or by some other qualified brother, *in* a Board of Installed Masters, and in accordance with ancient custom. Can anything be much plainer or more consistent with that due order of things which did, does, or should characterise masonic work? So much for the meaning; and now for the disregard of the injunction contained, if not in any constitutional law, still in the ritual which is acknowledged, (not in isolated cases, but generally), to be in accordance with ancient custom, and, being such, to be uniformly

observed. Is it or is it not a fact that there is practiced in many parts of England, and more particularly where ancient masonic customs are almost religiously preserved by Craftsmen, a form of ceremony for constituting in due order and with much solemnity a “Board,” or, as it might be called, an “advanced Lodge” of Installed Masters for purposes connected with the Installation of Masters of Lodges? Is it not also a fact that in the Metropolis, and quite immediately under the purview of the Grand Lodge itself, this ancient ceremony, which bears evidence of most careful consideration and deep purpose, is unknown, or at any rate so little known that its practice now and then becomes an event, and those who seek to retain it as an integral part of a perfect whole are looked upon with disfavour as pedants and innovators? If these be not facts why should so much questioning arise as to what is proper to be done or be left undone by those who are interested in the purity and comprehensive-ness of masonic ritual?

In our last and present numbers will be found two letters on what we consider cognate subjects, viz.: the “Board of Installed Masters,” and the “Qualifications of Candidates for the Master’s Chair.” One writer asserts that the most interesting ceremony connected with the Board of Installed Masters, in which are conveyed certain symbolical teachings which every Master of a Lodge should know, but which a large majority have never had the opportunity of learning, was until just lately a dead letter to him. The other proves that in some instances bye-laws are necessary to ensure the operation now of what in earlier days was a well-observed custom. We should be glad to know from some authority, if such there be whose dictum would have all the force of a command, what is or is not proper to be observed by all lodges alike in regard to both subjects. Confident that the general body of the Craft would acquiesce in either the retention of an ancient custom in connection with the ritual, or the entire abandonment thereof, if after due consideration it should be determined one way or the other by whomsoever has the ability and right to determine, as well as the power to enforce such determination, we should be content with merely suggesting that this matter should at once receive attention in high quarters. But past experience teaches us that no such attention is likely to be given to any wishes or complaints of those who really desire the preservation of our ancient-rites from interference or abandonment, unless a strong resolve be made to raise the question in Grand Lodge by constitutional procedure. We have no ritual committee, as have some other Grand Lodges, and failing such a court of appeal on ritualistic matters, we look upon this subject as one which might consistently be referred to our Board of General Purposes.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

The Annual Festival of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 27th ulto., and was largely attended. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master for Norths and Hunts, presiding. The large Hall of the Tavern was filled to its utmost capacity for dining purposes, and the gallery was fully occupied by a charming company of ladies at the opening of proceedings. The Chairman, supported by numerous Grand Officers and distinguished Freemasons, was conducted to his seat, and Grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. H. Cooper Smith, the brethren sat down to banquet, the ladies retiring under the charge of a numerous body of Stewards, to partake of the refreshment provided for them, and to give place to a string and reed band under the direction of Bro. H. J. Calcott, which performed a choice selection of favourite airs during dinner. With the service of dessert, and after Grace, the toasts of "The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., the Grand Patron and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," were proposed and drank with much enthusiasm, the band playing the appropriate anthems. The healths of "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master," "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the present and past Grand Officers," having been also duly honoured, the latter receiving an able response from V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, the Earl of Euston (chairman) proposed the toast of the evening—"Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." His LORDSHIP said: I am quite certain that the Craft in general must be pleased when we see this grand assemblage of Stewards from every province under the United Grand Lodge of England present here this evening. It is a number of Stewards that I may say it does me personally great credit to see here from last year; whereas there were then 276, this year there are 358. (Cheers.) I hope that when the Secretary reads out the lists the increased number of Stewards will show an increased list of subscriptions. (Cheers.) I trust you will pardon me if I go back some fifty years to the foundation of this Institution. It is an Institution which was founded and suggested by the then Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, in 1842, and since that time 730 aged Masons have been relieved with annuities at the rate of £40 a year as long as they lived. After the last election there were 180 annuitants on the list receiving £40 a year, and I am sorry to say that there is an enormous number who still want to come on that list. Times have not gone well: what has hit one has hit another, and it has hit some very hard. And when I tell you that there are 64 candidates for the next election, and only 14 vacancies, it will convey to your mind how much we want to do beyond what we are doing now. Our income from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for Aged Masons—I mean men—is £900 a year. The dividends on the funded property is £1,128 a year, making a total of £2,028 a year. Our deficiency every year, which has been made up, is £5,172. Now, brethren, when you look at that you will feel with me that we ought not every year to depend so entirely upon the subscriptions of the Craft, but that we should go on doing what we are doing to the best of our ability—that we should use our income only in case of need—that we ought to keep on increasing and increasing the invested funded property, so that if a really bad year comes, which God grant it may not, we may then take the income and say "we can tide over this." But if we get hard hit and have to dip into our funded property, where are we going to be the next year? If once you begin to dip into your reserve fund, you will find the next year you will want to dip again, and the next year again, and in that way capital will soon go. Let us be content, and in spite of having to say with difficult words "No; let us seek out the most deserving cases that come before us, and give them the annuities we can afford to give, and not try and go beyond our absolute power." There is another branch of this Institution—the Widows' Fund—and after the last election there were 230 widows receiving £32 a year each, and some of them are at the home of the Institution. That means £7,360 a year. The income of the Institution is £850 from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and £882 from their invested funds, making a total of £1,732, leaving a deficiency of £6,000. In plain language that means that year by year, as brethren all come forward as you have all done—those brethren who have the interest of the Craft at heart, and endeavour to keep up not only the name but the spirit of Charity—£15,000 yearly is wanted to keep this Institution going without touching the funds of the Institution. (Hear, hear.) I cannot tell you, but I suppose presently the Secretary will tell you, what we have got to-night. I can only say it is a good lift on the road towards that sum. (Cheers.) We cannot expect every year such a lift, particularly after the Centenary of the Girls' School, when the whole Craft was called upon and answered in a way that no Charities had ever been answered before, for on that occasion £50,000 was forthcoming on the day of the celebration of the Centenary of the Girls' School at the Royal Albert Hall—a sum that we trust may do good to that Institution, that may set it on its legs, and, we hope, may enable it to make additions that they may want, so that they may not want so much the next two or three years; they cannot expect it. They have raised an immense sum, and you must not forget the old saying that the young are all very well in their way, but there are many men and many widows who are receiving the grants of £40 and £32 a year respectively, some of them living at their own homes, some of them living down at the Institution at Croydon. One old lady I saw there myself: she had been 25 years at the Institution, and I may tell you that before she came there she had every luxury in the world; but when her husband died he left her penniless, after she had been living in the greatest affluence and ease, and that old lady whom I saw living there is content and happy in the habitation provided for her by this Benevolent Institution. I do not want to detain you long, but I do want to say one thing. I want you all to go back to your

provinces and to your respective lodges and take back the thanks of the Benevolent Institution for sending you up here this evening, and not only sending you up, but sending you up, as I trust you will hear from the Secretary, with a full hand. I think there is very little more to be said except this, that as we go on, so let us pull together in that harmony and brotherly love which we always have done, and let us never forget either one Charity or the other. Let us keep the one great object of our Institution before us, and whatever the world may say of Freemasonry, whether they say that we dine too well or we enjoy ourselves too much, let us have that one consolation in our conscience, that we are doing good in every way we possibly can. (Applause.) Brethren, I give you the toast of the evening, and that is "Success to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows of Masons," and, while asking you to drink it heartily, I call upon Bro. Farnfield to reply to the toast.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, in responding to the toast, said: The large assemblage that we have here to-night does my heart good, because I fully believe that when so large a number of Masons are assembled together, the outcome of that assembly will be a very large total of the lists of the Stewards of the money that has been brought in. It was with fear and trembling the Committee approached this year, because in reviewing our balance sheet at the last General Committee, we found that last year we were something like £2,000 to the bad; and after the bumper Festival that the Girls' School had we cannot hope to have as large a sum this year as the last. But everything comes to those that hope and do not despair, and seeing you all assembled round us to support his lordship in the chair, we have every hope that the total to-night will not be less than last year, but that it will be more. (Cheers.) In that hope I am sure you all will agree with me, and, therefore, I will not further trespass upon your time, but thank you all on behalf of the Committee and Executive of the Institution for so kindly responding to the toast. (Applause.)

Bro. TERRY then read the lists of subscriptions which amounted to £13,186 5s., being the collections of 190 Stewards representing London Lodges and producing £6,884 10s. 5d., and of 170 Stewards representing Provincial Lodges and producing £6,301 14s. according to the following summary, viz.:

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Berks and Bucks	23	2	0	Lancashire (West Div.)	93	9	0
Bristol	52	5	0	Lincolnshire	448	14	0
Cambridgeshire	94	10	0	Middlesex	390	3	0
Cheshire	36	15	0	Northants and Hunts	683	8	6
Cornwall	157	10	0	Nottinghamshire	57	15	0
Cumberland & West-				Oxfordshire	159	1	6
morland	102	12	6	Shropshire	210	18	0
Derbyshire	32	11	0	Somersetshire	51	15	0
Devonshire				Staffordshire	40	10	0
Dorsetshire	156	10	0	Suffolk	326	11	0
Durham	115	10	0	Surrey	241	18	6
Essex	291	18	0	Sussex	208	10	6
Gloucestershire	94	10	0	Warwickshire	147	0	0
Hants & Isle of Wight	135	0	6	Wiltshire	168	0	0
Hertfordshire	233	5	0	Worcestershire	77	1	0
Kent	821	17	6	Yorkshire (Nth. & East)	105	0	0
Lancashire (East Div.)	171	3	0	Yorkshire (West)	400	0	0

The announcement of the grand total of subscriptions was received with applause.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas. proposed the health of "the Right Hon. Chairman," a Provincial Grand Master, well recognised in his province, and one of the most popular of Provincial Grand Masters, although but comparatively a young mason, having made great headway in the craft, holding at one and the same time positions of great importance and some of minor official character, thereby supporting our order, and dignifying it to the utmost of his ability.

In response, Bro. Lord EUSTON thanked the brethren for the cordial reception of the toast, and in the course of his speech, remarked that he wished he had become a mason on attaining his majority, for he did not know of any institution which could compare with it in respect of its power to do good, or in regard to its ability to face the whole world and defy calumny.

To the toast of "Success to the other Masonic Institutions," whose respective festivals are fixed for the ensuing May (Girls), and June (Boys), Bros. HEDGES and BINCKES made appropriate responses: the latter more especially adverting to the investigation which has been instituted with reference to the management of the Boys' School, and expressing his fears that support may be withheld pending the production of the report on that enquiry. The text of Bro. Bincke's speech we shall have occasion to refer to and more fully expound, but this is not the proper time to enlarge thereon. We believe, ourselves, that should it prove that wrong or mistake exists, all will be set right, and that at no distant date; whilst if the report to be issued should absolve the management of the institution from "faults," it would be a great pity if complaints against the administration which cannot be justified, should have interfered with the assistance so sadly needed to maintain its prestige and prosperity.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence proposed "the Stewards," complimenting them upon the success of their endeavours, and, after suitable response from Bro. Sir Lionel DARELL, the CHAIRMAN proposed a toast to the ladies who had honoured the festival by their welcome presence. Bro. Major LAMBERT having responded on their behalf, the brethren at once proceeded to accompany them to the adjoining temple, in which a grand concert, arranged for their delectation and delight was in progress, and in which the following distinguished artistes took part, under the direction of Bro. Robert De Lacy, Vicar Choral, St. Paul's Cathedral:—Miss Julie Abu, Miss Blanche Murray, R.A. Miss Julia Jones, Madame Pauline Featherby, Bros. Edward Dalzell, Alfred Kenningham, Herbert Schartau, R. E. Miles, and R. De Lacy: solo violin—Madame Adelina Dinelli; at the grand piano—Bro. John Jefferies.

The orchestra was under the direction of Bro. H. J. Calcott.

## The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

### THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP.

REVISED.—ASA L. BROWN, PLATTEVILLE, WISCONSIN.

WHEN need or distress, when misfortune or sorrow,  
Assail or encompass a brother around,  
Go, serve and assist him, wait not for the morrow,  
On foot, e'en, though out of thy way he be found.  
Ah, yes, there is *help* in fraternal devotion,  
A solace in sorrow, an aid in distress,  
Which fills the sad heart with soft, thrilling emotion,  
When true to the *first* on its mission we press.

When faint through the gloaming the Vesper is pealing :  
When clear on the morn rings the Matin's sweet tone,  
With heart and with voice, on thy closet floor kneeling,  
Remember a brother's welfare as thine own.  
Praise God for His love and His grace, and His blessing  
On thee, and thy home, and thine own loved and dear.  
Then think of the *second*, and while Him addressing,  
Let brotherly love plead in language sincere.

Preserve in thy breast what a brother, confiding,  
Commends to thy keeping, if honest and just,  
Inviolable hale it, and keep it in hiding,  
And, strong in thy honour, betray not his trust.  
Forget not the builder, beset and in danger,  
E'en death from his bosom extorted no *word*,  
So keep thou the *third*, though it be to a stranger,  
Enough that a brother the trust has conferred.

Aye, stretch forth thy hand if a brother is falling,  
Support him, and aid him his feet to regain.  
Await not the summons, the sign, or the calling,  
But fly to relieve him from danger or pain.  
If slander's foul tongue his fair name is assailing,  
Though absent or present his honour defend,  
And prove that the *fourth* shall be ever availing  
To rescue the fame of a brother and friend.

To err is but human : a brother, forgiving,  
Performs but a duty, a labour of love :  
And he who demurs or who fails is not living  
The life shown and taught by the Master above.  
Approach then the erring with kind admonition,  
With counsels of love win him back to the square,  
Five points thus obeyed, we attain the fruition  
Of duty, as taught by our FELLOWSHIP STAR.

### THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement took place on Friday, the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President of the Board of General Purposes, occupied the chair as W.M., while Bro. Sudlow, on whom the control of the lodge has now devolved, occupied the S.W. chair.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, when, by the direction of the Presiding Master, Bro. Matier, Bro. Montenuis and others formed a deputation to wait on Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Easton, Prov. G.M. of Norths and Hunts, who had kindly consented to preside, and usher him into the lodge. When his lordship had taken his seat at the right of the Presiding Master, Bro. Fenn gave the time, and the brethren greeted his lordship with five.

Bro. Fenn then proceeded to work the first lecture, in doing which he was assisted by the following brethren:—1st section by Bro. C. E. Cassall, S.D. 1415; 2nd, A. C. A. Higerty, P.M. 1044, &c.; 3rd, W. H. Kirov, J.D. 1965; 4th, Black (in the absence on business of Bro. W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768); 5th, Robt. Clay Sudlow, P.M. 263, &c.; 6th, W. P. Reynolds, J.W. 7; 7th, C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826.

At the conclusion of the last section, Lord Euston said he really thought that, for the admirable work which they had all been privileged to hear that evening, the least thing they could do was to thank, as he then did, those brethren who had assisted the W.M. for the treat they had given the assembled brethren in enabling them to hear the work so perfectly and so well done. He, therefore, asked the brethren to join him in thanking all those brethren who had taken part in the work of the evening. This was seconded by Bro. Simpson, P.G.C., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Fenn, addressing Lord Euston and the brethren, said it was usual for the brother who occupied the chair to say a few words in acknowledgment of the compliment, which was really paid, not to him, but to the brethren who had done the work. But he was sure that the brethren who had assisted him in the work would be extremely gratified that their exertions had met with approval, and would esteem the vote of thanks, so cordially given them, very highly. In offering the visitors present an opportunity of joining the lodge, Bro. Fenn informed them that after payment of necessary expenses their funds were devoted to the three masonic charities. After stating what they had been able to do for the charities in the past, he concluded by saying that they had this year voted twenty guineas to the Benevolent Institution in place of their usual ten guineas.

After the supper, which followed the closing of the lodge, the toasts proper to the occasion were proposed, all of which were most heartily received.

### CONVOCATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MADRAS.

On 26th Jan. last, at 6.30 o'clock, a Regular Convocation of the District Grand Lodge of Madras was held in the Masonic Hall of Lodge "Perfect Unanimity," No. 150 (E.C.), Mount Road. There was a large gathering of Master Masons, representing all the local lodges, ranged under their respective banners. To the *right* of the throne were the lodges Perfect Unanimity, No. 150; Mount, No. 926; and John Miller, No. 1906: to the *left*, Universal Charity, No. 273; Pitt-Macdonald, No. 1198; and Carnatic, 2136. After the brethren had assembled the Right Hon. His Excellency the R.W. Bro. Lord Commemara, P.C., G.C.I.E., the District Grand Master, with his Deputy, W. Bro. Colonel G. M. J. Moore, R.A., and the District Grand Officers in their full Masonic paraphernalia, entered in procession and took their respective seats on the dais. The District Grand Lodge was duly opened by the District Grand Master, and W. Bro. Browne, B.D., the Venerable Archdeacon, offered prayer. After the business on the agenda paper had been completed, the District Grand Master appointed and invested his Grand Officers for the current year, viz. :—

W. Bros. Sir Arthur Collins, *Kt., Q.C., Chief Justice, S.W.*; Venerable J. F. Browne, *B.D., Archdeacon, J.W.*; Bro. Rev. C. H. Malden, *M.A., chap.*; W. Bros. T. V. Ponnosawmy Pillay, *Judge, Registrar*; Cowasjee Eduljee, *President Board of General Purposes*; J. T. Greatorex, *sec.*; J. H. Peebles, *4th year treas.*; Sur-Major Walker, *S.D.*; Kelly, *J.D.*; F. Dunsterville, *Supt. of Wks.*; J. B. Barton, *D. of C.*; Donald Calder, *Asst. D. of C.*; Symonds, *Swd. Br.*; Hukerjee Fukerjee, *Std. Br.*; Ramasawmy, *Asst. Std. Br.*; Bro. F. W. Read, *org.*; W. Bros. R. C. Carey, *pursvt.*; P. Vijayarangum Mudaliar, *jun. pursvt.*; and Bro. A. Cooper, *tyler*. Five brethren were appointed to serve on the Board of General Purposes and seven were elected by the brethren present. The District Grand Lodge was then duly closed with solemn prayer by the newly appointed D.G. chap, Bro. Rev. C. H. Malden, *M.A.*

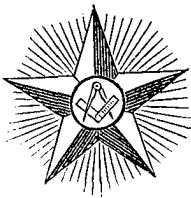
The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where, after a sumptuous dinner, the District Grand Master proposed the following toasts, viz. : the Queen-Empress and the Craft; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family, which were responded to by the brethren most enthusiastically. W. Bro. Willie Grant in proposing the health of His Excellency the R.W. Bro. Lord Commemara, said that the three principal officers of the District Grand Lodge were heads of three important departments, viz. : the State, the Law, and the Church—Lord Commemara was the Governor of the Presidency, Sir Arthur Collins the Chief Justice of Judicature, and the Venerable J. F. Browne, Archdeacon of the diocese of Madras. The District Grand Master in responding said that by the union of the State, Law, and the Church, the peace, harmony and brotherly love of the members of the Craft would be greatly cemented. W. Bro. Col. Moore proposed the Mofussil Lodges which was responded to by W. Bro. Fred. Pinsent. W. Bro. J. Stiven proposed the visiting brethren and was replied to by Bro. Cecil M. Barrow. Bro. A. Cooper, D.G. tyler, proposed, "To all poor and distressed," &c., which brought the pleasant evening to a close. Between the toasts W. Bro. Newitt and Bro. Read entertained the brethren with some popular and humorous songs.

### THE OLD MASONIANS.

The seventh social evening of this society was held on Friday, the 1st inst., and we availed ourselves of an opportunity to look in upon "Our Boys" and share in their agreeable entertainment, as we would advise other Metropolitan and Provincial supporters of our Institutions to do now and then, if they would care to see what an intelligent and respectable class of young men the former pupils of the Boys' School become when "out in the world." If the visitors to these social entertainments felt but a small share of the gratification we have experienced, they would be amply repaid for the time devoted to that purpose. At the opening of the entertainment on Friday last, Mr. A. B. Whiteley took the chair, but the programme of music and recitation had not proceeded far when the president of the society, W. Bro. A. F. Godson, *M.P., Prov. Dep. Grand Master for Worcestershire*; W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, *Past Dep. G.M. Malta, &c.*; and W. Bro. F. Binckes, *P.G.S.B. and Sec. R.M.I.B., entered, and were enthusiastically received.* At the earnest solicitation of Mr. Whiteley and the company, Bro. Godson took the chair, intimating that he could only devote a short hour to its duties, as his presence would be soon afterwards required at Westminster. Before, however, taking up the programme before him, he stated that Bro. Binckes desired to say a few words which he believed would give his hearers much satisfaction. Bro. Binckes at once said that he had been requested to propose Bros. Broadley and Augustus Harris as vice-presidents of the association, a statement which it is almost needless to say was cordially received and gave general satisfaction. After a few remarks from Bro. Broadley, Bro. Godson arranged that the annual dinner should take place on the 13th April, when either he or the V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, *Dep. G. Master for Suffolk*, will preside. The programme of the entertainment was then proceeded with, the several vocalists and reciters vying with each other in the display of talent and ability. Bro. Godson being presently called away to "a very different place," Bro. Binckes presided for the remainder of the evening, which was characterised by good fellowship and harmony throughout. It would be invidious to select from the list of those who assisted any particular names, and our space will not admit of a lengthened notice. We can only say that we have attended many a more pretentious smoking concert than that "Our Boys" offer their members and visitors without experiencing half the enjoyment they fortnightly afford. Brethren would do well to book the 15th inst., at 8 p.m., for a visit to Anderton's Hotel, on which occasion the eighth social evening of the session will be held, and Mr. W. A. Glass will preside.

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#### THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

My friend of "The Organ" is at it again, I see. This time you, as one of "the other Masonic Journals," come in for a share of his favour. Well, I daresay your back is broad enough to bear it, and that you can take your own part. Still, by the writer in the *Freemason*, there are one or two points which I think I may fairly be allowed to draw attention to. The first is his statement that he "did not make sufficient allowance for counteracting influences," one of which he says is "the criticisms, &c." This is a curious admission after the way he wrote about those criticisms, calling them "silly," "stupid," "ignorant," and so on, and insinuating that no one ought to or would pay any attention to them, but treat them in the same high and mighty contemptuous manner which he arrogated to himself. I thought at the time that "sufficient allowance" was not being made for their probable effects, and now, though only one of the "silly ones," the (I had nearly written "scribbler") organ of the craft, owns to the effect of the short-sighted policy of abuse and silence. I cannot pass over the statement made that "these criticisms obtained publicity within a few weeks of the day appointed for the Festival." On the 7th January I addressed you on the above subject, and my letter appeared in your impression of the 10th, nearly two months ago. Now, Sir, to say that this was within a few weeks of the Festival is straining a point. Probably if courteous attention had been accorded, it would not have been necessary to continue the correspondence, but the way in which an "uninspired writer" tried to besmirch those whose only object was to endeavour to obtain a rectification of abuses was about as blameworthy as possibly could be. Instead of a fair and manly front being shown and complaints considered, attempt was made to completely burke the main question, and by personal abuse and clamour obscure it. Now, I would ask, as I read that these criticisms ought to have been published during the "slack season of the year," when that season is? Perhaps the Festival having now gone by, *this* is the slack season so far as the R.M.B.I. is concerned. If so, various questions having been raised, why not proceed to *at once* "discuss" them? Mine, for instance, regarding commission to "Mr. Collector." Statements show that some £13,000 have been got together, names are given of stewards on whose lists names of donors have been inscribed, but I cannot see any item representing money collected and paid-in by the collector. Sir, if the authorities of the R.M.B.I. will answer, now is the time to do so. On how much, if any, of this sum is a commission payable, the reason why it is so payable, and why it is not shown that "Mr. Collector" collected it, instead of those whose

names are published? Also, if those in authority have the good of the Charity alone at heart, they will tell us the meaning of, in both accounts, the items "provincial and other expenses" £80 0s. 1d. each.

With some £2,000 to be found "somehow, or somewhere," perhaps part of it may be made up from amounts which are so vaguely described as these. I suppose there is no chance of any surrender of a tithe even of "official salaries?"

The Girls' School Festival is in May and the Boys' in June next: when might it be considered would be the proper time to criticise, as I intend to do, the affairs of those Institutions? Now, or after the Festivals have taken place? The fact is that one Institution can scarcely be criticised without clashing, in point of management, with the others.

Fraternally yours,  
SUBSCRIBER.

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Would you mind letting me have an answer to the following query. Have honorary members a vote or voice in the lodge which has made them hon. members?

Out here some lodges allow them to speak and vote: others by their Bye-Laws forbid it. I should like to have your opinion. I always thought an honorary member was a member to all intents and purposes, but who in consideration of valuable services was excused fees.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,  
C. H. M.

Madras, January, 1889.  
\* \* The Book of Constitutions is silent as to the rights and privileges of Honorary Members.—ED. M.S.

#### CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I should like to be informed of the rule regulating the transmission of certificates, as to the time that should elapse before a member receives the same after his initiation into Freemasonry, as I have been informed that I have to wait one year from the date of my raising.

Yours fraternally,  
J. F. B.

\* \* You have been wrongly informed. You are entitled to a certificate IMMEDIATELY after your initiation, passing and raising respectively. It is customary, for the sake of convenience, for a brother to wait until he has received the degree of M.M., but immediately thereafter he should be placed in possession of his certificate. See Book of Constitutions, Rules 196 to 203.—ED. M.S.

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MASTERSHIP.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

In reference to this important subject which I observe has been treated of in the earlier numbers of your journal, I send you an extract from the Bye-Laws of one of our lodges, with which I am closely connected:—

"No brother to be eligible for the office of W.M. unless he has served the office of Warden in this lodge twelve months; neither shall he be eligible for the office of W.M. unless he is capable of opening and closing the lodge in the three degrees, and working the ceremonies; the qualification of such candidates shall be certified by a Board of Past Masters prior to his election, and no preference shall be given to seniority in the craft, but to personal worth and merit only."

This rule has been in operation for many years; in fact I think I can answer for 22 or 23 years, and I am happy to say that during the whole of that time we have only had one case in which the P.M.'s could not recommend the S.W. as duly qualified.

In my opinion it is a most salutary rule, because when a brother takes office he knows that unless he makes himself acquainted with the working it will be useless for him to aspire to the office of W.M., consequently he sets to work in earnest, and generally with a good result.

Of course it is a rule which should be applied with some discretion, because we cannot expect every one to be word perfect, and we have never drawn a hard and fast line in this respect, more especially if we had reason to believe that the brother had worked hard and tried his best to be proficient. It undoubtedly acts as a filip to the lazy and careless ones, and that is the great point.

Yours fraternally,  
Greenwich, Mar. 1st, 1889. E. J. B. BUMSTEAD.

#### SANDGATE LODGE AND SOLDIER MASONS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

THE MASONIC STAR of 7th, 14th and 21st inst. contain letters on the above subject, in respect of which, with your permission, I shall take the advice you gave to "Punjabi" and "speak out."

"Punjabi's" letter is all right, excepting so far as "P.M. 1,436" has been able to correct him over the vicar. I suppose it was I who made him chaplain, and I had his word that he did not require any other office; but I have no hesitation in saying that he is a great acquisition to the Sandgate Lodge, and having said that I will go on to the chief question involved, and deal with "P.M. 1,436." I hope now the subject is opened, that it will be the means of getting the military brethren what they require, or a good reason shown why they should not have it, and (if possible) stop internal and external squabbles in connection with the lodge. To this end I propose to put the following questions for solution:—

1. Are military brothers entitled to the same advancement in the craft as civilians?



2. Consistent with the nature of their occupation, can anything fairer be done for them by existing laws?

3. Have they been fairly dealt with in the Sandgate Lodge?

In reply to first question, I take it that few lodges expect the military to be mere financiers, and no right thinking brother will envy them all the honour their status and ability may demand at our hands. They are more than average patrons of the craft, both in numbers and contributions, having frequently to join different lodges and constitutions, to enjoy masonic privileges. The reason they join in greater numbers is one we may all be proud of, viz., their duty takes them to more foreign countries than any other mason on the face of the globe, and it is probably the only chance open to them to make life pleasant outside the family circle of their own regiment, and create that kindly and brotherly feeling and intercourse between ourselves and the numerous races the G.A.O.T.U. has destined us to rule over, and which we all so much desire.

In answer to No. 2, I say that more can be done for them, and is done at most other military stations, without infringing upon the Book of Constitutions, by P.G. Master recommending a prayer of petition for an ordinary warrant, and a paragraph in bye-laws regulating the proportion of civilians to be admitted, so that the military always predominate in lodges formed for their benefit. The military have founded many lodges, only to find that in a few years they have had no voice in them, and it will always be the case, without some safeguard of this kind. "P.M. 1,436" should know that a "Class Lodge" was never asked for, and that a purely military lodge has no chance of being granted since 1882.

In answer to No. 3, I believe the military have a very substantial grievance against this particular lodge, and the present correspondence does not bear out P.M.'s statement "that there has always been the greatest goodwill, &c." I say that they have never agreed amongst themselves. There has of late years been a clique to the destruction of all harmony and masonic spirit, and I am not very proud of being a P.M. of a lodge where another P.M. will lead anyone to believe that the chair has been given six or seven times to a soldier or sailor. The lodge was founded by Captain Coates in 1873, and since then the only soldier that has ever been in the chair is Bro. Field, and that is 11 years ago, and some years one or two soldiers have been given office and in others they have been given nothing, although the chief support has been derived from them. How can he possibly quote a "Serving Bro." to prove advancement to military brethren? Worthy as our Brother Tyler undoubtedly is, he has never been a soldier since the lodge was formed.

Many instances could be quoted to show how little hope there is for harmony in this lodge, and but that your space is valuable I would give particulars. Probably in a future letter you may permit me the opportunity to explain reasons why an endeavour to remedy the existing evil should have met with the approval of the provincial authorities instead of an unqualified rejection.

Yours fraternally,

W. PERRY, I.P.M.,

Sandgate Lodge, No. 1436.

28th February, 1889.

### Answers to Correspondents.

N.Y.—The question you raise is a strange one; we will give it consideration and endeavour to find a solution.

P.M.—Where you can have learnt such "curious" ritual we are at a loss to conceive. It is impossible to revise such a mass of errors.

### MARK MASONRY.

A new Mark Lodge will be consecrated this month, bearing the title in honour of the M.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton. Bros. Belgrave Nimis, Dr. Brodie, Lennox Browne, T. G. Lewis-Thomas, and Captain Henry Wright are amongst the founders and first officers. The lodge will meet at 8A, Red Lion Square, W.C.

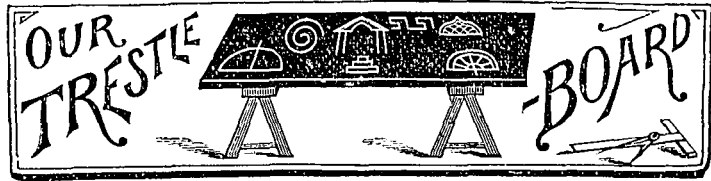
The forthcoming Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be held in July, will be presided over by Bro. Lionel E. Darell, P.G.S.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Festival to be held in May will be presided over by the R.W. Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master for Suffolk, and we have reason to anticipate that he will be well supported on that occasion, particularly by the lodges under his more immediate rule. A meeting of the Building Committee is to be held in April, for the purpose of receiving and deciding on tenders from eminent builders for the construction of the Centenary Hall and new buildings at Wandsworth Common, the plans and designs of which have been virtually settled.

W. BRO. BARRELL, P.M. 469, P.Z. 272, P.G.A.D.C. Lincs., who has successively been elected Councillor, Alderman, and Provisional Chairman of the County Council of Holland, was, on Friday last, elected unanimously the permanent Chairman of that body. Bros. E. W. Gooch, S.D. 469, J. Laming, 469 (Spalding) and R. W. Staniland, 272 (Boston), are also members of the Holland C. C.

A MASONIC "AT HOME."—The W.M., officers, and brethren, of the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971—which was consecrated in 1882, for the convenience of officers quartered in the Aldershot Division—gave an "At Home" at the Officers' Club House on Thursday night, the 21st ult., which proved to be a most enjoyable event. Upwards of 500 invitations were issued to the Masters and Past Masters of adjoining lodges and distinguished brethren of the order, in addition to the Staff of the Aldershot Division and other officers, and the leading families of the neighbourhood, most of whom were present. The visitors were received by the W.M. (W. Bro. W. E. Foster) and Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Onslow.



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

The *Masonic Record* of Western India, published at Allahabad, in its issue for October last, reproduced *in extenso* our article in No. 4 of THE MASONIC STAR under the title "Is Publication injurious to Freemasonry?" and, complimenting us thereupon, thought it "a subject which should elicit some strong expressions of opinion from the fraternity."

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No such expressions have reached us from any craftsman in England, but in distant lands the subject has had consideration; and a correspondent to the *Masonic Record* itself, as we find in its December number, evidently is in exceptional disagreement with us. He forwarded to that paper a letter with extracts from an oration delivered by Bro. the Rev. Thomas Russell, P.Prov.G.Chap. (Cornwall) in October, 1875, which he considers fully answers the question in the affirmative, but which we do not hesitate to declare, having in former years been in direct correspondence with the author, having a knowledge of his sentiments at that date, and reading his oration by the light of such acquaintance, rather tends to strengthen than to controvert our arguments in favour of discreet publication outside those esoteric secrets which our obligations compel us to regard.

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It is not for those who are not of our fraternity that masonic journals are published, for but little that can interest "strangers" will be found in their pages, and certainly not anything affecting that secrecy which may not be revealed; but for the general information of craftsmen who desire to learn more of the tenets of Freemasonry and the progress of the order than can be obtained within the confines of their respective lodges. For such of our brethren we still, and shall continue to, maintain that publication is NOT injurious to Freemasonry, but, on the contrary, most useful and advantageous.

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The discontinuance of "Our City Article" does not appear to be relished by some of our esteemed subscribers. On the other hand, its insertion met with strong objection from many who thought the space could be better utilized. We cannot expect to please all who take interest in us, at the same time have no desire to do otherwise. If we could but know in which direction general satisfaction could be given we should point that way once and for all. Meanwhile, we must not veer about at the caprice of every wind that blows.

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It may interest many visitors to the Isle of Wight, and especially to Ventnor, to know that the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 551, holds its meetings at the Masonic Hall, at Ventnor, every Monday, at 7.30 p.m. The dates of meeting of the Mother Lodge will be found in our tabulated list of Provincial Lodge Meetings.

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On the retirement of V.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.P.B.G.P., from the office of Treasurer of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, on the 20th ult., the brethren presented Lady Monckton, as an acknowledgment of Sir John's eminent services on behalf of the lodge, with a valuable diamond ornament.

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We had lately an opportunity of hearing a very talented artiste in the person of Mdle. Eva Norini, who charmed a critical audience by her able rendering of the part of Marguerite, at an entertainment which included the garden scene in Faust. This young lady, who is we believe available for general concerts, would be doubtless much appreciated in connection with the musical portion of our lodge entertainments, if her services could be secured by any of our *entrpreneurs*.

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

The inauguration of a United Grand Lodge of the Masons in Victoria will take place on March 20th, and the installation of Sir W. J. Clarke as Grand Master will take place on the following day.

The plan for the extension of the accommodation of the Masonic Hall at Deniliquin has been approved by the management, and the architect, Mr. Vahland, of Sandhurst, is now preparing specifications. When these are completed the tenders will be called. The extensions will cost about £1,000. The present building will be left as it is, and a new hall will be erected between it and Messrs. Hunter and Son's premises, in addition to which there will be an ornamental front, with offices facing the main street.

MASONIC LECTURE BY W. BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.M.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford, of Freemasons interested in the advancement of the Order, when a very interesting paper was read by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, York, on "The Advance of Intelligent Masonry." After some discussion on the subject of the paper and a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Bros. J. L. Atherton, J. Ramsden Riley, and J. W. Balme, to Bro. Whytehead, it was decided to form a society, to be called "The Bradford and District Masonic Literary Society," of which Bro. Whytehead should be the president.

## Point—Left—Right.

What weather! Not at all Masonic. I was in a blinding snow storm at Penge last week and coming back across the river not a trace of snow was to be seen. It is well; for the last fall plainly demonstrated the incapacity of the City authorities to grapple with any inconvenience to their knife and fork routine of every-day duty. I suppose, grappling with slush and muck amounts to money, and who, for one moment, would not wade ankle deep in half-frozen filth if only by so doing we are enabled to send a few thousand pounds to Timbuctoo, or China, to help the starving multitudes of whom we know nothing. The foreign policy of "City Charity" has no willing ear to native wants. Why should it have? What business has any man to be poor in this land of peace and plenty! Are not our streets paved with gold, and is there not a soup kitchen and a workhouse in every thoroughfare? Marry come up, forsooth! What would you have, you half-starved mechanic? Would you allow us to give you better wages and cleaner homes at the expense of our reputation for being an eminently *free* country? Would you rather us help you from the doors of the workhouse and lead you into decent surroundings, by stopping the supply of rum and 'bacca to the heathen of Central Africa. Tut, Tut! a pretty state of things, indeed. One would imagine almost the docking of turtle soup to pay you wages for sweeping the roads.

In spite of my guarded remarks, my par of last week has brought me into sad disgrace with several of our worthy brethren who are "publicans." They must look at the question in its broadest view and from an impartial position before they discuss masonic lodges being held in public houses. There are, of course, public-houses and public-houses, and I stand firmly by my opinion that there is no analogy between the sentiment of masonry and the sentiment of the tap-room. Take away from masonry its sentiment and its enlightening motives—for masonry *has* enlightening motives—and it is nothing but a hollow sham, fit only to encourage the delights of the fourth degree as a total eclipse of the first, second and third.

Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett has published an indignant letter about the newspaper comments upon her manners and associations, alluding to a story that she and her husband live apart. She says: "The member of my family who would be missing if it were true is at the present moment reading in the adjoining room. I am described as encircled by an army of young men. I am encircled by an army of two young men, aged respectively 12 and 14, and I am rather popular with them. I have no other masculine acquaintances who are not older than myself; which gives them an excellent opportunity to be of ripe years."

"Is it, or is it not, of consequence that the statement published and copied all over the United States is untrue in every word and detail? Does it, or does it not, matter in the least that a man or woman who has done honest, respectable work should on that account feel that his or her character, good taste, and good manners may be impugned at so much a line in any newspaper? Does it not matter that such an individual cannot live life so simple, so secluded, so well meaning, as to escape the most grotesque misrepresentations? I ask these questions, not only for myself, but for a number of modest, respectable persons, who have had the misfortune to write a popular book or play."

"The *misfortune* to write a popular book or play!" Ah, there's the rub! No sooner does a man or woman do something or commit something that is brought to the public notice, and deemed by the public mongers to be worthy of comment, than the something and its perpetrator immediately become the property of the public. His private affairs are sifted for him, and the quality of his trousering discussed by the column. It is then suggested that his wife is not altogether what she might be, and his son—well! as for his son, the sooner he is dead the better for humanity. This is very cheap chatter, the market price of which—to be more definite than Mrs. Burnett—is just one penny a line, thirteen, I believe, going to the dozen.

This kind of "journalism" was originated by the cheap Society papers, ill-written rags for the most part, edited by men whose moral surroundings are on a par with their educational attainments. The mode of running their papers is "give me an advertisement and I will give you an 'editorial' note; if you won't then I'll slate you as thick as printer's ink." As far as Mrs. Burnett goes, she may be a very decent woman, and the wife of a decent man, but whether she is living apart from that man or not is no business of the general public. All such twaddle is a development of garden wall oratory, introduced by the butcher boy to his sweetheart of the kitchen. *He* informs *her* that the Rev. Mumbles has left the vicarage in every one's debt, and *she* tells *him* of the terrible shindy last night between the Captain and his wife, and that the former appeared at the breakfast-table this morning with a "lovely pair." I believe very strongly in the freedom of the Press; when this freedom degenerates into impudence, the freedom of the whip should be brought into greater prominence.

This reminds me of that eminently modern journalistic invention the "Dramatic Critic." The impudence of this gentleman is unbounded. His powers of expression are limited to a dozen set phrases—obsolete, vulgar, and for the most part meaningless to the general reader. His appreciation or disapproval of any new play is supremely indifferent to a man of dramatic knowledge who will have long since discovered such appreciation or disapproval, is regulated by the quantity of whiskey which flows from a particular quarter during a particular space of time, and by the degree of acquaintanceship which exists between the critic and the *caste*.

Perhaps this is not altogether surprising when we remember that London alone possesses an average of one-and-a-half dramatic critics to every professional mummer in the United Kingdom. The gentlemen qualified to give an opinion upon the dramatic productions in the Metropolis may be counted on the fingers of both hands; and among that number must be included "Launcelot Gobbo," who has given the readers of the MASONIC STAR the benefits of his experience.

Wonders will never cease, "Groom's," the little coffee and muffin den in Fleet Street has actually undergone the process of a spring clean. The Bohemian walls have been newly papered, and the sacred boards have been *re-covered* (as the decorator persists in calling it) with brand new linoleum. But this is not all; the greasy little girls, who have for years identified themselves or their class with Groom's, have all disappeared. Their ceaseless chatter and party bickerings have gone with them. No longer do we wait our coffee while the details of some feminine difficulty is adjusted to the satisfaction of the entire staff. Young ladies of the modern type now dispense the breakfast muffin and the choppy luncheon. Particular attention is given to deportment, and to grammatical expressions, and the modulated tones of the mistress of the coffee pots as she gives her directions—via the lift—to the mysterious cook in the lower regions, savours more of the high class academy than of Fleet Street. However, I like Groom's. The coffee is very good—almost excellent—and the muffins—well, if they only would toast mine a little more thoroughly, I would name them the best in the market.

A very excellent mason has paid the debt of nature in the person of Bro. Phillip James Shelley, of Deptford. He was a good man, indeed, far beyond the usual acceptance of the term: no man with a just claim appealed to him in vain for assistance, and it is a significant fact that never was his good nature and human kindness imposed upon. Over the remains of three of his servants he had erected a monument at his own expense, upon which his own name had been engraved, and under which a space for his own body was reserved, against his decease. Seventy-nine years of a honored existence go down with him, and with him the regret of a host of people he had benefited in some way or another. May his body and his soul gain that rest he so much sought after.

The Shops (Weekly Half-holiday) Bill, which was printed yesterday, seeks to empower local authorities, upon the application of not less than two-thirds of the occupiers of shops within a given distance, to order that all shops within such district, except public-houses, refreshment houses, tobacconists' shops, and news-agencies, shall "be closed on one specified day in each week at or before any hour, not earlier than two o'clock in the afternoon." The penalty for a breach of the order is to be a fine not exceeding £5. A saving clause exempts chemists and druggists from liability for supplying medicines, drugs, or medical appliances after the appointed hour: but they are required to close their shops all the same. The occupier of a shop is permitted to supply goods to any person lodging on the premises. I sincerely hope that no such measure as this will ever pass the watch-gates of common sense. Many of our tradesmen are surrounded by restrictions which encroach far upon the freedom of the subject, and handicap them heavily against the unblushing foreigner. I wonder what Sir John would say to our compelling him to work no later than two o'clock on one day in the week. Sir John, I fancy, prides himself upon his endless labours. I have letters from him in my possession which plainly shew he has far more to occupy his time than he can properly discharge. Go to, John of the Lubbock ilk, you have done good work in your day, and will undoubtedly do a great deal more, but don't pose so foolishly as a defender of the working classes. I can prove to your satisfaction, Sir John, that such ridiculous legislation as you are attempting has nothing but evil results in front of it.

The stones of Temple Bar have been set up one upon another, and although the associations of the old gateway are for ever lost, still it is something to have reclaimed the remains from the despoiling mind of the City men. Travellers to Waltham will discover the Bar converted into an entrance gateway to "Theobalds," Sir Henry Meux's place, in this charming suburb of London. For small mercies let us be thankful. We should have liked Temple Bar rehabilitated in the Temple Gardens, for which purpose several charming spots were available. But the Temple fathers had no affection for the gate; the City grandfathers had nothing but hatred for it, and so an opulent brewer accepted the stones, and thus the drama ends. I hope I am modest beyond the dreams of suspicion, but the one man who rescued the masonry from its tomb in the Farringdon Road, and worried the Corporation into *some* action in the matter was your very devoted scribbler.

THE DRUID.

## Press Exchanges and Books Received.

*Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts*, Dec. 12th, 1888, per Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder; *South African Freemason*, East London, Cape Colony (thanks for notice); *Masonic Calendar for Leicestershire and Rutland, 1889*, compiled by Bro. B. A. Smith, P.M. 523 and P.P.G. St. B.; *Society*.

## ETHICS OF FREEMASONRY.

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

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).

This lodge held its meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, March 1st, 1889, at 5 p.m. There were present: Bros. W. Simpson, W.M.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M.; Col. S. C. Pratt, S.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., J.W.; G. W. Speth, sec.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, S.D.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, J.D.; C. Kupferschmidt, as I.G.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. St.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; J. Finlay Finlayson; C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., and Prof. W. Mathien Williams; also the following members of the correspondence circle: Bros. J. B. Mackey; James Stevens; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Da Silva; F. A. Powell; R. A. Gowan; Prof. F. W. Driver; W. M. Graham; C. F. Hogard, P.G. St. B., and S. R. Baskett. Also the following visitors: Bros. S. Carrick Street, Yarborough Lodge 554, and Sidney Willis, Emulation Lodge 21.

The following nine lodges and 62 brethren were admitted to the correspondence circle of the lodge, viz: Grayston 1915, Whitstable; Dis. G. of Gibraltar; Drury Lane 2127; Naval Military Royal Arch Chapter, 40 (S. C.) Edinburgh; Natalia 1665, Pietermaritzburg; Castle 1621, Bridgenorth; Tudor 1792, Harborne; Abbey 624, Burton-on-Trent; Corinthian 1806, Amoy, China; and Bros. W. Woodhouse, R. Hodges, D. W. Preston, F. E. Bilson, all of Bournemouth; A. Kirk, Gainsboro'; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Doncaster; J. W. Staton, Brooksville, Kentucky; Baron Murrow, St. Leonards; W. L. Willey, Boston, U.S.A.; J. W. Edwards, J. Wilson, F. Batty, all of Manchester; R. Crofts, A. Brown, T. P. Dorman, G. Ellard, all of Northampton; C. C. Silberbauer, C. J. Muller, both of Cape Town; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B., Tynemouth; J. Weighton, W. Francis, D.D.G.M., R. D. Clarke, J. W. Pierson, all of Pietermaritzburg, Natal; T. Cook, L. E. S. Torgires, J. R. Roffey, all of Durban, Natal; J. W. Johnson, Bradford; J. S. Gibson Sugars, H.M.S. Arethusa; C. Boyle (C.M.G.) Gibraltar; G. W. Baine, Sunderland; E. D. Anderton, Falmouth; W. Abrahams, P.D.G.M., Maryland; R. Somerville, J. M. Campbell, both of Glasgow; C. C. J. Taylor, A. Bayne, F. Williams, L. Sutro, all of Kimberley; A. R. Perks, Johannesburg, Transvaal; C. Baxter, Edinburgh; W. C. Whiteside, J. Bilson, both of Hull; S. Border, C. E. L. Wright, both of York; H. Crossley, Halifax; J. W. Waugh, Baildon, Yorks; G. W. Wakeford, Dep. G.M., of Prince Edward's Island; B. Lightfoot, Faversham; H. F. Greig, Belvedere; W. M. Graham, Edmonton; J. C. Stone, Enfield; T. R. Arter, Moseley, Worcester; E. W. C. Wilson, Truro; C. W. Meiter, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Augustus Harris, A.M., Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, J. W. Thatcher, W. Steward, W. Wingham, A. Gravott, all of London, and W. C. Lewis, Amoy, China. This raises the total number admitted to 588.

Handsomely and symbolically designed certificates of having passed the chair of the lodge were signed by the Officers in favour of Bros. Sir C. Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., P.G.D., &c., and R. F. Gould.

The paper of the evening was read by Bro. W. H. Ryland. It was entitled "A word on the Legends of the Compagnonnage, Pt. II.," being the continuation of a paper read by the same brother twelve months ago. The interesting subject was well handled, and many new lights were thrown thereon by the lecturer, some of which Bros. Gould and Speth acknowledged themselves inclined, at a first view, to accept. The essay was, however, so long, that only portions could be read, a fact which prevented a full discussion, for which we must await the issue of the next number of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, when doubtless it will be done full justice to.

Bro. Bywater produced for inspection a Craft Jewel, formerly worn by Bro. Robert Burns.

Professor Driver thought that it was scarcely sufficiently known what a high literary qualification the lodge required of candidates for full membership, and suggested some public announcement of the fact, in order to prevent disappointment to would-be applicants. The matter was discussed at some length and at its close the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**We are requested to Notify that:—**

—The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, will meet at Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 3.45 p.m., for election of W.M. and Officers for the ensuing year, and to discuss a proposition for donating a sum of money to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

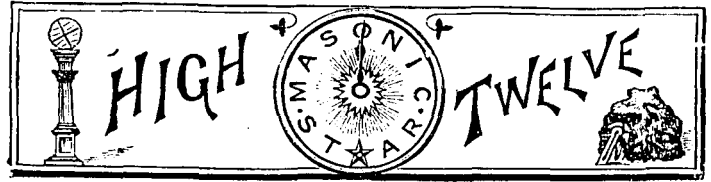
—The Union Lodge of Instruction at Leicester will hold its Annual Festival under the presidency of W. Bro. Joseph Young, P.M. 523, P.P.G.J.W., at Freemasons' Hall, Salford Street, Leicester, on the 8th inst. (to-morrow) at 7.30 p.m. The second lecture will be worked in sections, and supper will be served at 8.30 p.m.

—The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, with which so many of our brethren are intimately connected, has introduced a Bill into the House of Commons providing for the removal of all wrecks on or near the coasts of the United Kingdom, whether in navigable waters or not, which may prove a danger to the crews of Life-boats in their endeavours to save life and property. The Bill is backed by Members representing all shades of political thought, and is likely to receive very general support. The Second Reading is fixed for Wednesday, the 27th inst.

—The Installation Meeting of the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, will take place at the Masonic Temple, Café Royal, Regent Street, on Wednesday next, the 13th inst.

—All Royal Arch Masons will be welcomed at the First Annual Supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction, which takes place at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, April 5th, with Comp. F. Hilton as Chairman. Tickets may be obtained of the S.E. Comp. Stone, 17, Soames Street, Peckham, S.E.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the ordinary meeting of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1,827, will be held at the Guildhall Tavern, London, and on Friday, the 15th, an emergency meeting will be called at the same place to receive the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and High Officers of the Corporation, and a large number of Grand Officers, Present and Past at dinner. The W.M., Bro. Henry Clark, C.C. and L.C.C. will preside. A brilliant gathering is expected at this now annual banquet.



"Cease labour and go to refreshment."

THIS DAY, MARCH 7th:—

- The Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Glee room, F.M. Tavern.
- .. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.
- .. La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet (Ladies' night) in Crown room, F.M. Tavern.
- .. The Victoria Rifles Lodge, No. 822, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Albany room, F.M. Tavern.
- .. Mornington Lodge, No. 1672, meets at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Banquet in Masonic Temple.
- .. St. James's Chapter R.A., No. 2, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.

TO-MORROW, MARCH 8th:—

- The Britannic Lodge, No. 33, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Crown room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.
- .. Bedford Lodge, No. 157, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern, at 6 p.m.

MARCH 9th:—

- The Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Crown Room, F.M. Tavern.
- .. Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern.

MARCH 11th:—

- The St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 7 p.m.
- .. Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern.
- .. University Chapter of R.A. Masons, No. 1118, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, F.M. Tavern.

MARCH 12th:—

- The St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Sussex room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
- .. Urban Lodge, No. 1196, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
- .. Samson Lodge, No. 1668, meets at the Café Royal, Regent Street, and dinner will be served after labour.

MARCH 13th:—

- The Enoch Lodge, No. 11, meets at F.M. Hall. Banquet at F.M. Tavern.
- .. United Lodge, No. 1629, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Drawing room, F.M. Tavern, at 8 p.m.

MARCH 14th:—

- The Polish National Lodge, No. 534, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Glee room, F.M. Tavern, at 6.30 p.m.
- .. Lodge of Regularity, No. 91, meets at F.M. Hall. Dinner in Edinboro' room, at 6.30 p.m.
- .. Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, Festival Dinner, Concert and Ball, at Freemasons' Tavern.
- .. Strand Lodge, No. 1987, meets at the Criterion Restaurant. Dinner in Prince's room, at 7 p.m.

**Reports of Lodge & Chapter Meetings.**

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

EMBLEMATIC—No. 1321.—On the 26th ult., at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden.—W. Bro. Esling, W.M.—Bros. Graham, S.W.; Klein, J.W.; R. H. Davies, S.D.; Price, J.D.; Marshall, I.G.; Brindley, P.M., preceptor; Hunter, P.M.; Englefield, P.M.; Bogell, P.M.; Swan, P.M., sec.; Pett, W.M.; Noakes, Forscutt, White, Mogford, Theis, and Cantle. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Pett as candidate. During the evening Bro. Brindley, P.M., worked the first section of the lecture.

THE GREAT CITY—No. 1426.—On Thursday, February 28th, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.—Bro. J. L. Barrett, W.M.—Bros. D. Hills, S.W.; J. Gwyn, J.W.; T. Eisenmann, S.D.; H. J. Whitehouse, J.D.; F. Lazarus, I.G.; J. K. Pitt, preceptor; W. J. Ball, sec.; W. Paddle, P.M.; J. Gaskin, J. Tattersall, &c. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and a *resumé* of the various officers' duties in each degree was made by the W.M. A vote of sympathy with Bro. F. T. Smith in his recent bereavement was carried unanimously. A ballot for the Benevolent Fund will be held on Thursday next, March 7th, at 8 o'clock p.m.

STUART—No. 1632.—A meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Present: Bros. H. E. Frances, P.P.G.S.D. (Surrey); W. Ball, 1339; H. E. Vickers, W.M. 1632; M. Spiegel, P.M. 189; G. W. Wood, P.M. 1642; H. Baldwin, P.M. 1632 and 1949, P.P.G.Std.B. (Mdx.); J. L. Bush, 1632; E. Pettit, W.M. Elect. 1632; W. P. Allen, 2256; W. H. Vickers, 1632; C. Linsey, S.W. 1632; J. H. Nicholls, S.D. 1280; A. J. Crofts, I.G. 1632; A. Banister, I.P.M. 1632; G. H. G. Morgan, W.S. 1632; J. S. Manley, Abbey Lodge; and Samuel Ellis, Tyler. The lodge being opened, the chair was occupied by Bro. Frances, who appointed Bros. Wood and Baldwin as Wardens, and Bro. Spiegel D.C. He then addressed the brethren upon the occasion of the meeting, and rehearsed most effectively the ceremony of consecration, in the course of which he delivered an impressive oration on the nature and principles of the institution. The lodge having been dedicated and constituted, the benediction was pronounced and the lodge resumed to the second degree, when Bro. H. E. Vickers was duly installed as W.M., and appointed and invested his officers. Bro. Frances was elected an honorary member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services as Consecrating and Installing Master; also to Bro. Pettit for his able conduct of the musical part, and to those brethren who lent him their assistance and contributed so much to the solemnity of the ceremony. After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which did credit to Bro. Manley's abilities as caterer. The usual loyal and masonic toasts having been duly honoured, a most enjoyable and musical evening was spent. It is contemplated to establish a smoking concert for the fourth Thursday in each month.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday the 1st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor; V. P. Murché, A.S.

1329, M.B.Z. : G. L. Moore, H. 169, H. : T. Grumman, P.Z. J. : C. H. Stone, S.E. : Addington, S.N. : Stone, P.S. : Austin and Wingham. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Austin candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.B.Z. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Murché for his excellent work of Z. for the first time. Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., preceptor, was requested to take the chair at the annual supper on Friday, 5th April.

WARNER—No. 2192.—The fifth regular meeting of this lodge, under sanction of Highbury Lodge 2192, was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, on the 1st inst.—Bro. G. H. Gush, P.M. 1541, W.M.—Bros. H. Jenkins, S.W. 850, S.W.; and N. Salmon, S.W. 177, J.W. The fifteen sections were worked by the W.M. and brethren in the following order:—First lecture, 1st sec., Bro. C. G. Gatchey, 2256; 2nd, W. Webb, 1580; 3rd, G. K. Pugh, D.C. 1625; 4th, F. Trinder, P.M. 704; 5th, W. W. Snelling, W.M. 1541; 6th, H. Hill, S.W. 1695; and 7th, H. Jenkins, S.W. 850. Second lecture, 1st sec., J. R. Duff, 145; 2nd, W. W. Snelling, W.M. 1541; 3rd, A. J. Berry, P.M. 1695; 4th, H. Hill, S.W. 1695; and 5th, H. Jenkins, S.W. 850. Third lecture, 1st sec., J. Oldis, P.M. 1288; 2nd, G. H. Gush, P.M. 1541; and 3rd, N. Salmon, S.W. 177. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the visiting brethren, which was cordially acknowledged by the W.M. and those who had assisted him, the whole of whom were elected by the lodge as honorary members. Some of the other visitors were elected members, and the lodge was then closed. Among the many brethren present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. C. P. Catehey, 1685; W. P. Allen, 2256; Geo. Hurley, 2256; G. J. Reed, 1910; W. Blenkensop, 754; J. Ives, 2256; F. Brouthead, 1662; U. Smith, 617; J. Calver, 2256; W. Longmore, 2256; J. Brigshaw, 2256; Dr. W. C. Griffiths, 2256; J. W. Drew, 145; J. Speller, 2256; R. Grout, 174; General Farquharson, 389, S.C.; W. Shurmer, 2256; Scoresby-Jackson, 2256; M. Gross, 1278; and B. Nicholson, 1766.

PROVINCIAL.

STAFFORDSHIRE—MENTURIA LODGE—No. 418.—HANLEY. Masonic Conversation and Ball. One of the most successful entertainments for the benefit of the Masonic Charities that has taken place in North Staffordshire was held at Hanley on the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Menturia Lodge. The attendance was so large as to necessitate the occupation of nearly the whole suite of

rooms in the municipal buildings. The Victoria Hall was used as a ball-room, the council chamber and mayor's parlour as supper rooms, the sessions court as a concert hall, and the grand jury room as a suitable place for the exhibition of curiosities of various descriptions, while the stipendiary court, the town clerk's offices, and other portions of the buildings were needed for various purposes. Bro. H. Windle, W.M.; Bro. J. T. Howson, hon. sec., and the committee had a busy time for some weeks in preparing for the entertainment, at which the following acted as stewards:—Bros. C. F. Baker, J. Barlow, G. Barlow, T. Bickley, T. Brimyard, J. Bromley, J. Charlesworth, J. S. Crapper, A. B. Jones, D. Jones, E. Jones, W. Jones, J. Mayer, G. Pitchford, J. Robinson, W. Edwards, J. Goodson, H. J. Gover, E. V. Greatbach, R. G. Hall, E. J. Hammersley, E. B. Jackson, T. C. Slaney, D. Shaw, J. Stringer, W. Tunnicliff, J. Thorley, P. B. Watts, H. Windle, T. Godwin. The various rooms were decorated under the superintendence of Bro. C. R. Clark, and the walls of the main corridors had hung upon them a remarkably fine collection of oil paintings, engravings, and pen-and-ink sketches, lent by Bros. H. N. Marks, W. Tunnicliff, Dr. J. S. Crapper, T. Henstock, A. J. Henstock, and S. Miles. Handsome vases for decorative purposes were lent by Bros. J. Bromley and David Jones. The exhibition in the grand jury room comprised a number of microscopes lent by Mr. Hastings, Mr. J. A. Audley, T. Malkin, and Bros. J. Charlesworth, W. Hampton, and C. H. Phillips. There were objects of interest of various kinds lent by Bros. Dr. J. S. Crapper, H. J. Gover, and others. The stewards of the concert-room were Bros. A. B. Jones and J. Stringer, and the accompanist Bro. W. Edwards. The music was supplied by Master Tom Parker, an accomplished youth as a violinist; Mrs. George Dean, Mr. T. Cramer, Mr. W. Mitchell, Bro. T. C. Slaney, vocalists; Mr. J. Bower, Bro. C. F. Baker, and Herr Hills, instrumentalists. Recitations were given by Mr. Lynn Morgan. Organ recitals were given in the Victoria Hall by Bro. W. Edwards and Mr. J. W. Preece, of Newcastle. Music for the dancing was supplied by an excellent band under the direction of Mr. C. Akid, of the Theatre Royal, Hanley. The refreshment department was entrusted to Bro. John Munro. The company began to arrive at half-past seven, and altogether about 630 ladies and gentlemen attended. The brethren wore their full regalia, and there were present representatives of the Yeomanry, Artillery, and Rifle Volunteers. Bro. C. F. Baker officiated as M.C., and although at times the ballroom was rather crowded the entertainment was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and we have reason to believe will render substantial aid to Masonic Charity.

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

Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters.

Secretaries of Lodges will greatly oblige us by checking our Lists of Lodge Meetings, in regard to their individual lodges; and in any case of error by forwarding a post-card to the Editor, at 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C., thus:

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Table with columns: No. of Lodge, NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER, PLACE OF MEETING. It lists meetings for Thursday, March 7th, Tuesday, March 12th, Wednesday, March 13th, and Thursday, March 14th.

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—continued.</b>		
43	St. Paul's ...	25th Mar M. H., New Street	1691	Quadratic ... My, Jn, Jy only	Mitre Hotel
74	Athol ...	3rd Apr M. H., Severn Street	2024	Raymond Thrupp 4th Apl	Ditto
468	Light ...	19th Mar Great Western Hotel	2087	Electric ... 25th May	Ditto
473	Faithful ...	12th Mar M. H., New Street	2105	Cama ... 24th June	Ditto
587	Howe ...	11th Mar Ditto	2183	Royal Hamp. Court 13th Mar	Ditto
739	Temperance ...	14th Mar Ditto	R.A.C.		
887	Leigh ...	27th Mar Ditto	778	Bard of Avon My & Jy only	Mitre Hotel
925	Bedford ...	18th Mar Ditto	1194	Royal Middlesex ... 18th May	Ditto
938	Grosvenor ...	20th Mar Ditto	1293	Burdett ... 11th May	Ditto
1016	Elkington ...	26th Mar Ditto	1691	Quadratic ... 15th Apr	Ditto
1031	Fletcher ...	13th Mar Ditto	<b>HULL—5 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.</b>		
1163	Emulation ...	28th Mar Ditto	57	Humber TO-DAY, 7th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
1180	Forward ...	1st Apr Ditto	250	Minerva ... 13th Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
1474	Israel ...	11th Mar M. H., Severn Street	1010	Kingston ... 3rd Apr	M. H., Worship Street
1551	Charity ...	19th Mar M. H., New Street	1605	De la Pole ... 22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street
1644	Alma Mater ...	15th Mar Ditto	2134	Wilberforce ... 5th Apr	Ditto
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
43	Fortitude ...	12th Mar Great Western Hotel	57	Humber ... 28th Mar	F. M. H., Osborne Street
74	Athol ...	28th May M. H., Severn Street	250	Minerva ... 21st Mar	M. H., Dagga Lane
587	Howe ...	2nd May M. H., New Street	1010	Kingston ... 15th Mar	M. H., Worship Street
938	Grosvenor ...	7th May Ditto	1605	De la Pole ... 22nd Mar	58, Charlotte Street
1016	Elkington ...	4th Apr Ditto	<b>ISLE OF MAN—7 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.</b>		
1031	Fletcher ...	4th June Ditto	1004	Athole ... 3rd Apr	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
<b>BOLTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>			1075	S. Manghold ... 12th Mar	M. R., Ramsey
37	Anchor and Hope ...	11th Mar F. M. H., Institute Street	1242	Tynwald ... 13th Mar	M. H., Douglas
146	Antiquity ...	13th Mar Ditto	2049	Ellan Vannin ... 2nd Apr	Ditto
221	St. John ...	18th Mar Ditto	2050	St. Trinians ... 20th Mar	Ditto
348	St. John's ...	28th Mar Ditto	2164	St. Germans ... 12th Mar	Peel Castle Hotel, Peel
1723	St. George ...	27th Mar Ditto	2197	Spencer Walpole ... 11th Mar	M. H., Douglas
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
37	Concord ...	15th Apr Ditto	1004	Athole ... 14th or 21st Mar	M. H., Loch Parade, Douglas
221	St. John ...	5th June Ditto	<b>ISLE OF WIGHT—7 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>		
348	St. John's ...	12th Mar Ditto	35	Medina ... 14th Mar	85, High Street, Cowes
<b>BRADFORD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>			151	Albany ... 11th Mar	M. H., Newport
302	Hope ...	18th Mar M. H., Darley Street	175	East Medina ... 20th Mar	M. H., Ryde
600	Harmony ...	21st Mar F. M. H., Salem Street	551	Yarborough ... 19th Mar	M. H., Ventnor
974	Pentalpha ...	2nd Apr M. H., Darley Street	698	Ryde ... 5th Apr	M. H., Ryde
1018	Shakespeare ...	13th Mar M. H., Darley Street	1869	Sandown ... 21st Mar	M. H., Sandown
1648	Prince of Wales ...	5th Apr Ditto	1884	Chine ... 28th Mar	M. H., Shanklin
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
302	Charity ...	18th Mar Ditto	151	Albany ... 24th Apr	48, Pyle Street, Newport
600	Sincerity ...	2nd Apr F. M. H., Salem Street	175	East Medina ... 31st May	M. H., Ryde
<b>BRIGHTON—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>LANCASTER—4 LODGES, 1 CHAPTER.</b>		
271	Royal Clarence ...	15th Mar Royal Pavillon	281	Fortitude ... 13th Mar	M. R., Church Street
315	Royal York ...	2nd Apr Ditto	1051	Rowley ... 1st Apr	Ditto
732	Royal Brunswick ...	14th Mar Ditto	1353	Duke of Lancaster 20th Mar	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	16th Mar Ditto	1561	Morecambe ... 5th Apr	King's Arms, Morecambe
1466	Hova Ecclesia ...	6th Apr Old Ship Hotel	R.A.C.		
1636	St. Cecilia ...	26th Mar Royal Pavillon	1051	Rowley ... *18th Mar	M. R., Church Street
1821	Atlingworth ...	21st Mar Ditto	<b>LEEDS—8 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.</b>		
1947	Stanford ...	13th Mar Town Hall, Hove	289	Fidelity TO-DAY, 7th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
R.A.C.			304	Philanthropic ... 27th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
271	Lennox ...	3rd May Royal Pavillon	306	Alfred ... 5th Apr	M. H., Kelsall Street
315	Royal Pavilion ...	16th Apr Ditto	1042	Excelsior ... 21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street
732	Royal Sussex ...	28th Mar Ditto	1211	Goderich ... 1st Apr	Ditto
811	Yarborough ...	12th Apr Ditto	1221	Defence ... 11th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
1466	Hova Villa ...	31st May Old Ship Hotel	1311	Zetland ... 15th Mar	M. H., Great George Street
<b>BRISTOL—9 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>			2069	Prudence ... 9th Mar	Ditto
68	Royal Clarence ...	11th Mar F. M. H., Park Street	R.A.C.		
103	Beaufort ...	2nd Apr Ditto	289	Fidelity ... 12th Mar	M. H., Carlton Hill
187	Royal Sussex Lo. of Hospitality ...	13th Mar Ditto	304	Philanthropic ... 3rd Apr	M. H., Great George Street
326	Moira ...	14th Mar Ditto	306	Alfred ... 12th Apr	M. H., Kelsall Street
610	Colston ...	20th Mar Ditto	1042	Excelsior ... 21st Mar	M. H., Great George Street
686	Jerusalem ...	12th Mar Ditto	<b>LEICESTER—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>		
1388	Canynge ...	6th Apr Ditto	279	St. John's ... 3rd Apr	F. M. H., Halford Street
1404	St. Vincent ...	28th Mar Ditto	523	John of Gannu ... 21st Mar	Ditto
2257	Powell ...	25th Mar Ditto	1391	Commercial ... 22nd Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			1560	Albert Edward ... 12th Mar	Ditto
68	Royal Clarence ...	16th Mar Ditto	2081	Golden Fleece ... 18th Mar	Ditto
103	Beaufort ...	26th Mar Ditto	R.A.C.		
187	Charity TO-DAY, 7th Mar	Ditto	279	Fortitude ... *5th Apr	Ditto
<b>BURY—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>			1560	St. George's ... *4th June	Ditto
42	Relief ...	21st Mar Grey Mare Hotel	<b>LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS.</b>		
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th Mar Bridge Inn	32	St. George's ... 27th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
191	St. John ...	14th Mar Knowsley Hotel	155	Perseverance ... 19th Apr	M. H., Hope Street
1012	Prince of Wales TO-DAY, 7th Mar	Derby Hotel	203	Ancient Union ... 21st Mar	Ditto
1392	Egerton ...	28th Mar Stanley Arms	216	Harmonic ... 14th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
R.A.C.			241	Merchants ... 12th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
42	Unanimity ...	23rd May Derby Hotel	249	Mariners TO-DAY, 7th Mar	Ditto
128	Prince Edwin ...	20th May Bridge Inn	292	Sincerity ... 11th Mar	Adelphi Hotel
<b>CAMBRIDGE—4 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>			594	Downshire ... 28th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
88	Scientific ...	11th Mar Red Lion Hotel	667	Alliance ... 19th Mar	Ditto
441	Three Grand Principles 1st Apr	Ditto	673	St. John ... 2nd Apr	Ditto
859	Isaac Newton Unvsty. 2nd Apr	Ditto	680	Sefton ... 5th Apr	Ditto
1492	Alma Mater ... 21st Mar	University Arms Hotel	724	Derby ... 27th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			786	United Service ... 14th Mar	Ditto
88	Pythagoras ...	26th June Red Lion Hotel	823	Everton ... 20th Mar	Ditto
441	Fidelity ...	3rd July Ditto	1013	Royal Victoria ... 3rd Apr	Ditto
859	Euclid ... (?)	Ditto	1094	Temple ... 13th Mar	Ditto
<b>DERBY—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>			1182	Dk. of Ednbggh. ... 14th Mar	Ditto
253	Tyrian ...	26th Mar M. H., Gower Street	1264	Neptune ... 1st Apr	Ditto
751	Arboretum ...	13th Mar Ditto	1299	Pembroke ... 21st Mar	Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby
802	Repose ...	19th Mar Ditto	1325	Stanley ... 25th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1085	Hartington ...	3rd Apr Ditto	1350	Fermor Hesketh ... 11th Mar	Ditto
R.A.C.			1356	Toxteth ... 13th Mar	80, North Hill Street
253	Justice ...	12th Mar Ditto	1393	Hamer ... 21st Mar	M. H., Hope Street
731	Truth ...	17th Apr Ditto	1502	Israel ... 18th Mar	Ditto
<b>HAMPTON COURT—14 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.</b>			1505	Emulation ... 28th Mar	Ditto
708	Carnarvon ... My, Jn & Jy only	Mitre Hotel	1547	Liverpool ... 13th Mar	Ditto
778	Bard of Avon My, Jn, & Jy only	Ditto	1570	Prince Arthur ... 19th Mar	Ditto
788	Crescent Ap, My, Jn & Jy only	Ditto	1609	Liverpool Dramatic 26th Mar	Ditto
1194	Villiers ... 16th Mar	Ditto	1620	Marlborough ... 3rd Apr	Derby Hall, Tuebrook
1293	Burdett ... 27th Apr	Ditto	1675	Ancient Briton ... 26th Mar	M. H., Hope Street
1415	Campbell ... 13th Apr	Ditto	2042	Apollo ... 3rd Apr	Ditto
1494	Felix ... Ap to Jy only	Ditto	2114	Lodge of Prudence 18th Mar	Ditto
1512	Hemming ... 21st Mar	Greyhound Hotel	2215	Anfield ... 28th Mar	Eaton Hall, Breck Road
1597	Musgrave ... 16th Mar	Ditto	2229	Lathom ... 27th May	Adelphi Hotel
			2289	Great Crosby ... (?)	(?)
			2290	Fairfield ... 1st Apr	M. Rooms, Fairfield
			R.A.C.		
			32	Jerusalem ... 15th Apr	Adelphi Hotel

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<b>LIVERPOOL—34 LODGES, 15 CHAPTERS—continued.</b>			<b>NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS—continued.</b>		
203	S. John of Jerusalem	2nd Apr M. H., Hope Street	1909	Carnarvon ...	18th Mar M. H., Goldsmith Street
216	Sacred Delta ...	18th Apr Ditto	2017	Duke of Portland ...	21st Mar Ditto
241	Friendship ...	25th Mar Ditto	R.A.C.		
249	Mariners ...	21st Mar Ditto	47	Abbey ...	*30th Apr Ditto
292	Liverpool ...	28th Mar Ditto	402	Royal Sussex ...	14th May Ditto
594	Downshire ...	11th Mar Ditto	411	Commercial ...	28th May Ditto
673	St. John's ...	10th Apr Ditto	1435	Annesley TO-MOR.,	8th Mar Ditto
680	Sefton ...	26th Apr Ditto	1909	Carnarvon ...	29th Apr Ditto
823	Everton ...	23rd Apr Ditto			
1094	Temple ...	26th Mar Ditto			
1350	Fermor Hesketh ...	20th Mar Ditto			
1356	De Grey and Ripon	3rd Apr Ditto			
1393	Hamer ...	2nd May Ditto			
1502	Israel ...	12th Mar Di			
<b>MANCHESTER—37 LODGES, 11 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>OXFORD—4 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>		
44	Friendship ...	5th Apr Albion Hotel	340	Alfred ...	2nd Apr M. W., Alfred Street
62	Social ...	25th Mar Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly	357	Apollo University	30th Apr Ditto
64	Fortitude ...	12th July Ditto	478	Churchill ...	6th May Ditto
152	Virtue ...	15th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street	1515	Bertie ...	12th Mar Ditto
163	Integrity ...	27th Mar Ditto	R.A.C.		
204	Caledonian ...	13th Mar Ditto	340	Alfred ...	21st May Ditto
317	Affability TO-DAY,	7th Mar Ditto	357	Apollo University	29th May Ditto
325	St. John's ...	20th Mar F. M. H., Salford			
633	Yarborough ...	20th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street			
645	Humphrey Cheetham	3rd Apr Ditto			
915	Blair TO-MOR.,	8th Mar Town Hall, Hulme			
852	Zetland ...	13th Mar F. M. H., Salford			
935	Harmony ...	28th Mar Ditto			
992	St. Thomas ...	3rd Apr Griffin Hotel, Lr. Broughton			
993	Alexandra ...	15th Mar Midway Hotel, Levenshulme			
999	Robert Burns ...	22nd Apr Albion Hotel			
1009	Shakspeare ...	1st Apr F. M. H., Cooper Street			
1011	Richmond ...	21st Mar Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove			
1052	Callender ...	19th Mar Town Hall Buildings, King Street			
1055	Derby ...	14th Mar Bedford Street, Cheetham			
1077	Wilton ...	1st Apr Red Lion Hot., Blackley			
1083	Townley Parker ...	27th Mar Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street			
1134	Newall ...	2nd Apr F. M. H., Salford			
1147	St. David ...	14th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street			
1161	De Grey and Ripon	2nd Apr F. M. H., Manchester			
1170	St. George ...	18th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street			
1219	Strangeways ...	27th Mar Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove			
1253	Travellers TO-MOR.,	8th Mar Queen's Hotel			
1458	Truth ...	6th Apr Conservative Club, Newton Heath			
1534	Concord ...	21st Mar Chester Bank, Prestwich			
1633	Avon ...	27th Mar Denmark Hot., Lloyd Street, Greenheys			
1773	Albert Victor ...	15th Mar Town Hall, Pendleton			
1798	Zion ...	1st Apr 74a, King Street			
1993	Wolsley ...	2nd Apr 74A, King Street			
2103	Prince Edward ...	13th Mar Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor			
2156	Arthur Sullivan ...	13th Mar Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross			
2185	Ardwick ...	11th Mar Midland Hotel, Ardwick			
R.A.C.					
62	Social ...	10th Apr Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly			
152	Virtue ...	22nd Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street			
204	Caledonian ...	21st Mar Ditto			
317	Affability ...	18th Apr Ditto			
325	St. John's TO-DAY,	7th Mar M. H., Salford			
581	Rectitude ...	4th Apr Midland Hotel, Ardwick			
645	Humphrey Cheetham	19th Mar F. M. H., Cooper Street			
815	Blair ...	26th Mar Town Hall, Hulme			
935	Starkie ...	14th Mar M. H., Salford			
993	Alexandra ...	15th Mar Midway Hotel, Levenshulme			
1055	Derby ...	19th Mar M. R., Belford Street, Cheetham			
<b>NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—11 LODGES, 4 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT AND STONEHOUSE—</b>		
24	Newcastle-on-Tyne TO-DAY	7th Mar M. H., Grainger Street	<b>16 LODGES, 12 CHAPTERS.</b>		
406	Northern Counties	3rd Apr F. M. H., Maple Street	Lo. 70	St. John's ...	2nd Apr Huyshe Masonic Temple
481	St. Peter's ...	11th Mar Ditto	105	Fortitude ...	11th Mar Ditto
541	De Lorraine ...	15th Mar M. H., Grainger Street	156	Harmony ...	1st Apr Ditto
685	Northumberland ...	2nd Apr Assembly Rooms	159	Brunswick ...	3rd Apr M. H., Phoenix Place, Stonehouse
1342	Walker ...	13th Mar F. M. H., Grainger Street	189	Sincerity ...	11th Mar St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
1427	Percy ...	19th Mar F. M. H., Maple Street	202	Friendship ...	28th Mar M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1626	Hotspur ...	28th Mar Ditto	223	Charity ...	19th Mar 193, Union Street
1676	St. Nicholas TO-MOR.,	8th Mar F. M. H., Grainger Street	230	Fidelity TO-DAY,	7th Mar M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
1712	St. John's ...	22nd Mar Ditto	954	St. Aubyn ...	12th Mar Ditto
1863	Priory ...	14th Mar Grand Hot., Tynemouth	1205	Metham ...	18th Mar 1, Caroline Place, Stonehouse
2260	Ridley ...	2nd Apr F. M. H., Maple Street	1247	St. John's ...	14th Mar Huyshe Masonic Temple
R.A.C.			1255	Dundas ...	18th Mar Ditto
24	De Swinburne ...	21st Mar Ditto	1550	Prudence ...	6th Apr Ditto
406	De Sussex ...	12th Apr M. H., Maple Street	1847	Ebrington ...	12th Mar 8, Hobart Street, Stonehouse
481	St. Peter's ...	15th May Ditto	2025	St. George ...	26th Mar St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
685	Northumberland ...	21st May Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road	2258	Western District } United Service }	20th Mar East Stonehouse
1863	Priory ...	13th May Grand Hot., Tynemouth	R.A.C.		
<b>NEWPORT, MON.—3 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>			70	St. John's ...	23rd May Huyshe Masonic Temple
471	Silurian ...	3rd Apr F. M. H., Dock Street	105	Fortitude ...	21st May Ditto
683	Isca ...	20th Mar Ditto	156	Harmony ...	5th June Ditto
1429	Albert Edward ...	14th Mar Ditto	159	Brunswick ...	22nd May Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
R.A.C.			189	Sincerity ...	22nd Apr St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
471	Silurian ...	22nd Mar F. M. H., Dock Street	202	Friendship ...	9th May M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
683	St. Woolos ...	13th Mar Ditto	223	Concord ...	31st May 193, Union Street
<b>NORWICH—6 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>			230	Fidelity ...	24th May M. H., Granby Street, Devonport
Lo. 52	Union ...	2nd Apr Norfolk Hotel	954	St. Aubyn ...	15th Apr Ebrington M. H., Stonehouse
93	Social ...	12th Mar 23, St. Giles Street	1205	Elliott ...	29th Apr Metham M. H., Stonehouse
213	Perseverance ...	19th Mar Ditto	1255	Dundas ...	23rd Mar Huyshe Masonic Temple
807	Cabbell ...	28th Mar Ditto	2025	St. George ...	16th May St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
943	Sincerity ...	26th Mar Ditto			
1500	Walpole TO-DAY,	7th Mar Ditto			
R.A.C.					
52	Royal George ...	*15th Mar Ditto			
213	Perseverance ...	14th Mar Ditto			
807	Cabbell ...	11th Apr Ditto			
<b>NOTTINGHAM—9 LODGES, 5 CHAPTERS.</b>			<b>PORTSMOUTH, LANDPORT, AND SOUTHSEA—</b>		
Lo. 47	Newstead ...	2nd Apr M. H., Goldsmith Street	<b>11 LODGES, 6 CHAPTERS.</b>		
402	Royal Sussex ...	19th Apr George Hotel	257	Phoenix ...	27th Mar 110, High Street
411	Commercial ...	11th Mar M. H., Goldsmith Street	342	Royal Sussex ...	20th Mar F. M. H., Landport
1405	Southwell ...	5th Apr Ditto	487	Portsmouth ...	14th Mar M. H., Highbury Street
1434	Nottinghamshire ...	1st Apr Ditto	1069	United Brothers ...	11th Mar Grosvenor House, Southsea
1435	Annesley ...	26th Apr Ditto	1428	United Service TO-MOR.,	8th Mar M. H., Landport
1794	De Vere ...	*19th Apr Ditto	1776	Landport ...	21st Mar Ditto
			1834	Duke of Connaught	26th Mar Ditto
			1903	Prince Edw. Saxe } Weimar }	19th Mar M. H., Portsmouth
			1990	Hampshire Lo. of } Emulation }	13th Apr F. M. H., Landport
			2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance }	25th Mar Soldier's Institute, High Street
			2074	St. Clair ...	18th Mar F. M. H., Landport
			R.A.C.		
			257	Friendship ...	13th Mar 110, High Street
			342	Royal Sussex ...	10th Apr F. M. H., Landport
			487	Portsmouth ...	12th Mar M. H., Portsmouth
			1428	United Service ...	17th May F. M. H., Landport
			1776	Landport ...	23rd May Ditto
			2068	Portsmouth Tem- } perance }	25th Mar Soldier's Institute, High Street
			<b>SHEFFIELD—5 LODGES, 2 CHAPTERS.</b>		
			139	Britannia ...	14th Mar F. M. H., Surrey Street
			296	Royal Brunswick ...	11th Mar Ditto
			1239	Wentworth ...	1st Apr Ditto
			1779	Ivanhoe ...	26th Mar Ditto
			2263	St. Leonards ...	28th Mar Ditto
			R.A.C.		
			139	Paradise ...	18th Mar F. M. H., Surrey Street
			296	Loyalty ...	15th Apr Ditto
			<b>SOUTHAMPTON—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS</b>		
			130	Royal Glo'ster ...	14th Mar M. H., Abblon Place
			359	Peace & Harmony	18th Mar Ditto
			394	Southampton ...	21st Mar Ditto
			785	Twelve Brothers ...	22nd Mar Ditto
			1780	Albert Edward ...	2nd Apr Ditto
			R.A.C.		
			130	Royal Glo'ster TO-DAY,	7th Mar Ditto
			359	Peace & Harmony	5th Apr Ditto
			394	Concord ...	28th Mar Ditto
			<b>SUNDERLAND—5 LODGES, 3 CHAPTERS.</b>		
			80	St. John ...	12th Mar M. H., Park Terrace
			94	Phoenix ...	3rd Apr F. M. H., Queen Street
			97	Palatine ...	14th Mar M. H., Park Terrace
			1389	Fenwick ...	15th Mar Ditto
			2039	Londonderry ...	22nd Mar Ditto
			R.A.C.		
			80	St. John's ...	19th Mar M. H., Park Terrace
			94	De Lambton ...	30th Apr F. M. H.
			97	Strict Benevolence	16th May M. H., Park Terrace

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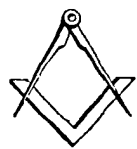
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