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## Boards of Installed Masters.



We are compelled to give prominence to this subject once more by the nature of the many communications from brethren beyond those we have published. They all express a great interest in the question, the majority, especially from the provinces, maintaining the propriety of the ancient practice of opening and closing of a Board or Lodge in the Installed Master's degree in due order and perfect form as Lodges in other degrees are opened and closed, and none objecting thereto if it is not irregular or against duly constituted authority. It is evident that, to those who know the "proper method," the present careless and perfunctory manner in which "constitution" is effected jars most strongly upon their notions of what is proper in Masonic working. To others who are ignorant of the practice and procedure connected with this portion of Ritual, uncertainty of what is or is not permitted, and the absence of any direct intervention from whomsoever may be the actual and determinate authority, is most irksome.

It is said that this subject is one the discussion of which in public masonic journals is not advisable; but those who say so can adduce no stronger argument against such discussion than can be put forward for the same purpose, as against what has been for years, and will continue to be, discussed in relation to other portions of our ritual. Why not say at once that the difference between the brethren desirous for the retention of the old custom and the beautiful teaching it conveys, and those whose apathy and indifference would delete it altogether from the work of our predecessors, ought not to be subject of debate at all? For where else can the divergent opinions be expressed and considered with any prospect of a settlement? In Grand Lodge? No! And we need not enlarge on the reasons for they are known to all who have ever of late years attempted to promote reform in masonic work, or to

set wrong right. In the Board of General Purposes? Again No! for the business of that Board does not apparently extend to the governance of the Lodges in aught else but the performance of official duties, the maintenance of order, and the adjustment of differences when such unfortunately arise and particulars thereof are brought to their notice by aggrieved or presumably aggrieved brethren. Any question of ritual raised in that section of the governing powers in English Freemasonry would soon be set to the right about, and the intrusive questioner be speedily met with an unmistakeable rebuff. What other authority is there then to whom the ruler of a masonic province who may charge as an irregularity that which has been the custom during many decades before power was given him, and the doyen of Freemasonry in the district which he governs can prove has been of immemorial usage, and will not surrender whilst he can loyally retain without disloyalty, can refer for a satisfactory settlement of so vexed a question? We know of none, and it is this very want of a qualified arbitrator, whose ruling shall be binding, and whose dictum should be enforced, that the craft now suffers so much disturbance, not only on this point of procedure, but in many others of equal importance.

It must be that in 1813, not more than 76 years ago, and therefore, most probably, within easy reach of proof, there was or was not a MS. form of ritual and ceremonial relating to a board of Installed Masters, to which, at that period, direct reference was made in other portions of masonic work. It is certain that there are now extant several written and some printed copies of that formula, and these latter were never challenged as being otherwise than faithful re-productions of the former, nor was the performance of ceremonial in accordance therewith ever prohibited. Now, if in 1813 the framers of craft ritual prepared such form of ceremony, where is the MS.? It does not seem to be at all out of place to say some one must know, and that such knowledge should be readily communicated, without necessity arising for continued questioning. On the other hand, there may have been no such formula. If that is the case, how came it that the performance of the ceremonial was ever permitted—nay even encouraged—and made an integral part of the work of some of our oldest and best provincial lodges? Was there no authority then to rule its practice an irregularity? Can we suppose that if there had been it would not have been exercised and the practice discontinued?

We need not now argue the point that if the board of Installed Masters was never more than a name the reference thereto in our installation ceremony is ridiculous and inconsequential. It would not help the objects our

correspondents have in view either to discuss this, or the necessities for proof of an Installed Master's entitlement to the position he claims, by his ability to communicate certain "signs, tokens and words," of which the great majority of rulers in the craft are as ignorant as the merest tyro in freemasonry. What is now required is best expressed in the concluding sentence of the letter of our correspondent J. S. H. (see page 98). "The question raised as to irregularity in the use of this formula is an important one, and ought to be at once answered. If it really never was part of the authorised work of the United Grand Lodge, its use should be firmly discountenanced, otherwise it is too beautiful and instructive to be lost."

With this we heartily concur.

### THE MASONIC "POET'S CORNER."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I miss this week, and for the first time, one of the most interesting features of your journal—the Poet's Corner. I trust this will be continued. Failing the contributions of members of the Craft who have already contributed, and a further supply from the writings of our deceased brother, Robert Morris, whose masonic poetry has been hitherto unapproached, I shall have to send you some of the old-fashioned masonic ditties. I don't know why they called a masonic poem a ditty, except that the terminals of the verses almost always ended in *ity*, but they did. They had little frivolity about them, however, and no jollity, and they had a strong family resemblance. They were full of solemnity, and divinity, and placidity, and although charity appeared prominently, as it should in everything masonic, there was no hilarity.

The monotony is occasionally varied by an *ety*, as in satiety and sobriety, but even these are not cheerful words, and although they naturally lead up to "Lurliety," which is a word our Swiss friends use (and one which, I am informed by a friend of mine, used actually to be in vogue in this country when he was a boy coming home early from market—I think Covent Garden, but am not sure) I have never seen it used in masonic poetry.

Now and again we get *ality*. I think one writer got so far as *joviality*, but he apparently composed his ditty late at night. I was going to say we want a little mor(e)ality, but there is plenty of this in the old-fashioned masonic ditty.

We want a masonic verse that we can *sing*, or at any rate *recite*, and although we should prefer original music (if we cannot get original metre), such a one as the parody on "Here's to the Maiden," which appeared a few weeks ago, serves the purpose. I don't like, however (I don't say "we" because you are "we" and *ye* may), a Dibdin drinking chorus, tacked on to moral not to say religious words, as in the "song" appearing in your issue of the 21st March.

Yours fraternally,

Clapham, March 28th, 1889.

FRIAR TUCK.

P.S.—Here's one which may be worthy of insertion. It has only one *ity* in it.

KING Solomon, that wise projector,  
In masonry took great delight;  
And Hiram, that great architector,  
Whose actions will ever shine bright;  
From the heart of a true honest mason,  
There's none can the secret remove,  
Our actions are justice, morality,  
Friendship, and brotherly love.

We meet, like true friends on the level,  
And lovingly part on the square;  
Alike we respect King and beggar,  
Provided they're just and sincere.

We scorn an ungenerous action,  
None can with Freemasons compare,  
We love and we live within compass,  
By rules that are honest and fair.

We exclude all talkative fellows,  
That will babble and prate past their wit,  
They ne'er shall come into our secret,  
For they're neither worthy nor fit.

But the person that's well recommended,  
And is found to be honest and true,  
When our lodge is well tyled we'll prepare him,  
And like masons our work we'll pursue.

There are some foolish folks who reject us,  
For which they are highly to blame,  
Though they cannot show any objection,  
Or reason for doing the same.

The art's a divine inspiration,  
As all honest men must declare,  
So here's to all true hearted brothers,  
That live within compass and square.

The task of converting Bacon's Hotel in London into the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has been entrusted to Bro. C. H. Driver, G.M.O., who built the Masonic Hall at Gibraltar, and Bro. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., P.G.D.C. Although the general scheme of decoration is to be Italian, the two beautiful Queen Anne rooms are to remain intact. One is to be reserved for the use of the Prince of Wales, and the other will be assigned to his deputy. The works are to commence immediately, and the inauguration of the building will take place towards the close of the year. Great Queen Street will wear quite a freshened appearance when this new facade is finished.

### LODGE MEETINGS.

LODGE OF UNITY—No. 183.—The Lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on Monday the 25th ult. Present: Bros. E. A. Francis, W.M.; H. Hooper, R. Corsham, G. P. Britten, G. W. Speth, J. W. Oliver, G. H. Lindsey-Kenton, S. Richardson, G. R. Eangley, G. W. Pinnach, F. W. Zimer, A. J. Hirsch, R. P. Angel, W. E. Watson, W. Newbold, G. Pragnell, W. J. Godwin, J. A. Goudge, J. D. E. Tarr, T. C. Tassell, A. Cook, E. Wareham, A. O. Side, W. F. B. Watts, F. W. McIlwraith, and Thos. Heath. Visitors: J. Dorton and C. R. Higgins of 1076; W. Hopekirk, G. Pt., and J. Kew of 179; F. P. Lister and H. Nilson, W.M., of 1293; A. Rolley, W.M., 1524; J. Godwin, 1343; F. A. Smith, W.M., J. H. Hastie and T. Edmonsten, of 1669; H. Sprake, 2192; Raymond Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Mdx., N. F. Dalville, of 1607; W. B. Trick, 1366; L. Hirsch, 1818; G. J. Oxford, 1949; W. P. Brown, 90; J. Harling, 30; P. Sullard and H. G. Cubitt, of 2020; J. S. Tavener, 1044; W. A. Brown, 1567; A. Blenham, 1558; C. Quilter, 51; and P. Phillips, 820. The report of the Permanent Committee was read and adopted. Bro. J. A. Goudge was raised to the third degree. Bro. H. Hooper, S.W., was installed as W.M. of the Lodge and invested and appointed his officers as follows:—R. Corsham, S.W.; J. W. Oliver, J.W.; G. P. Britten, treas.; G. W. Speth, sec.; G. H. Lindsey-Kenton, S.D.; F. W. Zimer, J.D.; J. D. E. Tarr, I.G.; S. Richardson, D.C.; G. W. Pinnach, W.S.; A. O. Side, A.W.S.; G. W. Speth, org.; L. G. Reinhardt, tyler. The presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Francis, of a P.M. Jewel by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge, evoked great enthusiasm and after the ordinary routine work the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The toasts and speeches were of the usual kind and need no special comment, but the applause with which the W.M. was greeted was remarkable for its warmth and spontaneity, and was perhaps even excelled in both these qualities when the health of the I.P.M. was proposed. Harmonious as this lodge has ever been, it is evident that these two officers are special favourites. The vocal music provided by the members and visitors was above the average of amateur work, and the evening from beginning to end was one of the pleasantest and most successful we have ever spent. One little fact mentioned by the secretary struck us as curious, viz.: that although this old lodge has been uninterruptedly at work for 120 years, doing its duty staunchly and bravely in every respect, it has never had a Grand Lodge Collar conferred upon one of its members. As one of the visitors remarked, this is possibly owing to its great modesty.

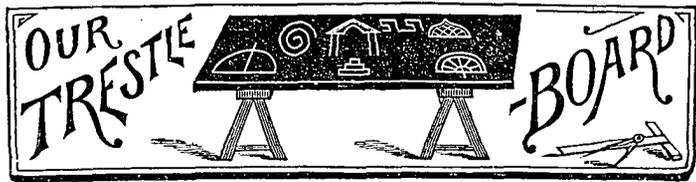
CORINTHIAN LODGE—No. 1382.—The lodge met on Wednesday, 20th ult. There was a very full attendance, including 63 brothers of the lodge and 19 visitors. Bro. Cornelius McLeod was duly installed as W.M., succeeding Bro. Sidney C. Hill. The installation ceremony was worked by Bro. J. Deloes, P.M., in a most able and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed his officers for the following year:—Bros. J. Perry, S.W.; E. Penniston, J.W.; A. H. Oakley, sec.; R. J. Pitt, S.D.; G. A. Saunders, J.D.; S. J. Limn, I.G.; A. J. Deloes and W. Blois, stewards; Wm. Millington, P.M., D.C.; G. Thornton, org.; and J. Williams, tyler. Bro. Carnaby was invested as treasurer. A summary of the receipts and expenses for the year was presented to the lodge. The sad and almost sudden death of Bro. Geo. Limn, P.M., was reported. Bro. Limn has been conspicuous in masonry, as one who has ever worked zealously and nobly on behalf of distressed brothers, their widows, and orphans. His loss will be deeply and widely felt. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Bro. G. Limn. After voting five guineas to a needy brother, and hearty thanks to Bro. Deloes for working the installation ceremony, the lodge was closed. A large number of brethren accompanied the W.M. to the installation banquet, which was served by Bro. Host Clark in his usual able style. On the removal of the cloth the loyal and masonic toasts were given. In many replies warm congratulations were given to Bro. Deloes upon his return to the lodge after a long and trying illness. During the evening a magnificent wreath, intended for the funeral of Bro. Limn on the morrow, was passed round the lodge for inspection. The brothers refrained from singing, &c.

The installation meeting of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 857, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, London, on the 19th ult., when, after Bros. Brown and Moody had been passed to the second degree, Bro. C. H. White was installed the W.M. for the ensuing year. His predecessor, Bro. Jenkins, performed the ceremony, and was ably assisted therein by Bro. P. M. Boulton, as director of ceremonies. There was a goodly muster of brethren, including nine past masters and numerous visitors. A banquet and musical entertainment followed labour.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1426.—A meeting of this lodge was held at Mason's Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bros. J. H. Gaskin, W.M.; D. Hills, S.W.; H. Whitehouse, J.W.; J. K. Pitt, Preceptor. The working was the first and second degrees, Bro. J. L. Barrett candidate. A vote of sympathy was unanimously accorded Bro. W. Paddle, P.M., &c., who has sustained a severe domestic affliction in the death of his daughter. It was decided to promote a "smoking concert," to take place at the end of April. There will be two ballots for the Benevolent Fund on Thursday next, the 4th inst, at 8 p.m. Members of the lodge are earnestly asked to attend.

STAR CHAPTER—No. 1275.—On Friday, 29th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell—Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Murché, M.E.Z.; Wingham, H.; Neeld, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.Z.; Addington, A.S.; Eckersall, Latham, H. Martin, Patrick, and Comp. Allison, a visitor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Eckersall candidate. Comp. Wingham was elected M.E.Z. for the 12th inst., as the popular Preceptor. Comp. F. Hilton, will preside, on Friday, the 5th inst., at the annual supper.



“ For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon.”

“ O wad some power the giftie gie us, To see oursels as ithers see us !” sang our dear Bro. Robert Burns, in “ days o’ auld lang syne,” before railways and telegraphs, to say nothing of tape writers and telephones. Now-a-days, the “ giftie ” can be ex-press-ly had without the prayer for it, and it is, philosophically speaking, good that it should be so. We have a mirror set before us in the pages of the *Canadian Craftsman* and the *South African Freemason* respectively, but for the moment fail to recognize our likeness on its surface. Says the *Craftsman* :—“ The MASONIC STAR views canvassing for office from the human standpoint, and is evidently satisfied to allow humanity to grope along in the dark without offering a word of advice, and pointing out wherein it errs. This is its deliverance :— ‘ Where two individuals are put in nomination for the same office, ’tis not in human nature to avoid solicitation for support from friends, and so far canvassing is not to be condemned. Indeed, the candidate would be extremely foolish if he did not ask for that which he would be glad to receive ; and would deserve defeat.’ ”

Eh? Surely this is not *our* face! “ Evidently satisfied to allow humanity to grope along, &c.” That line was never natural across *our* brow, and ought not, we fancy, to be pencilled in any “ counterfeit presentment ” of ourselves. But, you say, we wrote what has been quoted? Why, cert’nly! and, what is more, we stick to it. We do not thereby admit that contentions for a Masonic Office which establishes a public reputation or distinction, should exist. As a matter of fact there is but one such Masonic Office in England (always excepting that of our M.W.G.M.) the determination of the craft in regard to which extends beyond the four walls of a lodge. And we have made it plain what we should like to see adopted in relation to next year’s disposition of that office and the avoidance of a canvass.

Let us see what preceded our remark. Here it is—Dec. 20th. Quoting the *South African Freemason* on the subject of electing officers :—“ Wherever the system of electing officers is carried on extensively, wrangling, touting, canvassing, and unmasonic recrimination follow. It is not pleasant to read of the election of a D.D.G.M. in a sister colony exciting much interest, or that canvassing is being actively carried on. We do hope that the English Grand Lodge is not going to introduce the thin end of the evil wedge.” We agreed with that expression of our contemporary’s opinion, and in the words which have been charged against us expressed our assurance that “ wrangling, touting, and unmasonic recrimination ” would not characterise the then forthcoming or any subsequent election in our Grand Lodge; continuing “ but where two individuals, &c.,” as above. There! Brother *Craftsman*! now wipe off that disfiguring line which spoils an otherwise passable portrait; it’s not fair drawing.

Another glance at the mirror—in this instance presented by the *South African Freemason*. Commencing a capital article on “ Innovation in Ritual ” (which we shall certainly borrow now or presently, for it is worthy of general perusal by all who care for uniformity in masonic work) our contemporary says :—“ Our youthful contemporary THE MASONIC STAR, has lately been devoting considerable space to breaking a lance with the constantly increasing tendency to introduce unauthorised alterations in the working of the Craft degrees. Now, we are at a loss to recognise the STAR’s zeal in defence of the time-honoured ritual, with its very pronounced radicalism in other matters masonic, &c.”

What! Oh, that carmine on the cheek is far too well pronounced (we can’t do better than crib, in this instance, a really good term), to make the portrait a fair presentment. That is, of course, if we take the word “ radical,” according to one dictionary definition, as “ in its modern acceptation one who would carry changes in government to their utmost limit.” That is not our complexion, and we’ll have none of it! But whatever may be the colour to represent a strong desire for reform and better management under existing and constitutional law, a change from apathy and indifference to energy and care for our ancient landmarks and customs, our primitive, original (these be other definitions of the same word) speculative Freemasonry, let our portrait painters lay in a large stock of it, if they have any wish to produce a faithful representation. Our banner’s border’s beautiful BRIGHT blue, and our radicalism about equal to that of our lost Tribune. We have not so much red in our composition as could cover our face with a blush.

Is it worth while reminding our contemporary that though we, as a journal, are “ youthful,” as a personality we have largely engaged for more than twenty years in the advocacy of sundry reforms both in management and ritual for which the English Craft have loudly expressed a desire? It is the fact, nevertheless; and we entertain the belief that, though success has not in every respect attended our efforts, they will not be altogether lost, and that if not in our day, in those to come after us they will bear fruition.

The new Masonic Monthly, which has been started in Madras, under the title of *The Madras Masonic Record*, thus remarks :—“ A masonic paper may be compared to a Jack-in-the-box. It springs into existence suddenly. After a time the relentless force

of circumstances forces it back into obscurity, where it remains until something again sends it forth.” It then proceeds to discuss the question as to whether or not the repetition of the experiment is worth while, and to give reasons why a much greater support should now be given to journals which are devoted to the interests of masonry and masonry alone, than was accorded to them in days gone by. We agree with our new contemporary’s remarks, and wish the new paper every success.

It is certainly most gratifying to find ourselves so frequently and so flatteringly referred to by the foreign and colonial journals. The free use that many of them make of our pages proves their reliance on the nature of our judgment in regard to masonic literature, and evinces a spirit of fraternal kindness, good feeling, and fellowship, which we should like to see exhibited much nearer home. To show how highly we appreciate their style of action, we paraphrase the often quoted advertisement, and say “ Foreign masonic journals, please copy.”

We have received from Bro. John Haigh, of Somerville, Mass., a copy of a newspaper criticism on certain proceedings connected with the installation of a Master in a Lodge of Perfection—the title given to an assemblage of brethren connected with Masonry in the higher degrees. It has been published by vote of De Witt-Clinton Council 16th degree, and we make bold to say it would have been better if that vote had not been made. The result is the unnecessarily increased publicity of a very scurrilous and personal attack on a probably much respected and successful citizen of Worcester, made in the pages of a non-masonic paper by a correspondent who evidently not only was entirely ignorant of his subject, but spoilt his attack by an over discharge of spleen. In such a case the masonic virtue of *Silence* should have been adopted, and that, in conjunction with contempt for the writer and the journal that encouraged him, would have been far preferable than the extensive advertisement this pamphlet has afforded.

Bro. the Rev. H. J. Whympster has forwarded to us an interesting little pamphlet, privately printed for him in India, which forms a collection of some 140 “ Triads in Masonry,” the collection of which was suggested by a *M.S.* in Lodge “ Quatuor Coronati,” library entitled “ The Triad in connection with the Craft and Royal Arch,” compiled by W. Bro. C. E. Ferry, P.M., P.Z., 65. Bro. Ferry’s *M.S.* accounts for 78 of these 140 Triads, the exceedingly common use of which in Freemasonry has not been satisfactorily accounted for, although various Masonic writers have given the subject their attention.

We wish it were not a matter personal to ourselves that we are about to refer to, but even that consideration, which at other times generally has great weight with us, shall not, in this instance, prevent our remarking, in the interests of the Craft, on the narrow-minded policy and absurd threatenings of a Past Master, as set forth in a letter from PUNJABI in the correspondence columns of this issue. It is the ridiculous assumptions, of the character described, the result of crass ignorance and bigoted prejudice—of which we regret to say there is far too much to be found in the Freemasonry of a certain class of men of the present day—that make the moral teachings of the “ level ” so very difficult to practice, even within the four walls of our lodges. How much more may it be advanced as a justification for the increase of that class distinction amongst members of the Order which is surely growing, and that most rapidly, to the detriment of the Institution as a factor in “ uniting men of every country, sect and opinion.”

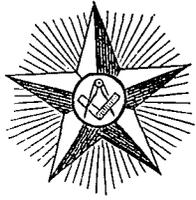
Men who can spit venom in such paltry fashion, never could have had in their inmost nature the essential qualities of a Freemason. They ought never to have been “ taken and accepted ; ” have never known what Freemasonry means, and never will. The honoured title of P.M. is a mockery unto them, and is made, in the minds of men who have held masonic principles in view throughout their career, almost of none account when one of their body can so far forget what is due to his position. For shame, Bro. P.M., for shame! You have well justified our late refusal to give publicity to a letter of yours on account of personality, and now—well, you may say *we* are a little personal! For once we may be; the offence to masonry is great, and deserves reproof. The littleness of the sting you sought to inflict, and the absolute unimportance to ourselves of its effect, make it pitiful that you should have arrived at the position you hold without a knowledge of masonry’s purest lessons.

“ A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.” This applies to our craft in an accentuated manner, judging by the following, which appears in the columns of last Saturday’s *City Press* :—“ Freemasonry.—For the year ensuing Bro. Turner has been elected W.M. of the Ley Spring Lodge. At the last meeting of the members at Anderton’s Hotel, the headquarters, the W.M. appointed as his officers the following gentlemen, viz., Bro. Allway, treasurer; Bros. Langdon, Plenderleith, and Hon. Audit Coe (*sic*). A jewel was voted to Bro. Walker, the immediate Past Master.” What our contemporary intended to say was “ Bro. Turner was elected W.M., and Bro. Allway re-elected treasurer. Bros. Langdon, Plenderleith, and How were elected the audit Committee.—*Verb sap.*”

The annual installation meeting of the “ Hubert de Burgh ” Chapter Rose Croix, was held at the Freemasons’ Hall, Dover, on the 26th ult., when Bro. J. Bourdeaux was installed as M.W.S. The ceremony was ably performed by Ill. Bro. G. F. A. Smythe. During the proceedings a splendid album, suitably engraved, was presented to the chapter by Bro. Andrew James Crane, of Folkestone, a member of the chapter. The brethren partook of an excellent banquet after the chapter had been closed.

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### Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly, only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions.

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#### BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have been interested in the recent correspondence in your journal relating to the installation ceremony, and the proper constitution of a Board of Installing Masters, which seems to me, in the due order of things, a necessary ceremony.

In "A Text Book of Freemasonry" in my possession, that reference to a "bleak mountain" to which you allude does not occur, and, in common with many others, I consider the beautiful address to the brethren at the conclusion of the installation ceremony is improved by its omission.

I have a copy of the formula for opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters, and should be pleased to send you same for your inspection, and which came into my hands from those of a distinguished Cambridge Freemason.

"The question raised as to irregularity in the use of this formula is an important one, and ought to be at once answered. If it really never was part of the authorized work of the United Grand Lodge its use should be firmly discountenanced, otherwise it is too beautiful and instructive to be lost."

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To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The fiat has gone forth! The generous support which THE MASONIC STAR has given to the "common soldiers" is about to receive the usual reward. Empty your inkstand! burn your foolscap! and break your pen! The handwriting has appeared on the wall. The youngest and best-loved of all the Masonic journals must "face to the East, unclot, and untyle." And why? Because "P.M. 1436" has said, "I will turn THE MASONIC STAR out of the Sandgate Lodge!" Mind, Bro. Editor, this means the loss of the magnificent sum of one penny per week. How can you exist, do you think after this, and the reward you were threatened with *in re* the management of the Charities? No; put up the shutters: sound a retreat; all's lost, save honour. I had hoped differently. I thought that the brave attempt to right our wrongs "a better method had well deserved." But it was not to be. So—

"Farewell, a long farewell, to all your greatness!"

This is the state of the Masonic Editor: to-day he puts forth the tender leaves of his prospectus; to-morrow publishes, and bears his blushing honours thick upon him: The third day comes a frost, a fraternal (!) frost; And when he thinks, good easy man, full surely His circulation is a ripening—nips his root, And then he falls,—as you do." But, I hope, to rise again.

Yours fraternally,

PUNJABI.

### "WORKING" IN LODGES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Kindly inform me how many brethren are required to be present in a lodge—(1) at an Initiation; (2) Passing; (3) Raising; (4) at the proposal and ballot for new member, and (5) on an alteration of bye-laws. The constitutions are silent on the subject, and so are the bye-laws of my lodge. The 2nd Tracing Board is the only place where any light is thrown on it, and these are disputed readings of it. Again—(6) If a member of a lodge gives notice that he will propose that the bye-laws shall be altered on the next lodge night, and he states what those alterations are to be, due notice of which is given to every member of the lodge; but on the next lodge night he is not present, and the matter is adjourned. Can the proposed alteration be discussed and made at an "emergency" meeting or not, or must it be at the next regular lodge.

Yours fraternally,

"JURISPRUDENCE."

\* \* (1) Seven, or more. (2) Five, or more. (3) Three, or more. As to the manner in which certain work is to be done in the respective lodges, that is not the present question. The numbers we state accord with the sectional instruction of our lectures. (4 and 5) Seven is the limit in each case. (6) Every proposer of a motion should be in his place to move at the proper moment, failing which the W.M. need not proceed; but after notice given by summons in ordinary course, we believe any member present can take up the proposition. If the lodge adjourns on the discussion for the purpose of debate at an emergency meeting, the decision of such meeting, after due notice of place, time, and business shall have been given in accordance with the book of constitutions, is binding, subject to the confirmation of the minutes at the ensuing regular meeting of the lodge. This opinion is given with all possible reserve, as the necessary portfolio constituting an authority in masonic jurisprudence is not in our keeping.—ED. M.S.

### Answers to Correspondents.

Wm. W., Shortbridge.—Glad to hear you have the consent you wanted. Any suggestions you think we can give you ask for, and you shall have them.

### OBITUARY.

We are extremely sorry to hear of the decease of the wife of V.W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., P.G. treas., &c., which sad event occurred at Brixton, London, on the 24th ult. Not only in masonic circles, but in local matters of importance has the influence of our distinguished brother and his late wife been felt for many years in their generous donations and assistance; and the deceased lady herself was but second to her husband in the sacrifice of time and money in aid of all deserving institutions. In common, we feel assured, with all our fellow craftsmen, we sympathise with Bro. Marshall, his family and immediate connections, in the loss which they and many members of the communities they have patronised have sustained.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Whitehouse, the senior mason of the Province of Berks. and Bucks., and the oldest member of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, was carried out at Slough, on the 28th ult., with full masonic honours. Our greatly esteemed brother had reached the ripe age of eighty years, during fifty-eight of which he had been married, celebrating his golden wedding eight years ago, and now leaving widow, son and two daughters to mourn their irreparable loss. We should have been glad, if space had permitted, to publish an interesting biography of this worthy brother, as supplied to us. It may be summed up in a few words such as we could desire to be applied to every member of our Order. A good citizen; a pleasant friend; a faithful husband; a loving sire; a thorough exemplar of square, level and plumb in all their moral significations; esteemed in all society, and an honour to the Craft. The local papers contain lengthy accounts of the interesting proceedings connected with the imposing masonic ceremony accompanying the last tribute of fraternal affection for a most worthy brother, which were admirably carried out under the direction of W. Bro. William C. Nottage, the W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge. The following oration was delivered over the grave of our deceased Master by W. Bro. Page, the Immediate Past Master:—

"Brethren,—The last offices paid to the dead are only useful as lectures to the living. From them we are to derive instruction and consider every solemnity of this kind as a summons to prepare for our approaching dissolution. Notwithstanding the various mementoes with which we daily meet, notwithstanding that death has established her empire over all the works of nature, yet, through some unaccountable infatuation we are apt to forget we are born to die. Some of us go on from one design to another, add hope to hope and lay out plans for the employment of many years till we are suddenly alarmed by the approach of death when we least expect it, and at an hour, which, amidst the gaieties of life, we probably conclude to be the meridian of our existence. Others, as in the case of our departed and lamented brother, grow to a ripe and honoured old age and live to see their hopes and cherished ambitions realized. But, my brethren, what are all the externals of majesty, the pride of wealth or even the high estimation of the world, when nature has paid her just debt? Fix your eyes on this last scene, view life stripped of her ornaments and exposed in her natural meanness, you will then be convinced of the futility of those empty delusions. In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks are levelled and all distinctions for ever done away.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

The new Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire is the R.W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, P.G. Stl. Br. Eng., and late the Deputy Grand Master for that province, and who succeeds Bro. Col. Tudor in that high station. Bro. Col. Bindley, of Burton-on-Trent, has been appointed D.P.G.M. With such a number of colonels at the head of its masonic affairs, the province of Staffordshire should consist of a well drilled and disciplined body of craftsmen, and from all we can gather it does, for it has been, and doubtless will continue to be, well looked after by its Grand Officers.

AGRICOLA LODGE—No. 1991.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate. There were present W. Bros. A. M. White, W.M., P.A.G.P.; Major A. H. H. McGachen, P.M., P.P.A.D. of C.; Captain F. Hewson, P.M., P.Z., P.D.G.S.D., Malta; Bros. J. H. Taylor, S.W., P.G.Stewd.; J. E. Wilkinson, J.W.; J. Eccles, treas.; Captain J. Thomson, sec.; J. Wilson, chaplain; W. H. Wigham, S.D.; G. Manton, J.D.; T. Laverack, D. of C.; J. Sutcliffe, org.; T. N. Lathom, I.G.; D. Young and J. W. Dow, stewards; E. Osborne, tyler; and about 22 members and 5 visitors. Successful ballots having been taken for two joining members and for one candidate, the W.M. initiated the latter and another candidate who was successfully balloted for at the previous regular meeting, and passed two brethren to the second degree. The S.W. (Bro. J. H. Taylor, P.G.Stewd.), was then elected W.M.; Bro. J. Eccles was re-elected treasurer; Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, J.W.; and G. Manton, J.D., were re-elected auditors; and Bro. E. Osborne was re-elected tyler for the ensuing year. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the remainder of the evening spent in social intercourse, the usual loyal and other toasts being given, interspersed with songs, &c., rendered by the brethren.

Bro. Major W. W. Turner, W.M. of Pelham Lodge, No. 1303, opened his lodge at the Freemason's Hall, Lewes, on the 29th ult., and raised Bro. Whitelock to the M.M. degree. He also initiated Mr. T. R. Hunt, both ceremonies being ably performed. Bro. W. Wright, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. R. White (Mayor of Lewes), was re-elected treasurer. A P.M. jewel was voted to Bro. Major Turner on his retiring from the chair, his year of office having been marked by a fair amount of excellent work in the ceremonies of the three degrees.

The officers of the South Saxon Chapter, No. 311, Lewes, Sussex, were elected on the 27th ult., Comp. A. Holman being for the second time chosen first principal. A P.Z. jewel was voted to Comp. G. E. Chapman, for his services during the past year as M.E.Z.

The masonic jubilee of Bro. M. B. Bircham, a Past Master of the Joppa Lodge, No. 1114, was an occasion of significance at the last regular meeting of the lodge at Fakenham, Norfolk, on the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. G. Curson, presided, and a large number of brethren were present. After the business of the lodge, which included the raising of Bro. Dr. Powell to the third degree, and the voting of a sum of twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a special presentation P.M. jewel, towards the cost of which the members of the lodge had subscribed, was presented to Bro. Bircham by the W.M., accompanied by many complimentary expressions in relation to that worthy brother's masonic services. Bro. M. B. Bircham was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Athelstane Lodge, No. 19, on the 13th March, 1839.

The installation of Bro. Major-General Thomas Cumming as W.M. of the Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195, at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, on the 23th ult., was attended by some fifty brethren, members and distinguished visitors. The proceedings were excellently carried out, the ceremonial of installation performed by W. Bro. Major Moore, I.P.M., being faultless, and receiving a cordial vote of approbation. This lodge is officered by "Soldier Masons," and those "told off for duty" this year are selected from the highest grades of "non-coms." Sergeant F. Cassidy, of the Military Police, was initiated into the Order in the course of the evening, which terminated with a banquet and musical entertainment.

There was an imposing Masonic ceremonial at Bristol in the 27th inst., the occasion being the installation of the R.W. Bro. W. A. F. Powell as Prov. G.M. in succession to the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who has recently resigned on account of his increased public duties occupying so much of his time as to render it difficult for him to devote the attention to his Masonic duties that he could have wished. Bro. Powell is a very old Mason, having been initiated so far back as 1843 in the Moria Lodge, now known as the Moria Lodge of Honour, No. 326, of which he is the oldest subscribing member. He attained the high rank of D.P.G.M. in 1853, acting under the late Bro. Shute, the then R.W.P.G.M., and subsequently the Earl of Limerick, who was installed as Grand Master of the province of Bristol in 1867. Bro. Powell also holds the high position of P.G.D. of England.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER—No. 72.—The March meeting of this old chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday, the 14th instant. The chapter was opened by the principals, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. There being no business before the chapter, the lecture of the first chair was given by ex-Comp. E. Waller, P.Z.; the second lecture by ex-Comp. Axford, H.; and the lecture of the third chair by ex-Comp. H. Lovegrove, P.Z., Scribe E. The other members present were:—Ex-Comp. L. S. Fontaine, M.E.Z.; A. Darch, J.; Comps. C. R. Williams, S.N.; W. F. Bates, P.S.; E. Lewcock, first asst. soj.; and N. Turner. The only visitor was ex-Comp. F. W. Driver, P.Z. The members dined together at the close of the business.

Point—Left—Right.

A special waggon has been chartered to convey the P.O.O.'s from this office to the bankers, viz the Wood Fund, and the whole proceeding has been a source of great delight to the printing boys of the neighbourhood. It is impossible to give the name of each subscriber and even the amount of his subscription, but we will summarise them in one which bears the name of "East Lancashire," whom I heartily thank for his donation of half-a-crown. Of all the thousands of masons who read my column weekly, there is but a solitary brother who can afford a trifle to so worthy an object. To keep everyone in countenance it was suggested that half-a-crown should be the maximum gift as far as this office was concerned. We have reduced our luxurious living to make this provision, and we had hoped hundreds of brethren would have made the sacrifice also. Oh! my brothers, my brothers, I am ashamed of you.

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But remember the fund is *not* closed for weeks.

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A very sensible suggestion has been made by Bro. W. G. Nottage, W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge, as to the visiting of brethren to strange lodges in their own province. The suggestion is really so sensible and so good, that I would defer my comments until I have had the opportunity of visiting the Windsor Castle Lodge next week. The young master of this lodge is he who carried out so splendidly the funeral arrangements of the late Bro. John Whitehouse, who was, at the time of his death, the senior Freemason in the province of Berks. and Bucks.

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A prodigy in masonry has at last been discovered. He has been raised but a few months, is already a member of four craft lodges, has been advanced in Mark Masonry, will enter into the office of Junior Warden this month, has developed a scheme for founding a lodge of which I believe he wishes to hold all the offices in his own person. I would wish this prodigy all success in his furious zeal for the purples of Freemasonry. But—"there is betwixt the smile we do aspire to, the sweet aspect of princes and their ruin, more pangs and fears than war or women have, and when they fall they fall like Lucifer—"

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I would advise the brethren of a certain lodge in the province of Berks and Bucks to let the matters of their accounts and the officers lately connected therewith be treated in future as ancient history. It is bad form to revert to such subjects, when "massaging" the present officers of the lodge. These little things do more harm to masonry than open warfare, and the man who uses them to emphasize his remarks, sinks very low down indeed. *Delenda est Carthago.*

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A beautiful little story reaches me regarding the kindness of our Princess Christian. A certain kindly disposed old man was escorting an unfortunate young person to a home where it was thought her evil ways might, by better associations, be discarded. The pair were seen by the Princess at a London terminus, and she recognised in the "unfortunate" a previous servant of her employ. Enquiries were evidently made, for two days after, the well disposed old man received a letter from the Princess, who, with a few kindly remarks, enclosed the sum of three pounds to pay the expenses of the young girl. The Princess Christian has a heart that is big enough to hold the good opinions of the whole world. She is a Past Grand Mistress of all that is beautiful in the refinement of human nature.

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I have referred the query that was made to me by Bro. Robinson the other evening to my Editor who says that a brother *may* enter his lodge if it be regularly composed and *demand* to be raised whether the raising be down on the agenda or not, but subject, of course, to the will of the W.M.

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I am ever, dear readers, in very great haste,  
Yours fraternally,  
THE DRUID.

A very successful meeting of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge was held on the 20th ulto. Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., presided, and a P.M. jewel was voted to him. Bro. Alderman Col. Cowan was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. H. J. Adams was re-elected treasurer.

SECRETARIES v. MASTERS.—How many bodies are governed from the Secretary's table instead of from the East! How many Masters fear the autocrat who records the proceedings, who has sat for years at his desk and dictated the proceedings and rulings! The Master is the responsible officer and should assume the responsibility. First preparing himself for the position, not filling it for the honor, he should resolutely assume its duties, and, if the members have elected a recording officer who assumes he is the body, it is an easy matter for the presiding officer of any body of Masons to relegate him to his proper place.—ALBERT P. CHARLES.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made one and the tailor the other. Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family. Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed.—*Trestle Board.*

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

R.M.I.B.—We have much pleasure in publishing the following official statement as a satisfactory evidence of careful tuition and training:—University Local Examination, Cambridge, December, 1888; Honours—2nd Class: A. Blunt, J. P. Seagrave, and J. P. Templeman; 3rd Class: F. F. Coleman, H. R. Graves, F. A. Herring; and the following satisfied the examiners: S. H. Bevis, J. Bloomfield, S. W. Gibson, F. W. Lewis, N. McCaskie, J. Shaw, L. Taylor, and J. E. Walters. There were nineteen candidates sent up, and fourteen passed, six with honours and eight to satisfaction of examiners. The report is signed by Bro. Morris, the head master, who with his staff is to be congratulated on the favourable result of the examination.

R.M.I.G.—W. Bro. Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, has undertaken the duties of Chairman at the forthcoming festival of this Institution, to be held on Wednesday, 2nd May, and we shall hope to find that not only by his province, but generally throughout the craft, he will be well supported. Notwithstanding the exceptionally large contribution at the Centenary Festival of this institution last year, there are abundant reasons, and some of even more importance than heretofore, why the stewards' lists on the 2nd prox. should total to nearly if not quite as much as in the years immediately preceding the centenary celebration. For one thing, it is proposed to increase at next election the number of pupils and inmates by so many as twenty, and that in itself will add materially to the coming year's requirements. With all this on our mind we cannot, however, refrain from adding, *Brethren, don't forget the boys in June!*

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Madras Masonic Record for March; Proceedings of Grand Commandery Knights Templars of the State of Louisiana, 1839; Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M.'s of the State of Louisiana, 1889; Proceedings of the District Grand Chapter of the Punjab; Triads in Masonry, Whympier; Latomia.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his popular lecture on the ritual of the first degree, entitled "Knobs and Excrescences," in the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, at the "Lord Stanley," Sandringham Road, Hackney, on Friday, the 12th inst., at 7 p.m.

—The General Committee of R.M.I. for Boys will meet at F.M. Hall, London, on Saturday next, at 4 p.m.

—The General Committee of the R.M. Benevolent Institution will meet at F.M. Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m.

—Bro. Augustus Harris will be installed Eminent Preceptor of the Bard of Avon and Drury Lane Preceptory of Knights' Templar, at 33, Golden Square, London, on the 6th inst.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

The 20th of March last past was the appointed day for the constitution of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and the installation of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart. as the first M.W.G.M. of the new Grand Lodge. Our advices will doubtless bring us, in due course, particulars which will be of a very interesting nature, and, as far as space will permit, they shall be communicated to our readers.

The death of the Deputy G. Master of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, the R.W. Bro. J. Y. Lang, a P.M. of Lodge Caledonia, is a loss greatly to be deplored by our Indian brethren, and will be felt by many members of the craft nearer home. All the Scottish lodges in India have been placed in mourning, and a memorial service in honour of the deceased brother has been held at Bombay. We note that Bro. K. R. Cama, a member of the well-known Cama family, of which our brother D. P. Cama, Past G. Treasurer of England, is also a member, took part in this service, and paid a just tribute to the memory of the lamented deceased.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

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

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(THIS DAY) (1st) THURSDAY, APRIL 4th.			(2nd) TUESDAY, APRIL 9th—continued.		
10	Westminster and Keystone	F. M. H.	933	Doric	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
27	Egyptian	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
45	Strong Man	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.	1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
227	Ionic	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
554	Yarborough	Green Dragon, Stepney.	1614	Covent Garden	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
822	Victoria Rifles	F. M. H.	2127	Drury Lane	Theatre Royal, Drury Lane
1155	Excelsior	White Swan, Deptford.	R.A.C.		
1178	Perfect Ashlar	Bridge House Hot., S.E.	145	Prudent Brethren	F. M. H.
1672	Mornington	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.	185	Jerusalem	F. M. T.
1707	Eleanor	Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool St., E.C.	Mark.		
1772	Pimlico	Victoria Mans. Rest., Victoria St., S.W.	22	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1790	Old England	M. H., New Thornton H' th, nr. Croydon			
1804	Coborn (? April 11th)	Vestry Hall, Bow	(2nd) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th.		
R.A.C.			3	Fidelity	F. M. H.
2	St. James's	F. M. H.	11	Enoch	Ditto
181	Universal	Ditto	13	Union Waterloo	M. H., William St., Woolwich
1381	Kennington	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.	15	Kent	F. M. H.
1716	All Saints (? April 14th)	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow	147	Justice	White Swan, Deptford
Mark.			749	Belgrave	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
197	Studholme	33, Golden Square, W.	781	Merchant Navy	Silver Tav., Burdett Rd., Limehouse, E
244	Trinity College	13, Mandeville Place, W.	1260	John Hervey	F. M. H.
			1306	St. John	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.C.
(1st) FRIDAY, APRIL 5th.			1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand	Gt. Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street
706	Florence Nightingale	M. H., William Street, Woolwich	1586	Upper Norwood	White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood
890	Hornsey	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1694	Imperial	Pier Hotel, Oakley Street, Chelsea
1489	Marquis of Ripon	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	1900	Montague Guest	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1627	Royal Kensington	F. M. H.	2272	Rye	Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.	1524	Duke of Connaught	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
Mark.			Mark.		
8	Thistle	F. M. T.			
(1st) SATURDAY, APRIL 6th.			(2nd) THURSDAY, APRIL 11th.		
1622	Rose	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1949	Brixton	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane	91	Regularity	F. M. H.
K.T.			206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, E.C.
127	Bard of Avon and Drury Lane	Sa, Red Lion Square, W.C.	238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
(2nd) MONDAY, APRIL 8th.			263	Bank of England	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	534	Polish National	F. M. H.
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
90	St. John's	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
136	Good Report	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.	879	Southwark	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
957	Leigh	F. M. H.	1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1237	Enfield	George Hot., Enfield	1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.	1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1670	Adelphi	F. M. H.	1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle Leadenhall Street
1891	St. Ambrose	Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington	1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow
1922	Earl of Lathom	Greyhound Hot., Stratham	2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham
2243	Argonauts	Cromwell Hall, Putney	2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith
R.A.C.			R.A.C.		
22	Mount Zion	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	140	St. George's	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate	619	Beaton	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
Mark.			813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
44	Florence Nightingale	M. H., Woolwich	898	Temperance-in-the-East	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.
(2nd) TUESDAY, APRIL 9th.			1472	Henley	Three Crowns, North Woolwich
96	Burlington	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
198	Percy	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	1716	All Saints'	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
211	St. Michael's	M. H., Abt Street, Regent Street	Mark.		
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	86	Sampson and Lion	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
235	Nine Muses	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.	R.C.Lt.		
548	Wellington	White Swan Tav., Deptford	44	Bard of Avon	33, Golden Square, W.
834	Ranelagh	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.			
917	Cosmopolitan	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.			

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

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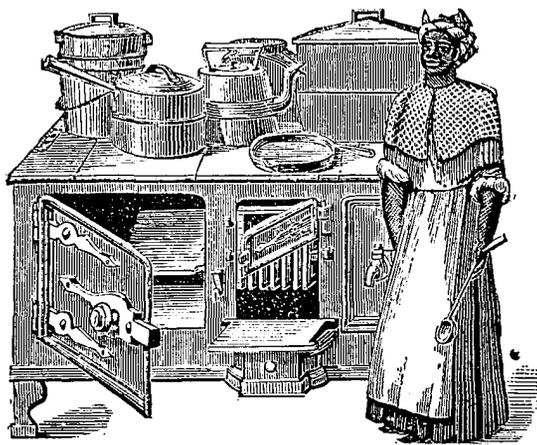
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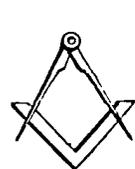
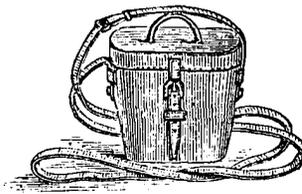
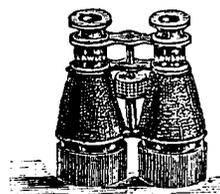
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