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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 115.)

NEXT after the particulars respecting the two principal Scottish Lodges, we have brief notices of the other more important Lodges on the roll of Scotland, the first in order being Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, of whose establishment in Edinburgh by Mother Kilwinning we have already given some account. The charter, which is rightly designated by Bro. Gould as "the premier Scottish Warrant of Constitution," reads thus: "At the ludge of Kilwinning, the twentie day of december 1677 yeares, deacons and wardanes and the rest of the brethren, considering the love and favour showne to us be the rest of the brethren of the cannigate of Edinbrough, ane part of our number being willing to be boked and inroled the 9ch day, gives power and liberty to them to enter, receave, and pass ony qualified persons that they think fitt, in name and behalf of the ludge of Killwinning, and to pay their entry and booking moneys due to the sd ludge, as we do our selves, they sending on of ther number to us yearly, and we to do the lyke to them if need be. The 9lk day ther names are insert into this book." This document was signed by twelve brethren, and is "entered *verbatim* in the books of the mother lodge, the original warrant being now lost." The lodge was "reorganised in 1735 by *speculative* Freemasons," when "the members worked the third degree," and the date of its creation on the 20th December 1677 is acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The next Lodge is the Scoon and Perth, No. 3, which is recognised by Grand Lodge as having "existed *before* 1658." Its charter, dated December 24, 1658, we are told, "combines the 'Old Charges' with items of local interest, and also recites the 'Kilwinning' legends. The conclusion is given in full by Bro. Gould: "And Lastlie, wee, and all of ws off ane mynd, consent, and assent, doe bind and obleidge ws and our successoris, to mantayne and wphold the haill liberties and previledges of the said Lodge of Scoon, as ane frie Lodge, for entering and passing within ourselves, as the bodie thereof, residing within the burgh of Perth as sd is: And that soe long as the Sun riseth in the East and setteth in the West, as we wold wish the blessing of God to attend ws in all our wayes and actiones." On the strength of a statement in the same record to the effect that according to the "knowledge of our predecessoris ther cam one from the North countrie, named Johne Mylne, ane measoner or man weill experted in his calling, who entered himself both frieman and burges of this brugh." Bro. Gould gives the following particulars of the Mylne family, which during five successive generations maintained a connection with the Lodge of Edinburgh. It seems the third John Milne was called to Edinburgh in 1616 to undertake the erection of the King's statue, and "on the death of William Wallace in 1631, Milne was appointed *master mason* to Charles I., which office he resigned in 1636 in favour of his eldest son, 'Johne Mylne, younger,' who, in 1633, was made a fellow craft in the Lodge of Edinburgh, became 'deacon of the Lodge and warden' in 1636, and served in the former office for many years, having been re-elected ten times

during twenty-seven years. This same Mylne was at the Masonic meeting at Newcastle in 1641, and his brother Alexander was 'passed' June 2, 1635, in the presence of his 'brother' Lord Alexander, Sir Anthony Alexander, and Sir Alexander Strachan. Robert was apprenticed to his uncle John in Lodge No. 1, December 27, 1653, and was elected warden in 1663, also deacon in 1681, taking a leading part in masonic business until 1707. Robert Mylne appears to have succeeded his uncle as master mason to Charles I., being so designated in an agreement with the Perth authorities for the re-building of the cross which had been removed from High Street, through the possession of the city by Cromwell. William, his eldest son, was received into the Lodge of Edinburgh, December 27, 1681, and was warden several times from 1695, dying in 1728. Thomas Mylne, eldest son of the latter, 'was entered and admitted as apprentice, December 27, 1721; chosen Eldest Prentice December 27, 1722; admitted and received fellow-craft December 27, 1729; and chosen 'master of the society,' December 27, 1735.' Noticing the connection of this worthy with the Lodge of Edinburgh, Lyon points out the remarkable fact 'of his having been *entered* in what may emphatically be termed the transition period of its existence, of his having been *advanced* during the masonic twilight which preceded the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—and of his having maintained a connection with the lodge until every vestige of its operative character had disappeared. Robert and William Mylne (sons of Thomas Mylne) were also members of the lodge, and on the death of the former in 1811 (who was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral, having been surveyor of that edifice for fifty years), this family's connection with the Lodge of Edinburgh was terminated." Bro. Gould believes this Scoon and Perth Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1642, when its date "before 1658" was recognised.

We next come to the Lodge of "Glasgow St. John," to which in 1850 the Grand Lodge of Scotland accorded place on the roll as "No. 3 *bis*." For this Lodge a very remarkable antiquity has been claimed by some on the ground that the word "fraternity," used in the so-called "charter," means the lodge, while Bro. Gould reasonably enough contends that it is intended manifestly "to describe a religious fraternity which had been formed to promote the renovation or restoration of the cathedral. The inference that the charter referred to a masonic lodge appears to me wholly unwarranted by the context." However, a "Seal of Cause" was required in 1600 for the purpose of separating the Wrights from the Masons as an Incorporation, and from Bro. Buchan, as quoted by the author, we gather that the first notice in the minutes of the "Glasgow Incorporation of Masons" bears date the 22nd September 1620, and is to the following effect: "Entry of Apprentices to the Lodge of Glasgow, the last day of December 1613 years, compeared John Stewart, Deacon of Masons, and signified to David Slater, Warden of the Lodge of Glasgow and to the remenant brethren of that Lodge, that he was to enter John Stewart, his apprentice, in the said Lodge. Lykas upon the morn, being the first day of January 1614 years, the said warden and brethren of the said Lodge entered the said John Stewart, younger, apprentice to the said John Stewart, elder, conform to the acts and liberty of the

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lodge." Again, James Ritchie was accused of feeling a cowan, and in the record of the Incorporation, May 1, 1622, it is stated in his favour that 'he was entered with a Lodge, and had a discharge of a master in Paisley.'" Thus argues Bro. Gould, though "no old records of the lodge have as yet been discovered," still "the foregoing proves its existence early in the seventeenth century, and as we know the Incorporation has continued to exist, from its separate constitution in 1600 to the present time, I think there need be no doubt thrown upon the continuity of the lodge during the period covered from 1613 to the commencement of its existing minutes. That it was represented on the occasion of the second 'St. Clair Charter,' is unquestionable, for it was described as 'The Lodge of Glasgow, John Boyd, deakin; Robt. Boyd, one of the Mestres.'" Bro. Gould adds the following as being likewise of interest: "The membership of the 'Lodge of Glasgow,' unlike that of other pre-eighteenth century lodges, was exclusively operative, and 'although doubtless giving the Masonword to entered apprentices, none were recognised as members till they had joined the Incorporation, which was composed of Mason burgesses. The erection of 'St. Mungo's' in 1729 was the result of an unsuccessful attempt to introduce non-operatives into the St. John's Lodge, Glasgow, an object which was not attained until about the year 1842.

The "Canongate and Leith, Leith and Canongate" Lodge, No. 5, in its charter of confirmation of the 8th of February 1738, was recognised as a descendant "from the mason lodge of Mary's Chapel in Edinburgh," and had its precedence allowed from 29th May 1688, "in respect its book was produced which contains a minute of that date, and which was openly read in presence of the Grand Lodge." It was formed by seceders from the parent Lodge, who were masons in Leith and the Canongate, and hence its title. It was mainly a speculative lodge, only eighteen of the fifty-two names enrolled on 30th November 1736 being those of operative masons. Nos. 6 and 7 on the roll of Grand Lodge date from 1678 and 1695 respectively. The "Lodge of Journeymen," Edinburgh, No. 8, is officially entitled to precedence from 1709, and had its origin in a secession of journeymen from No. 1, who separated from the parent Lodge in consequence of the overbearing treatment shown them by the Master of both Lodge and Incorporation, which, with the introduction of the speculative element into the former body kept the journeymen Masons in a subordinate position. The separation was warmly opposed by No. 1, which, with the Incorporation, went even to the extent of having two of the malcontent brethren apprehended and the books of the seceding society seized. But the journeymen stubbornly held to their purpose, and their Lodge remains to this day an evidence of the gallant struggle they maintained. The "Lodge of Dunblane," No. 9, has precedence accorded to it only from 1709, but its minutes begin from January 1696. This Lodge appears to have been strongly Jacobite in its political bias, though other Lodges showed an equally strong partisanship for the House of Hanover. John Cameron of Lochiel, who was a member in 1696, served with the Earl of Mar in 1715. He married Isabel Campbell, "sister of Sir Duncan Campbell, one of the four initiates of Dr. Desaguliers in 1721 at Edinburgh," and his eldest son, Donald, was one of the most influential supporters of Prince Charles Edward, being the first to obtain possession of Edinburgh on its investment by the Highlanders in 1745. Lord Strathalane, Master in 1696, and Lord John Drummond, brother of the Duke of Perth, who was initiated 13th March 1740 and was Master 1743-5, with other leading members of the lodge, were also prominent actors in the stirring events of 1715 and 1745. As to the minutes of the 28th January 1696, which are the first in order of time, and the business transacted, which "partook of the nature of a Masonic 'court' (as it was termed) and was certainly of a representative character," Bro. Gould tells us that "the meeting was called 'The Lodge of Meassones in Dunblane,' Lord Strathalane (second viscount) being entitled 'master meassone;' Alexander Drummond of Balhadie, warden, an 'eldest fellow of craft' was also appointed; and a 'deput' (deputy), a clerk, a treasurer, an officer, and a 'Pror. Fiscall.' These constituted the court, with other members also named. Each workman on his 'entry' was required to pay £6, and half that sum on his 'passing,' in addition to the ordinary dues. It was likewise agreed that no one present, or any one who had subsequently joined, should divulge any of the acts passed

by the Court to any person whatsoever who was not a member of the lodge, save the two rules as to entry and passing, 'under the breach of breaking of their oath.'" He further notes, in connection with laws passed on this and subsequent occasions, that "commissions were issued by 'Daublane' to authorise the entry elsewhere than in the lodge, 'of gentlemen or other persons of entire credit or reputation living at a distance from the town,' provided that the holders thereof obtain the co-operation 'of such members of this lodge as can be conveniently got, or, in case of necessity, to borrow from another lodge as many as shall make a quorum.'" He further notes: "Dunblane, the twenty-seventh day of 1720 years. Sederunt. Robert Duthy, deacon; Wm. Wright, warden; Wm. Muschet, eldest fellow of Craft Compeared John Gillespie, writer in Dunblane, who was entered on the 24 instant, and after examination was duly passed from the Square to the Compass; and from an Entered Prentice to a Fellow of Craft of this Lodge, who present as said, is bound, obliged, and enacted himself to stand by, obey, and obtemper, and subject himself unto the heall acts and ordinances of this Lodge and Company." Attention is likewise drawn to an entry on the 27th December 1729, two apprentices, of whom one was a merchant in Dunblane, having applied, from the Lodge of Kilwinning, "to be 'entered' as apprentices in the Lodge, and then 'passed' as fellow-crafts," when "James Muschet was instructed to examine them as to their qualifications and knowledge, and having reported to the lodge that they had a competent knowledge of the secrets of the Mason word, their petitions were duly attended to." With reference to the words in italics, Bro. Gould remarks "That the esoteric ceremony or ceremonies consisted of secrets is testified by the records of two lodges—Dunblane and Haughfoot—which are more explicit than those of Nos. 1 and 8. The Lodge of Dunblane did not join the Grand Lodge until 1760-61, therefore its proceedings are the more valuable, because they were uninfluenced by modern organisations."

After briefly noticing "Torpichen Kilwinning" Lodge, Bathgate, No. 13, Bro. Gould passes on to "Peebles Kilwinning," No. 24, and cites it as an example of an old lodge with a modern date, the lodge, "though at work in 1716," ranking only from 1736. Respecting this, we are told that "the lodge, from 1716 to the end of last century, regularly observed the custom of holding an annual trial of the apprentices and fellow crafts. In 1726 an inventory of its property was made in the minute book, consisting of 'Ane Bible, the Constitutions of the hail Lodges in London, the Square, and a piece of small tow.' Next year the entry reads, 'Square, tow, and compass.' Some of the marks registered by its members are of an exceptional character, that of a captain of the King's Foot Guards being 'a V-shaped shield, bearing on each half a small cross, the whole being surmounted by a cross of a larger size.' Amongst other varieties are a slater's hammer and a leather cutter's knife; whilst later on (1745), the mark 'taken out' by a wigmaker was 'a human head with a wig and an ample beard.' At the opening ceremony, the members engaged in prayer, and the brethren were sworn to refrain from undue partiality in the consideration of the business, which, Lyon tells us, was called 'Fencing the Lodge,' and was so observed at Peebles for very many years."

The next Lodge we come to is that of Aberdeen, No. 34, but as Bro. Gould begins his sketch of it by remarking that "the eventful history" of this ancient lodge "deserves a volume to itself," and as his notice is of a length commensurate with its deservings, it will be as well, perhaps, that we should reserve our *résumé* for the next paper.

(To be continued.)

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 1st March 1884:—

25th February—Westbourne Lodge Ball, Old King's Arms Lodge, Royal Somerset House Lodge Installation; 26th February—Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Tuscan Lodge Ball, Royal York Chapter, St. James's Union Chapter, Industry Lodge, Royal Savoy Lodge; 27th February—Dramatic Ball, Lodge of Antiquity, Smeatonian Society, Evening Star Lodge; 28th February—Linen and Woollen Drapers' Benevolent Institution, Grenadiers Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, Girls' School Club; 29th February—Magpie Rowing Club Ball; 1st March—St. James's Soirée, Phoenix Chapter.

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THE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A very special engagement will prevent my being present at next Grand Lodge. This will not, however, matter much to any one, not even to myself, as I should not have voted on the question which will claim special attention on that occasion, namely, the election of Grand Treasurer. But as I took a humble, but decided part in that election last year, I desire, with your permission, to say a few words on "the situation" now presented to us in reference to this question. Let me say at the outset that for both Brothers Allcroft and Marshall I have the greatest respect, as good Masons and good men, with hearts and purses ever ready to help in time of need; but I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that there are other brethren who have an equal claim to our regard, and in my humble opinion a stronger claim to the appointment of Grand Treasurer of England. A stronger claim than Brother Allcroft, because he has had his turn, and obtained his purple (and most willing he was to have laid down his office at the end of the year); than Bro. Marshall, because many eminent Masons have been not only contributing to the Charities for years (according to their ability) but working hard in Masonry, not merely for six, but for sixteen, twenty-six, or thirty-six years.

Now, the principle that was asserted and acted upon last year, of electing a new Grand Treasurer each year is so just, so reasonable, and so fair, that nothing can imperil its maintenance, except the abuse of it, by blind partiality, violent party spirit, or plutocratic auctioneering. And here let me add, that in saying this I do not for a moment allude to Brother Marshall, whose noble and munificent gifts to our Masonic Charities were dealt out with the purest motives and *must* have been bestowed without the remotest reference to any honour, such as the one now in question. For you will remember this appointment was not then within a measurable distance of any one except the worthy brother who held it, and who would, and ought, to have held it still if Grand Lodge did not unmistakably adopt the principle of a *real*—not formal—annual election. Now, it is one thing to assert a good principle and another to apply it well. If Grand Lodge has only one opportunity in twelve months of honouring one Mason, and this in such a numerous and rapidly increasing body as our own, it is clear that such a selection should be made as would bear the strictest scrutiny—not only in reference to high character and liberality, but also to Masonic service and length of standing in the Order.

Now, there is no doubt that there are dozens of excellent Masons who could fulfil *all* these conditions, and who would esteem it a high compliment to be thus recognised after a long and honourable Masonic career before they passed away from amongst us. And even if two or more such men were proposed as Grand Treasurer and went on to election, surely this generous rivalry would be healthier far than the peaceful, but pompous, policy which selfishly sanctifies stagnation and raises a single fortunate Mason to a dignity for life, leaving to our children, or our children's children, about every quarter of a century, the very rare honour of conferring this single reward of merit on some very distinguished and fortunate brother, who is now in petticoats, but may be living at that time!

Again, it has been asserted by some opponents of the new principle, that there is in some dark corner a terrible conspiracy to propose and elect some *paid* Officers of the Craft. I know not how it could have entered into the brain of any sane man to conclude that our Order would in this way set at naught one of the most obvious canons of every well constituted society under the sun, unless it be on the supposition that when a man is driven to the wall for argument he will knock his head against it, if only for the purpose of shaking out some new idea.

As to the *social status* of a Grand Treasurer, the less said the better on this delicate subject. But I may say, that in our country and times, and in all professions, we see men—and a glorious sight it is—rising from the ranks to eminent positions. In the army the private and the corporal, of a few years since, are to be found at the officers' mess; a barber's son sat upon the woollen; an archbishop is the son of a village draper, and a vendor of newspapers has presided over the Navy of England. If this principle of promotion holds good in other societies of men, how much more in Masonry—for Masonry, like the Great Architect, professes to be no "respector of persons." The only rank it recognises is that represented by its Degrees and its Officers: it holds with the old poet—

"An honest man's the noblest work of God."

and that even

"Money's but the guinea stamp,
The man's the man for a' that."

There is one other point on which I would say a word. It is this—the R.W. Pro Grand Master at last Grand Lodge ruled that, under the new Constitutions (supposed to be confirmed two minutes before), that night and that Grand Lodge were the time and place for the nomination of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. This took many of us, even official members of Grand Lodge, by surprise, and prevented other nominations being made, one of which would probably have claimed and received the unanimous suffrages of the brethren, and so avoided this present crisis.

Now, I venture, with all due respect to the Pro Grand Master, on

the ground both of equity and law, to question the validity of this ruling.

1. Surely it is not equitable to consider the Craft bound by Constitutions which have never yet been printed, published, or promulgated amongst the Lodges, much less the Masons of England, and which are only very vaguely known to the few brethren who assembled at the Special Grand Lodges.

2. Had the Constitutions, as passed at these Grand Lodges, been confirmed *en bloc* at last Grand Lodge, they would have become, then and there (however unreasonable and unjust on the ground already named) Masonic Law; but there were several changes made, and therefore I humbly contend that they are not yet the law of Masonry, and will not become so till confirmed, and that without alteration at next Grand Lodge, for even on that day it is open to any Brother to move the non-confirmation of any portion of the Constitutions, and thus still further postpone their completion as a code binding upon the Order.

Before I conclude, permit me as an old Mason to convey a humble warning in regard to future elections to the office we are discussing. Let us not make the possession, or even the liberal expenditure of money for Masonic Charity, the qualification for the office of Grand Treasurer, even though the title is suggestive of gold, otherwise we may become more notorious than famous as worshippers of the Golden Image, as having joined that ancient Craft at Thyatira where "sellers of purple" plied their trade, or having allied ourselves to the silversmiths of Ephesus who, finding "the Craft in danger," sought to retain their gains and power by selfish "uproar." Let Masonry in this, as in other respects, be like *Cæsar's wife*, "without reproach."

We have many opportunities of "uniting in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness," but in matters of public duty let us not study to please ourselves or gratify our personal feelings, but rather endeavour to promote the welfare and maintain the dignity of our Order.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON,

P.M. and P.G. Chaplain.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—So the Delphic utterance has been reserved for the eve of the meeting of Grand Lodge, and it is, of course, expected that the knee must bow to Baal.

"I am Sir Oracle, and when I ope my mouth let no dog bark."

My reference is, of course, to the virulent diatribe—directed against all those who have the presumption to differ from the writer—which appears over the signature of a not unknown brother in the columns of your contemporary, of Saturday last. And what protest, may I ask, is sufficiently strong against the use of such language as that of the fourth paragraph of the letter under review? To whom does this master of innuendo—willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike—refer as the "five or six brethren, the prime movers in the proposed change?" It is all very well in one recognised as tolerably well skilled in the method "to prove the worse the better part" to shelter himself under cover of "I am informed," "if rumour tells the truth," &c., but why withhold the names? In making charges so serious as that of "putting up an honourable office to the highest bidder," "financing the present scheme," &c. something beyond hearsay, testimony is necessary; and on behalf of a large body of brethren as honest and as "representative" as that comprising the signatories in opposition to Brother Marshall, I challenge the author of these calumnies to produce his proofs.

As to Grand Lodge being "saddled with a new Grand Treasurer every year," why not equally object to annually appointed Wardens, Deacons, &c.? Here we have absurdity "saddled" on vituperation! But it is wearisome to pursue this mixture of abuse and assumption of purity through its length. Surely there will be found, on the 5th proximo, a sufficient number of intelligent brethren upon whom all this "wordy dust" will fall innocuously, who will have the manliness to resist this last attempt at "dictation" from one who has all the will though, let us hope, not the ability to "bestride this narrow world of ours like a Colossus."

It is because "this is not a question of individuals, but of principle," that those who have the interest of the Order at heart, and who are desirous that its honour should be legitimately extended as widely as possible, are supporting the "principle" of an election of a new Grand Treasurer yearly. Grand Lodge has already accepted the "principle." Is it prepared to stultify itself at the bidding of a certain number of brethren who think themselves, and those whom they favour with their approval, as the only qualified recipients of rank and office? I trow not. One word as to the question of "pledge." If such pledge as that referred to were given, any honourable man would regard it as a binding compact. If no pledge were given there is an end of it. It is not because "I" hold it to be wrong to exact such a pledge that to do so is wrong, but here again we have the old style, "I am assured no such pledge was given." In reply, I say, it is known such pledge was given.

If the members of Grand Lodge will only consider from a broad point of view the importance of the issue to be determined on Wednesday next, there ought not to be the slightest doubt as to the result.

"Timeo Daneos et dona ferentis." Had the warning contained in these words been attended to by those who should have guarded the Citadel, "Fuit Illium" would never have been written. Let those who value their rights and privileges in Grand Lodge be careful to maintain them, and not risk their loss by too readily accepting what seems offered in specious guise as the advice of a friend, but which, if acted upon, will prove to be the agent of destruction.

Fraternally yours,

AMICUS CURIAE.

THE PHILADELPHIA MOTHER QUESTION ONCE MORE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Philadelphia assumption was started by Bro. MacCalla in 1874, and the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735 was unfortunately discovered by Bro. Hughan in 1875. I opposed the Philadelphia assumption from the very start, and I have repeatedly stated that the 1735 Dublin Pocket Companion was but one of the thousands of the Masonic blunders which are so plentifully diffused in our so-called "Masonic literature." Well, after a long fight of about nine years, I at last convince Bro. Hughan that Lodge No. 79 of 1730 or 1731 used to meet at the "Castle in Highgate." But, says Bro. H., another No. 79 was previously sent to Philadelphia, which Lodge must have appeared on a Lodge list, from which list the Dublin reprinter of the Pocket Companion of 1735 copied the No. 79 Philadelphia Lodge. And at the close, or nearly the close of his letter (F.C. 5th Jan.) Bro. Hughan says, "This is my last on the subject until more evidence is procurable." This winding up is tantamount to saying, "You must believe the moon is made of green cheese, until more evidence is procurable." But, my dear Bro. Hughan, however highly I think of you, I will not let you off so easily. I want you at least to confess, fairly and squarely, that neither the evidence furnished by the editor of the Philadelphia *Keystone*, nor the evidence derived from the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735 is sufficient to prove the legality of the Philadelphia Masonry of 1732. When my most esteemed Bro. Hughan has frankly confessed as above, then he may wait as long as he pleases for his expected new evidence.

In the private letter enclosed with the paper mailed last Tuesday, I stated that the article was written in haste, and as I am anxious to convince my good Bro. Hughan that he is still in error, I must, therefore, beg sufficient space in your paper for submitting two more suggestions.

First. Bro. William Reid was appointed G. Sec. 27th December 1727, and remained in the office until 30th March 1734. Bro. Reid must, therefore, have written the Charter for the Castle in Highgate Lodge, No. 79. The same Bro. Reid must have sent orders in 1731 to all the Masters of Lodges to send him in lists of the names of the members of their respective Lodges, which lists he inscribed in the record I saw in Freemasons' Hall. The same Bro. Reid must have informed Dr. Rawlinson in 1733 that Lodge No. 79 was erased from the Register, and Dr. Rawlinson, therefore, left No. 79 on his list vacant. Now, if the same Bro. Reid had sent another Lodge charter, No. 79, to Philadelphia, just previous to the charter he wrote for the Castle in Highgate, No. 79, and if the Philadelphia No. 79 had already appeared on a Lodge list—say before 1733 (as Bro. Hughan assumes)—from which Lodge list the Dublin reprinter of Smith's Lodge list in 1735 copied "The Hoop, Water-street, Philadelphia," as a No. 79 Lodge; surely, such a Lodge list must have been known to Bro. Reid. And here comes the question. Why did not Bro. Reid tell Dr. Rawlinson in 1733 to follow the example of the (supposed) previous Lodge list compiler, and place the Philadelphia Lodge, No. 79, where the extinct "Castle in Highgate," No. 79, used to be?

And, Second. If the Philadelphia Lodge and Grand Lodge had been legally constituted in 1732, or before, either by a charter and deputation sent direct from England, or derived from Daniel Coxe's Deputation of 1730. Does Bro. Hughan really believe, if such had been the case, that Benjamin Franklin would have contented himself with playing second fiddle to Price in 1734, and to Oxnard in 1749?

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 25th January 1884.

HISTORICAL CHAIRS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Will you kindly enable me to ask, through the columns of your journal, for descriptive particulars, with engravings, drawings, or photographs of celebrated chairs in family residences of the nobility and gentry; with information also of notable chairs in cathedrals, churches, colleges, town halls, in Freemasons' Lodges, and public institutions at home and abroad. I am preparing an illustrated account of historical chairs from available literary sources, but knowing that there are many interesting ones which have escaped my search, as well as some others in private possession but little known, and wishing to make the proposed work as copious as possible, I thus beg your esteemed assistance on that behalf, with my best thanks for such valuable favour.

Letters to be addressed to

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34 East-street, Red Lion-square, London, W.C.

[We readily insert our correspondent's letter, in the hope that some of our readers may find leisure to supply particulars that may assist Bro. Strutt in the undertaking he has embarked in.—ED. F.C.]

DEACONS INVENTED IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not refer to Church Deacons, nor to the Deacons of the Scotch Operative Lodges, but I mean the officers known in our Lodges as "Senior and Junior Deacons." Some years ago, I was surprised to learn from one of Dr. Oliver's books that the office of Deacon in Lodges was not an ancient landmark, and also that Deacons were first introduced by the *Ancients*, from whom the

Moderns subsequently borrowed the custom. As soon as I had an opportunity, I examined all the Constitutions of the *Moderns* of the last century, and found no provision made in either of them for the office of Deacon. Bro. Woodford, in "Kenning's Cyclopaedia" says, "The Grand Lodge of England had no Deacons before the Union in 1813, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland were without Deacons till 1836," and I thought that for once at least Dr. Oliver was right in ascribing the origin of Deacons to the *Ancients*. I am now, however, inclined to believe that the Grand Lodge of Ireland originated the office of Deacon. The Irish Constitution of 1730 makes no mention of Deacons, but in the fourth section of "The Charges of a Freemason," in the 1773 Irish Constitutions, reprinted by Bro. Spencer in 1871, page 31, I found the following *improvement* upon Anderson's 1723 "Charges," viz., "No brother can be Master, Warden, or Deacon of a Lodge," &c. Hence, the first Masonic Deacon must have been an *Irishman*, and as Dermott was also an *Irishman*, we can readily account for the adoption of Deacons by the *Ancients*.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

ROYAL ARCH.

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WINDSOR CASTLE CHAPTER, No. 771.

A REGULAR convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Thursday, the 21st February. Ex. Comp. G. H. Powell P.P.G.N., in the absence of Ex. Comp. W. O. Cox P.P.G.D.C. (Mayor of Maidenhead) presided as M.E.Z., and was supported by Ex. Comps. R. G. Burton P.P.G. Sword Bearer H., L. Bryett P.G. Standard Bearer J., R. Roberts P.P.G.P.S. I.P.Z., W. S. Cantrell P.P.S.B. P.Z. acting Scribe E., G. W. Dixon P.G.N. P.Z. acting Scribe N., James Stevens P.Z., H. H. Hodges P.P.G.R. P.Z., and Companions J. Ashby P.S., R. Nicholson 1st Asst. S., C. W. Seymour 2nd Asst. S., A. H. Kennedy Steward, W. Morris M.C., J. Rutland Org. There were also present Companions the Rev. H. F. Oliver, W. H. Harrison, A. Turner, T. Page, H. J. Stollery, J. Goddard, H. D. Marshall, and others. The Visitors were Excellent Companions N. B. Headon M.E.Z. 145, and L. Poulter M.E.Z. 591, and C. Nowell P.P.G.J. Janitor. The Chapter having been opened by Principals and Past Principals present, the Companions below the chairs were admitted, and the minutes of the previous convocation were confirmed. Bros. R. W. Mann, of the Herschel Lodge 1894, and F. W. Plant Martin of the Trinity College Lodge 1765, being in attendance, were balloted for, and on approval duly exalted into the Supreme Degree in most efficient style; the ceremony being accompanied with appropriate music. The addresses from the chairs of Z., H., and J. respectively, were admirably given by their several occupants. Propositions of candidates for exaltation at next convocation were received. Companion James Stevens, senior P.Z., offered to represent the Chapter as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School, and in the course of the evening was promised support by several Companions. Chapter was then closed with solemn prayer, and subsequently the Companions dined together at the Castle Hotel. Companion Powell being unfortunately prevented by the state of his health from presiding, Companion Roberts most ably supplied his place at table. After dinner short speeches and harmony prevailed. Amongst the special toasts were those of the M.E.Z. (in his absence) and his locum tenens in Chapter, for both of whom Companion Roberts returned thanks; the Exaltees, to which the newly-exalted Companions R. W. Mann and Plant Martin spoke with much earnestness, and an evident feeling of gratification with their introduction into Royal Arch Masonry, and the Visiting Companions, for whom Companion Headon responded, expressing the great pleasure his visit had afforded him. He said he had been frequently invited, but hitherto circumstances had prevented his attendance. The good repute of the Chapter, and the fame of the splendour of the Temple, wherein its ceremonies were performed, had often reached him, and at last he had been able to assure himself that neither had been exaggerated. Having broken the ice, the Companions might be assured he would now plunge into the pleasant depths before him, and undoubtedly accept all future opportunities for witnessing a repetition of the admirable exposition of the beautiful ritual of the Royal Arch he had that evening been permitted to attend. Companion Headon's kindly remarks were received with much satisfaction. With the toast of the Past First Principals the name of Companion James Stevens (senior P.Z.) was coupled, with expressions of hearty congratulation on his recovery from his late severe accident. Special reference was made to each of the Companions who had occupied the chair of M.E.Z., and particularly those who had so materially assisted in the resuscitation of the Chapter in 1872, and its progress since that date. Companion Stevens, in returning thanks for his colleagues and himself, congratulated the members generally on the proud position of the Chapter, which was quite as much due to the individual interest evinced by them as to any labours of himself and other P.Z.'s in the past. He trusted the present prosperity would continue, and that for many years yet he might be spared to witness its progress. No better or more acceptable recognition of Past Principals could be given there or in any other Chapter than an earnest desire "all round" to uphold the principles of the Order, and make the work of the Chapter satisfactory in every respect. A pleasant evening having been spent in thorough harmony, the Companions separated at the usual closing hour, as it struck from the Old Curfew Tower of the Royal Castle.

CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 804.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 19th ultimo, when there were present Comps. Francis Z., Dart H., Elverston J., Arlidge P.S., H. M. Green 1st A.S., Street 2nd

A.S., Purnell Jan., Harrison, T. D. Atken, P. H. Emanuel, G. Attrell, Trigg, and Pine. Visitors—Companions P. J. Turney, J. Willmott, T. Weite, P. Arnold, C. Travess, G. R. Strick, and others. The very impressive ceremony of installation of the three Principals, Companions Dart, Elverston, and Street, was performed by Companion Turney, after which the following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Companions Askew P.S., Arlidge S.E., J. W. Hillman Treasurer, Price N., P. H. Emanuel 1st Asst. S., Hill 2nd Asst. S., and Comp. Blackmore Janitor. Several brethren were proposed for exaltation, and after the Chapter was closed the Companions adjourned to a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel.

Panmure Chapter of Improvement.—The usual weekly meeting of this Chapter of Improvement was held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday evening, 22nd Feb. with Comp T. Poore as Preceptor, J. S. Terry Z., G. Allen H., B. Fulwood J., J. W. Watts P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rendered in a most impressive manner and reflected great credit on the Preceptor as well as the Companions for the care each had taken to render the whole effective. There was a good attendance of Companions, and Comp. Neville of the Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216, was elected a member. It is pleasing to add that this Chapter is steadily growing in members and importance, proving how much it is appreciated for the facilities it gives to all R.A. Masons in the South of London to perfect themselves in the ritual, to take office in this supreme degree, and they are cordially invited to attend its meetings, which are held every Friday evening, at half past 7, when the ceremony of exaltation is always rehearsed. In addition it is proposed by the Preceptor shortly to work some of the sections of this degree, which, since the days of Dr. Ladd and Comp. Boyd, are rarely heard, and cannot fail to be of great interest, even to many advanced Royal Arch Masons. If any of the Companions having the knowledge are willing to assist Comp. Poore in the work, they will confer a favour by communicating with the Scribe E., Comp. J. S. Terry, 22 Bramah Road, Brixton. The Chapter was closed in due and ancient form, and adjourned to Friday evening 29th February.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Tuesday last, at the Freemasons' Tavern. In consequence of the illness of Brother J. Derby Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, who it had been arranged should be the President of the evening, the chair was taken by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes. Amongst those who attended we may mention Bros. T. H. Devonshire G.J.D., Colonel Shadwell Clerke G. Secretary, Col. Peters G.S.B., Edgar Bowyer G. Standard Bearer, H. G. Bass Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Stephens Assistant G. Pursuivant, R. C. Else P.G.D. D.P.G.M. Somerset, Sir C. T. Bright P.D.P.G.M. Middlesex, Horace Brooks Marshall, Lt.-Col. Haldane P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Bond P.P.G.W. Somerset, H. R. Cooper Smith, M.A., Past Prov. G.S.W. Oxon, W. Clarke P.G.P., R. Percy Middlemist. Dr. H. J. Strong, E. Letchworth, Rymer, J. R. Boor, W. Harrop, Hugh E. Diamond, R. J. Emmerson, R. V. Vassar-Smith, G. P. Brockbank, C. S. Lane, D. P. Cama, Lionel Monckton, G. Kenning, Thos. Cubitt P.G.P., F. Binckes Secretary R.M.I. Boys, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary R.M.I. Girls.

The Institution was founded at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, held on the 2nd March 1842 (during the Grand Mastership of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex), when the sum of £400 a year was voted towards its object—the granting Annuities to aged or distressed Freemasons. The first election took place in May of the following year, when fifteen brethren were chosen to receive annuities, varying, according to age, from ten to thirty pounds annually. The Institution enlarged its sphere of usefulness by establishing, in 1849, a Fund for the Widows of Freemasons. In the same year it effected amalgamation with the Asylum for Aged Freemasons at Croydon, and by this means afforded a home for thirty-three inmates. Since the formation of the Institution 617 brethren and 351 Widows of Freemasons have been elected annuitants. At the last election 165 brethren were in receipt of £6,720; 170 Widows, £5,440; and 22 Widows — at half their deceased husband's annuities—£440, or, in round numbers, brethren and the widows of brethren derived £12,600 for the year from the sympathies and exertions of the Craft. At the next election there will be 38 male candidates, from which list 14 vacancies are to be supplied, and 82 female candidates with 18 vacancies.

Having placed these few facts before our readers, we will now proceed with our report of the proceedings after the banquet, which we may state was served in a very creditable manner by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), under the superintendence of Bro. Edward Dawkins.

On rising to propose the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Sir John Monckton said, Loyalty and charity were the watchwords of English Freemasons; they were met to give effect to the sentiments conveyed by these simple but eloquent words.

After the National Anthem, the Chairman called on the brethren to give expression to their loyalty to the head—the Royal chief of their Craft—one who had done more for English Freemasonry in its truest and best sense than any living man. He called on them to drink the health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Patron of the Institution; Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family."

In proposing the health of the Most Wor. Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Sir John said he could not forget, nor could they fail to remember, the services rendered by that most

estimable nobleman. None who had the privilege of sitting in Grand Lodge could fail to bear in mind the manner in which the proceedings of Grand Lodge were conducted by the Pro Grand Master.

In speaking of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, the Chairman remarked of those who had been placed over them by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, no one was more esteemed and appreciated than Lord Lathom. A more courteous, a more popular, a more true exponent of all belonging to Freemasonry was not to be found in this country. For the other Grand Officers, among whom he personally had for many years been enrolled, he must not say much, but he was sure that those present would accord a cordial reception to the toast.

Bro. Devonshire, Grand Deacon, was sorry that on that occasion there was not some senior Grand Officer present who could respond for the toast; he was told it was his duty to do it, and he had very great pleasure in complying. He was very sure that all the Grand Officers, past as well as present, were delighted to see or hear of such a gathering as this. It was part of the greatness of their Order to see the outcome of other folks' work reproduced at such meetings as the present. It was not only among themselves that these things did good, but such gatherings as these proved something very important to the outer world. These were facts desirable to be known by those who were not Masons, and showed the work of Freemasonry was a good thing. On the part of the Present and Past Grand Officers he begged leave to thank the company most heartily for the way in which they had received the toast.

The Chairman on again rising said: Brethren, before I approach that which the toastmaster has told you, and told you truly, is the toast of the evening, the main object of our coming together, I will disburden my mind of that which has been upon it for the last four and twenty hours. I had desired, like yourselves, to be present at the Chairmanship of one who has looked forward to it with great hopefulness. I do not know any one who would have filled the position with greater geniality. Bro. Allcroft is now upon a bed, not of sickness I am glad to say, but of physical inability. However, I may state that until the very last moment came he so clung to the possibility of being present that it was not until within the last four and twenty hours he began to think of a substitute. I, brethren, am that very unworthy substitute, and in Bro. Allcroft's name, as well as in my own, I ask you to give a cordial reception to the toast now before you—Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. I do not know that either of the other Institutions can appear more interesting than this; can appeal to our feelings more thoroughly than that which we affectionately call the Poor Old Folks'. It is the youngest of the Institutions, but it is one which requires as much loving care as either. Bro. Terry has placed in my hands a number of figures and details which I do not propose to read to you in full. It is sufficient to say that for forty-two years now the Old Men's Institution has existed, and some six or eight years later that for the widows of Freemasons, the Old Ladies, was started to run concurrently with it. I need not say that there are a very large number who cannot possibly receive the benefits of such an Institution as this, but it is a peculiar coincidence—or rather it is a matter of interest—that those who have received the benefits, added to the number to be elected at the next election, will amount to the exact number of one thousand. That is to say, those Freemasons who have been unfortunate, and the widows of those who are dead, to that number, have been made easy and happy for the rest of their lives from the moment when £40 a-year in the one case, and £32 a year in the other, was voted to them. There used to be many—when I was a young Freemason, now thirty years ago—who said what is the use of Freemasonry? I say that the facts and figures I have just referred to supply an answer. If people who have been well-to-do have set in motion for them an Institution which keeps these people happy and comfortable for the rest of their lives, that is sufficient justification for Freemasonry, if nothing else is offered. None of us who to-night are inclined to support the claims of the old ignore in so doing the claims of the young; but with the young everything is elastic and hopeful, while with the old who are unfortunate there is nothing but penury to look forward to unless the benevolent step forward with aid. I hope in a few moments Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary, will be able to announce such a list of benefactions as will offer an ample response to this toast. I do not propose to take up your time further here, you will be better and happier elsewhere if you go from this room feeling that you have done your duty here. I ask you to drink to the toast, coupling with it the name of Bro. Terry.

The several Provincial Lists were then called over by Bro. Terry, who reported the amount received from this source, as the result of the exertions of 140 Stewards, reached £6097 18s; while London, represented by 159 Stewards, contributed £8245 11s 6d; making a grand total of £14,343 9s 6d, and still leaving 15 lists to be reported on later on. In the course of his remarks Bro. Terry stated that the V.W. Bro. the Grand Treasurer, having no Province at his back, and his own Lodge having sent up Bro. G. Kenning as its Steward, with £126, had desired him to say that as the amount given by previous chairmen presiding over these Festivals had been 100 guineas, he also gave that amount; he wished it to be mentioned that as he was unable to be present, and as he has not had the gout for four years, he had fined himself another 100 guineas for being absent. The donation of Bro. Allcroft, will therefore be 200 guineas. Bro. Terry concluded by stating that this was the highest total he had ever had the honour to announce at any of the Festivals.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke rose to offer the next toast; it was his privilege to be permitted to propose one which he might say was second only in importance to that which had just been so well received. When he stated he was about to propose the health of the Chairman of the meeting he was sure all would most thoroughly and cordially agree with him. The brethren would sympathise with Bro. Allcroft in his illness. Personally he (Bro. Clerke) knew how ardently he had looked forward to being present on this occasion, and

the brethren would agree that, in his unavoidable absence, he had done the very best thing he could possibly do. Yesterday he looked about to see how he could provide for the vacancy, and turned his eyes to our Chairman of to-night. Bro. Monckton, at a few hours' notice, undertook to take the chair. See how well he has fulfilled that office. Brethren, you have in the chair on this evening an old and highly-distinguished Mason. The name of Sir John Monckton is equally known and honoured in the city of London and in Masonry. He is not only a Past Grand Officer of the Craft, but he has held for some time the highly responsible office of President of the Board of General Purposes, an office in which he is engaged in carrying on the business of the Craft, and to him the Craft are under deep obligations. Sir John Monckton has performed the duties of the office with energy, ability, and zeal, and therefore he called on all to join with very great cordiality in thanking Sir John for coming forward to take the chair at the eleventh hour, and to wish him very many years of prosperity in the future.

Sir John Monckton in response said he felt at this moment like the worst half of the Siamese twins. The genuine chairman of the evening was at home in bed, but to him is due the success of the evening; it had been his privilege to fill the chair, and he should carry to his dying day the deep impression made by the announcement of the grand result of their exertions. He rejoiced that he had had the great Masonic privilege and pleasure of being in the chair. What had been done was enough to make any man, any Mason proud, especially so the one who had presided over the Festival.

Lieut.-Colonel Haldaue, Past Deputy District Grand Master Malta, proposed Success to the other Masonic Institutions, and Bro. Hedges responded. Dr. Strong had now the honour to propose the next toast, which was the Board of Stewards. The Stewards numbered 299, and by their exertions they had produced an amount of donations considerably over £14,000; they had it on the word of their Secretary that no such amount had before been reached. It was to the energy of the Stewards that that was owing. It was a peculiarity of the Masonic Charities that the whole of the amounts collected by the Stewards went into the coffers of the Charities. That was a significant fact, because they were aware that in other Charities a large sum was deducted in connection with the Festivals. That was not so with the Masonic Institutions. They had to thank the Stewards very much for all they had done that night, and he had to associate with the toast the name of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, who he believed was not a very old Mason, but he, by the amount of his contributions, had made himself a prince of benefactors. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, in response said: Worshipful Bro. President,—Permit me to express my deep sense of the generous magnanimity of the Board of Stewards in selecting so humble a Mason as myself to be their representative on this occasion. It is comparatively easy for some of us, when we have undertaken

the duties of the office of Steward to satisfy our conscience by handing a cheque to the Secretary; but that is not the way the great majority of the Masonic Stewards carry out their obligations, for as soon as they accept the office they interview friends, they solicit the brethren, they visit Lodges and frequent Chapters, with the one object in view of obtaining funds for the Institution in which they are interested, and if you will analyse the Masonic Stewards' lists you will find, apart from a brother's personal contribution, very few sums of 100, 50, or even 25 guineas; the items on the list consist of 10 guineas, 5 guineas, 3 guineas, 2 guineas, 1 guinea, half-a-guinea, 5 shillings, and the not to be despised half crown; which makes up the satisfactory total as announced by Bro. Secretary this evening. But the duties of a Masonic Steward do not end here. As a manager of some of the Metropolitan Charities it has been my painful duty again and again to protest against the enormous cost of a Charity dinner, bearing in mind that it is the custom outside of Masonry to defray the cost of an entertainment out of the funds which should be applied to the sacred cause of Charity. But what a different state of things do we find when we enter the regions of Masonic light. Here is a reversal of things indeed, for the guests become the hosts, and the cost of the magnificent banquet of which we have partaken this evening has been discharged by the Stewards, besides having the privilege of entertaining the ladies in yonder hall. The jewel which we so proudly wear, commemorates our labour of love, and is paid for, as it should be, by ourselves. After having discharged all incidental expenses in order that every shilling collected may go intact to the Institution, we endeavour to carry out the principle enunciated in the Book of the Law by providing out of the Stewards' subscriptions a feast for some of our aged Sisters and Brethren residing at our Asylum at Croydon, whose claims have been so powerfully advocated to-night. It is not for me, Brother President, to extol the merits of my colleagues, my duty is gratefully to acknowledge the courteous and laudatory way in which you have been pleased to associate my humble name with the Board of Stewards, and on their behalf, who have done so much, and on my own behalf, who have done so little, I thank you very sincerely for your gracious congratulations on the result of our efforts in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The brethren shortly afterwards joined the ladies, and a capital concert was provided. The musical arrangements of the evening were conducted by Bro. Edwin M. Lott P.P.G. Warden Jersey P.P.G.O. Surrey P.M. 245, 1765, 1929, who was assisted by Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Kate Fusselle, Madame Grace Godolphin, Madame Raymond, and Miss Pauline Featherby; Bros. Arthur Thompson, William E. Glazier, J. Kift, and T. Tremere. Bro. James Hayho was the toastmaster.

We append the List of Stewards, with the amounts collected by each :—

LONDON.			Lodge	£ s d	Lodge	£ s d	
Br. John Derby	Alleroft		23	Gabriel S Brandon	754 Br. George Rowe	35 5 0	
(Chairman)		210 0 0	25	Courtenay Wynne	766	William J Collens	47 5 0
Edgar Bowyer		73 0 0	26	E Beaumont	781	Thomas B Daniell	172 15 0
W Clarke		10 10 0	27	Charles Cuthbertson	813	T J Cusworth	41 9 6
D P Cama		57 15 0	29	John A Wilson	822	Ernest Trower	64 1 0
Thomas Cubitt		68 5 0	30	Alfred Lefeaux	860	J H Pavitt	79 0 0
G P Festa		10 10 0	33	Daniel Campbell	862	James Irvine	48 6 0
W Klingenstein		10 10 0	49	Alfred Williams	871	William A R Harris	27 14 0
Edward Letchworth		10 10 0	55	James Johnston jun.	898	George Graveley	145 0 0
C F Matier		21 0 0	58	W J Crump	902	William Williams	42 0 0
Carter Millbourn		31 10 0	60	Frederick Biuckes	907	H T Gordon	
H B Marshall (C.C.)		105 0 0	73	R Willoughby	975	Moreton Graham	49 5 6
W March			87	W R Davis	1158	William Holloway	70 0 0
Jas H Matthews		73 10 0	96	W J Treacher	1178	J W Walker	160 2 0
W Stephens		10 10 0	140	A H Tattershall	1196	J Tickle	62 9 0
John Stanley		10 10 0	142	Sidney W Yockney	1201	A E Taylor	32 3 0
W E Stewart		10 10 0	144	Richard Barham	1260	O L Latreille	62 8 0
James Terry		145 16 0	147	John James Pitt	1278	R J Chitson	72 8 0
Harry Tipper		26 5 0	172	R D Hilton	1287	Thomas Owen	202 7 6
E C Woodward		10 10 0			1288	J F O C Wood	68 5 0
Rev A F A Woodford		21 0 0	Chapter				
W J Crutch		35 10 0	173 Comp. James Blyth		Chapter		
Col. James Peters		10 10 0			1297 Comp. Robert H Crowden	56 3 0	
Abner Torkington			Lodge				
Brixton			174	A H Brown	1297 Br. Thomas Perrin	37 15 6	
Lodge of } S. Richardson		63 0 0	179	W Diokeson	1348	James Warren	40 0 0
In. B.F. }			181	E W Stanton	1366	W B Trick	87 0 0
G.S. Lo. John A Rucker		21 0 0	185	A E Staley	1382	George Lunn	103 3 0
1 Fred B Brown			186	R Allison	1393	Col. Hon. W Le Poer Trench	94 10 0
2 Sharon Grote Turner		62 15 0	192	J S Chillingworth	1425	W H Chalfant	26 5 0
3 Charles Challen		32 11 0	193	Walter Wood	1446	S C H D Potter	80 0 0
Chapter			197 & 1150	Sir J B Monckton	1471	Henry Cox	80 16 6
3 Comp. John Webb			201	William Yardley	1475	F Hilton	100 0 0
Lodge			205	C F Hogard	1489	William Gray	40 0 0
4 Br. J A Hughes		18 18 0	228	H W Alford	1491	Philip H Waterlow	11 10 0
5 John Hallett		41 9 6	256	John A Farnfield	1506	John J Hamilton	31 10 0
7 P F Sutton			259	Sir Charles T Bright	Chapter		
8 Joseph Russell		30 7 0	263	F W Englebach	1507 Comp. T C Edmonds	29 0 0	
10 Rev. Samuel Maude		21 0 0	435	W H Hooper	Lodge		
12 Dudley Rolls		47 5 0	511	R Blum	1540	Henry Faija	18 7 6
14 Geo S Walmsley		17 17 0	534	S Nowakowski	1589	Robert H Clemow	23 2 0
15 W Hirst		35 13 6	554	J J Beary	1601	W G Lemon	16 16 0
18 Clifford Probyn		50 17 0	569	C W J Baker	1604	Frederick J Wray	141 18 6
20 V Brown		63 5 0	Chapter		1607	Frederick Carr	105 0 0
21 R C Grant		27 16 6	569 Comp. F J Stohwasser		1612	George Coop	35 2 0
22 E F Storr		46 4 0	Lodge		1614	Charles Kedgley	120 15 0
			749 Br. John Painter		1615	Lt.-Col. G H J Haldane	57 10 0
			Chapter		1623 & 1745	H J Lardner	106 0 0
			749 Comp. John Goodwin		1632	Henry Baldwin	10 10 0

Lodge		£	s	d
1657	George Kenning	126	0	0
1669	A R Cranoh			
1671	H Warden	108	3	0
1681	Asher Barfield	31	10	0
1687	Frederick Green	14	3	6
1693	R P Forge	92	7	0
1694	John H Usmar	40	0	0
1704	Hugh E Diamond	57	9	6
1706	Richard Clowes	10	10	0
1708	H H Wells	54	6	6
1716	Thomas L Kennett	80	0	0
1719	Joseph Manwaring	55	13	0
1728	Thomas W C Bush	106	11	6
1731	Rev. H R C Smith, M.A.	111	6	0
1732	B Kauffmann	188	15	0
1743	Joseph B Wall	76	7	6
1767	J W Barker	29	11	6
1769	H W Mayes	29	8	0
1790	E Whittaker	25	3	0
1804	Robert Logan	81	7	6
1815	Alfred John Cox	26	5	0
1827	Major E T R Wilde	24	3	0
1828	George Harrison	57	18	6
1891	F Ernest Pocock, M.D.	21	0	0
1922	R J Taylor	31	10	0
1964	T Hastings Miller	81	1	0
1964	James E Terry	36	15	0
1969	H L Walters	26	5	0
1969	Julius Quitmann			
1986	John Hammond			
1987	M J Green	95	0	6
2020	Alderman J Staples	35	14	0

PROVINCES.

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BERKS AND BUCKS.

Lodge		£	s	d
209 Br.	C Volokman	47	5	0
414	S Wheeler jun.	69	6	0
771	Jno Goddard	33	11	0
1501	Richard Pattiok	31	15	0
1566	{ Hy Arrowsmith . Robt Nicholson .	25	3	0
1894	A H Kennedy	15	15	0

BRISTOL.

Province, per Wm Purnell	293	11	0
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CHESHIRE.

89	Jno Clayton	15	15	0
104	{ Wm Booth . H Finch .	52	10	0
537	John B Deakin			
537	W Marquis	10	10	0
758	Thos Kirkham	36	15	0

CORNWALL.

The Province, per Controller Bake	47	5	0
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DEVONSHIRE.

1402	Geo J Pepprell	27	6	0
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DORSETSHIRE.

137	W Douglas Dugdale			
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DURHAM.

	Chas S Lane	10	10	0
764	J F Wilson	111	6	0

ESSEX.

276	J P Lewin	16	5	6
433	Richd Poppleton	35	16	0
453	Alfred J Dixie	42	0	0
650	Richard Clowes	73	11	0
1000	W G Brighten	38	8	6
1437	F A White	98	16	0
1457	J T Austen	63	0	0
1543	Hy E Dehane	31	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Lodge		£	s	d
246	Geo Norman	21	0	0
493	A V Hatton	36	15	0
493	J A Mathews	10	10	0
839	R V Vassar-Smith	12	12	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

	A J Miller	36	15	0
	Jno Mason	86	10	0
76	Thos Stophar	25	0	0
309	Edwd Goldsmith	21	0	0
342	Geo P Arnold	49	5	0
723	Hy Lehmann	15	15	0
1903	R H Rastrick	89	5	0
1958	Hy M Green	27	7	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

403	Lieut. R B Croft, R.N.	68	2	0
404	Charles E Keyser	52	9	0
449	G Mickle, M.A. M.B.	63	0	0
1327	J Robiison	56	4	6

Chapter		£	s	d
1385 Comp.	J Parrott	20	3	0
Lodge				
1479 Br.	C W Reynolds	17	3	6
1757	G Young	31	4	6
1984	John L Mather	54	0	0

KENT.

20	V Brown	63	5	0
127	John G Henning	50	5	0
558	A H Holbeins	77	12	0
1206	R J Emmerson	26	5	0
1915	R Boughton-Smith	54	1	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

37	John Chadwick	5	5	0
44	G P Brockbank	10	10	0
	J W Woodall	325	10	0
146	J F Skelton	10	10	0
215	Samuel Porritt	16	5	6
268	Walter Newton	26	5	0
283	Geo T Hardman	22	0	0
317	James Wilson			
	J W Edwards	52	10	0
	W J Cunliffe			
645	J H Sillitoe	11	11	0
934	J Haslam	32	10	0
935	L J Griffiths	10	10	0
1052	R Walker	1	1	0
1387	Robert Davies	15	15	0
1519	Edmund Heywood	10	10	0
1529	James Gilderd	10	10	0
1723	John Barrett	10	10	0
	E G Harwood	10	10	0
	James Heywood	10	10	0
	Robert Latham	10	10	0
	Miles Settle	10	10	0
	Matthew Fielding	10	10	0
1773	W Hardcastle	15	15	0
1993	D Edwards	0	5	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

86	Reginald Young	52	10	0
613	John Hatch	21	0	0
823	John Houlding	26	5	0
	W Brassey	10	10	0
1250	D W Finney	25	15	0
1380 and 1502	H A Tobias	52	10	0
1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0
	Peter Thomas	10	10	0
1675	Thomas Evans	21	0	0

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

Province, per S S Partridge	350	0	0
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MIDDLESEX.

1293	J D E Farr	50	18	6
1310	W Angus	12	1	0
1326	M Mildred	22	5	0
1567	R T Fennell	63	0	0
1579	Captain Henry Stephens	31	15	0
1656	A Jobbins	13	7	6
1897	T J Bird	20	4	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Lodge		£	s	d
1435	Andrew Lawson	142	14	6
1794	Isaac Davis			

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	James A Acock	13	10	0
357	H O Wakeman	31	10	0
478	R C Lever	23	1	0
599	John Potts	11	11	0
1895	W H Harrison	10	10	0

SOUTH WALES (E. DIVISION).

960	J R Harris			
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SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Province, per R C Else	505	5	0
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STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province, per Thomas Taylor	152	5	0
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SUFFOLK.

The Province, per Jas. M Harvey	190	11	6	
81	E G Cobbold	10	10	0

SURREY.

Chapter		£	s	d
370 Comp.	James R Boor	32	18	0
Lodge				
1556 Br.	Henry G Thompson, M.D.	37	16	0
1638	Abel Laurence	42	15	0
1851	George J Dunkley	24	15	0
Chapter				
1851 Comp.	H H Room	37	4	6
Lodge				
1861 Br.	J M Collins			
1929	T T Phillips	25	14	6
1982	H E Frances	43	1	0

SUSSEX.

1636	Edward Broadbridge	63	0	0
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WARWICKSHIRE.

43	S Sinauer	15	15	0
74	J H Allwood			
	Joseph C Gell			
	George E Mewis			
	John Rawlings	68	5	0
	James Moffatt			
	Thomas Sarman			
	William Henry Wood			
938	W B Marshall			

WILTSHIRE.

The Province, per E Eyres	157	8	0
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WORCESTERSHIRE.

	A F Godson D.P.G.M.	31	10	0
280	H E Rowe	10	10	0
377	J W Consterdine-Chadwick	52	10	0
377	J E Stone	15	15	0
1204	H Wilson			

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

1010	Hy Forder	31	11	0
1337	Christopher Palliser	13	7	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

290	Wm Harrop	115	10	0
296	Harold Thomas	10	10	0
603	Zetland Lodge	5	5	0
1211	Jno Wm Fourness	10	10	0
1736	Richard Oates	10	10	0
	Members of Province, &c.	200	0	0

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

84	Fredk Clarke	113	8	0
168	T. Pengelley	105	0	0

INDIA.

Ham. de Tatham, M.D.	10	10	0
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At a Meeting of the General Board, specially convened, held at the Office of the Grand Lodge, 8a Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C., on Wednesday, the 27th February 1884, V.W. Bro. Frederic Davison (G. Treas.), V. Pres., in the chair, a ballot took place for the election of two children from a list of four Candidates as recipients of the assistance of the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund, with the following result:

	Votes
Vowles, Lilian Mary	588
White, Alice	433
Bale, William J. T.	203
Moulds, George Alfred	129

Resolved:—"That in consequence of the satisfactory condition of the Funds, the two Unsuccessful Candidates be, and hereby are, also duly elected."

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Votes thankfully received by

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SECOND APPLICATION, April 1884.

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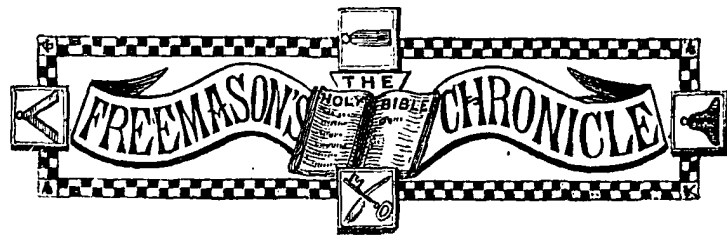
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th March 1884, at 7 o'clock:

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December 1883 will be read and put for confirmation.
2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
4. The M.W. Grand Master will move:—

"That the sum of fifty guineas be granted to the family of the late James Cross, and a similar sum of fifty guineas to the family of the late Thomas Cattermole, two of the crew of the 'Albert Edward' lifeboat at Clacton on Sea, which boat was presented to the National Lifeboat Institution by Grand Lodge in the year 1877; these two men, after having assisted, the first in saving 116, and the second 33 lives, having

lost their own in the discharge of their duty on the night of 23rd January last, whilst in their boat endeavouring to rescue the crew of a vessel in distress, leaving their families, consisting respectively of a widow and six children and a widow and three children, entirely destitute."

5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, Enfield	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester	50	0	0
A Brother of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, London	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, Croydon	75	0	0
A Brother of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345, Blackburn	50	0	0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of February inst., shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,458 13s 10d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library 13s 8d.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

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7. Report of Brother R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1883.

8. Application from a body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, requesting their recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England as a regular Grand Lodge.

(Deferred from last Grand Lodge in consequence of want of time).

9. Appeal from the Reunion Lodge, No. 1956, Blenheim, New Zealand, against certain comments made by the Colonial Board when cancelling the exclusion of Brother William Benjamin Earl from that Lodge, relative to the conduct of Brother Christopher J. W. Griffiths, of the same Lodge, in the matter.

(Deferred from last Grand Lodge in consequence of want of time).

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION :—

By V.W. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON Past G. Treasurer :
"That the sum of £70 be voted from the Fund of General Purposes; and that the same be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution with coals during the winter season."

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :—

- No. 2023.—The Royal Albert Lodge, Eskbank, Sydney, New South Wales.
2024.—The Raymond Thrupp Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
2025.—The Lodge of St. George, Stonehouse, Devon.
2026.—The Rylstone Prince of Wales Lodge, Rylstone, New South Wales.
2027.—The Orient Lodge, Newtown, Sydney, New South Wales.
2028.—The Granite Lodge, Narborough, Leicestershire.
2029.—The Lodge of King Solomon, Golden Square.
2030.—The Abbey Lodge, Westminster.
2031.—The Carnatic Lodge, Madras.
2032.—The Richmond Lodge, Richmond, Surrey.
2033.—The University of London Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
2034.—The Masefield Lodge, Balsall Heath, Worcestershire.
2035.—The Beaumont Lodge, Kirkburton, Yorks.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1884 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

N.B.—The Revised Edition of the Book of Constitutions (1884) will be issued early in March, when it may be obtained at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo. and 32mo., price 1s 6d a copy, in cloth.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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KENT LODGE, No. 15.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on the 13th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Hirst W.M., Stenson S.W., Legge J.W., Sleeman Treasurer, Dukes P.M. Secretary, Worley S.D., James J.D., Cammell I.G., Pritchard M.C., Saunders Org., Wells P.M. W.S., Posener I.P.M.; P.M.'s Martin, Ginman and Ball. Visitors—Cordus 1996, Jervis P.M. 1424 P.G.S.B. Kent, Ward P.M. 501, Genese 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. Downs and Mortimer were balloted for and accepted. The election for W.M. next took place, and Bro. Stenson S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. Sleeman P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. The W.M. said, he was sure, under Bro. Stenson's guidance, they would have a successful year. The W.M. elect suitably replied. The Audit Committee was appointed. The W.M. announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship for the anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and urged the brethren to support him liberally. A gold Past Master's jewel is to be presented to the W.M. on his retiring from the chair. Hearty good wishes were given, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very excellent dinner and dessert was supplied by Bros. Gordon and Hamp.

UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE first meeting since the installation of Bro. W. R. Norris as the Worshipful Master of this popular Lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There was very little business set down on the agenda paper, and the unavoidable absence of the candidate for initiation rendered the work still lighter. However, several matters were brought under consideration, and the services of two brethren were placed at the disposal of the respective Secretaries of the Scholastic Institutions, and doubtless both will render a good account of their Stewardship at the May and June Festivals. A capital banquet was supplied, and at its conclusion Bro. Norris, who makes an excellent President, introduced the usual toasts. In speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master the W.M. said that wherever there is a good, noble, or charitable work to be done, foremost in the throng is to be found His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was only on the Monday preceding we find him serving on the Commission to inquire into the condition of the Housing Accommodation of the Poorer Classes. He not only lends his name, but he is to be found investigating for himself. This is evidenced by the newspaper reports of the day, which tell us how he, accompanied by two gentlemen, visited some of the most desolate districts of the metropolis. He is thoroughly hearted in all he undertakes, and though he has many duties to perform, he keeps himself well posted up in the doings of our noble Institution. Bro. Norris then called on the brethren to do honour to the toast, and concluded his remarks by saying that as a Prince the Grand Master commanded our admiration, as a man he had won our respect, and as a Mason he deserved our allegiance, which is ever readily accorded. In speaking of the Masonic Charities Brother Norris said that the amounts subscribed were not commensurate with what might be expected from our numerical strength. Out of the 2000 Lodges it has been said that not more than 400 contributed last year; he expressed a wish that the contributions of the Universal Lodge might be at least doubled. The Charities were worthy the support of the Craft, and he trusted the contributions of the brethren to the Charity Box would be of a liberal character. After a song by Bro. Dankley, the Charity Box was passed round, and £3 17s 6d collected. In the absence, through illness, of the I.P.M. Bro. Layton P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. After explaining the cause of the enforced absence of Bro. Fryer, whose zeal and energy had been so well exercised during the past year, Bro. Layton said, though it was matter of regret in this particular, to him individually it was a pleasure to be called on to propose this toast. Bro. Norris was a capable Mason, and though they had not been able to find him any ceremonial work to conduct that night, there was little doubt but there would be some on the next occasion. In response, Bro. Norris expressed his thanks to Bro. Layton. He felt this toast had been proposed in far too flattering terms. However, he was assured that he had ascended to the exalted position of King Solomon's chair with the hearty and cordial approval of the members of the Universal Lodge. He regretted there had been no work to do that evening, and trusted this might not be the case at their future meetings. For the toast of the Past Masters Bros. Reed and Wood responded; while Bros. Hayden, Alford, and Johnson acknowledged the compliment paid the evening. Bros. Chaplin Henry, H. P. Matthews, G. S. Grabam, C. M. Mitchell and T. Adams taking part. The proceedings terminated at an early hour, all present expressing themselves gratified with the way they had been entertained. The following is a list of the Visitors :—Bros. Hayden P.M. 46 P.G.S., Hayden 46, Alford P.M. 228, Tongue J.D., 534, H. P. Matthews 569, Bond I.G. 860, Richards 1007, Johnson (late of the Southern Cross, 670, Brazil, Pernambuco) 1382, Josephs P.M. 1420, Greening 1426, Chaplin Henry, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., on 23rd February. Present—Bros. Gellen W.M., Powell S.W., Cross J.W., Liebuann S.D., Ashton J.D., Bullock I.G., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Treasurer, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Cohen, Payne, Robinson, Ferrer, Woolveridge, Glass, Wright, Moss, Parkes, Defriez, O'Donnell, Ricknell, Oldis, Weedon, Dixie, Williams, and Turner. After preliminaries, Bro.

Turner offered himself as candidate, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This being the night for the election of Officers, it was proposed and seconded that Bro. Fenner be re-elected Treasurer and Brother Galer Secretary; this was carried. Brother Pearcy tendered his resignation as Preceptor. It was accepted, with regret, and a cordial vote of thanks for his past services was unanimously accorded. It was further proposed and seconded that Bro. I. P. Cohen succeed Bro. Pearcy as Preceptor; this was also carried. Nothing further having offered, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 1st March, at eight o'clock. Lodge was closed early on account of its being the monthly meeting of the Masonic Association; sufficient subscriptions having been received, two Life Governorships were then balloted for. Brethren are reminded that the annual supper of this Lodge will take place at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Thursday, the 12th of March. Tickets, 4s, can be obtained of the members, and of the Secretary, Bro. R. W. Galer, 12 Green Lanes, N.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on the 25th ult. Present—Bros. Glass W.M., Underwood, S.W., Halsey J.W., Finch S.D., Giddings J.D., Ricknell I.G., and Galer Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Giddings was examined and entrusted; Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and Brother Underwood S.W. of the Highgate Lodge was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 13th February, when there were present Bros. W. W. Ridley W.M., R. Dowsett I.P.M., J. H. Hawkes S.W., R. C. Prickett J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, W. Ravenscroft S.D., H. Creed J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. M.C., W. Hickie Organist, W. Cordrey I.G., T. R. Vowles, W. Collins and M. Sands Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters R. C. Hurley and E. Margrett; also Bros. Hukias, Parker, Morris, Slaughter, Greenaway, Whitfield, Bennett, S. Biggs and E. W. Ridley. Visitor—Bro. A. W. Parry Secretary 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates as initiates, and they were both approved. Bros. E. W. Ridley and S. Biggs being candidates for passing to the second degree, gave satisfactory proof of their efficiency in the former, and they were entrusted; they then retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bros. E. W. Ridley and S. Biggs were re-admitted, and passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. The I.P.M. gave the charge. On resuming the Lodge in the first degree, the Secretary read a communication from the Prov. G. Secretary inquiring as to which of the Institutions the P.G.L. grant of ten guineas should be applied. The R.M.I.B. was selected, as the W.M. would represent the Lodge as Steward at the approaching Festival of that Institution; the same to be added to his list of contributions. The widow of the late Secretary of Lodge 414 was recommended as an applicant to the Board of Benevolence for relief. A petition from a brother, one of the founders of the Lodge, was also recommended. All business being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren retired for refreshment to the Great Western Hotel, where an excellent supper was provided by Bro. Flanagan, to which twenty-two sat down, an agreeable evening being spent.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At Bro Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday last. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Clark S.W., Defriez J.W., Crosbie S.D., Turner J.D., Symon I.G., Fenner acting Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes read and confirmed. In due course Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Hall P.M. 1693, Bro. Western being candidate, after Bro. Western had appointed and invested his Officers, Brother Hall gave the various charges excellently well. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, 3rd March, Brother Godolphin having been elected W.M. for that evening.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the New Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. J. Oldis W.M., Mcon S.W., Hall J.W., Larchin acting Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Defriez S.D., Haynes J.D., Mercer I.G.; also Bros. Knights, Cox, Hubbard, Chorley, &c. All formalities having been observed, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Larchin worked the second section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fenner worked the first assisted by Bro. Moon, and the third assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Chorley kindly officiating as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Moon was elected to preside at the meeting next Tuesday evening. A deserved vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Oldis for the excellent manner he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction, and he was congratulated on his proficiency. Hearty good wishes were given to Bro. Larchin on his departure for the West Indies, and also for his safe return to old England. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The energetic Secretary of this flourishing Lodge of Instruction, Bro. A. J. Berry, wishes it to be generally known to the Craft, more particularly to those

Masons who live in the North of London, that every brother who attends here may depend upon receiving Instruction from some of most able exponents of the ritual of Freemasonry.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Meeting at Brother Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on 27th February. Present—Bros. Pitt W.M., Gieseke S.W., Kramm J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Clark S.D., Legg J.D., Serjeant I.G., Millington Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second, and Brother Legg answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Legg candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Brother Pinder worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren, soon after which Lodge was closed.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 25th February, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road. Present—Dale W.M., Brittain S.W., Oxley J.W., Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary, Stewart S.D., West J.D., Hubbert I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Hubbert acting as candidate. Brother Stewart worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Brother Dale 933 was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge. Bro. Brittain was elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting. Bro. Barnes proposed and Bro. Brittain seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Brother Dale for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony for the first time in this Lodge. This was carried unanimously. Lodge was closed in due form.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, when there were present Bros. Col. Creton, Past Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Capt. Peters, J. A. Rucker, R. Grey, Frank Richardson, Gladwell, E. C. Mather, J. J. Caney, De Lande Long, E. C. Massey and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). The minutes of the January meeting having been read and confirmed, those of the House Committee of the 21st February were read for information. The chairman was authorised to sign cheques. There were no new petitions, but a letter was read from the United Telephone Company which stated they had received information that an instrument which was an infringement of their patent rights was in use at the Institution, and asking permission for their engineer to be allowed to examine it, with a view to ascertain whether their information was correct. This permission was granted.

The M.W. the Grand Master has been graciously pleased to grant a warrant for the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, which will be numbered 2030 on the roll of Grand Lodge England. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, has kindly consented to perform the ceremony of consecration on Monday, 10th instant, at 4 p.m., at the Town Hall, Westminster. On this occasion he will be assisted by Sir Albert Woods, the Rev. R. J. Simpson and other eminent brethren. Bro. Burdett-Countts is the W.M., and Bros. W. H. Baker and Seager Hunt the Senior and Junior Wardens designate. Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, is the acting Secretary.

The members of the Wallington Lodge of Instruction spent a very profitable and enjoyable evening on Thursday last. They assembled at the Town Hall, Carshalton, where Lodge was formally opened, Bro. Charles Sawyer P.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. Baldwin as S.W., A. Bishop J.W., W. Pile W.M. 1892 Secretary, and a goodly number of members of the mother Lodge and Visitors. After Lodge had been opened and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the W.M. called on Bro. Morgan to read his paper, and the request was forthwith complied with. Bro. Pile then announced that their worthy Preceptor Bro. Sawyer had prepared a short paper, and though their time was somewhat limited, he felt assured the brethren would be pleased to hear it. A short but highly interesting paper was then read by Bro. Sawyer on the Antiquity of Freemasonry; it evinced careful research, and we doubt not but that the writer will be called on to repeat his reading at other of our assemblies. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Morgan and Sawyer for the instructive papers they had read. This compliment having been suitably acknowledged, an adjournment took place to the King's Arms Hotel, where a well-served repast was provided, and an hour or so afterwards spent in a convivial and harmonious manner.

ROSIERUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND. EXHIBITION AND CONVERSAZIONE AT YORK.

A REMARKABLE gathering of Freemasons took place at York on the evening of the 20th ult. That day had been fixed for the annual obligatory meeting of the York College of Rosierucians, and some of its guiding spirits had conceived the happy idea of making the day of service not only to the members of the Society, but to Master Masons generally, and especially in the north of England. To this end all kinds of Masonic curiosities had been collected on loan from all parts of England, and had been arranged systematically in glass cases in the Masonic Hall of the York Lodge, No. 236, which had been fraternally lent for the purpose, whilst a large number of cards of invitation had been sent out to Master Masons throughout the country. As we have previously explained this Society is in reality a Masonic Archæological Union, so that it was quite in accordance with the spirit of its working and the objects of its formation that it should come forward prominently as an Apostle of Masonic research. At any rate the intention of its members was honestly carried out, and it must have been exceedingly gratifying to those who successfully organised the gathering to note how thoroughly their efforts were appreciated.

The meeting of the College itself was held in the rooms of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, at 3 p.m., at the Queen's Hotel, and there was the largest muster that has ever been seen. Those present were Fratres T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX. Chief Adept, J. S. Cumberland Hon. VIII. Suffragan, T. W. Holmes VI. Prov. Secretary, C. L. Mason V. Celebrant, J. L. Atherton I. as Deputy, T. J. Wilkinson VI. Sec., J. Todd IV. P.A., J. M. Meek IV. S.A., W. Brown I. as T.A., T. N. Barron III. as Q.A., Tudor Trevor II. C. of N., S. Middleton III. T. Bearer, J. J. Wilkes II. Herald, H. Maddison II. G.P., S. Wilsin II. Med., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett V., J. Monckman, C. H. Drury, R. Craig, W. T. Tomlinson, C. Palliser, G. Ayre, C. S. Lane, B. L. Mills, A. H. H. McGachen, F. Waddington, J. Monks, G. Simpson, and W. B. Dyson.

The roll of members, numbering nearly 70, was called and satisfactory apologies were read from the absentees, with very few exceptions. A successful ballot was taken for Bros. Fisher P.M. 1248 Scarborough, and Lockin W.M. 910 Pontefract, and these two brethren, with Bro. W. H. Cowper Middlesborough, who had been previously balloted for, were admitted to the grade of Zelator. Fra. J. M. Meek Middlesborough was elected to the office of Celebrant for the ensuing year, and was inducted into his chair by Fra. C. L. Mason Leeds, the outgoing Celebrant. Fra. J. S. Cumberland was re-elected Treasurer. The Treasurer's account was audited and showed a most satisfactory balance. The Chief Adept gave his annual address, which, he said, was necessarily very brief, in consequence of the amount of business to be done before the conversazione in the evening. He alluded to the objects of the society, pointed out to the members how these objects might be advanced, congratulated them upon the present position of the College, and said that he had no doubt the proceedings of the evening would prove that their organisation was no mere idle whim, but was the outcome of a real determination to be of practical service to the Craft at large. On the motion of Fra. Cumberland a guinea was voted to the Hughan Testimonial Fund. It was arranged that the next meeting of the College should take place at Darlington, on Wednesday, 21st May. Votes of thanks were then accorded to the W.M. and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge for the use of their rooms and furniture, and to the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge, No. 236, for the use of their Masonic Hall, in which the conversazione in the evening was arranged to be held. Votes of thanks were also passed to the exhibitors of curiosities. Bros. V. Vowler P.M. 643 Filey, and W. B. Williamson W.M. 539 Worcester, were proposed as candidates for the society, and the M.C. was then dissolved.

At five o'clock the fratres dined together at the Queen's Hotel, and at 6:30 they adjourned to the Masonic Hall, Dancombe-street, where the exhibits were arranged. At seven o'clock, the rooms being pretty well filled, Fra. T. B. Whytehead, in the name of the Rosierucian Province of Yorkshire, welcomed the Visitors, and expressed the pleasure it afforded to members of the Order to see so many brethren who took an interest in the past history of Freemasonry. He explained the aims of the society, and then called on Bro. the Dean of York P.G.C., who was present, to make a few observations. This the Dean did in his invariably happy style. Referring to the beauty and value of the specimens of antiquity that surrounded them, he said it must impress their minds in an extraordinary degree with the high antiquity, as well as the cosmopolitan nature of the Order. He spoke of the advantages that arose from the association of man with man within the portals of a Masonic Lodge, and said that such an exhibition as that which was before them was calculated to do much to advance the intelligent comprehension of the true objects of Freemasonry, and that they all owed much to the brethren whose zeal and assiduity had collected so many objects of value, concluding by speaking of his own real love for Masonry, his belief in its usefulness and in its future, his anxiety for its welfare, and his firm belief that one of the most useful and appropriate places for a minister of religion to be found was the floor of a Freemason's Lodge.

The company then spent the rest of the evening in the examination of the exhibits, the great number of which may be judged when we state that their enumeration filled 24 pages of a quarto catalogue, neatly printed. To even mention them would be to occupy far too much of our space, but we may at any rate give the names of the exhibitors and a general description of the collection. Of course the *pièce de resistance* was made up of the unique collection of parchment and paper rolls of Constitutions, old minute books, tools, furniture, &c., of the Grand Lodge of All England at York. These were laid out under sheets of glass and occupied a large table at the top of the hall, and were exhibited by the York Lodge, No. 236, the careful custodian of these priceless relics. The Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, which though very young has already accumulated a

valuable collection, showed its noble old Dutch Masonic flagon, dated 1691, many valuable engravings, and the Bible of the Grand Lodge of All England. The 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge furnished its warrant granted to the "Second Regiment of Horse" in 1776, and a splendid set of silver working tools. Ancient Ebor Preceptory displayed its Banner and Sword presented by Mary Commandery in 1878. Brother W. J. Hughan P.G.D., the well known Masonic author, had forwarded an interesting series of photographs of old minutes, specimens of engraved plates of Lodges and early calendars, with coins and medals. Brother J. Newton, of Bolton, had a very interesting case of Masonic medals, some very rare, including a curious series of halfpenny tokens. Brother M. C. Peck Provincial Grand Secretary of North and East Yorkshire had quite a library of Masonic books, embracing some of the rarest known, specimens of certificates and obsolete clothing, and some good Masonic medals. Brother J. R. Riley, of Bradford, exhibited a series of very valuable warrants and certificates, amongst them a warrant issued by the Prov. Grand Master of Yorkshire in 1778 to form a Lodge at Doncaster. Bro. J. H. Neilson, of Dublin, sent a valuable series of Irish certificates and a Knight Templar warrant of 1807. Bro. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire showed a brass seal, supposed to have been that of the Preceptory at Temple Hirst. Bro. J. H. Atherton, of Bradford, brought over some beautiful specimens of glass and china, cut and painted with Masonic emblems, as well as curious books. Bro. C. Williams, of Birmingham, had a small but interesting collection of Masonic medals, &c. Bro. J. C. Robinson, of Chester, exhibited the minute book of the Old Royal Lodge at Chester, the warrant of the Star Lodge at Chester, dated 1766, and specimens of antique glasses, &c. The venerable Brother J. C. Taylor, of Bradford, lent the minute book of the extinct Plans of Mamre Preceptory; Brother E. C. Patchett, of Nottingham; Brother G. C. Caster, of Peterborough; Brother Marshall, of Malton; Brother W. F. Smithson, of Leeds; and Bros. G. H. Hackers and R. H. Peacock, of Scarborough all had contributed articles of value and interest. Brother Middleton, of Scarborough, had a very ancient oil painting of Godfrey de Bonillon. Brother E. C. Wragg, of Nottingham, had a beautiful collection of old certificates and an ancient Preceptory seal. Brother J. H. Sillitoe, of Manchester, showed some singular old clothing and valuable MS. rolls, the property of the Colne Lodge and Chapter, No. 116. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. showed a series of valuable Rosierucian works. The St. Germain's Lodge sent some of the old furniture of the extinct Mariners Lodge once held at Selby. Bro. M. W. Clarke, of Hull, had a large case of Masonic jewels. Brother J. S. Cumberland displayed his large collection of antique Masonic jewels, amongst which there were some rare and very beautiful specimens, the collection numbering over forty examples. In addition to these he showed a number of Masonic books and engravings. Bro. T. B. Whytehead had also sent from his collection a number of rare books, jewels, engravings, and other curiosities. From this brief description it will easily be seen how much of value and interest had been collected. The only regret on the part of the guests seemed to be that the exhibition could not be kept open the next day in order that a more detailed examination might have been made than was possible during the evening. The Rosierucians had provided light refreshments for their visitors in the shape of tea and coffee, &c., and in order to enliven the evening had arranged for the performance of songs and music, amongst the vocalists being Bros. Blagbro' (Bradford), J. S. Cumberland, J. Todd, J. E. Wilkinson, J. L. Atherton, J. Wilsin, and others, whilst Bros. C. G. Padel and W. S. Child accompanied on the piano-forte.

At the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 21st ultimo, Bro. J. D. Yarford was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, in succession to Bro. H. Lashmore. There was a large representative assembly of Freemasons on the occasion, all of whom joined in a cordial vote of congratulation to the new Master upon his well deserved elevation.

Bro. G. W. Moore, of the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, announces his annual benefit for the 13th of March, when day and afternoon performances will be given at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly. As on former occasions, the élite of the musical and theatrical professions will give their services to this old favourite of the public.

The Portsmouth Freemasons' Club propose to give their annual Masonic Ball on Thursday, the 24th April, at the Southsea Assembly Rooms, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, when we doubt not but that a considerable and influential gathering may be expected in support of so excellent an institution. This makes the fifth annual ball, and on each occasion these Charities have been benefited, and it may now be considered one of the most pleasant annual re-unions of the members of the Craft and their friends in Portsmouth.—*Portsmouth Times*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 1st MARCH.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 3rd MARCH.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
 144—St. Luke, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Margress of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredgear, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1801—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
 R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moor
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Shin Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 338—Vivian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 391—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

- 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1793—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester

- R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

TUESDAY, 4th MARCH.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 166—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 189—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)

- 980—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1281—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1448—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Treadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1849—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 8.30
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

- 70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Bannfort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 154—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Rute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

- 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermonth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 148 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyll
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

- R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 800—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
 R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 103—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown Dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
 511—Zetland, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
 533—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Ponnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1707—Eleanor, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chebham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 673—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwrick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1213—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester

- 1374—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
- 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
- 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
- 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
- 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1620—Marborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
- 1842—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
- 1903—Prince Edward of Saxo Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
- R.A. 200—Old Globe, Lonsborough Rooms, Scarborough
- R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
- R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
- R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
- R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
- M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
- M.M. 58—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
- R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 6th MARCH.

- 43—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 27—Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.O., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
- 87—Yiruviah, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 47—Jusae, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
- 182—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
- 27—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- 31—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 35—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 38—La Tourelance, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 504—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- 504—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 722—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 801—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30 (Instruction)
- 908—Southern Star, Pleasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1100—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1247—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1300—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1301—St. Clement Dunes, 266 Strand
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
- 1400—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.O., at 6.30 (Inst.)
- 1440—Prince Leopold, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, E.O.
- 1460—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1560—U. Comaung, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1614—Coyote Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.O., at 8 (Inst.)
- 1622—Rose, Starling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
- 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.O. at 6, (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
- 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
- 1950—Southgate, Navy Hotel, New Southgate
- R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
- R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.O.
- R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
- M.M. 189—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
- 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
- 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Colne
- 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Liverpool
- 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Coventry
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Market-place, Heywood
- 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Blackburn
- 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, South Parade, Huddersfield
- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haslingden
- 294—Constitutional, Assem. Rooms, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 317—Adaptability, Freemasons' Hall, Fareham
- 337—Candour, New Masons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
- 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
- 360—pouret, Abington Street, Northampton
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 426—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
- 508—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
- 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
- 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- 978—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
- 1098—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
- 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
- 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
- 1473—Footle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Barnley
- 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
- 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
- 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Bullth, Breconshire
- 1829—Bnrrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
- R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
- R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
- R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Merton Mowbray
- R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th MARCH.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 9.30.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 307—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
- 708—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
- 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
- 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 8—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
- 463—Cingwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
- 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
- 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
- 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
- 83.—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
- 1387—Choriton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
- 1664—Gostorth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
- R.A. 369—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
- K.T. 128—De Warrene, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 8th MARCH.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
- 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
- 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
- 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
- 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
- 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
- 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
- R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
- R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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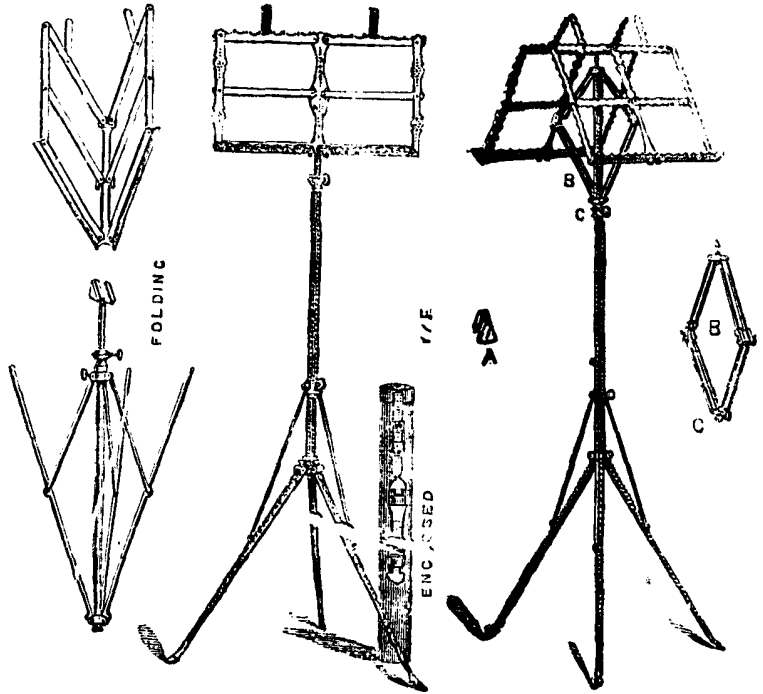
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