

THE MASONIC STAR

A Weekly Journal and
At Home



Record of Freemasonry
and Abroad.

VOL. II.—No. 8.]

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH, 1889.

[CURRENT
NUMBER 34.]

CONTENTS.

EDITORIAL: THE MASONIC SCHOOLS' ELECTIONS	107
MASONIC "POET'S CORNER"	108
COLONIAL CLIPPINGS	108
PROVINCIAL NOTES	108
OUR TRESTLE BOARD	109
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION	109
ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE	110
ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS	110
NOTIFICATIONS	110
METROPOLITAN NOTES	111
GLEANINGS	111
OBITUARY	112
REVIEWS	112
METROPOLITAN LODGE AND CHAPTER MEETINGS	112
ADVERTISEMENTS	116

The Masonic Schools' Elections.

IN view of the approaching Elections for children into the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys respectively, and which are appointed to be held, that of the Boys', on Friday, the 26th inst., and that of the Girls', on Saturday, the 27th inst., the following items of information may be found acceptable to our readers. The Boys' list (we take the elections in order of date) comprises so many as 72 candidates, of whom 11 make their final application on the 26th, and the number of vacancies to be filled are but 17—not quite a fourth of the number of applicants. We presume that those members of the Craft who have any interest whatever in either of these school elections have also qualified themselves for the receipt of a proxy paper for the purpose of voting in one or the other, if not in both. We need not, therefore, particularise the cases to which we wish to draw attention otherwise than by numbers; by reference to which, brethren will be informed of the nature and necessities of each individual case. The final application cases are Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 24, 38, 47 and 62. No. 2 brings forward 988 votes; No. 3, 414; No. 4, 18; No. 9, 1677; No. 11, 1160; No. 16, 473; No. 18, 55; No. 24, 336; No. 38, 790; No. 47, none on first application, and No. 62 is a first (and last) application. As we have said, the merits of these respective last application cases are set forth in the list, and it is for the governors and subscribers to the Institution to determine the amount of support to be rendered to each. If it were at all probable that the eleven cases would be returned as successful, we may be sure that a general desire would be expressed for that result; but all former experience is against such expectation. The necessity for competition, where the demand for benefits exceeds the power of supply, is obvious, and however much we

may feel grieved that hopes and expectations may have been raised only to suffer overthrow after much labour, and oft-times expense, there is no help for it. Our candidates must stand the "hazard of the die." But it is in the power of most of us to mitigate to a considerable extent the amount of resultant disappointment, by giving an earnest consideration to the particulars set before us in our proxy papers; and, being free from any pledge to be guided by the wishes of others, or the antecedent obligations of agreement as to disposal of votes in blank, polling for just those cases whose necessities appear to be most pressing, or are on the verge of annihilation for want of some small amount of further assistance. Of the eleven cases we have especially referred to, six at least should be further supported by those who have as yet their proxies unpromised and at disposal. The competition at the ensuing election will doubtless be severe, as but one in four can be successful, and this makes the prospects of the eleven much more gloomy. The remaining 61 have yet other chances, but against such of the eleven as are not placed amongst the fortunate 17, the doors of the Institution will be closed for ever.

For the Girls' School, the election in respect of which is to take place on the 27th inst., there is issued a list of 74 approved candidates. In this instance, as in the Boys' school, there are but 17 vacancies declared; but there can be but little doubt that the proposal to declare at the Quarterly General Court twenty further vacancies will be carried, and the number will thereby be increased to 37, or exactly one-half of the number of candidates. The final applications are Nos. 1, 13, 14, 41, 49, 58 and 67. No. 1 brings forward 1520 votes; No. 13, 2564; No. 14, 788; No. 41, 558; No. 49, 14; and Nos. 58 and 67 are first (and last) applications. Considering that exactly half the number of candidates must prove successful, there appears to be strong hopes for all these seven cases, especially for the first four. No. 49 is a Northumberland case, and will doubtless have a generous support from that strong province; No. 58 should have interest from the districts of Bermuda and Malta, and the province of Hants and the Isle of Wight; and No. 67 is the only Herefordshire case on the list.

It is in the interest of these *last cases*, in both the school elections, that we have thought fit to make the foregoing remarks, and for the sake of the children themselves, and the credit of the craft, we trust they may have some weight in securing sufficient support to carry them fairly to that goal which their relatives and friends are desirous of reaching for them. We know that the heart of every Freemason goes out towards these poor children, and that their failure on this occasion would meet with much

sympathy. To all those brethren qualified to vote, and who have not yet quite pledged themselves to individual cases, we submit the propriety of considering these final applications in preference to any which may not be so extremely urgent.

May we take this opportunity to suggest to the voters at the ensuing elections that they should strictly follow out the directions given on each proxy paper for recording their votes. A large number of votes are lost at each election by the attempt to do more than is required; and, moreover, the labours of the scrutineers are increased by the difficulties to which a departure from the simple instructions give rise. The number of votes given to a candidate should be written in plain figures against the name of the applicant for whom they are intended, and no other mark beyond the signature of the voter, which is all important, should appear on the proxy paper when polled.

THE MASONIC "POET'S CORNER."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

The insertion of my letter on the 28th ult. encourages me to send you another, together with what the ancient masonic joker who perpetrated it designates a "masonic lay."

When I wrote you before, I had not investigated the "lays," and my observations must be taken to have been strictly applicable to the "ditties." I observe that the lays as a rule avoided the "ities." I fear that some of your readers may think it is as well they did. (This conceals a subtle joke which some of your more acute readers may discover, but I don't like to italicise my jokes.)

If you have other means of filling up the corner next week you can let this lay by (another joke, though I don't like to call attention to it), until there is a vacancy.

This "corner" is one of the very few that masons ought to support. As a rule corners want sweeping out, but yours wants filling in.

Fraternally yours,
FRIAR TUCK.

Air—"By Jove I'll be free."

To the science that virtue and art do maintain
Let the muse pay her tribute in soft gliding strain;
Those mystic perfections so fond to display,
As far as allowed to poetical lay;
Each profession and class of mankind must agree,
That masons alone are the men who are free.

Their origin they with great honour can trace,
From the sons of religion and singular grace;
Great Hiram and Solomon, virtue to prove,
Made this the grand secret of friendship and love.
Each profession, &c.

The smart and the beau, the coquet and the prude,
The dull and the comic, the heavy and rude,
In vain may inquire, then fret, and despise,
An art that's still secret 'gainst all they devise.
Each profession, &c.

Commit it to thousands of different mind,
And this golden precept you'll certainly find,
Nor interest or terror can make them reveal,
Without just admittance, what they should conceal;
Each profession, &c.

Fair virtue and friendship, religion and love,
The motive of this noble science still prove;
'Tis the lock and the key of the godliest rules,
And not to be trusted to knaves or to fools.
Each profession, &c.

The Israelites knew their friends from their foes,
By signs and by characters; then why should those
Unbelievers profane, be permitted to pry
Into secrets that masons alone should decry?
Each profession, &c.

The dunce he imagines the science and art,
Depends on some compact or magical part!
Thus men are so stupid to think that the cause
Of our constitution's against divine laws;
Each profession, &c.

Push about the brisk bowl, let it circling pass;
Let each chosen brother lay hold of his glass,
And drink to the heart that will always conceal,
And the tongue that our secrets will never reveal;
Each profession and class of mankind must agree,
That the sons of old Hiram are certainly free.

The consecration of the Wavertree Lodge, No. 2294, West Lancashire, took place on the 25th ult., at the Coffee House, Wavertree, when nearly 100 brethren attended the ceremony. W. Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, P.G.S.W. performed both the consecration and installation ceremonies, and was ably assisted by several distinguished members of the craft and officers of the province. The W.M. designate, now W.M. for the ensuing year, is Bro. Robert Foote, P.P.G. treas., West Lanc. The proceedings terminated with a banquet, and the inauguration of the lodge was in every way most successful.

COLONIAL CLIPPINGS.

ALBANY.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The installation meeting of the Plantagenet Lodge, No. 1454, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Albany, on the 12th February, when Bro. Cuthbert McKenzie was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Arthur Thompson, P.M. There was a numerous attendance of members and visiting brethren, and the work in lodge and subsequent refreshment afforded general satisfaction.

SYDNEY.—The largest funeral ever seen in Sydney was that of the late Bro. Alexander Munro, whose decease took place in the early part of February. On the afternoon of the day of interment, the whole of the business places in Singleton were closed. The masonic service and oration at the grave, by the Rev. J. S. White, D.D., will, it is said, be long remembered by the brethren and others who were present. Freemasons and Odd Fellows attended in large numbers in craped regalia, and every possible evidence of respect was paid to the remains of the lamented deceased, whose many acts of charity had endeared him to all with whom in life he had been associated.

* * *
A Masonic Hall, to cost £1,000, is about to be erected in Casino.

* * *
The Freemasons of Jamaica have had it in contemplation for some time to set up a memorial of their late D.G. Master, Bro. Dr. Hamilton. It is not simply as the head of English Freemasonry in this island that the memory of the worthy gentleman is cherished; but as a great and good Mason generally, proved by the fact that brethren of the Scotch Constitution have, equally with their English brethren, been ready with their contributions to carry out the object in view. A sum of £100 has been collected, and a Committee has been appointed to consider and decide what form the memorial shall take. As most of the subscribers reside in Kingston, the desire is that the memorial shall be placed there.

* * *
The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held on the 16th January, at Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, the M.W.G.M. His Honour S. J. Way, presiding over a very large attendance. Amongst a number of important matters discussed was the question of creating the office of Pro Grand Master in pursuance of the system adopted by the United Grand Lodge of England; this was agreed to, together with several other alterations in the constitution. During the evening a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland was read, granting fraternal recognition to the S.A. Grand Lodge and appointing P.G.M. Bro. H. C. E. Muecke as their representative in this colony.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

NORTHUMBERLAND—NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE LODGE—No. 24.—This old and time honoured lodge (date 1755) held its monthly meeting on Thursday, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Grainger Street, W., and was honoured by an official visit by the W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. R. H. Holmes), and a very large number of Provincial Grand Officers and visitors from various lodges, on the auspicious occasion of presenting Bro. H. Hotham with the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge, voted to him at last Provincial Grand Meeting (and which had been handsomely illuminated and framed) for his past services as auditor of the Provincial Grand Lodge for 24 years. The presentation was made by Bro. R. H. Holmes, W.D.P.G.M., in a very suitable and efficient manner. Bro. Hotham in accepting the same feelingly responded. Bro. H. Hotham this day celebrated the 54th anniversary of his first connection with masonry. He is the oldest P.M. of Lodge 24, and was presented by that lodge, on the occasion of his jubilee, with an illuminated address. He was also (about the same time) the recipient of a large coloured photograph of himself (handsomely framed) by the "Knight's Templars" (Kent preceptory). Bros. J. M. W. F. C. Lawson and H. E. Dunn were passed to the 2nd Degree by the W.M., Bro. W. C. Forster. The S.W., Bro. T. Alderson, gave the charge, and after "heartly good wishes" from the representatives of the various lodges had been tendered, the memorable proceedings were brought to a close. There were nearly a hundred members and distinguished brethren present on this interesting occasion.

* * *
RIDLEY LODGE—No. 2260—Held its regular meeting in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, on Tuesday, 2nd inst. The ballot was successively taken for the two sons of the W.M. (Bro. G. E. Macarty, P.P.G.R.), and they were initiated into the order by the W.M., in his usual impressive manner. The charge was ably given by Bro. W. G. Reynolds, J.W. Bro. W. M. Johnson was passed to the 2nd degree by Bro. C. A. Bushell, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. B. J. Thompson, P.M., P.G.S. (treas.); J. D. Dixon, P.M., P.G.S.W., D. of C. Acting S.W.; A. F. Ball, sec.; J. B. Lazenby, S.D.; T. O. Robson, J.D.; J. R. Roberts, I.G.; H. W. Dixon, J.S. Visitors—Bros. W. C. Forster, W.M. 24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne; J. S. Tait, P.M. 24, P.P.G., J.D.; C. Roope, P.M. 24, P.P.G.O.; W. Alderson, S.W. 24; W. E. Harker, J.W. 24; Edwin Turnbull, W.M. St. Peter's 481; T. Dimming, P.M. 481, P.P.G. D. of C.; W. Ross, P.M. 481; W. G. Gibson, W.M. St. John's 1712; Robt. Jackson, P.M. 1712, P.P.G.P.; W. C. Bell, S.W.; Hotspur, 1626, and others.

SHROPSHIRE.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire was held at Shrewsbury, at the Old Museum Building, Shrewsbury, on the 26th ult., under the presidency of the Prov. G.M. the R.W. Bro. Sir Osley Wakeham, Bart. The attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers was numerous, and about sixty brethren represented the various lodges in the province. The report of the audit committee stated that the province was in a very flourishing condition. Bro. V. C. L. Crump was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

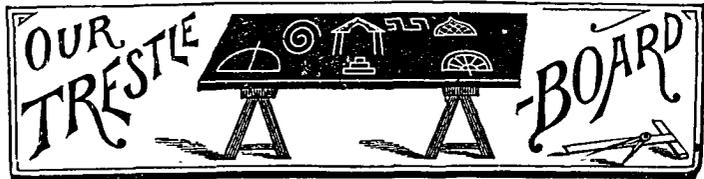
The annual meeting of the Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166, was held on the 1st inst., at Calstock, Cornwall, when Bro. W. Sowden was installed W.M. by W. Bro. Pearce, P.M. Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557. After the business of the lodge, the brethren dined at Bro. Dunbar's, Ashburton Hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Isca Lodge, No. 683, at Newport, Monmouth, met on the 20th ulto., on which occasion a very elegant loving cup was presented to the W.M. Bro. Barrett, to commemorate the birth of his son on the day of his installation as W.M. of the lodge. The young "Lewis" was named in appreciation of his father's connection with the lodge, Gerald Isca Barrett.

The companions of the Fidelity Chapter, R.A., No. 230, gave an "at home" at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, on the 3rd inst. A presentation of a life governorship for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was made to ex-Comp. E. H. Littleton, P.Z., in appreciation of his zealous services as steward, representing both chapter and lodge. The presentation evoked considerable applause and was suitably acknowledged. Concert and dance enlivened the evening's proceedings, which were greatly appreciated by all who had the good fortune to be present.

The half-yearly report of the representatives of the Essex Masonic Charity Committee at the last elections has just been circulated in the province of Essex. From this it appears that in 1888 the brethren of that province subscribed £146 9s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £912 8s. to the Girls' School; and £258 6s. to the Boys' School; total, £1,317 3s. The report is signed by Bros. E. Shead, F. Wood, R. Clowes, and H. E. Dehane, who earnestly impress upon brethren the necessity of sending in proxies for the Girls' and Boys' Schools elections by April 22nd, and for the Benevolent Institution by May 13th.

The annual meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 2nd inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, when there was a large attendance of subscribers and donors to the fund. Bro. W. J. Brewer, P.P.G. Sec., presided, in the absence of the president, the Prov. Grand Master of Devon. The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand from last year, £231; subscriptions and donations, £225; interest, £15; total receipts, £471. Expenditure on children, £174; working expenses, £11; total, £185. In bank deposit, £500; balance current account, £277; balance in treasurer's hands, £8. Total value of fund, £785. The report was received and adopted. W. Bros. J. R. Lord and J. B. Gover were re-elected the treasurer and secretary. W. Bros. J. W. Cornish and E. H. Littleton were elected the auditors for the ensuing year.



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

We notice that in several of our Masonic Journals attention has been lately directed to some records of masonic work in the last century, from which it would appear that members who were not in their places in Lodge when they had been summoned by the Master to attend, were fined for non-attendance. Of late years, to our knowledge, many Lodge summonses have been issued in which a portion of the Ancient Charges was quoted. This runs:—"That no Master or Fellow could be absent from the Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him." But we never found that it had much effect upon those to whom the hint was given.

Now, the question is asked, "How would it be if we proceeded to fine and censure our members for non-attendance at Lodge?" and Worshipful Masters are urged to make a note of the enquiry, and try it on the next case of absence without leave; and, further, in order to impress the brother, to try both censure and fine at the same time and to mark the effect!

We look around and try to think of any Lodge wherein there is a Master who would adopt the suggestion and "mark the effect!" but we can imagine none. In the present day the answer given to the enquiry "Why are we called Freemasons?" "Because we are free to and free from," is far too literally interpreted by members of the Order, and the slightest attempt at control is resented as an encroachment upon individually independent will. "Free to good fellowship" is construed by many to mean perfect freedom in all masonic working; and erroneous as that definition may be, we should not envy the Master who by "censure or fine" attempted now to determine the coming in or the going out of any of those over whom he may have been called to rule.

But whilst enforcement in the manner suggested would assuredly be useless, and the Master who "tried it on" would soon have only unpleasant "effects" to "mark," there is a plan for always securing a ready and willing attendance and obedience to the Master's summons for the opening of his Lodge. Let the work of the Lodge be made attractive by the ability, courtesy and zeal of the Master himself, by the occasional introduction of other than the mere formulae of ceremonial work, by the cultivation of the utmost harmony and good fellowship, and the inculcation of those thorough masonic principles which the presiding officer has it in his power, and should have it in his heart, to promulgate at all fitting opportunities, and it will be found that the brethren will need not the threatenings of censure and of fine, but will be drawn together by

the "silken cord" of mutual affection and a strong desire for renewal of companionship at each ensuing meeting of their lodge.

We understand that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor is likely to succeed the late General Studholme Brownrigg as Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

A touching incident is recorded in the N.S. Wales *Masonic Journal*, vividly portraying the almost angelic disposition of an important acquisition to that G. Lodge. "A brother had thoughtlessly left his apron in the care and custody of an avuncular relative, who inadvertently placed it with some other relics of needy relatives, for sale in his window. This 'good and worthy brother,' full of the spirit, saw the name upon the case, purchased that apron, and restored it with gentle words of reproof, tempered with good and wholesome advice, to ever refrain from the commission of such an unpardonable act again."

We trust that this spirit of "good will" was carried further; and that enquiries were made into the circumstances of the temporary distress of the receiver of "gentle words of reproof," and, being found such as to merit relief, that the grand lesson of freemasonry was practically carried into full and permanent effect. We have no cause to doubt it would be so, except that there are sometimes exceptions to a general rule.

We desire to call especial attention to the case of Percy Court, a candidate for admission at the ensuing election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The lad is the son of a worthy brother, William Court, of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, who was suddenly stricken down whilst in the discharge of his duty in the employ of Messrs. Veitch, of Chelsea. Percy Court is one of four children, now fatherless and motherless, and this is the only chance he can have for the benefits of the school. Brethren should now reflect on the magnitude of their masonic obligations, and take care that this case, of all others, should receive sufficient support. We shall be very pleased to forward any proxies marked for this very sad case, and which may be sent to us, to the brethren who are supporting it.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SUPPER OF THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—The first annual supper of this flourishing chapter took place on Friday, 5th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. There was a good attendance, including Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; W. Cowley, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275, P.S.; Lyon, P.Z.; Meierhoff, Wingham, North, H. Martin, Eckersall, A. C. Wood, G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. 169; Benedetti, Patrick, M.E.Z. 1623; V. T. Murché, R. C. Davis, Neeld, P.Z.; Watts, P.Z.; J. E. Latham, Terry, P.Z.; Oldfield, etc. After a substantial repast had been done justice to, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured. Comp. Grummant, with many eulogiums on the able work of the Preceptor, proposed "Success to the Star Chapter of Instruction," coupled with the name of Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor. Comp. Hilton considered his a position that no one could lightly esteem. To be Preceptor where the beautiful R.A. ritual was inculcated was a grand thing. They began with many doubts, but their success was now certain, for there was probably only one working chapter in London with larger numbers. He looked forward to the time when it should be not only the largest in London, but also in the country. Comp. Watts, P.Z., responded as a visitor. Comp. Hilton, in proposing the health of the V.P., said that, as M.E.Z. of the mother chapter, he had stood aside to allow the Preceptor to occupy the chair at the first supper. They all respected Comp. Addington for his enthusiasm. Comp. Addington responded, as did Comp. Stone, to the toast of S.E. Other toasts followed. The evening was enlivened by songs and recitations from Comps. Hilton, Addington, Murché, Stone, Meierhoff, North, Benedetti, Moore, etc.

ROSE LODGE—No. 1622.—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Bros. D. Rose, R.M. Preceptor, W.M.; Hilton, P.M., P.Z., S.W.; Elgar, sec. 1329, J.W.; Stone, I.G. 507, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; T. Grummant, P.M., P.Z. sec.; Pickett, I.G.; Voisey, P.M., P.Z.; Murché, P.M.; Capt. Vincent, P.M., Z. 1777, H. 1329; Bate, P.M.; Channon, P.M.; Loader, P.M.; Eckersall, W.M. 217; D. D. Mercer, P.M.; Addington, P.M., Z. 1275; Mole, P.M.; Towers, I.P.M. 15; Irwin, North, R. C. Davis, J.W. 2266; Gomm, Osterstock, Plant, Ayris, Shrubsole, Milliken, Whitehead, Halls, H. Martin, Edwards, Oathwaite, Say, Price, Meyer, Klyne, Stafford, Kemble, Dunn, Parr, Pellew, Snell, Bethell, etc. The fifteen sections were worked by the following brethren: 1st, Pickett; 2nd and 3rd, R. C. Davies; 4th, C. H. Stone; 5th, Channon; 6th, Hilton; 7th, R. J. Voisey; 8th, H. Martin; 9th, Grummant; 10th, Murché; 11th, Elgar; 12th, Bate; 13th, Sowton; 14th, Vincent, and 15th, Loader. Bros. Klyne and Shrubsole were elected members.

SOUTHWARK LODGE—No. 879.—On the 4th inst., at the Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road. Present; Bros. Bird, W.M.; Norden, S.W.; Dale, J.W.; Walter, S.D.; Barrett, J.D.; Faulkner, I.G.; Newell, Org.; Beavis, P.M. Precr.; Harper, Sec.; Wilkinson, Asst. Sec.; Leigh, Percival, Day, Taylor, Ray, Davis, Freyer, Goebel, Grosse, Wood, Silverthorne, Freter, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ray personating the candidate. The lodge was called "off and on." The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Precr. Beavis for the masterly way in which he worked the installation ceremony. Bro. Norden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The musical ceremonies are conducted by the able organist, Bro. Newell. The Sir Garnet Wolseley is situated close to South Bermondsey (L.B.), and Deptford Road (E.L.) Stations, and Cars from Deptford Tooley Street and Kent Road pass the door.

The Masonic Star.

THURSDAY,



APRIL 11, 1889.

Edited by

W. BRO. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z., &c., &c.

Published every Thursday Morning, price ONE PENNY, and may be had from all Newsagents through the Publishers, 123 to 125, Fleet Street, E.C.

Subscribers to THE MASONIC STAR residing in London and the Suburbs will receive their copies by the first post on THURSDAY MORNING. Copies for Country Subscribers will be forwarded by the NIGHT Mail on Wednesday.

TERMS, including postage, payable in advance:—

	United Kingdom and Countries comprised in General Postal Union.	Places not comprised in Postal Union.	India, ja Brindisi.
Twelve Months ...	6s. 6d. ...	8s. 8d. ...	10s. 10d.
Six Months ...	3s. 4d. ...	4s. 6d. ...	5s. 6d.
Three Months ...	1s. 9d. ...	2s. 4d. ...	3s. 0d.

Post Office Orders, payable at the General Post Office, London, E.C., to Messrs. ADAMS BROS., 59, Moor Lane, London, E.C. Postal Orders and Cheques should be crossed & Co. and all communications concerning Subscriptions and Advertisements should be addressed to "Manager."

All other communications, letters, &c., to be addressed "Editor of THE MASONIC STAR, 59, Moor Lane, Fore Street, London, E.C."

Publishing Offices: 123 to 125, FLEET STREET, E.C.

VOLUME I.

In Masonic Cloth Cover—Now Ready—Price 3s. 6d.

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.

Every contribution must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

I cannot but agree with the concluding remarks of your correspondent "J. S. H." on the above subject, but not so with your "Editorial." In a note to you (February 21st), which you honoured me by publishing, I therein stated my belief that in 1827 a Board of Installed Masters was appointed to arrange and communicate a form of ceremony for the installation of W.M. If I am correct, then, whatever might have been done in 1813 would have been superseded by the acts of 1827. But I doubt if anything relating to the installation was then adopted.

Let me call your attention to the Articles of Union then adopted, one of which reads: "There shall be the most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the lodges, of making, passing and raising, instructing and clothing brothers." You will notice the omission of all reference to installation; which surely would not have been so had aught respecting it been determined on. The arrangement of the Union must have caused much trouble and anxiety to the brethren who carried it out, and probably might have proved a failure had it not been for the somewhat extraordinary circumstance of the two Royal brothers being respectively the M.W.G.M.'s of the Ancients and Moderns. I therefore imagine that worn out by long discussions between enthusiastic partisans on either side, every point being fought earnestly, when the ordinary ritual was finally agreed on the matter of the installation, its approach presented many difficulties; and neither party appearing willing to yield, the subject may, by mutual consent, have been "shelved" for the then present. If this be the case it would be probable that the installation would be worked in many and various ways, in a sort of "go as you please" manner, and according to the predilections of the installing master towards either of the old systems. It would be curious to ascertain, if it could possibly be ascertained, how many varying manners of working the ceremony there were between 1813 and 1827. This masonic irregularity must have been a source of regret to those who were interested in the well doing of the craft; and to the representations made by them to the M.W.G.M. the Lodge or Committee of 1827 may have been the result.

The records or minutes of this body not being forthcoming, that which its individual members taught becomes important. As to the practices of one, the late Bro. Cant, I have already written.

The qualifications given to a candidate by a "Board of Installed Masters," I take to be the obligation, &c., which obligation I think contains the reason why a Board of Installed Masters is necessary, while the opening of it in an extended form is not.

As to your remarks concerning Grand Lodge they are worth consideration, but that subject does not form the present question;

but this much is certain, that by our Book of Constitutions no other masonic power but that of Grand Lodge can alter masonic laws, and while the brethren are content with the form and manner in which it is now constituted, it is our obligated duty to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

Fraternally yours,

April 6th, 1889.

S. VALLENTINE, P.M. 9.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A Board of Installed Masters has been duly opened in my lodge for the last 25 years, and the practice has been generally followed in this district. The D.P.G.M. sent a circular out and a copy of letter from Bro. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec., about two months ago, prohibiting it; and in future the Board of Installed Masters is to be declared opened with one knock. We don't like it; but I suppose we must obey the D.P.G.M.'s instructions.

Yours fraternally,

Staffs.: April 6th, 1889.

W. T.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your issue of April 4th (page 100) under the head "The Royal Masonic Institutions," you say "Brethren, don't forget the boys in June." My humble opinion is that "Brethren" will not withhold their support from the Boys' school, especially if the Committee of Enquiry appointed last year could publish its report before June.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE
THREE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

In your issue of the 21st ult., you have some critical remarks on a manual which you generally recommend as "a capital guide for any brother desirous of installing his successor;" but you take exception to "a little bit of bathos about a bleak mountain." It has been my privilege to be present at many installation meetings, and I have often been struck with the varied phraseology used in rendering the third or general charge to the assembled brethren. Most frequently no reference whatever has been made to "the isolated summit;" but, on the other hand, I have often heard the simile used by Past Masters whose proved skill, masonic capacity and knowledge, entitle them to the respect and confidence of the Craft.

Being solely actuated by a desire for authentic information, may I venture to ask if the allusion to "the bleak mountain" is generally regarded as an integral part of Emulation working?

Ely Cottage, Epsom,

Fraternally yours,

April 9th, 1889.

JOHN O'CONNELL, W.M. 2157.

Answers to Correspondents.

A. DISGUSTED LATE MEMBER.—We entirely sympathise with you. It would however be most impolitic in us, and do your cause no good, to permit anything of a personal nature to be published in this paper.

H. M. WILLIAMS, SYDNEY.—Many thanks for your kind remembrance and information.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The election meeting of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, W. Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669, W.M., will be held this (Thursday) evening, 11th inst., at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell, at 7 p.m.

—The third annual dinner of "The Old Masonians" (ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), will take place on Saturday next, the 13th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, London, E.C., at 5.30 for 6 p.m., when the president, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D., Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, and Patron of the Institution, will preside, and a large number of influential brethren are expected to be present. Mr. Alfred Watkins, of 21, Belgrave Road, N.W., is hon. sec. to the society, and will supply particulars and tickets (5s. each) on application.

—The installation meeting of the Sinclair Lodge, No. 2074, W. Bro. C. Vaughan Birch, W.M., is appointed to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on the 15th inst., at 6 p.m. Bro. F. H. Woodrow will be presented for installation. The banquet will be served at 7 precisely. On the following evening an emergency meeting will be held at the same place at 6 p.m., for the purpose of initiating two candidates, and conferring the two subsequent degrees upon brethren qualified to receive the same.

—The Union Lodge of Instruction, held under the joint sanction of all the Leicester Lodges (Nos. 279, 523, 1391, 1560 and 2081) will hold its last meeting for the session at Freemason's Hall, Leicester, on the 12th inst. (to-morrow) at 7.30 p.m. Installation ceremony by Bro. R. B. Starkey, P. Prov. G. Steward and W.M. 1391. Discussion of masonic usages, customs and symbolism. Supper at 8.30.

—The Board of General Purposes will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, on Tuesday next, the 16th inst., at 4 p.m.

—The Board of Benevolence will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 6 p.m.

—The General Committee of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch, will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 4 p.m.

—The House Committee of the R.M.I. for Girls will meet at Freemason's Hall, London, on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

—The Installation Meeting of the Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on Thursday next, the 18th inst.

METROPOLITAN.

NEW CONCORD LODGE—No. 813.—The members of this Lodge of Instruction met on Wednesday evening, April 3rd, to discuss a proposition setting forth the desirability of changing the place of meeting to a more central position in the City. Bro. T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695, W.M.; Bro. L. C. Haslip, P.M. 813, Preceptor. After considerable discussion the proposition was withdrawn, and a motion was put to the meeting, and carried, to the effect that no change is desirable. The lodge will, therefore, meet as usual every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Jolly Farmer's Tavern, Southgate Road, N. Bros. L. C. Haslip, P.M. 813, Preceptor; C. Weedon, P.M. 813, treas.; R. Heslop, 1695, sec.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on the 26th ult., Bro. F. J. Eedle, W.M., presiding. There being three candidates for raising, Bro. Eedle performed that ceremony, and then installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. J. Brindley James. The newly-installed master having invested his officers, initiated four gentlemen who were candidates for admittance to the craft, and performed the ceremony in a style that gave great satisfaction to everyone present. The auditors' report showed a good balance in favour of the lodge, and that 25 guineas had been paid to the Benevolent Institution. The I.P.M., Bro. Eedle, having announced his intention of standing as steward at the forthcoming Girls' School Festival, a sum of 25 guineas was voted from the lodge funds for him to take up. The Ivy Lodge P.M. jewel was presented to Bro. Eedle, also a P.M. collar, with silver emblem of office, as a remembrance of the particularly successful term of office enjoyed by him. The banquet was served in the Pillar Hall, and the evening was enlivened by songs from Madame Thomas and Miss A. Gragg, and recitations by Bro. P. M. Reynolds and other brethren.

The fifteen sections were admirably worked in the Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1662, Walthamstow, on the 3rd inst., when a large number of brethren from the Warner, Loyalty, Israel, and other lodges attended. W. Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 1662, presided as Section Master, and was supported by W. Bros. Fred. Carr, P.M. 1607, S.W.; T. Franklin, P.M. 1662, J.W.; and W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, I.P.M. The arrangements made by Bro. Ffrench Bromhead, 1662, the hon. sec., for the reception and accommodation of members and visitors were perfect.

The fifteen sections were worked in the Nelson Lodge of Instruction, on the 2nd inst., at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Beresford Square, Woolwich, W. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13, presiding as Section Master. Bro. W. Martin, P.M. 879, officiated as S.W., and Bro. E. C. Talbot, 1310, as J.W. A very instructive evening gave general satisfaction to a large number of brethren who attended.

The Egerton of Tatton Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 400, was consecrated in the Masonic Temple, at 8a, Red Lion Square, London, on the 29th ult., by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., assisted by Bros. Col. Shadwell; H. Clerke, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; Rev. Hayman Cummings, R. Berridge, W. A. Barrett and C. H. Driver. Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, the W.M. designate was installed into the chair of A. The brethren dined together at the Holborn Restaurant after the close of the lodge business.

The Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England will be held on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, at 6 p.m., the M.W. Pro. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon in the chair. Full Masonic Craft Clothing is to be worn.

Bro. Benjamin Banks, a founder of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, claims a connection with Freemasonry extending to sixty years, he having been initiated in the Universal Lodge, now No. 181, in March, 1829. Our worthy brother has been associated with the Freemasons' Tavern, London, for nearly fifty years.

The Grand Treasurer Elect, W. Bro. Edwd. Terry, P.M., P.G.S., was entertained at a complimentary dinner given by the Savage Club Lodge, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on the 9th inst., to congratulate him on his election. Bro. Thomas Catling, the W.M., presided, and in proposing Bro. Terry's health, referred to the extraordinary amount of support that brother had received, and gave the statistics of the voting in each year since the gift of the office had been in the hands of the general body. In 1884 the Grand Treasurer was elected by a show of hands; in 1885 the number of votes recorded was 1,260; in 1886 it fell to 749; in 1887 there was a severe contest when Bro. Eve was elected, and the number of votes then reached 1,227; in 1888 the number fell again to 809; so that it would be seen in the present year, when Bro. Terry had been successful, the votes, 1,458, had exceeded those in any former year.

BRIXTON LODGE—No. 1949.—A very successful meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at Brixton Hall. Bro. A. E. Albert, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. C. J. Axford and R. Poore, P.M.; H. Lovegrove, P.M. and sec.; W. Kirkland, treas.; and a number of members and visitors. The three ceremonies were worked in their entirety.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z. 30, has secured another appointment. He is one of six surveyors elected by the School Board for London to perform certain duties.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette; Freemason's Chronicle, Sydney; Freemason's Calendar for Somersetshire, Compiled by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, Chronicle Office, Bath; Freemason's Calendar for Oxfordshire, W. R. Bowden, High Street, Oxford; Masonic Review, Cincinnati; South African Freemason; Society.

“POINT—LEFT—RIGHT”—(Crowded out).

GLEANINGS.

By the way, why do Masons scramble in and out of lodge-like school boys? How much better it looks to see them formed up in an orderly manner in the ante-room, and taking their places to the music of a well-played march.

Freemasonry has no use for “idlers by the wayside.” Its hive of industry is replete with work for all its votaries, and none are to be exempt ere they are called to the Grand Lodge above.

SWARMING.—Observing the operations of nature, we find that our tiny friends the bees, to us the symbol of industry, when by numbers they are pushed for room, “swarm off.” This operation often takes place in a Masonic Lodge room, and when the swarm is a legitimate one, all is well; but when it is the result of a dissatisfied minority, and the operation is attended with some unpleasantness, then it is a misfortune, and it becomes a moot point whether the handful of dissentients should be allowed to set up shop for themselves on such very doubtful capital.—*New Zealand Masonic Journal.*

WANT OF PUNCTUALITY.—Want of punctuality in opening the lodge-room is a grave fault. Masters should open in time so as to be able to close the lodge at a seasonable hour. In this respect Masons should take a lesson from business men. Another cause of non-attendance is the incompetency of some masters—men not possessing sufficient love of Masonry, brains or application to get up the work or perfect themselves in the literature of the craft so as to make the meetings of the lodge more attractive and enjoyable. Some may say we expect too much; we will be satisfied if we get for a master one who can render the ritual correctly, who although not a strictly moral man in every sense of the word, is still a good fellow, and will be sure to attract jovial fellows to the lodge. Unfortunately for such arguments, your jovial fellow in the general acceptance of the term is not intended for Masonry, nor is Masonry intended for him. He never obtains a proper idea of the mission of Masonry. He joins for the good time he expects to have. His Masonic principles and aspirations are situated in his stomach, and if he cannot find sufficient attraction in this line in the lodge he will leave it and the lodge will be the better for his absence.

THE MASTER.—The Master is the leader of his lodge. He is to direct its affairs. He is to preside over its meetings. He is to initiate and instruct the uninitiated and ignorant. From the East must emanate the light that will either flood the whole lodge with glory or becloud it with fog. A good Master will “let his light so shine that others, seeing his good works, may glorify his FATHER who is in heaven.” A Master should be an example to his brethren. A wide-awake presiding officer, one really in love with his position because of the good he can do, will sure to have a wide-awake lodge, with an abundance of helpers in every good work. A Master can make or destroy his lodge. His duty is to use his best endeavours to build up his lodge, to make it a home where the family may gather in glad reunion, and where the needy member may feel that he has really a loving kindred who will see that he suffers not in the inclement blasts of life. The office of Master of a lodge is one of great importance, one of honour, one of dignity, one of responsibility. He only is honoured in it who honours the office, presiding with dignity, dispensing charity with a loving hand, visiting “the widow and fatherless in their affliction,” and disseminating true Masonic light with a royal splendour. He who does this may retire from the office with the reflection that he has done what he could. No one should consent to assume the position without counting the cost. To properly fill the Master's chair, means work, much work; thought, much thought; time, much time; love, much love. Let him who thinks himself able to discharge the duties think well before he undertakes it. Better be a private, an humble, private member, unseen and unknown, than to be elevated to the highest station and fail to fill the office properly.—*Sunday Times, New York.*

It is well known that William I. was originally of most arbitrary and despotic spirit and temperament. His accession to the throne was received with trepidation and alarm. History knows how just and humane a monarch he became. It is my belief, easy to prove from his Masonic record, that the principles of Freemasonry and the fraternal intercourse with his brethren softened the rigor of his natural temper and made him generous, sympathetic, and humane. Frederick III. was every inch a Freemason. The tenets and philosophy of Freemasonry filled every part of his being. In his life and by his death he exhibited its grandest virtues and illustrated its most beautiful lessons. “In sorrow fidelity proves itself and fidelity is the core of honor”, he said at a Masonic gathering responding to a toast in honor of the dead. Frederick received the symbolic degrees in presence of his royal father, then grand protector of the three Grand Lodges of Prussia, who addressed him in the following words: “Be and remain thou a protector of the order, then will not only your future welfare be assured, but you will carry with you the noble consciousness of having striven to develop around you the beneficent influences of goodness and truth,” to which the prince responded: “So long as I live I shall be devoted to the order, provided that it remains faithful to its fundamental principles.” In 1886 while in Strassburg, Alsace, he closed a lengthy Masonic address at a banquet tendered him by the brethren of Erwin Lodge of that city, with these, for the heir to the most powerful throne in Europe, certainly remarkable words: “Two principles, however, above all others, distinguish the field of Masonic work—freedom of conscience and toleration. To these let us cling with all our might. That in these we may become perfect let us strive forever. And let us not only praise these virtues, but practice them industriously. If we strive towards these ends, it will be well with us and well with Freemasonry. Herein may the Great Architect of the universe aid us.”—*Grand Master Buck in G. Lodge of Louisiana.*

OBITUARY.

Bro. GENERAL J. S. BROWNRIGG, C.B.

The announcement of the death at Colombo, on the 1st inst., of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., who was always a staunch supporter of our Order, has been received with general regret, and more particular by the brethren connected with the Masonic Province over which he has ruled since 1871. Our distinguished brother was a Past Grand Warden of England, a Past Master of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, and also held elevated positions in several of the higher degrees of Freemasonry. His health had been for some time failing him, and a visit to Australia was taken by him in the hope that it might prove beneficial. It was on the return journey from Melbourne that his demise took place, at Colombo, where he was interred with full military honours.

Bro. the REV. CANON GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL, M.A.

By the very sudden decease of Bro. the Rev. Canon Geo. Raymond Portal, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge, and M.W. Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, Freemasonry suffers a great loss, particularly that section of the Craft which is identified with Mark Masonry. Our deceased brother was more actively associated with the degree of Mark Masters, and devoted much time and labour to its interests. It is mainly to his efforts in conjunction with those of Past and Present Mark Grand Officers, and notably those of the Grand Secretary of the Order, Bro. F. Binckes, that such great progress has been made in so few years. Even so lately as the last half-yearly communication of Mark Grand Lodge, Bro. Portal's advice and guidance materially assisted to secure for the Order the premises in Great Queen Street, which will presently be devoted to the purposes of its Grand Lodge. He will be sadly missed when the occasion for the inauguration of the building shall have arrived. Bro. Portal was educated at Rugby and Christchurch, Oxford, and his death from syncope took place on the 5th inst. His honoured remains were interred on the 8th inst. in Burghclere churchyard, near Newbury, in the presence of a great concourse of persons of all classes, including the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon,

Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Sir Frederick Carden, Bart., Sir Alexander Arbuthnot, K.C.S.I., the Rev. the Hon. Horatio Nelson, the Mayors of Newbury and Basingstoke, Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, numerous Masonic deputations, and a large gathering of the clergy and gentry. The burial service was conducted by the Bishop of Guildford (Dr. Sumner), assisted by the Rev. A. Sladen and the Rev. F. C. Gosling.

REVIEWS.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the province of Somerset, which contains a calendar for the year 1889 and four months of 1890, and has for a frontispiece a capital portrait of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, has been admirably compiled by W. Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, a Past Grand Treasurer of Somerset, and P.P.G.S. of W. Oxon. The work is full of information relating to the officers of the Grand Lodge and of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with lists of officers, number of members, and dates of festival and other meetings of each lodge in the province. It has similar information in respect of Royal Arch Masonry, and of the several other masonic degrees. A most useful epitome of the annual returns required to be made by each lodge forms a new feature in the compilation of this work. The total of votes held by this province, in which there are 1,111 members of the Craft, are—boys, 1,074; girls, 820; aged brethren, 511; and widows, 524—making a total of 2,929 votes amongst the three masonic institutions.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire, 1889-90, published by Bro. W. R. Bowden, High Street, Oxford, is also replete with the varied information so serviceable, not only to the brethren of that particular province but also to the general masonic reader. Lists of governors and subscribers to the respective Craft and Mark Charitable Institutions, with the number of votes to which they are entitled, appear in its pages, and by their aid the voting power of the province can be ascertained. It would be a very useful addition to the excellent features of this work if these lists could be summarised in future editions, as is done in other provincial directories.

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) (2nd) THURSDAY, APRIL 11th.			(3rd) MONDAY, APRIL 15th—continued.			
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.	Mark.	Temple	Green Dragon, Stepney.	
91	Regularity... ..	F. M. H.	239	Royal Naval	8a, Red Lion Square	
206	Friendship... ..	Ship and Turtle, E.C.	K.T.	131	Holy Sanctuary	33, Golden Square, W.
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.	(3rd) TUESDAY, APRIL 16th.			
263	Bank of England	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	30	United Mariners	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	
534	Polish National	F. M. H.	95	Eastern Star	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	
657	Canonbury	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	162	Cadogan	F. M. H.	
860	Dalhousie	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.	194	St. Paul's	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	
879	Southwark... ..	Bridge House Hotel, S.E.	435	Salisbury	F. M. H.	
1076	Capper	Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.	1339	Stockwell	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	
1216	Macdonald... ..	Hd. Qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell	1695	New Finsbury Park	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	
1471	Islington	Cock Tav., Highbury, N.	2022	Haven	Lyric Hall, Ealing	
1558	Duke of Comnaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	2045	Wharton	Willesden, Middlesex	
1599	Skelmersdale	Ship and Turtle Leadenhall Street	2191	Anglo American	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.	
1804	Coborn	Vestry Hall, Bow	R.A.C.	1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
2047	Beckenham	Public Hall, Beckenham	Mark.	238	Prince Leopold	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
2090	Hammersmith	Vestry Hall, Hammersmith	(3rd) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th.			
R.A.C.	140	St. George's	174	Grand Stewards	F. M. H.	
619	Beadon	Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich	190	Sincerity	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	
813	New Concord	M. H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.	700	Oak	F. M. H.	
898	Temperance-in-the-East	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	969	Nelson	M. H., Woolwich	
1472	Henley	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.	1150	Maybury	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.	
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Three Crowns, North Woolwich	1349	Buckingham and Chandos	F. M. H.	
1716	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill	1382	Friars	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.	
Mark.	1716	All Saints'	1673	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.	
86	Sampson and Lion	Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow	1681	Langton	Holborn Viaduct Hotel	
R.C.R.	44	Bard of Avon	1716	Londesboro'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.	
			1803	All Saints	117, High St., Poplar	
			R.A.C.	1903	Cornhill	London Tav., Fenchurch St., E.C.
			192	Lion and Lamb	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	
(2nd) FRIDAY, APRIL 12th.			(3rd) THURSDAY, APRIL 18th.			
134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	25	Globe	F. M. H.	
157	Bedford	F. M. H.	49	Gihon	Guildhall Tav., E.C.	
1201	Eclectic	Ditto	55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.	
1559	New Cross	Portland Hotel, Greenwich	63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.	
R.A.C.	33	Britannic	169	Temperance	White Swan Tav., Deptford	
R. Croix	3	Mount Calvary	179	Manchester	Anderton's Hot., E.C.	
101	Adoniram	33, Golden Square, W.	151	Universal	F. M. H.	
K.T.	45	Temple Crossing	733	Westbourne	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood	
			813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.	
			1287	Great Northern	F. M. H.	
			1475	Peckham	Surrey M. H., Camberwell	
			1598	Leyspring	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	
			1901	Selwyn	East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich	
			R.A.C.	79	Pythagorean	Ship Hot., Greenwich
			Mark.	Bon Accord	8a, Red Lion Square	
(2nd) SATURDAY, APRIL 13th.			(3rd) MONDAY, APRIL 15th.			
108	London	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.	1	Grand Masters	F. M. T.	
173	Phoenix	F. M. H.	8	British	F. M. H.	
1446	Mount Edgumbe	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.	185	Tranquillity... ..	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.	
1607	Loyalty	London Tav., Fenchurch Street	907	Royal Albert	F. M. H.	
1612	West Middlesex	Lyric Hall, Ealing	1506	White Horse of Kent	Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.	
1671	Mizpah	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.	R.A.C.	12	Prudence	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
1743	Perseverance	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.	1319	Asaph	F. M. H.	
1839	Duke of Cornwall	F. M. H.				
R.A.C.	1928	Gallery				
		Brixton Hall, Acre Lane				

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

HOTELS

Recommended to the Subscribers to the "Masonic Star."

STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, KEW BRIDGE,
Bro. JOHN BULL, Proprietor. Seven Lodges and Chapters held in the Hotel, which possesses Special Facilities for Concerts, Evening Parties and Banquets. Scale of Charges on Application.

MAYO'S CASTLE HOTEL, EAST MOLESEY,
Hampton Court Station (adjoining the Railway and facing the River and Palace). Bro. JOHN MAYO has ample accommodation in the new wing for Banquets for any number up to 100. Spacious landing to River. Specimens of Menus, with prices, sent on application. Three Lodges meet at the Castle Hotel, a reference may be made to the respective Masters as to the catering, &c.

BRIDGE HOUSE HOTEL, LONDON BRIDGE, S.E.,
PEARCE & SON, Proprietors. Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, Balls, Soirées, Concerts, Masonic, Public, or Private Meetings, &c. The Suite of Rooms for Balls and Concerts includes the Ball Room, Ante-Room, Refreshment and Supper Rooms and Ladies' Retiring Rooms. The Masonic Temple will seat 40. Terms on Application.

BOURNEMOUTH. Board and Residence, south aspect, close to the Sea, Pleasure Gardens; centre of Town; Home comforts. Terms, 30/-. Apply M. A. Hood, Caversham, Poole Hill.

ST. ELMO (BOARDING HOUSE), No. 13, LOCH PROMENADE, Douglas, Isle of Man. Messrs. SHIMMIN AND SCREECH, the Proprietors of this House, have a first-class connection of 17 years' standing. The Loch Promenade is situated on the margin of the beautiful bay, and extends for two miles. The most charming scenery and health resort in the Kingdom. Moderate Tariff. Particulars on Application to the Proprietors.

These spaces are reserved for Hotels offering inducements to Masonic visitors.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

BROTHER, 24, Good Shorthand Writer, desires engagement as Cashier, Correspondent, Book-keeper, or other position of Trust. Eight years' references. M. M., c/o TOLER, 7, Harrow Rd., W.

TO BE LET.

A FURNISHED House in a main position in a Town in the South-West Suburbs. Forty minutes from town on District and South Western Railways. 3 Reception, 4 Bedrooms, and good Gardens. Low Rent to careful Tenant. Apply—Manager, MASONIC STAR.

TO THE TEA TRADE. Anyone requiring a Fine First Floor, situated close to Leadenhall Street, and within 3 minutes of Mark and Mincing Lanes. Rent £50. Apply—BLAND & CAMPION, 15, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

ESTABLISHED 1851.

BIRKBECK BANK,
Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

THREE per CENT. INTEREST allowed on DEPOSIT repayable on demand.
TWO per CENT. on CURRENT ACCOUNTS, calculated on the minimum monthly balances, when not drawn below £100.
The BIRKBECK ALMANACK, with full particulars, can be obtained post free, on application to
FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT Manager.

The Birkbeck Building Society's Annual Receipts exceed Five Millions.

HOW TO PURCHASE A HOUSE FOR TWO GUINEAS PER MONTH, OR A PLOT OF LAND FOR FIVE SHILLINGS PER MONTH. Apply at the Office of the BIRKBECK FREEHOLD LAND SOCIETY.
The BIRKBECK ALMANACK, with full particulars on application.
FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT Manager.
Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

The SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT of
Gout and Rheumatism

and the Recipe, by H. T. LAIT, Fressingfield, Harleston, Norfolk.
Free to all on receipt of stamp for postage.

"Mr. Lait's aim is to eradicate the disease from the system by removing the cause, and this is most successfully done by his treatment."—*The Court Journal.*

"Mr. Lait's remedy has proved most successful, and that his treatment is the true one seems beyond all doubt."—*The Ipswich Journal.*

WANTED TO PURCHASE, a complete set of Craft and Arch Working Tools. Apply by letter, "Manager," MASONIC STAR Newspaper, 59, Moor Lane, E.C.

AGENTS for the SALE of
THE MASONIC STAR.

"THE MASONIC STAR" may be obtained by order at
Messrs. SMITH & SON'S Bookstalls throughout the Kingdom.

LONDON—

- Messrs. W. DAWSON & SONS, 121, Cannon Street, E.C.
- Messrs. H. VICKERS, 317, Strand, W.C.
- Messrs. MACRAE, CURTICE & Co., Limited, 12 and 14, Catherine Street, Strand, W.C.
- BRINTON: Mr. A. UNDERWOOD, 157, Ferndale Road.
- CATFORD, S.E. AND DISTRICT: Mr. W. J. MORGAN, Rushey Green.
- CLAPHAM: Mr. FRANK, News vendor, York Terrace.
- EASTCHEAP, E.C.: Messrs. ADAMS BROS., Printers and Stationers.
- EAST GREENWICH: 102, Trafalgar Road.
- FENCHURCH STREET, E.C.: Mr. J. BERRY, 1, Cullum Street.
- HERNE HILL: Mrs. REISS, Stationer, 51, Railton Road.
- HOLBORN, W.C.: Mr. W. P. PILCHER, 51, Grays Inn Road.
- KILBURN, N.W.: Mr. F. T. PERCY, 143, High Road.
- LITTLE BRITAIN, E.C.: Messrs. TOYE.
- PATERNOSTER ROW, E.C.: Messrs. HAMILTON, HILLS & Co.
- PENTONVILLE, N.: Mr. R. LEY, 43, Penton Street.
- ROTHERHITHE, S.E.: Bro. E. LEIGH, 5, Plough Road.
- ROYAL EXCHANGE, E.C.: Messrs. G. BLAIR & SON.
- TOTTENHAM, N.: THE LIBRARY, Bruce Grove.
- WOOLWICH: Mr. G. LAWRENCE, Beresford Square.

PROVINCIAL—

- BOGNOR: Mr. EDWARD WOOD.
- BOURNEMOUTH: Bro. D. SYDENHAM, Royal Marine Library.
- BRADFORD-ON-AVON: Bro. G. J. FARRINGTON.
- BRIGHOUSE: Mr. J. FOX, Wholesale Newsagent, &c.
- BRINHAM: Bro. J. CRAWFORD.
- BROMLEY, KENT: Messrs. E. STRONG & SONS ("Bromley Record"), 14, Market Square.
- CHATHAM: Mr. E. LASLETT, 285, High Street.
- CREWKERNE: Mr. JOHN MUNFORD, Market Square.
- CROYDON: Messrs. DAVIES & GOODWIN, 94, High Street.
- EDMONTON AND DISTRICT: Bro. G. TWIGGS, 8, Upper Fore Street.
- FARNBOROUGH: Mr. C. WELLER.
- FENTON, STAFFS.: Mr. J. LEWIS, Stationer and Advertising Agent.
- GLASTONBURY: Bro. JOHN BROCK, High Street.
- GOOLE: Messrs. GARDINER & Co.
- GOSPORT: Mr. HOLMES, Newsagent, 49, High Street.
- HALIFAX: Bro. WILLIAM COOKE, 3, Bull Green.
- HALES OWEN: Mr. THOMAS HODGETTS, Bookseller and Stationer.
- HANWELL, MIDDLESEX: Mr. J. H. ROSE, News vendor, High Street.
- HENHAM-ON-TYNE: Mr. W. MOORE, 24 and 33, Fore Street.
- HUNTINGDON: Messrs. EDIS & COOPER, Booksellers.
- JARROW: Messrs. THOS. ROBINSON & Co., Ormonde Street.
- KIRKBURTON: Mr. COLIN LODGE, Newsagent.
- LLANELLY: Mr. W. DAVIES, 8, Market Street.
- NORWICH: Messrs. JEARY & SON, Davy Place.
- PETERSFIELD: Mr. LEWIS A. B. COLE, High Street.
- PORTSEA: Mr. H. J. SMITH, 7, Daniel Street.
- RAMSEY (Isle of Man), Mr. JOHN CRAINE, "Ramsey Courier."
- RYE: Mr. J. COLE.
- SANDBACH AND DISTRICT: Mr. W. J. HARPER, Market Place.
- SCARBOROUGH: Mr. H. THORPE-SMITH, 109, Westboro'.
- SOUTH MOLTON: Mr. W. TUCKER.
- STAMFORD: Mr. W. P. DOLBY, 66 and 67, High Street.
- ST. AUSTELL: Mr. PHILIP GILES, Stamp Office.
- STOCKTON-ON-TREES: Messrs. WOOD & Co., Caxton House, Central Bldgs.
- SUDBURY: Bro. B. R. MARTEN, Printer, &c., 17, Market Hill.
- SWINDON, NEW: Mr. J. MATTHEWS, 28, Regent Street.
- TENBY: Mr. C. FARLEY, High Street.
- TORQUAY: Bro. E. J. PRATT, 14, Fleet Street.
- TORRINGTON: Mr. H. PARKER, The Library, Church Gate.
- FOWCESTER: Mr. C. HURFURT, Bookseller and Stationer, Market Place.
- TROWBRIDGE: Messrs. LANDSDOWN & SONS ("Wiltshire Times"), 11, Silver Street.
- URMSTON, Near MANCHESTER: Mr. THOS. CARTWRIGHT, Newsagent, The Bazaar.
- WELLINGTON, SOMERSET: Messrs. TOZER & GREGORY.
- WEST BROMWICH: Mr. W. BRITTEN.
- WHITBY: Messrs. HORNE & SON, "Whitby Gazette."
- WINDSOR: Mr. J. W. WRIGHT, 3, Peaseod Street.

COLONIAL—

ORANGE—NEW SOUTH WALES: Mr. ARTHUR S. LEE, IXL News Agency.
And of all News vendors at Home and Abroad.

Publishing Office—123, 124 & 125, FLEET ST., E.C.

Additional Agents will be appointed on application.

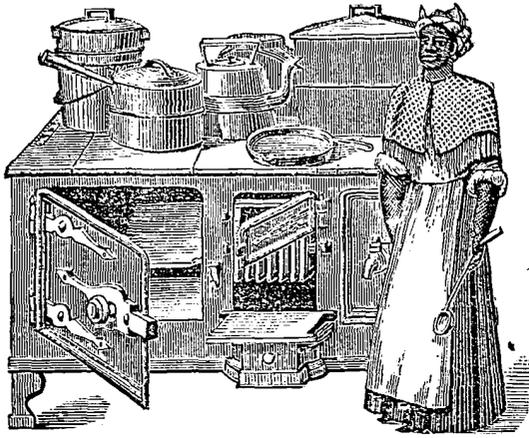
We shall be happy to receive applications for other Agencies both at Home and Abroad, and can offer liberal terms for Sales and Advertisements.

ALFRED W. MURRAY,
Merchant and Military Tailor,
27, KING STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

First-class Materials and Perfect Fit
Guaranteed.
Prices exceedingly moderate. Inspection invited.

JAMES STEVENSON, C.E.,
The People's Patent Agent,
GRAY'S INN CHAMBERS,
20, HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.

Lowest Possible Charges.



Save Half your Coals and cure your Smoky Chimney by using the American Stoves.

THE "CHALLENGE."

A perfect kitchener without brickwork or other fixing. Malleable boiler, wrought iron oven, entirely surrounded with heat. Good open roasting fire, and a certain cure for a smoky chimney. Will burn Wood or any kind of Fuel; the cheapest and best range in the market, in sizes from 21 in. to 4 ft. Price with boiler, £2 17s. 6d.; without boiler, £1 18s. (Wrought iron pressure boilers for bath purposes can be had with this range.) Send for 100-page Illustrated Catalogue, free by quoting this paper. The only American Stove Stores in the United Kingdom.

PROPRIETORS:

WM. POORE & CO., 139, CHEAPSIDE, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 32 YEARS.

TOYÉ & COMPY.,
18, Little Britain, E.C.; Factory: Old Ford, London.

Manufacturers of
MASONIC CLOTHING, JEWELS, &c.,
APRONS from 8/6 to 18/-, sent Post Free on receipt of P.O.O.,
REGALIA FOR ALL SOCIETIES,

Military and Theatrical Laces, Fringes, Gimps, Spangles, Ornaments,
Gilt Threads, Bullions and Embroidery, Helmets, Caps, Gold Badges,
Real Mohair Braids of every description, MASONIC, Wedding, Ball
and other Favours.

Cheapest House for English Goods.

BRO. A. SAUVÉ,
Engraver, Designer, Illuminator, &c.,
136, SOUTHAMPTON ROW,
RUSSELL SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

Testimonials and Votes of Thanks (Masonic or otherwise), also
Addresses to Corporations and Municipal Bodies, prepared in an
Artistic manner for presentation. Lodge and Chapter Summonses,
Ménu Cards, and other work engraved and executed from original
and appropriate designs. *Terms on application.*

The "Duke of Edinburgh" Umbrella,

Named by desire of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, also used by HIS ROYAL
HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, and other Members
of the Royal Family.

The above named Umbrellas claim exceptional advantages above
every other invention at present brought out.

Unequaled for ELEGANCE, STRENGTH and NEATNESS. The NATURAL
STICK only is used. FOUR INCHES more allowed in height for the Hat or
Bonnet, by the peculiar adjustment of the stretcher. It is the SMALLEST
UMBRELLA, when rolled up, ever produced.

Bro. ALEX. MACMILLAN,
66, Holborn Viaduct, LONDON, E.C.



H. T. LAMB,
Manufacturer of Masonic Jewels,
Clothing and Regalia,
5, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell,
LONDON, E.C.

Price List free on application.

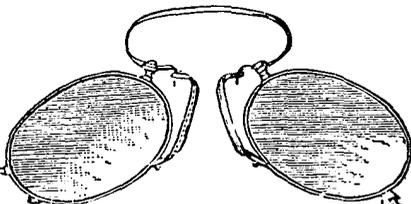
THE SIGHT!!!

WALTER LAWLEY'S Celebrated Pantoscopic Spectacles,

Fitted with Finest Crystal Lenses, 3/6 to 10/6 per pair.
" " Best Pebbles, 7/6 " 17/6 "

GOLD SPECTACLES AND EYE GLASSES,
from 2/1 to £3 3/- per pair.

SOLE ADDRESS—WALTER LAWLEY, Oculists' Optician, 78, Farringdon St., London, E.C.



THE SIGHT!!!

THE NEW CANADIAN "PINCE-NEZ,"
with Improved Cork Placquets, in Light Nickel Steel Frames,
4/6 and 7/6 per pair; Pebbles, 7/6, 10/6 and 12/6 per pair.

The Sight carefully tested. Oculists' Prescriptions carefully
carried out.

ESTABLISHED OVER 100 YEARS.

Testimonials,

Votes of Thanks, &c.,

To PAST MASTERS and OTHER OFFICERS,

Artistically and Emblematically Illuminated on Vellum,
And Framed or Handsomely Bound ready for Presentation.

T. WOODS, 49, Chancery Lane, London, E.C.



M. B. ROSENBERG,
HIGH-CLASS TAILOR & OUTFITTER, LADIES' JACKET & ULSTER MAKER,
16 & 17, LIVERPOOL ST., LONDON, E.C.
(FIRST FLOOR.)

M. B. ROSENBERG respectfully calls attention to the extensive selection of
material for the ensuing Season, and, buying direct from the Manufacturers, is
therefore able to give a good article at a moderate price.
Specialities in Dress Suits and Inverness Capes made on the shortest notice.

FOOD FOR DOGS! FOOD FOR DOGS!!

FEED, FATTEN and STRENGTHEN your DOG on the ONLY PERFECT SANITARY FOOD for DOGS of ALL BREEDS.

Patent Protean Compound

It is far superior to Biscuit Food. It requires no soaking or other preparation. It contains a uniform component admixture of Albuminous, Farinaceous, Fibrinous and Gelatinous substances necessary to sustain in perfect health, strength and endurance both young and old Dogs of all breeds. It prevents all diseases. It removes eruptions from and renders the skin soft and elastic, thus imparting a glossy and silk-like appearance to the coat. It is eaten greedily by all Dogs. It is, for Sporting Dogs, by far the best food; it adds Bone and Muscle, giving Strength, Speed and Endurance.

No danger of Hydrophobia whilst feeding upon this Compound.

The Best and Cheapest Food for Dogs and Cats.

Sold by Corn Chandlers, Grocers, Oilmen and Stores, in Tins, 6d., 1/-, 2/6; and Cwt. Kegs.

SANITARY FOOD CO.,
118, FALCON ROAD, CLAPHAM JUNCTION, S.W.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY!!!

IRELAND'S AURORA
OR
HERBAL OINTMENT,
REGISTERED.

This Preparation is the best ever offered to the public. It cures Eczema, Erysipelas, King's Evil, and all Diseases of the Skin, without the use of poisons, or any noxious substance. Old Wounds and Sores can be healed in a very short time by using IRELAND'S HERBAL OINTMENT. For Burns, Scalds, Bruises, Cuts, Contusions, or unsightly Blotches on the Skin, it is invaluable, as it leaves the skin smooth and in its normal condition. *See Medical Testimonials.*

Wholesale Depot:—27, DERWENT GROVE, EAST DULWICH, S.E.]
London Agents:—BARCLAY & SONS, FARRINGDON STREET.

Sold by Chemists in Bottles, 1/1½, 2/9, 4/6, and 11/-.

None Genuine unless bearing the Signature of the
Proprietress, "ELIZABETH IRELAND."