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THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 274).

IN the progress of his investigations Bro. Hughan next finds it desirable to revert to the Seceders to whom he had already referred incidentally, and whose organisation is described in the Fifth Chapter. He considers this course necessary, owing to the confusion existing in the minds of many brethren as to the different Grand Lodges which existed in the country during the middle portion of last century. Naturally enough, the spirit which chiefly inspired the schismatics, and made their secession so formidable has the first claim on Bro. Hughan's notice, and at the outset, therefore, of this Chapter we have a brief sketch of Laurence Dermott, who was appointed Grand Secretary of the Seceders on 5th February 1752, and was author of the "Ahiman Rezon" or their Book of Constitutions. That Dermott, who seems to have been as little troubled with scruples of conscience as he was capable, should have been severe in his strictures on the "Regular" Masons will surprise no one. His principal object was to establish a character for the Seceders, and he succeeded in his purpose. That he maligned the "Regulars" is equally true, and Bro. Hughan notes with effect the animadversions passed upon Dermott by Lawrie in 1804. Lawrie, for instance, has quoted Dermott as having written, "It is a truth beyond contradiction that the Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland, Scotland, and the Ancient Masons in England, have one and the same customs, usages, and ceremonies, but this is not the case with the Modern Masons in England, who differ materially, not only from the above, but from most Masons under Heaven." This, which was first said in 1778, is, as Bro. Hughan says, "a most glaring case of misrepresentation," nor were there, as he remarks, further "sufficient grounds to justify him" (Dermott) "in declaring (whatever the few variations may have been) that the two Organisations 'differ exceedingly in makings, ceremonies, knowledge, Masonical language, and installations,' for, if so, it is most unlikely that the other Grand Lodges would have countenanced either party. The premier Grand Lodge was the source from which the 'Atholl Masons,' in common with all brethren at home or abroad, derived their knowledge of the three degrees, and therefore were not likely to make any violent changes; on the other hand, had the Seceders departed materially from such ceremonies, the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland would not have had fellowship with them." Again, though he spoke so slightly of the Regulars in 1778, Dermott had had no scruple about inserting the Regulations of 1723, and the Old Charges from the 1738 Edition of Anderson, in his work of 1756, though he did so without acknowledging the sources from which he obtained them. As to the arms of the "Ancients," which appear in the 1764 edition of the "Ahiman Rezon," the author says, "The arms by Dermott are so similar to those adopted by the 'Grand Chapter of All England' (York) that we cannot resist the conclusion that one was a copy of the other, the latter most probably being the original," and in this view, which is not now presented for the first time, he would seem to be countenanced by Marvin, who writes, "I have no doubt of the correctness of Bro. Hughan's surmise that this was

the true origin of the Ancients' Arms, the 'Grand Chapter' deriving them, of course, from the banners of the four principal tribes of Israel, while the Charges themselves are well known Biblical emblems—the 'learned Rabbi Jacob Jehudah Leoni' being perhaps Dermott's mystical way of speaking of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter at York. Previous to this time the seal of the 'Ancients' contained simply the square and compasses, surmounted by a dagger, the motto, 'Virtue and Silence,' occasionally rendered into Latin, and the inscription, 'Grand Lodge of London.'"

Bro. Hughan then refers to the Royal Arch, and gives the earliest references to the degree in the Atholl Records. The first is dated 4th March 1752, and reads as follows:—
"Grand Committee.—A formal complaint was made by several brethren against Thos. Phealon and John Macky, better known as 'Leg of Mutton Masons,' for clandestinely making Masons for the mean consideration of a leg of mutton for dinner or supper. Upon examining some brothers, whom they pretended to have made Royal Arch men, the parties had not the least idea of that secret. The Grand Secretary had examined Macky, and stated that he had not the least idea or knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry, but instead thereof he had told the people he had received a long story about twelve white marble stones, &c., &c., and that the rainbow was the Royal Arch, with many other absurdities equally foreign and ridiculous." In September of the same year it is stated in the minutes that "every part of real Freemasonry was traced and explained, except the Royal Arch, by the Grand Secretary," while, on 2nd March 1757, we have a resolution to the effect that "the Masters of the Royal Arch shall be summoned to meet in order to regulate things relative to that most valuable branch of the Craft." Bro. Hughan also gives a reply, written by Bro. S. Spencer, Grand Secretary of the "Moderns," to an application for relief by one William Carroll, an Irishman, who, it is suggested, may have "sought to strengthen his claim by stating he was a Royal Arch Mason." This reply, which appears in the records on 16th December 1759, is as follows:—"You being an Ancient Mason you are not entitled to any of our Charity. The Ancient Masons have a Lodge at the Five Bells, in the Strand, and their Secretary's name is Dermott. Our Society is neither Arch, Royal Arch, or *Ancient*, so that you have no right to partake of our Charity." This letter, as Bro. Hughan remarks, was made good use of by Dermott. At the same time he is careful to point out that the idea of the Arch having originated with the "Ancients" is erroneous, as he has already indicated that it had been worked in England before the secession took place. Nevertheless, he attributes its official adoption by the Schismatics as having secured the success of the schism. These are his words:—"The official adoption of the Royal Arch, and the prominence given to the ceremony, were the main influences which promoted the success of the schism, which success led to its semi-countenance by the 'Moderns,' and its final recognition by the United Grand Lodge in 1813; but the degree itself, having been known to the regular Masons some years before the secession, it could not be the creation of either Dermott or the 'Ancients.' By whom it was fabricated or arranged is a mystery, and so likely to remain."

With reference to Masters and Past Masters, who "alone had the right to be selected for exaltation (save brethren going abroad) according to the early 'Atholl' Regula-

tions," though "in time this rule evidently was evaded," and hence the two classes of *actual* and *virtual* (or honorary) Past Masters, Bro. Hughan adopts the same view as Bro. Gould that the "Degree of Past Master, or Chair Degree, was invented by the Schismatic Grand Lodge to serve as a constructive passing of the chair, and therefore to qualify brethren for the Degree of Royal Arch, which could only be conferred on actual or Past Masters of a Lodge." But though this Past Master's Degree does not seem to have been officially recognised before 1810 when the "Masters of the London Lodges were summoned to receive for the first time the benefit of installation," Bro. Hughan is of opinion that it must have been "practised" by the "Moderns" in England almost as soon as the "Ancients," and in support of this he cites a case of "Passing the Chair," having been worked at Bolton by a "Modern" Lodge so early as 1769.

Touching "The ceremony of 're-making' in the three degrees on 'Moderns' joining the *Ancients* or *vice versa*," Bro. Hughan says—"That this regulation was one more of policy than actual necessity may, we think, be inferred from the fact that such visitations before the custom prevailed could not be possible had the differences between the two Grand Lodges been of a ritual character. On 5th September 1764 the members of 'No. 110' were admonished for admitting Modern Masons into their Lodge. We quote this instance (not a solitary one) to prove that the difficulties in the way of Lodge visitation between the two rivals were due to the formal 're-making' (and therefore, assuredly, *re-obligation*) and not to any important variations in their several Rituals. We can only account for the noteworthy fact of never meeting with any records of Royal Arch Masons being so 're-made' by either Body, that the ceremony was substantially the same, whether practised by the 'Moderns' or 'Ancients.'" "The institution in 1792 of the "Nine Worthies" or "Excellent Brothers" to "assist the Grand Officers for the ensuing year" brings the Chapter to a close, the duties of these Nine being to visit the Lodges in order to secure "that the *general uniformity* of Ancient Masonry may be preserved and handed down unchanged to posterity," and Bro. Hughan thinks the establishment of similar Officers at the present time "to secure uniformity to the extent desirable would be of advantage to the Craft."

(To be continued.)

MASONIC DEGREE PEDDLERS.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

ON page 77 of Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite," I find the following:—"The Atholl Masons had a Lodge at Warrington, A.D. 1755 * * * The regular Grand Lodge had a Lodge there from 1765 * * * from which source the Bolton brethren may have received Royal Arch Masonry * * * or the brethren at Warrington may have been exalted at York in the Chapter which has a record from 1762. We merely note these possibilities to prove that there is no necessity to assume an Atholl origin for either the Chapter at Warrington, or, indirectly, of the other at Bolton."

With all due respect to Bro. Hughan I believe that Warrington, as well as Bolton, may not have been indebted to either York Ancients or Moderns for their respective possession of R.A. Masonry, but that all alike received the said Masonry from *Masonic Degree peddlers*. We all know that *originally* the R.A. was sold in Dublin by a Masonic Degree peddler. It was also introduced in St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston in 1769 by a similar peddler. It was sold in 1765 in London to the originators of the Holy Chapter of Jerusalem (Moderns) by a Masonic Degree peddler; for Bro. John Maclean was nothing more nor less than a *Degree peddler*. And if Dermott actually planted the Royal Arch among the Ancients, which is not impossible or improbable, then Dermott may also be numbered among our Masonic Degree peddlers. Indeed, Dermott himself severely censured some unnamed brother (may be Bro. Maclean) for peddling Royal Arch Masonry. Such being the case, it is neither impossible nor improbable for the brethren of York, Warrington, Bolton, and other towns and cities in England, Ireland and Scotland to have been originally supplied with R.A. Masonry by Masonic Degree peddlers.

We have in America an organised "Masonic Body,"

called "Royal and Select Masters." Not many weeks since a *Royal Councillor* showed me a printed list of brethren who were proposed for initiation in his Royal Council, and I think that the list must have numbered from twenty to twenty-five names. Now, that is very good business for one night. The R.C. has, I believe, three degrees. Its first degree Mackey calls "the eighth degree in the American Rite;" they have a Grand Council extending over the United States, as well as State Grand Councils. The membership of that body in America numbers by tens of thousands, every member firmly believes that in that degree only the genuine, true, original word can be learned. I believe that if Dr. Oliver had been alive, and lived in America, he might have demonstrated and proved that, at some time or other, a piece was cut off from the Royal Arch Degree, which was moulded by an American Bro. Dunckerley into the Royal and Select Degrees. Well, then, I was informed that in 1822 Bro. Jeremy L. Cross peddled the "Royal and Select" degree or degrees (for I know not how many degrees it was then made of) in Baltimore, in Maryland. Of course, Bro. Cross received a consideration for conferring these degrees. Some of his disciples probably received the money they paid back again by conferring these degrees upon others. We see now that Masonic degree peddling was a very common thing in the early days of their history.

Now, Bro. Hughan's book refers to a continuous system of degree peddling in England between 1723 and 1750. Even P.G. Master Sayer seems to have participated in degree peddling. Here in America the Masonry of Philadelphia of 1731 was the work of a Masonic degree peddler. True, Bro. MacCalla has written scores of columns in the *Keystone* to prove anything and everything, save and except *the most essential*. Indeed, I frankly admit that Bro. MacCalla excels all other Masonic writers; improving and demonstrating *universally admitted facts; facts long known to every one, and never disputed or doubted by any one*. But he failed to prove how Coxe's Deputation of 1730 was connected with Philadelphia Masonry in 1731. In 1735 or 6 a Masonic degree peddler formed a Lodge at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; in 1750 a degree peddler established a Lodge in Halifax, Nova Scotia; and in 1752 St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts, also originated from a Masonic degree peddler. Now, with all these facts before us, there is really no need to puzzle, speculate, or guess as to whether R.A. Masonry was planted in Bolton or in Warrington, either by the Ancients, Moderns, or by the 1762 Chapter at York. I think it is more probable that the brethren at Bolton, Warrington and York had alike Royal Arch Masonry brought home to their respective door steps by industrious Masonic peddlers, precisely the same as it had been brought into Dublin in 1740, to the Ancients in 1750 or a little later, and to the Moderns in 1765.

Boston, U.S. 21st October 1884.

Bro. W. W. Morgan, W.M. St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, will deliver his popular lecture on the "Masonic Institutions," at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, to-day (Saturday), at 7.30 P.M., and at the Hyde-park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed-street, Paddington, on Monday next, the 10th instant, at 8 P.M.; while on Friday next, the 14th instant, he will deliver his equally interesting lecture on "Women in Freemasonry,"—written expressly for such occasions as these by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York—at the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at 8 P.M. The fact of Bro. Morgan having been invited to lecture on three evenings in the course of a single week is a subject of satisfaction to us, at least to this extent, that the suggestion to vary the tedium of the ordinary programme of our Lodges of Instruction by occasionally introducing a lecture on some popular question connected with Freemasonry originated with this journal. Hence it cannot be otherwise than gratifying to us to know the proposition has been so well received. We may add that Bro. Morgan's lectures are not permitted to trench seriously on the ordinary labours of the evening. He has chosen to limit the time occupied in his address to half-an-hour, and in doing this he considers he has acted wisely. What is intended as a relief from the monotony of the regular work must not be converted into a tax on the brethren's patience.

DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELLAN VANNIN LODGE,
No. 2049, and ST. TRINIAN'S LODGE, No. 2050.

FROM THE ISLE OF MAN TIMES.

An event unprecedented we believe in the history of Freemasonry has occurred in Douglas, that of the establishment of two new Craft Lodges in one town within the brief space of forty-eight hours. These two new Lodges are the Ellan Vannin, numbered 2049, and the St. Trinian's, numbered 2050 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England. Amongst the rapidly increasing Masonic body in Douglas are many members of remarkable enthusiasm in their endeavours to promote the welfare of the Order, and by them it was determined that the event should be celebrated in such a manner as would make it an era in the history of Manx Masonry. The dates of the two consecrations having been fixed to suit the convenience of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, who had been appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to perform the ceremony, committees from the founders of each Lodge were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the ceremonies. The Grand Secretary arrived here on Friday evening, the 24th ult., accompanied by a number of Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, amongst whom were Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope P. Grand Chaplain, C. J. Bannister P.G.S.B., Edgar Bowyer P.G. St. B., Frank Richardson P.G.D., and Colonel H. S. Somerville Barney P.G.D. Several of these distinguished brethren became the guests of Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, at the Nunnery, who very generously extended his hospitality, and who is entitled to the thanks of the local brotherhood for his efforts in more ways than one to make this the first visit to the Island of the Grand Officers a pleasant one.

The consecration of the Ellan Vannin Lodge was fixed for Saturday, the 25th ult., at four o'clock in the afternoon; and by that hour there was a large gathering of the Craft from all parts of the Island; the Tyler's book having been signed by no fewer than forty-eight brethren, of whom exactly one-half were P.M.'s of the Order, amongst these being several from England. The founders of the Lodge who signed the petition are the following:—Bros. John A. Brown P.M. 1242 P.Z. 1004, J. S. Goldie-Taubman W.M. 1242, G. H. Smith P.P.G.S.B. (N. Munster), James Hodgson, Rev. Blundel Brown, A. Bruce, J. E. Hunt, Dr. J. Reynolds P.Z. (S.C.), R. Whiteside, Dr. Dearden W.M. 1004, J. A. Mylrea, W. Dobson, G. C. Heron P.M. 1004 P.Z. 1004, G. H. Quayle P.M. (I.C.), Dr. T. A. Woods, Dr. Friend, Claude Cannell, and F. Browne. All these brethren were present except two. In their petition to the Grand Lodge the petitioners had nominated Bro. J. A. Brown to be the first W.M., Bro. G. H. Smith to be their first S.W., and Bro. James Hodgson to be their first J.W. The brethren assembled in the Tynwald Lodge-room, and received the representatives of Grand Lodge in due form. The Grand Secretary having, as Consecrating and Installing Officer, taken the Chair, appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. C. J. Bannister P.G.S.B. as S.W., Edgar Bowyer P.G. St. B. as J.W., Rev. Charles W. Spencer Stanhope P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies and Colonel H. S. Somerville Barney as I.G. The Lodge having been opened, the Consecrating Officer proceeded with the consecration ceremony, which is of a most impressive and imposing nature. He was ably assisted by the other Grand Officers, the entire proceedings, under the experienced direction of the Director of Ceremonies, passing off without the slightest hitch.

The Presiding Officer, in his address to the brethren, before commencing the business, dwelt upon the motive of the assembly, and gave a brief history of the establishment and progress of Freemasonry in the Island. There was, he said, a rumour to the effect that it was under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland that Freemasonry was first introduced here; but, so far as he could learn, there was no trustworthy evidence on that point. Under the Irish Grand Lodge, however, more than one Lodge had been established on the Island. One which had for years existed in Douglas finished its career in the year 1862; but the Lodge of Mona, with a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, dated so far back as the 8th of June 1857, was still flourishing in Castletown. The first establishment of English Freemasonry in Douglas was 1864, the consecration of the Athole Lodge having taken place in the April of that year. Some idea of the progress which Freemasonry is making under the fostering care of the Grand Lodge of England, with Brother his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as its present head, may be gathered from the fact that the Athole Lodge is numbered 1004 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, whereas the Lodge which he now had the pleasure of consecrating was numbered 2049, so that in the twenty years which had elapsed since the establishment of the Athole Lodge the Order had more than doubled itself. In the December of the very year after the establishment of the Athole Lodge, the St. Maughold Lodge, at Ramsey, numbered 1075 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated. No further progress, so far as increasing the number of Lodges was concerned, was made during the next three years. Then came a petition for a warrant for the Tynwald Lodge, number 1242, and in the December of 1868 that Lodge was consecrated by their excellent brother Bannister, whom he had now the pleasure of seeing in the Senior Warden's chair in the Tynwald Lodge Rooms. In the year 1870 the Athole Chapter, attached to the Athole Lodge, was established, the consecration taking place in the May of that year. From 1870 a lapse of 14 years took place without any further proposals to increase the number of Lodges in Douglas; but in the early part of this year the authorities of the Grand Lodge were somewhat startled by receiving, almost simultaneously, petitions for Charters for two Lodges to be established in Douglas. Such an event as this was quite unprecedented; but, on finding that the two new Lodges were

not likely to clash with each other, nor with the existing Lodges, his Royal Highness was pleased to grant the prayers of the petitioners, and, in pursuance of the Grand Master's command, he (the Grand Secretary) and other Officers of the Grand Lodge had come to the Island to perform the consecration ceremony and to duly constitute the petitioners into two Lodges of "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons." Before proceeding with the ceremony he would like to utter a few words of caution. The magnificent progress of the Order in late years had led to enormous numbers of persons endeavouring to procure admission to Masonry, many with the selfish and sordid object of unduly availing themselves of its undoubted privileges or to push forward their business. Members should, therefore, be especially careful not to propose any persons for initiation into the Order unless they felt convinced that they would reflect honour and credit on their choice. There was no difficulty in getting candidates—too many were only too anxious to join the Order—but before they were accepted for initiation their character should be considered, their temper studied, their antecedents inquired into; and thus the entrance of unworthy persons into the Order would be guarded against. No Lodge should be in too great a hurry to assume large proportions. They had far better advance slowly, and with due care build up a Lodge which would reflect honour on the Brotherhood.

The ceremony was then proceeded with. During its progress the Grand Chaplain (the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope) delivered the following oration on the nature and principles of the Masonic Institution:—

The appearance of a new house, whose site, style, or surroundings are of special beauty and appropriateness, naturally leads the beholder to speculate upon the character and condition of the owner. And the consecration of a new Lodge seems equally to call for remark upon the time honoured Institution which is here to have its home. What, then, briefly, is Freemasonry? Originally, no doubt, a guild of artificers, dating from the reign of King Solomon, and organised by his marvellous wisdom; with valuable trade secrets to keep close among themselves, and a careful system of passwords, signs, and tokens, for their preservation; a regular classification of the brethren into convenient groups or Lodges; orderly arrangements for government and discipline; periodical examinations of the junior workmen, to ascertain the progress they were making; solemn forms and ceremonies for admitting new members into the Brotherhood, passing successful candidates to higher degrees of proficiency, and investing them with conspicuous badges of merit; special times and places for the discussion of business matters, with a rigid exclusion of all exciting topics of debate, such as religion and politics, so as not to disturb the harmony so essential to the successful accomplishment of the grand work of Temple building, which was being carried on by the diverse nationalities of Judæa and Phœnicia in conjunction. With the prestige of a lofty origin like this and its necessary connection with the liberal arts and sciences, such as painting, sculpture, and the rest, the Masonic association rapidly developed and extended to every quarter of the civilized world. A powerful organization of this kind, with its ever accumulating stores of knowledge and experience, could not fail to produce extensive and important results. And, accordingly, we cannot be surprised to learn that to Freemasonry we are indebted for the wonderful structures—beautiful even in their ruin—erected under Greek and Roman auspices before the Christian era; and, in especial, for the magnificent mansions, castles, churches, and cathedrals that sprung up everywhere, in Great Britain and the Continent, during the comparatively quiet period of the eleventh and four following centuries. Nor can we wonder that men of other trades and professions, even kings and princes, eagerly sought admission into an Order of such high renown for the sake of companionship with the illustrious masters of art and science who ennobled it, and whose splendid labours did so much to enhance the national pride and glory. By degrees, however, "Speculative Masons," who, by special favour, were accepted to the freedom of the Craft, so far out-numbered their "operative" brethren, that, cuckoo-like, they ousted the original owners from the Masonic nest, and stayed in it themselves; retaining the outward shape and form of the ancient guild, with its working tools and badges; its stringent vows of secrecy, fidelity, and obedience; its elaborate and impressive ritual; and its oral triadic instruction; but turning all into parable and metaphor; so that, as we have it now, it is simply "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols;" a system possessing many important secrets and valuable privileges, and a history of unquestionable fact, embroidered with a variety of curious myths or legends, to furnish a plausible explanation of passwords, signs, and tokens, whose real origin and primitive significance have, in all probability, passed away from us for ever. Such is Freemasonry in the past. What, then, are its claims upon us in the present? And why are we here to-day doing our utmost to perpetuate it in the future? Now, to answer these inquiries, we must call to mind that Masonry may be viewed under two aspects—a lower and a higher, viz. (1), as connected with Lodges here on earth, and their members as citizens of the world; and (2), as connected with Grand Lodge above, where the G.A. lives and reigns for ever. In its lower aspect it has three special claims upon our attention and regard, viz., as:—(a) A bond of union and brotherhood between all the widely separated families and classes of humanity. (b) A neutral ground of meeting, for free and social intercourse, among less widely separated neighbours and acquaintances. (c) A universal letter of introduction to entire strangers, and a special medium for assisting the needy and distressed. In its higher aspect it is still more worthy the eulogy and encomiums that have been lavished upon it by the brethren in every age. As one of our fraternal charges well expresses it:—"Tis not mere blind fanatic zeal that prompts the brethren of the mystic tie to speak thus highly of the Masons' Craft. For well they know that it is the best and truest handmaid to religion that ever man devised, and admirably fitted to assist him in his search for light and knowledge through all the stages of this mortal life, from the cradled helplessness of infancy to the final darkness of the grave. It is founded on a triad of deep mysterious

truths, connecting earth with heaven; the external existence of a Trine God, the resurrection of the body, and the immortality of the soul. It inculcates the purest principles of piety and virtue, and teaches plainly, in the first degree, to measure all our words and actions by the gauge of rectitude and justice; to shape our conduct, in the second, by the square of morality and honesty; and, in the third, to circumscribe our passions with the compass of propriety, and to keep them strictly within the limits of the circle of our duty to God and man. Hence we learn to be upright, just and true to our fellow-men; humble, meek, resigned to the will of God; so that the Mason who has thus discharged his duty as a true and faithful brother to the Craft may calmly await that awful moment when his heart shall cease to throb, and his soul, released from the burden of the flesh, shall wing its upward flight to the boundless, unexplored expanse above." Truly, then, is Masonry a noble Institution, and nobly should it be enshrined among us! It is a precious jewel which demands a goodly setting. And we congratulate the brethren upon the establishment of the Lodge which is to be consecrated for their use to-day, as our first Grand Master King Solomon congratulated himself and people when his building at Jerusalem was completed, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord, for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Israel, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His temple." Being, then, what it is, we might naturally expect to find Freemasonry everywhere held in the highest and most reverent estimation, and, like a powerful magnet, drawing into it irresistibly all that is great and good now, as it did in days gone by. But is it so? To some extent no doubt it is; and in proof of this we point with pride and pleasure to such an assemblage as is gathered here to-day. Yet, is it not the case that our influence and numbers are not nearly what they ought to be; that, in fact, they might and ought to be far larger than they are? And, if so, where lies the fault? Have we any one to blame for it but ourselves? Speaking from my own experience, I should say that Masonry is far from popular with women as a body; that wives dislike it for their husbands, mothers for their sons, and that many men who take an independent stand in thought and action fight shy of it for themselves and their belongings. And why? Because there is a widespread feeling that men become Masons not from high, but low motives, to increase their business connection perhaps, or enlarge their jolly-good-fellow circle, and that their moral tone is not improved thereby, but the reverse; that Masonry, in fact, is little more than a costly knife and fork society, fond of idle dissipation; and Lodge meetings merely a convenient excuse and cloak for wasting ill-spared money upon extravagant eating and drinking." That this opinion may have had foundation in the conduct of some few past, and even present brethren, cannot be denied. Nor is the reason far to seek. In the great majority of our town and country districts no large and suitable room can be found, except at a public inn, where temptations to excess present themselves to every comer. And, accordingly, it is their misfortune, not their fault, if Masons, thus unhappily situated, have from time to time made lapses from their high profession. For it is not the orderly Masonic banquet in Masonic clothing, nor the modest Lodge refreshment with Masonic checks and guards on every side, that does the mischief, but the Masonic lounging at the bar, and the alcoholic convivialities there indulged in before the Lodge is opened and after it is closed. Hence it is that unseemly scandals have at times arisen; that solemn vows of initiation have been forgotten; that the mysteries of Masonry have more or less been blabbed by drunken lips to the scoffing outer world, and grave discredit cast upon the whole Fraternity. Freemasonry, however, cannot justly be condemned, any more than Christianity, for not doing its proper work of making all its members worthy, or than the Legislature for not making every one sober by act of parliament. Much, however, may be done in this direction by diminishing temptations to vice and the facilities for excess. And an immense stride will have been taken towards the exaltation of Freemasonry among ourselves and the world at large when every Lodge has a place like this set apart for Masonic purposes; where the most fastidious may assemble as in an ordinary reading room, without hesitation on their own part, or suspicion on the part of others; where evenings may be often spent, not drearily and wearily in merely getting through a dull routine of "work," but pleasantly and profitably in lectures and discussions upon interesting topics of art and science, thus fulfilling the special obligation to "make continual advancement in Masonic knowledge." And this is unquestionably the right and proper thing. For what says an ancient charge—"A Mason's Lodge is an emblematic representation of the Universe, the magnificent Temple of that G.A. whom we all revere and adore. Wisdom, strength, and beauty, are the pillars of His Throne, and manifest in all His works. His wisdom is infinite, His strength omnipotent, and His beauty shines through all creation, in symmetry of form, grandeur of proportion, and glorious harmony of colour." Here is a grand ideal! But how can it possibly be realised when its meetings have to be held, as is too often the case, in taverns and other unsuitable buildings, with unmasonic sights and sounds at every turn, with cowans and intruders at every corner? Very cordially then do we reiterate our warm congratulations to the brethren of Ellan Vannin, on the establishment of their Lodge this day in this hall set apart for Masonic purposes. Very heartily do we say to you, go on and prosper, as you well deserve. This structure has been raised in perfect unanimity and concord; long may it so continue. May the proceedings of to-day serve but to forge another link in the chain of brotherly love and good fellowship by which you are already united. May your children and your children's children rejoice in these auspicious solemnities. May you enjoy within these walls every satisfaction and delight that disinterested affection and Masonic intercourse can afford. And may the good report of this Lodge so tend to exalt and enhance the reputation of the Craft at large, that Masonry may flourish here, as in every other quarter of the globe, and be assisted to fulfil its noble mission, by diffusing the light of

wisdom, aiding the strength of reason, displaying the beauty of virtue, and diminishing the aggregate of human vice and misery. Being thus established firmly by the high character of its friends, it may laugh to scorn the malice of its foes, and rise superior to the opposition of the outer world, like the lofty summit of your own mighty Snaefel, that bares its breast with dignified composure to the tempests, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm.

A selection of music appropriate to the ceremony was gone through by a choir, consisting of Bros. R. Swinnerton P.M., E. J. Bowman P.M., R. G. Hoyle and J. E. Hunt; Bro. J. A. Mylrea ably presiding at the organ. At the conclusion of the consecration service, Bro. J. A. Brown P.M., presented by Bro. F. Richardson P.G.D., was duly installed the first Worshipful Master of the Ellan Vannin Lodge, this ceremony also being performed by the Grand Secretary. The new W.M. invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. S. Goldie-Taubman W.M. 1242 I.P.M., G. H. Smith S.W., J. Hodgson J.W., Rev. Blundell Browne Chaplain, A. Bruce Treasurer, J. E. Hunt Secretary, Dr. J. Reynolds S.D., R. Whiteside J.D., Dr. Dearden W.M. 1004 D.C., J. A. Mylrea Org. W. Dobson I.G. Bro. John Cowen was unanimously elected Tyler. The thanks of the Lodge were in the most hearty manner presented to the Consecrating and Installing Officer, and to the other Grand Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge. Before the business concluded, propositions were made for an initiate and for several joining members, and the W.M. announced close upon thirty valuable presents to the Lodge. These were gratefully accepted, and votes of thanks were presented to the donors.

The Lodge having closed down, the brethren adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, served in Bro. Nattan's best style. In every respect the banquet was a great success. Bro. J. A. Brown W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Amongst the speakers were the Worshipful Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain, Bros. C. J. Bannister, J. S. Goldie-Taubman, Clerk of the Rolls (A. Dumbell P.M.), Rev. Blundell Browne, G. H. Smith S.W., J. Hodgson J.W., Cruickshank P.M., Ramsey, F. Browne, A. N. Laughton, and Dr. Haviland. The most important subject referred to during the evening was the proposed establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge for the Isle of Man, and the benefits to the Craft that would ensue. The principal speakers on this point were the Grand Secretary, A. Dumbell P.M. (Clerk of the Rolls), Cruickshank P.M. and J. Hodgson, all of whom spoke in favour of the proposal. Bro. A. Dumbell P.M. made some very pertinent remarks on this subject. He said he could not but think that it was desirable that Masons in the Isle of Man should go in for a Provincial Grand Lodge. It would be a great advantage in many ways. Home Rule would be a great benefit to them. Why, the brethren at that banquet could not even wear Masonic clothing without a special dispensation from Grand Lodge in London. A Provincial Grand Lodge would also make the old Officers more distinguished by their not being so soon equalled by younger Officers. Another advantage would be the establishment of a local benevolent fund. Several other brethren spoke in the same strain.

Bros. Bowman P.M., Swinnerton P.M., Mylrea, Hoyle, and other musical brethren, contributed to the harmony of a pleasant evening. One of the songs was of a very appropriate nature. It was Ellan Vannin, a composition which now may be looked upon as the national anthem of Manxland. It was capitally sung by Bro. Bowman, who introduced into it two new verses composed by Bro. G. H. Smith S.W. As they have a special interest, from their Masonic allusions, we append them:—

"And now a band of Masons, joined by close fraternal tie,
This Lodge of ours we consecrate 'neath the All-seeing Eye,
And christen it most lovingly, dear Island, after thee,
Our own dear Ellan Vannin, with her green hills by the sea.

Its foundation has been laid to-day with diligence and care,
Each Ashlar set in level line, well chiselled, smooth, and square;
May order, peace, and harmony, its portion ever be,
Our own dear Ellan Vannin, with her green hills by the sea."

The proceedings were closed by Bro. J. E. Hunt Secretary giving the Tyler's toast.

The consecration of the St. Trinian's Lodge, numbered 2050 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, took place on Monday afternoon, and such was the fraternal interest taken in the proceedings that it drew together even a larger number of brethren than were present at the Ellan Vannin consecration on Saturday, there being no fewer than fifty-four signatures in the Tyler's book. There was the largest gathering of P.M.'s ever witnessed in the Island, no fewer than twenty-seven of those present having attained that rank. They were the Officers of the G. Lodge, Bros. G. C. Heron, J. A. Brown, L. G. Hannay, C. F. Johnson, J. S. Goldie-Taubman, E. Pierpoint (Liverpool), G. M. Lofthouse, H. Rothwell, C. Kennagh, J. Mylchreest, E. Munday, E. Ferrier, G. H. Quayle, J. M. Cruickshank, E. C. Kerr, W. Laughlin, W. L. Wild, H. Brearley, W. Cannell, J. McWhannell, and J. W. Wood. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were, of course, almost exact repetitions of those at the Ellan Vannin Lodge on Saturday, and it was also, of course, performed by the same Officers of the Grand Lodge. The brethren received the representatives of the Grand Lodge in due form shortly after four o'clock, and the ceremony of consecration was at once proceeded with. The musical portions were very ably rendered by a choir consisting of Bros. E. Munday P.M., L. G. Hannay P.M. and W. A. McKown, with Bro. F. C. Poulter as Organist. The founders of the St. Trinian's Lodge who signed the petition are the following brethren:—Bros. G. C. Heron, L. G. Hannay, G. J. Nattan, W. A. McKown, W. Broughton, J. H. Stretch, F. Poulter, Goodwin, Colquhoun, T. H. Nesbitt, C. F. Johnson, J. A. Brown, J. Morrison, E. C. Gelling, J. F. Terry, and A. E. Rothwell. The Consecrating Officer's address to the brethren and the Grand Chaplain's oration on

the origin and principles of Masoury were in their general scope and purport very similar to those we report in the proceedings of the Ellan Vannin consecration. The founders had elected Bro. G. C. Heron P.M. to be their first Worshipful Master; and after the consecration ceremony the Grand Secretary at once proceeded to instal him in the Chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. Both ceremonies—that of consecration and that of installation—were most impressively rendered. The newly installed W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bro. L. G. Hannay as I.P.M., G. J. Nattan as S.W., W. A. McKown as J.W., C. M. Challendar as Secretary, W. Broughton as S.D., J. H. Stretch as J.D., T. H. Nesbitt as D.C., F. C. Poulter as I.G., and T. H. Goodwin and W. Colquhoun as Stewards. Bro. John Lanaghan was unanimously elected Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony several candidates were proposed for initiation, and several brethren as joining members. The Officers of Grand Lodge were also enthusiastically thanked for their services, and were paid the further well-deserved compliment of being unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge.

The Lodge business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, provided in splendid style by Bro. Nattan, the S.W. of the Lodge. The catering and the waiting, as at the Ellan Vannin dinner on Saturday, were everything that could be desired, and the brethren thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The several Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the various speakers being the W.M., the Grand Secretary, W. Bro. C. J. Bannister, Bro. J. S. Goldie-Taubman P.M., the Rev. E. Ferrier P.M., J. M. Cruickshank P.M., L. G. Hannay P.M., and G. J. Nattan S.W. Several musical brethren, amongst them being Brothers L. G. Hannay P.M., J. McWhannell P.M., W. L. Wild P.M., and others, contributed to the harmony of the evening.

In several of the after-dinner speeches, the proposal to establish a Provincial Grand Lodge for the Island was again referred to in terms of general acceptance. The Grand Secretary's remarks on this and other points are of especial value. He said—Masonry has more than doubled itself in number of Lodges in twenty years. Every day we have Lodges started, and every day the Order is growing stronger. We have an enormous amount of subscriptions. £40,000 a year is subscribed for our Charities, and we give away £10,000 a year in our Lodge of Benevolence. Indeed the Order is becoming what the Yankee would call a "very big thing." With respect to your government, Manxland is famous all over the world for Home Rule. You have not yet got Home Rule in Masonry; but I hope you will soon agree amongst yourselves to ask the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness to make you a Provincial Grand Lodge. The time has come when you ought to have a certain amount of government amongst yourselves, and that you must gain by having a Provincial Lodge. On that subject let me clear up one or two points. Since I have been here I have been spoken to a great deal about this. Some brethren have said, "Cannot we have a District Grand Lodge," perhaps with the idea of having extended powers. Really the powers of a District Grand Lodge are not so very valuable, and really it is quite out of question that you should be formed into a district. Up to last Saturday you had three Lodges in the Isle of Man, paying two shillings of a capitulation grant, and the two new Lodges could not have been put on a different footing. The Channel Islands, which are in the same position as you, are a Province, not a district. It is only fair to explain to you that the formation of a district is out of the question. A Provincial Grand Lodge would be of great benefit to you, and you would have many privileges that now you have not. You would have your own charitable institutions; all your little disputes could be settled at home, and you would not have to write to me when you wished to appear at dinner in your best bib and tucker. I mean, of course, in Masonic clothing. There are a great many advantages in a Province. Every part of England has its Province, and see how well they work. It is nothing to me whether you have it or not, I advise you for your own good. That is the reason why I soon hope to be amongst you again. I have been greatly delighted with the strong fraternal feeling which exists among you. The brethren here are greatly to be praised for the manner in which they have conducted Masonry. We leave to-morrow morning, and we all leave with regret. We have an invitation to another Masonic meeting here to-morrow night, but are unable to stay. We, however, leave the Isle of Man with most pleasant recollections of our sojourn in it. Our worthy brother the Master of the Ellan Vannin Lodge wishes me to explain the *modus operandi* in connection with obtaining a Provincial Grand Lodge. Each Lodge has only to pass a resolution that they are of opinion that it is desirable to have a Provincial Grand Lodge. They send me a copy of the resolution, and if I receive a resolution from the five Lodges to this effect, then it will be my duty to lay the matter before the Grand Master, and ask his favourable consideration of the petition. I need scarcely say that I will urge it in every way in my power.

The Tyler's toast—Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again—recited by Bro. J. A. Brown P.M., brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

On Sunday morning, the 26th ult., the distinguished visitors (accompanied by Bro. Major J. S. G. Taubman) arrived at Ramsey by train, and were met at the station by the Worshipful Master of the St. Maughold Lodge, Bro. E. C. Kerr, P.M.'s Bros. Dr. Wood, Laughlin, Cruickshank, and Kermod Secretary. After a short walk on the Promenade, the Grand Lodge Officers visited the Lodge rooms in Mona-street. The Grand Secretary was pleased to find that the premises were the property of the members of the Lodge, and expressed his admiration of their appearance and suitability for Masonic work. Albert Tower was next visited, and the occasion which led to its erection was fully explained to the Grand Secretary, who expressed his intention of reminding his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales of the incidents of that memorable day in September 1847. There was a stiff nor'-easter blowing at the time, and the ascent up Lhergy Frissel, and the return via Ballure Glen, were

thoroughly enjoyed, the bracing and exhilarating atmosphere evoking warm commendation from the visitors. After luncheon at the Mitre Hotel, the local brethren again met the distinguished party, who, after a stroll through the town left for Douglas at three o'clock. Prior to their departure, Bro. Wild P.M. presented the Grand Secretary with a few copies of the reprint of the *Ramsey Times* of 20th September 1847, which contains a full account of the landing of the Prince Consort at Ramsey, and of the rejoicings of the Ramsey people over the event. The Grand Secretary announced his intention of calling the attention of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, "who always takes a great interest in such historical matters," to the interesting reprint of the events of a red-letter day in the history of Ramsey.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge left here on Tuesday morning the 28th ult., in the steamer *Smefell*. There was a large gathering of the brethren to bid them farewell. Amongst those present were Bros J. S. Goldie-Taubman, the Rev. E. Ferrier P.M., the Worshipful Masters of the two new Lodges, and several brethren from Ramsey and Castletown. The Grand Officers took away with them several souvenirs of their visit, and one and all said that they had received such a truly Masonic and friendly greeting that they would ever remember the Island with pleasure.

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MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is not very often that I venture to differ with Bro. P.M. James Stevens, but in the present instance I am surprised at the advice given by such an old experienced brother.

I will not go at full length of his arguments; no doubt in some respects he may be right, *i.e.*, that great care should be taken not to grant relief indiscriminately, but to say—"to make it a MASONIC OFFENCE for any Lodge to grant sums of money without production of certificate and proof of signature thereon," is absurd. Surely no stranger is admitted in any Lodge without proper proof or voucher; or does Bro. P.M. J. Stevens think a Lodge need not be so particular in admission of a strange brother, but to assist such a "brother," different and more strict precaution is necessary to satisfy us as to his identification. Then Bro. P.M. Stevens goes on to say, "No Lodge of Instruction should be permitted, on any pretence, to entertain the application of unknown brethren, &c., eager to give proof yet unasked for."

I cannot think for one moment that Bro. P.M. Stevens is in earnest with that suggestion. I know him too well, and on many occasions I have been present when a needy brother applied in Lodges of Instruction; he was the first to propose that the Lodge might grant him a trifle, and then went round amongst the brethren to collect a few shillings more to assist such applicant; and I ask him earnestly what objection can there be, if the members are satisfied that he is a Mason (of course the brethren are only satisfied by proper proof and vouchers), why shall we send a poor needy brother away without assistance? Perhaps he is without shelter (as I know in some instances), perhaps illness in his family, and a speedy relief of a few shillings might save him or his family "from sinking," or from hunger. His fear of being imposed upon, he really cannot be in earnest about it, and I must refer to the Bible—Genesis xviii. 20-32—at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, when Abraham prayed to the Almighty not to destroy the righteous with the wicked, God said, "If I find fifty righteous within the city then I will spare all the place for their sakes." At last in v. 32 God said, "I will not destroy it for ten's sake."

Suppose we are sometimes imposed upon by some, shall the innocent suffer for the guilty one? I, for myself, and I am sure every good Mason, naturally including Bro. P.M. Stevens, will agree with me, it is preferable to be imposed upon by ten than to allow one good deserving brother to suffer. Let the Lodges in the first instance be particular whom they admit into Freemasonry and impostors will be few.

The appointment of a Grand Almoner is commendable. I personally exerted myself some months to have one appointed in my own Lodge—where we have a Benevolent fund—whose duty it should be to inquire into every case minutely and to report thereon, and also to try to find means to improve the funds.

Trusting I have not trespassed on your valuable space too much,

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

MAURICE SPIEGEL P.M.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—No Mystery.—Whenever the blood is impure, or the general health is impaired the human body is predisposed to attacks of any prevailing epidemic. The first indications of faulty action, the first sensations of deranged or diminished power, should be rectified by these purifying Pills, which will cleanse all corrupt and reduce all erring functions to order. These Pills counteract the subtle poisons in decaying animal or vegetable matter, and remove all tendency to bowel complaints, biliousness, and the host of annoying symptoms arising from foul stomachs. The autumnal season is especially prone to produce irritation of the bowels and disorders of the digestive organs; both of which dangerous conditions can be completely removed by Holloway's corrective medicines.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

THE installation meeting took place at *Auderton's Hotel*, Fleet-street, on Wednesday. Bros. Earney W.M., Blum I.P.M., Parkhouse S.W., Schieman J.W., Barfield Treasurer, Read Secretary, Lock S.D., Taylor J.D., Wehlen D.C., Side I.G., Schofield Tyler; Bros. Carr, Richardson, Brazell, Barker, Harnell, Childs, Reilly, Fisher, Wolveridge, Brow, Everett, Bovis, Harrison, Temple, Death, Jones, Collins, Krause, Boerger, Essex, Channon, Jarvis, Collard, Stebbing, Park, Robson, McCutchan, Renham, French, and Reekie. Visitors—Bros. Ball 1567, Dehane I.P. Master 1513 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Jennings 733, Cama P.M. 1159 P.P.G. Sword Bearer Middlesex, Laundry 1611, Pearce 1673, Lander P.M. 1642 P.Z., Bartle W.M. elect 1642, Cunningham W.M. 1233, Harvey P.M. 9, Robinson 1681, Dickinson 1681, Honeyball W.M. 1681, Captain Nicols P.M. 1971 P.D.G. Superintendent of Works Punjab, Thompson 1681, Ball 15, Davis P.M. 167 P.Z. 185, Bryett P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, Cunningham 1612, Rogers 1238, Dickenson 1298, Gillingham W.M. 1238, Francon 1623, Gregory 173, Wyatt 1828, and many others—in all numbering 91. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. John Killick. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Parkhouse was presented and obligated. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Parkhouse was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Earney. The brethren having saluted the W.M. in each of the degrees, the following were invested as Officers:—Bros. Schieman S.W., Lock J.W., Barfield Treasurer, Read Secretary, Taylor S.D., Side J.D., Fisher I.G., Schaler Wine Steward, Death Assistant Wine Steward. An indigent brother was relieved. The Auditors then read the report of the Benevolent fund of the Lodge, which was of an extremely gratifying character. Bro. Barfield was elected Steward to represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. Earney, in proposing the health of the W.M., said that he had gone through all the offices, and had arrived at the chair thoroughly esteemed by all who knew him, but by none more so than by the members of the Zetland. Bro. Earney concluded by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M. returned his sincere thanks. It was a proud moment to be the W.M. of his mother Lodge, the old Zetland, to which he had been unanimously elected. Of course, he could not expect so many initiates to come forward as in former years, as there were so many Lodges now in London. It was gratifying to see many from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge present, from whose members he had received so much consideration when he was their W.M. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Earney; he had worked step by step with him; they had gone up as Stewards together, and time after time had been Scrutineers at the various Elections. Bro. Earney had the cause of Charity at heart, and was a thorough good fellow. Bro. Earney returned thanks in very happy terms; he was very grateful for the numerous kindnesses he had received during his year of office. The W.M. in complimenting the Visitors said it was the toast of the evening; notably among them was Bro. Cama, a thorough Mason, who had given no less than £700 during the last few years to the different Masonic Charities, while each Christmas he had been in the habit of handing £100 to the Lord Mayor to distribute among the poor. Bro. Dehane represented the Charity Organisation in Essex, and any brother who knew anything about the Charities would bear him out that this berth was not a sinecure. Bro. Gillingham, the W.M. of the Gooch Lodge, and Bro. Bryett, of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge, came in for hearty good wishes. Bro. Bartle, the W.M. elect of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and its members, were especially welcome. Bro. Davis, the talented Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction and Chapter of Improvement; the W.M. said words of praise were not strong enough for his constant attendance and correct teaching of the Ritual. Bro. Barrett, replying, stated lucidly the characteristics of what a good Mason should be, and instanced the I.P.M. Bro. Cama hoped the W.M. would not forget him on a future occasion, and complimented the brethren on their working, especially the Installing Master. Several other of the Visitors acknowledged the compliment. The P.M.'s toast was replied to by Bro. Ward; twelve Past Masters of the Lodge were present. The Treasurer's (Bro. Barfield) reply was such as might be expected from so worthy a Mason. Bro. Read, Secretary, stated this was the twelfth time he had been invested; he had replied to the Secretary's toast seventy-two times in that Lodge, and it was difficult to find anything fresh to say. The rest of the Officers were duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. W. J. Oliver, assisted by Bros. Schieman, Krause, and Ball.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, 795.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Raynold Hotel, Maidenhead, on Wednesday, 16th ult., when there were present Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., J. C. Innes S.W., J. Greenfield J.W., C. Dearing Acting S.D., Capt. J. Finch Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.M. Secretary, Withers D.C., &c. Visitors—J. Western P.M. 1602, J. Osborn P.M. 1602, Herbert Sprake, Payne, Cutbill, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. John Cutbill, Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, held at Auderton's, was duly elected a joining member. The ceremony of installation of Bro. J. C. Innes as W.M. was ably performed by I.P.M. Linscott. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. Greenfield S.W., E. W. Allen J.W., Withers I.C., C. Dearing D.C., Davies S., Finch Treasurer, Hodges Secretary.

Several Officers being absent, their investment was postponed, on letters of apology being read from them. The Tyler of the Lodge, Bro. G. Newell, who had acted as such for twenty years, was presented with a well-filled purse on his retirement. The brethren, one and all, expressed their regret at having to lose such a valuable servant. The Tyler evidently was sorry to part with the Lodge, and so expressed himself in a neat little speech. It was resolved, after some discussion, to hold four instead of six meetings in the year, giving up the August and September meetings. The W.M. showed, by the way he invested the Officers and closed the Lodge, that he was fully equal to the work, in fact, as expressed by the S.W. at the banquet, he might long ago have occupied that position had he not out of kindness permitted other members to pass him. The brethren enjoyed a capital banquet, and returned to Paddington, as they came, in a saloon carriage, by an early train, being entertained on their journey by our musical brother Josh. Daniels.

CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge took place on Friday, 1st 24th ult., when a large number of visitors assembled to assist the brethren of the Lodge in installing Bro. William Lascelles Southwell. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Whitefoot jun., who did his work in an almost faultless manner; indeed, Bro. Whitefoot has, during his year of office, worked with the true zeal of a worthy Mason. Bro. T. Pratt P.M. gave the charge to the Wardens in a most impressive manner; indeed, praise is due to every officer for the efficient way the work was done. A year ago the Deputy Prov. Grand Master described this as the best worked Lodge in the Province, and we can confidently say there is no falling off since that time. There were present Bros. Thos. Whitefoot jun. W.M., W. Lascelles Southwell W.M. elect, J. H. Cooksey J.W., E. M. Southwell I.P.M., and Past Masters Bros. W. Simms Prov. G.P., H. B. Southwell, Thos. Pratt, Edw. Jones Chitney, Bro. H. Smith Treasurer, H. E. Roberts Secretary, T. F. Nock S.D. William Westcott J.D., Rev. Dr. Lucas Chaplain, J. Sewell Organist. A. Bethell and H. J. Skelding Stewards, J. W. Consterdine Chadwick W.M. 377, T. Whitefoot, J. Bromwich, A. S. Trevor, W. J. Pitt, Ernest Cooper; also the following visitors:—Bros. G. W. Grosvenor Prov. S.G.W. Worcestershire, Jas. Fitzgerald P.M. and Sec. 377, W. M. Raden W.M. 1874, W. E. Harding W.M. 262, S. Boddington P.M. 1016, J. Bradney 419, G. Fletcher 1575, G. R. Green 1874, J. Mossop 1874, F. W. Henstock 1495, H. K. Southwell 357, and Bro. Geo. Taylor Prov. G. Sec. of Worcestershire. The Officers appointed by the newly-installed Master were as follows:—Bros. J. H. Cooksey S.W., H. E. Roberts J.W., Dr. Lucas Chaplain, Hubert Smith Treas., Thos. Pratt P.M. Sec., J. F. Nock S.D., W. Westcott J.D., J. Sewell Org., H. J. Skelding I.G., A. Bethell and T. Whitefoot Stewards, and H. Goodall Tyler. After labour the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, and the evening was spent in doing honour to the usual Masonic toasts, interspersed with harmony.

LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN, No. 145.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. Read W.M., H. Brock S.W., G. Banks J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, D. Haslett Secretary, H. Cox I.G., Hampton Steward; P.M.'s C. A. Woods, J. H. Leggett, G. States P.G.S., A. D. Kerrell, E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex. Visitors—A. Nicols P.M. 1974, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The work was purely of a routine character, there being no candidates for either of the degrees. The brethren, however, partook of a banquet, and spent a pleasant hour or two afterwards.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

A MEETING was held on Tuesday, 4th instant, at the Saracen's Head, Danmow. Bros. A. Rattray W.M., J. P. Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G. Superintendent of Works Essex S.W., W. Rowe J.W. Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.P.G.C. Essex Chaplain, W. De Vins Wade Secretary. W. Calanan S.D., E. F. Ferris J.D., E. H. Williams I.G., C. Bint Tyler; Brothers H. Dehane I.P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Essex, J. L. Franklin, W. T. Noble, Dr. R. C. Lyle. Visitor—John Taylor 276. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer; the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for four candidates, and two being present—Messrs. Noble and Lyle—were duly initiated into the Order. A motion by Bro. Williams to increase the number of meetings was discussed and adjourned, as also the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws. Votes of congratulation were passed to Lord Rosslyn and Rev. F. Shepherd on the marriage of their daughters. The Lodge was closed until Tuesday on or nearest the full moon in December. The brethren adjourned to the dining room, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, the evening being enlivened by songs from Bros. Lewin, Noble, and Ferris. Bro. Rattray W.M. was installed last month by Bro. Dehane.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. W. M. Stiles W.M., F. W. Sillis S.W., J. W. Smith J.W., M. Dickey S.D., J. C. Smith J.D., W. Jacques I.G., W. A. Scurrell Assistant Secretary, R. Ross, L. Holland, W. H. Bartery, Stewards. Visitors:—Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S., J. Jones 1278, A. Giddings 1446, E. J. Day 1641, G. A. Musell P.M. 35, J. E. Payne 1169, Whitley 846, M. J. Rowley 1507, J. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, A.

Barfield P.P.G.D. Hants, C. Scales P.M. 1507, W. H. Rawkins 858, C. P. McKay P.M. 720, R. W. Walker 1107, Hamlyn P.M. 1622, J. Howson 1446, G. Treadwick 1076, Stokes P.M. 1777 and Sec. 1507, Hare 1987, Ellington W.M. 167, Hamlyn P.M. 144, Sillis 957, J. G. Taylor 720, Honeyball W.M. 1681, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots having been previously taken for the admission of Messrs W. Bowen and Dominic Evento, they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. J. W. Huelin was passed to the second degree. Bro. W. A. Scurrah the Assistant Secretary reported the result of his Stewardship for the last Festival of the Boys' School, when he succeeded in collecting 600 guineas. The W.M. said the brethren were proud in having had a member of the Lodge to represent them as Bro. Scurrah had done, and then announced that it was his intention to act as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to banquet. The W.M. said that day being the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great philanthropist, Bro. Sir. Moses Montefiore, and Bro. H. M. Levy being present, one of the oldest Past Masters of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, he was pleased to testify, in the name of the Royal Savoy Lodge and the brethren assembled, their hearty approval of what had been done to honour Sir Moses Montefiore. They trusted he might yet be spared for many years to continue his good works. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. said a really unexpected honour had been paid Sir Moses by the reference of the W.M. to him. Before the usual Masonic honours had been given it showed the great feeling of charity pervading the hearts of all. The G.A.O.T.U. had graciously spared that noble brother to attain his great age. He was a true philanthropist, knowing no distinction of creed. The W.M. gave, as the first toast, Loyalty to the Thorne and Devotion to the best interests of the Craft. This embodiment of sentiment met with a hearty response. Bro. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M., there being no P.M. of the Lodge present. Bro. Stiles' ability was so well known that no lengthy introduction was needed for the toast. The W.M. was gratified at the way in which his health had been proposed. His great aim since he had been in Freemasonry was to advance the interests of the Craft and Lodges to which he belonged. The Masonic Charities was next proposed, the Worshipful Master again referring to Brother Scurrah's Stewardship for the Lodge. Bro. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary Boys' School to respond for the Charities, and Brother Mason for the Past Masters. Bro. Binckes was pleased to hear the W.M. had consented to become a Steward for next year. The Royal Savoy Lodge had set an example to the Craft of what might be done for the Charities. Brother Mason in responding for the toast of the Past Masters regretted the absence of those brethren, who he felt sure were kept away from causes beyond their control. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He was very pleased to see them. They were present at a so-called off night, but he hoped they had enjoyed themselves none the less. Bros. Storr, Honeyball, Whitley, Barfield, Mursell were associated with the toast. The Visitors' toast having been acknowledged, the W.M. proposed that of the Initiates, Bros. Bowen and Evento. He felt great pleasure in seeing these gentlemen present. He was sure they would never regret their association with the Lodge. The toast having been responded to in brief terms, the W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. James Willing was the first Master; he was present that day at the celebration of the Centenary of Sir Moses Montefiore at Runsgate. The Lodge now numbered 120 members, though only five years old—a splendid result of the working of the Past Masters. Of Bro. Dickey, the Secretary, they were very proud; he was initiated five years since in the Lodge; he had proved himself equal to any Secretary in the Craft. Bro. Dickey responded, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers; each one was well qualified to fill the various duties required of him. Bro. Scurrah, in responding, said it was a great pleasure to work under such a W.M. as the present; what he had done in the past, so he would do in the future. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the lay members, and later on announced that his list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution amounted to £70. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

PRIORY LODGE, ACTON, No. 1996.

THE sixth regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 3rd instant. Bro. C. E. Botley W.M., W. Roebuck I.P.M., G. Wright S.W., F. Botley J.W., E. F. Earl Treasurer, E. H. Sugg Secretary, E. Monson jun. S.D., J. A. Cammell J.D., A. Turner I.G., Harrison Tyler; also Bros. Blake Relf, Ward, Hodges. Visitors—Bros. the Rev. P. G. Pickering, M.A., W.M. 35 P.P.G.C. Hants and Isle of Wight, Rev. — Beaumont 1575, Seward W.M. 1612, Henderwick 2022, Wuest P.M. 753, V. Wing 1585. After a due observance of preliminaries, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Hardy, a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. After the candidate retired, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Hardy was re-admitted and raised to the degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history and lecture on the Tracing Board. On the Lodge being resumed, the bye-laws of the Lodge were read by the Secretary. A candidate for initiation was proposed for next meeting, and an application for relief considered, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, 2nd February 1885. The brethren adjourned to the Lyric Hall, Ealing, where an admirable banquet was served by Bro. E. Stephens. The harmony of the evening was contributed to by the W.M., Bros. Pickering, Botley, Relf, Monson, Cammell, Wing, &c. Bro. Sugg presided at the piano.

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Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 4th instant, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Bros. Balfour W.M., Richardson S.W., Saunders J.W., Snodin Treasurer, Simpson Secretary, Triggs S.D., Tacon J.D., Parsons I.G., Fox Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. Linscott, Dodson, Brown; Bros. Cornu, Main, Roach, Lincoln, Packer, Thompson, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Balfour, in a very able manner, it being the first time he had performed the ceremony. The W.M. then retired in favour of Bro. Packer, W.M. of the Whittington Lodge, 862, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation; Bro. Richardson acted as W.M. elect, and invested his officers in a satisfactory manner. Bros. Packer and Thompson were elected members. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesday, 25th November, and 2nd December, on which occasions Bro. Fox will preside.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on 30th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Bedford Williams W.M., Millbourn S.W., Prior J.W., Banks Treasurer, Speight P.M. Secretary, Freeman S.D., Dale J.D., Penrose I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings (Preceptor), Good, Volmann and Bolton; Bros. Freeman, Greener, Stringer, Pitt, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Freeman personating the candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on re-suming was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stringer candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and after some formal business was adjourned.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—At the meeting on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Fountain Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, there were present—Bros. H. Purdue W.M., S. J. Humfress S.W., C. J. Morse J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Treasurer and Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary, C. S. Mote S.D., E. F. Ferris J.D., F. Chandler Steward, J. Laurence I.G. Past Master Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, P. Burton W.M. elect 834, Bros. C. R. Wickens, D. Stroud, W. Matthews, C. H. Wood, H. Robinson, E. J. Brown, W. Batley, A. M. Chapman, W. E. Purdue, J. Cruttenden, J. R. Phillips, R. E. Cursons, J. Webb, G. Simpson, M. Honeyball. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batley candidate. Bro. G. Read P.M. 511 was elected Treasurer and Preceptor, and Bro. H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary for the ensuing 12 months. Bros. Capt. A. Nicols P.M. 1974 P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, Jubal Webb S.W. 1426, and W. E. Purdue 834, were appointed an Audit Committee. The Bye-laws were read. Bro. W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211, having consented to give one of his interesting Lectures on Monday evening next, brethren are cordially invited to attend. Lodge was closed until 8 p.m. on 10th November.

The following Festivals were held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 8th November:—

Monday—Urban Chapter, Asaph Lodge, Lodge of Union, Joppa Lodge. Tuesday—Royal York Lodge, Albion Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, British Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Chapter Club. Thursday—Builders' Benevolent Institution, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles, Lingaan Club. Friday—Odd Volumes, Royal Kensington Lodge, Chapter of Fidelity. Saturday—West London Quoit Club, Phoenix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

The annual fish supper at Bro. Baker's, Old Cook Tavern, Highbury Railway Station, will take place on Tuesday next, 11th instant, at 7.30 p.m., when Bro. R. P. Forge (who gives the fish for these annual celebrations) will occupy the chair. The price of tickets is fixed at three shillings and sixpence each, and of this sum one shilling, together with any surplus, will be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which Charity Bro. Forge will act as Steward at its next Anniversary Festival.

The Installation Meeting of the Asaph Lodge took place on Monday last, when Bro. C. E. Tinney was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. F. Delevanti. Report of this, and other matters, we are compelled to hold over until next week.

The members of the Faith Lodge of Instruction will hold their annual banquet at the Queen Anne's Mansions, on Wednesday next, 12th November.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WERE WORKED

By the Members of the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228, at the Hope Tavern, Stanhope-street, Regent's Park, on Wednesday, 5th November. Bros. Kew P.M. 179 W.M., Paul S.D. 1472 S.W., Ellwood J.W. 179 J.W., Koester P.M. 435 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Hearne, Hughes, Dickeson, Gilby, Ellwood, Agar, and Sillis. Second Lecture—Bros. Wood, Koester, Paul, Kew, and Hemming. Third Lecture—Bros. Scurrah, Finch, and Giddings. Bro. Geo. Gilby W.M. 1194 Hon. Sec. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be placed on the minutes to Bro. Kew P.M. for his efficiency in working and presiding, and for his persevering efforts as Preceptor of the Lodge. Also to the brethren who assisted the W.M. in working the Sections so perfectly.

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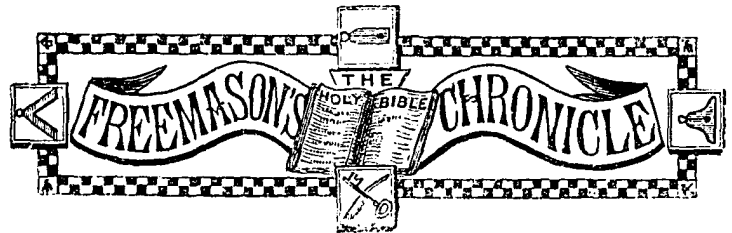
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Lodge minutes, and the biographical sketches of eminent Brethren in the early days of Masonry, are eminently readable and of continuing value.

Bro. Schultz prefaces his history with a sketch of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717; an account of the schism of 1738-40, and division of the Craft for a time into "Moderns" and "Ancients;" and a résumé of the introduction of Masonry into America. Under this last head we are surprised to find certain errors of statement into which Bro. Schultz should not have fallen. For example, he repeats the old and oft-exploded errors, that the authority of Bro. Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master of New England, in 1734 "was extended to cover all North America," and that in the same year "St. John's Grand Lodge, at Boston," granted a warrant for "a Lodge in Philadelphia." There is not an iota of reliable evidence existing to support either of these assertions, and even prominent Boston Brethren have positively denied both of them. Bro. Schultz does say:

"Within the present year there was discovered a Ledger of 'St. John's Lodge,' Philadelphia, from June 24, 1731, to June 24, 1738, in which Bro. Franklin and others are charged with five Lodge days (months) dues, clearly showing that the Lodge must have been in existence as early as the latter part of 1730."

But he adds to this:

"It would appear that Philadelphia has established a claim to the first 'Lodge meetings of Masons' held in this country, and Boston to that of the first 'Warranted' Lodges."

Here our Brother is wrong again. So far as any evidence remains, NO WARRANTS WERE ISSUED for subordinate Lodges in those early days. St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Boston, never had a Charter until it received one from the United Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1792. Warrants or Deputations were granted only to Provincial Grand Masters; and the relative position of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts in this respect is as follows: There is indisputable evidence, the very best possible, that a Deputation was granted by the Grand Lodge of England, in 1730, to Bro. Daniel Coxe, as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; while there is no original and entirely trustworthy evidence that Brother Henry Price received a Deputation as Provincial Grand Master of New England in 1733. The Grand Lodge of England has no entry of the fact anywhere on its records of that date, nor in the years immediately following, nor has it any mention whatever at that era of Bro. Henry Price; and all that is relied upon to prove the allegation is an alleged copy of the Deputation, made 1751, eighteen years after the event, and the naked assertions of Bro. Price himself. In other words, the original of this alleged Deputation nowhere exists, nor any contemporaneous official record of or reference to it, either in America or in England; nor does a contemporaneous copy of it exist, but only a copy long afterwards made by Bro. Charles Pelham in 1751 or 1752. In other words it is the shadow of a shade. Bro. Price often asserted, some thirty years after 1733, to the Grand Lodge officials in London, that he had been appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1733, but he never produced his Deputation therefor, nor any enlargement thereof, and it was only upon the strength of his persistent and unsupported asseverations that he finally obtained recognition, and that many years after the alleged event itself. This all a matter of recorded history, contained in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and it speaks for itself. It will thus be seen that the reverse of Bro. Schultz's statement is true: Freemasonry in PENNSYLVANIA was lawfully warranted in 1730 by an undisputed Deputation to Bro. Daniel Coxe, while Freemasonry in MASSACHUSETTS in 1733 had no warrant, so far as officially appears, unless we accept the assertions of Bro. Henry Price, supported by the alleged copy of his alleged Deputation made eighteen years after its granting, and contained in a record (that of St. John's Lodge, Boston, written up in 1751-2) that has been proven, as to its early allegations, to be full of errors. Bro. Schultz should either not have gone into these matters, or else carefully studied the subject in the light of all the officially recorded facts.

The earliest Lodge in Maryland, according to the records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was authorised in 1750, by Bro. Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of North America. None of its records are known to be in existence. In 1759 there was a Lodge at Leonardtown,

possibly a "branch," it is stated, of that held at Annapolis. Bro. Schultz says:—

"The records of the Leonardtown Lodge, with one exception—those of St. John's Lodge, Boston—are the oldest original Lodge proceedings discovered in this country."

These minutes, however, extend over a period of only four years and a half, the Lodge about then ceasing to exist, while we have in Philadelphia, Lodge No. 3, still actively at work and prosperous, the minutes of which are perfect and complete from 3rd December 1767 to the present time. The lately discovered Ledger of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, 1731-8 also long antedates them.

In those days the brethren were fond of attending divine service on St. John's Day, 24th June, and in the evening thereafter, a ball. For example, in the minutes of 1759 we read:—

"Being assembled at the Court House, after hearing a Polite, Accurate and most Edifying discourse, delivered by our Rev'd Brother John McPherson, we returned to the Lodge Room. In the evening was a Genteel Ball, at the opening of which was sung by the Members of the Lodge, Locked in a Circle, the Entered Apprentice's Song. In the morning the members again repaired to the Lodge Room, when it was ordered that the money due to the Lodge be applied towards the expenses of the Ball, and what may remain undischarged to be collected from the members."

In June 1761 there was "no clergyman to perform divine service" for this Lodge, nevertheless, "it was ordered that the clerk of the parish read the Evening Service," after which they went to the ball. In December 1761 they had another merry making, when "the ball was opened by Bro. Plater, and the evening concluded with great mirth and decency."

Under date 3rd November 1762, we read, "The Secretary presents to the Lodge a petition signed by Archd. Campbell, with a certificate of his being made a Mason at the Royal Arch Lodge at Glasgow." The last entry on the minutes of the Leonardtown Lodge is of date 27th December 1764. It is not known by what authority this Lodge was warranted.

In 1765 a Lodge was chartered at Joppa, Baltimore county, by Lord Blaney, Grand Master of England ("the Ancients"). Among its regulations was the following, aimed at "Modern" Masons:—

"That none who hath been admitted in any Modern Lodge shall be admitted as a member of this Lodge without taking the respective Obligations Peculiar to Ancient Masons."

This, too, is significant:—

"That the Master's Lodge begins on each Communication at 10 o'clock, the Crafts at 12 o'clock, and E.P. at 3 o'clock, which shall be and is hereby Ruled to be the Closing of the Communication."

"That no Fellow of the Craft shall be raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. until he passes an Examination, and is found Capable thereof by a Committee of at least Three M.M., to be appointed for that purpose, and if found on the said Examination Rusty in the Former par's must Wait until Brightened by further experience before he can be Raised."

On 27th December 1765 the Lodge again attended Divine Service and Sermon. Afterwards—

"Then at the Church door a glass of Wine and Cake to the Brethren by the Treasurer and Deacons, then any that pleased to Accept."

"Then marched as before, backed to the Lodge. At Entering the door the Entered Apprentice's Song, and after Adjournment dined. Ball following, Consisting Chiefly of Masons, Masons' Wives and Buirns."

Bro. Schultz says, "Lodge chests in those times had three locks, with a distinct key for each lock. One of these were kept by the W.M., one by the S.W., and one by the J.W. In these chests the charter, jewels, &c., of the Lodge were kept, and in some old Lodges the Bye-laws provided that these chests should not be opened except when these three Officers 'were present and agreed.'"

Now-a-days such a regulation would insure the punctual attendance of the Officers, or else, as then, the non-opening of the Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania may be said to have been the Mother Lodge of the Craft in Maryland. Prior to 1782 it chartered nine Lodges in Maryland, viz.: Nos. 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 27, 29, 34 and 37. No. 15, at Baltimore, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1770, is now Washington Lodge, No. 3, and the oldest Lodge in the State. Among its Bye-laws were the following:—

"Any Brother who shall enter the Lodge without Clean Linen and Decent Clothing, to be reprimanded from the Chair, and ordered to withdraw for that Night."

"The Youngest Brother in this Lodge shall serve the Summonses and Tile in cases of Emergency."

There are many other interesting facts set forth in this volume. Traditions are related, and biographical notes are given of Bros. Governor George Plater, Sir Henry Harford, General Mordecai Gist, Gen. Otho H. Williams, Capt. Stephen Decatur, Gen. John Swan, Commodore James Nicholson, and other eminent Maryland Freemasons. This part of the work has been well done, and Parts II. and III. bringing the History of Freemasonry in Maryland down to the year 1800, will be looked for with interest by all who have read this introduction. The Craft in Maryland should take a deep interest in this publication, and sustain it by prompt and numerous subscriptions.—*Keystone.*

MARK MASONRY.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

THIS degree of Freemasonry has made rapid strides in this District during the past two or three years, so much so that last year it was decided to combine the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire into a Provincial Grand Lodge. Accordingly, in May 1883, the consecration of a new Mark Lodge at Gorleston, near Great Yarmouth—the Youell Lodge—was availed of for the installation of Lord Henniker (then Grand Mark Mason of England) as Grand Master of the new Province, which was entitled "The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Anglia." Since that time two new Lodges have been added to the roll—one at Cambridge and another at Chelmsford—"The Chelmer." On Monday last Lord Henniker held his first Prov. Grand Lodge at Colchester, the Library of Colchester Castle being kindly lent for the purpose by Bro. James Round, M.P. There was a large gathering of Mark Masons, including several Grand Officers of England, and most of the Provincial Grand Officers of the year. His Lordship arrived at Colchester, from Thornham Hall, Eye, by the 2.7 up train, and having been received at North Station by a deputation consisting of W. Bros. J. P. Lewin W.M. 145, Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 145 P.G.D. England, and Clowes Master Overseer 145, was conveyed in an open carriage, kindly lent by Bro Clowes, to the place of meeting. Business shortly afterwards commenced with the confirmation of the minutes of the institutory meeting at Gorleston, and a special meeting at Ipswich in December last, when the by-laws were settled. The W.M.'s of the various Lodges then gave their reports, which showed that the Order is making satisfactory progress. The Treasurer's account was to the effect that the preliminary expenses had been necessarily heavy, while owing to the newness of the Province, the income had been but small. The Board of General Purposes therefore recommended that with a view of freeing the Province from debt, a contribution should be asked from the Lodges in the Province. The Report was adopted, and the W.M.'s present undertook to lay the subject of a special contribution before their respective Lodges, and they had no doubt it would be heartily responded to. Bro. Colonel Bignold was then re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the Provincial Grand Master re-appointed Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. England as D.P.G.M., congratulating himself and the Province generally that he had such an efficient and popular brother to act as his Deputy. The other Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. J. N. York W.M. 334	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
J. P. Lewin W.M. 145	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
J. Pinder P.M. 205	...	Prov. G. Master Overseer
C. Geldard W.M. 205	...	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
W. C. Claridge P.M. 205	...	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 145,	}	Prov. G. Chaplains
P.G.C. Eng.		
Rev. A. J. Brogden 334	...	Prov. G. Registrar
Oscar Browning 334	...	Prov. G. Secretary
N. Tracy P.M. 70	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
W. Groome P.M. 112	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
E. Baldwin 92	...	Prov. G. Inspector of Works
J. W. Shepherd J.O. 112	...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
S. R. Anness W.M. 70	...	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
W. P. Lewis P.M. 145	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
G. Graveley 205	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
B. Chennell S.W. 334	...	Prov. G. Organist
W. J. Nunn J.W. 105	...	Prov. G. Inner Guard
A. F. Ginn S.W. 342	...	Prov. G. Tyler
George Gould Tyler 70	...	} Prov. G. Stewards
G. A. Eustace S.D. 145	...	
J. G. Renshaw I.G. 145	...	
J. T. Bailey J.O. 145	...	

The R.W. P.G.M. then addressed the brethren. He was pleased, his Lordship said, to find Mark Masonry so flourishing in the Province—more so than really they might have expected. It was a source of gratification to him, connected as he was with Essex by the ties of property, to find himself in this beautiful town, and the still more beautiful Castle, which, he was happy to notice, had been preserved from the hands of "restorers" so-called. It was a singular thing that, considering he had lived in the Eastern Counties all his life—something over forty years—and that he had passed by the town times without number, this was his first visit to Colchester. He thought their best thanks were due to the W.M. and brethren of the Constantine Lodge, not only for the excellency of the arrangements they had made for the reception of P.G.L., but also for the good account they were able to give of Mark Masonry in their Lodge. He very much regretted he was unable to be at Chelmsford the other

day, though he was gratified to know that he was so efficiently represented by his Deputy, Bro. Martyn. The fact was, he was a very busy man, having many calls upon him, both of a public and private nature. During the past two or three years he had devoted a good deal of time to Freemasonry, as he thought Bro. Binckes would testify. And while it would always gratify him to come amongst his brethren on all occasions that he was able, they must not think his interest in their beloved Craft was waning if sometimes he was compelled to absent himself. To-day he had made a point of being present among them, but he was sorry that as he had to preside over an important meeting next day he must leave them as soon as he had closed the Lodge. It seemed to him a very remarkable thing that, in these distressful times, when the support given to many institutions was flagging, Freemasonry seemed to flourish. He need hardly say in the presence of so many distinguished brethren that, as Freemasonry increased, the responsibility of individual members increased too. The outside world judged of their Order by the conduct of individual brethren; and he trusted that all would bear this in mind in their daily life. As regards their own Province he could not help thinking from what had been shown to-day, that if other Provinces were stronger in numbers they in East Anglia, at all events, were not lacking in earnestness. Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary of England, said as representing Grand Lodge, he could not help saying how gratified he had been at the glorious meeting they had taken part in that day. He should have much pleasure in reporting the flourishing state of the Province to the Grand Master. He congratulated the Province in having so able and hardworking a ruler as Lord Henniker to preside over it. Bro. Barwell (Norwich), on behalf of the county of Norfolk, trusted that they might have the honour of receiving Provincial Grand Lodge at Norwich next year. If his lordship saw his way to this, he could undertake, on behalf of the Walpole Lodge, to give them a hearty reception. The Provincial Grand Master promised that the matter should have consideration, and personally he might say he should be very pleased to accede to the invitation if found practicable. Cordial votes of thanks having been passed to Bro. James Round, M.P., for his kindness in allowing the use of the Castle for the meeting, and to the Constantine Lodge, No. 145, for the excellency of the arrangements, the proceedings terminated. Later in the day about fifty brethren sat down to banquet at the George Hotel, a sumptuous repast being well served by Mrs. Guiver, the hostess. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn presided, with his accustomed geniality, and a most successful and happy evening was spent. The usual Mark toasts were given and responded to, and Bros. Clowes, Phillips, G. F. Smith jun., Abbott, &c., contributed to the success of the proceedings by their vocal efforts.—*Norfolk Gazette.*

PEVERIL LODGE, No. 323.

THE annual ceremony of installation of W.M. in connection with this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 28th ult., a dispensation for the purpose having been obtained from the M.W.G.M. the Earl of Kintore. W. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G.S. Cumberland and Westmoreland, P.M. 213 and 216, and Bro. F. T. Allatt P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland attended to perform the ceremony. The Lodge, which was consecrated only about twelve months ago, has, under the energetic and courteous ruling of Bro. George C. Heron, the retiring W.M.M., had a most successful year; and almost the entire membership attended to witness and take part in the ceremony of installing Bro. Heron's successor, Bro. H. Brearley S.W. Bro. Dalrymple, with his accustomed ability, performed the ceremony of installation, and the newly installed W.M.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. G. C. Heron I.P.M., C. F. Johnson S.W., L. G. Hannay J.W., T. H. Nesbit M.O., W. A. McKown S.O., J. S. Morrison J.O., J. H. Stretch Secretary and Registrar of Marks, W. Broughton S.D., F. C. Poulter J.D., C. M. Challender I.G., G. H. Smith Chaplain, J. E. Hunt Treasurer, J. Lanaghan Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they partook of refreshments and passed the evening very pleasantly together.

Obituary.

THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, K.T., P.G.M. DURHAM.

OUR readers will be much grieved to hear of the sudden death of Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry P.G.M. and P.G. Sup. of Durham. It is not so very many years since his lordship was appointed to this high office of distinction; yet in the short time he had been permitted to watch over the destinies of the Craft in Durham, he had undoubtedly done much to promote its welfare, and had succeeded in winning for himself both the love and respect of the brethren under his rule. The principal event in Lord Londonderry's Masonic career was the occupancy of the President's chair at the Anniversary Festival held at Brighton in 1881 of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On that occasion he constituted himself a Vice-Patron of the School, and assisted by his earnest and kindly advocacy in securing a very handsome subscription list for the year. We believe our deceased noble brother was initiated many years back in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and we know he took a lively interest in the progress of the Craft, as well as in all the Institutions connected with it. We beg to offer to his widowed Marchioness and family our sincere tribute of respectful sympathy.

ROYAL ARCH.

GROVE CHAPTER, No. 410.

first meeting for the present season of this old and wishing Chapter was held on Saturday, 1st November, at the Hotel, Leatherhead, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comptroller. Comps. Charlton was elected as M.E.Z., Charles Edman as H., and T. Dyer as J., for the ensuing year. Comp. Greenwood Past Grand Director of Ceremonies and Provost of the Province of Surrey being re-elected Treasurer. The furniture, specially prepared last year by Comp. Caney, was admired. P.Z. jewels were presented to Comps. Litchfield and Haydon, in grateful recognition of their services in the past year. Comp. G. B. Foster P.Z. and the M.E.Z. seconded, Bro. Henry Harris, of the United Lodge, No. 1361, as a candidate for exaltation. All business done, the Companions adjourned to an excellent banquet.

OLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

st convocation for the present session was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday 23rd October, 1884. Bro. Z. Nowakowski H., Dr. Carrie Jackson J., and Dr. S.N. As there was no candidate the business was of a formal nature, and the Chapter was closed about 7 p.m. when the Comps. were refreshed. After the usual loyal and Royal Arch had been given, the M.E.Z., in proposing the health of the P.Z., made a special allusion to Comp. Hyde Clarke, whom he had never seen, and who he was to be absent from the working of the Chapter. He referred to Comp. Warner, to whom they wished all happiness on going into the bonds of matrimony. This Companion, in reply, spoke of the P.Z.'s by alluding to his marriage; he thanked the Comps. for their very kind expressions, and assured them he hoped to pay as much attention to Masonry as hitherto. The Visiting Companion, Comp. Berry, was then proposed by the M.E.Z., and by Comp. Berry said it had given him much pleasure to be in a Chapter that held so high a character as that of the English National. He had had pleasure in hearing the working of the English National Lodge spoken of in the highest terms on the occasion of his visit to a Lodge at Stockton. The toast of the evening, which included Comps. Paas S.E., and Stan Nowakowski brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

politan Chapter of Improvement.—Since the removal of this Chapter of Improvement to its new quarters in Cannon-street, success has been assured, for nearly every night of its meetings new members are added to those already attached to it, and the warmest desire to assist in promoting its prosperity. At the last meeting, on Tuesday night last, upwards of twenty, the advantages of this distinguished Chapter, were present, and were efficiently filled, and under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Turner Z. of our own nothing was left to be desired. Comp. Turner Z. of our own Chapter was Z., Child H. of Vane Chapter H., Perrin of Kent Chapter J., Wells S.N. of Rose of Denmark N., and H. of the Stanmore Chapter P.S. Comp. M'Millan was elected. The ceremony of exaltation was most admirably conducted and gave unqualified satisfaction. The following new members were elected:—Comps. M'Millan Clapton Chapter, Gray Chapter, Phillips Joppa Chapter, and Langton St. Asaph Chapter. The Chapter was then closed, and the convocation was until Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., at half-past six.

Civil Service Candidate has just completed the first volume of its existence, and cloth-bound copies of Volume I. may be obtained of the publisher, Bro. W. W. Morgan, at the Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, N., at the modest price of 5s 6d. This invaluable publication issued weekly by the Civil Service Staff of King's College London, Mr. W. Braginton being the Dean of the Institution. It has been admirably conducted from the beginning, pains having been spared by the editor in order to make it a complete and serviceable guide to intending candidates for admission into the different branches of the Civil Service. Mr. Braginton and his coadjutors are among the most successful of Civil Service Coaches, and this fact affords a guarantee that the *Civil Service Candidate* will contain all the requirements of that numerous section of the public whose particular benefit it is published, while the information it contains is as authoritative as anything can be. It is not issued officially. We would also point out that the volume will be found extremely useful by the managers of our educational establishments, and will materially assist in training any of their pupils who may wish to be admitted, to enter the Civil Service. As evidence of the success of the periodical, we may state that there is a demand for it already in the field, eager to secure to themselves a share of the public patronage, but this, as we have said, is one of the inevitable results of success and strengthens the claim of the *Civil Service Candidate* for encouragement and support.

Old Warrants (A).

No. 36.

No. 33 "Ancients;" No. 50 from 1814 to 1832, when it became 43, and so continued until 1863, when it was altered to No. 36. (Hughan's "Masonic Register," p 72.)

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU, DERMOTT, D.G.M.

THOS. CARTER, S.G.W.

R. DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred and Twenty Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred and Twenty Six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John the Fourth Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathsay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balliquader, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kinclaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and * * * GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, the Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esq^{re}, Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esq^{re}, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy, Esq^{re}, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., the Worshipful Richard Price one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful David Jones his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Jenkin Williams his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Bear (or any other convenient place) in the Town of Bridgend, in the County of Glamorgan, upon the first Monday of every Calendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions: and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons according to the Most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Richard Price, David Jones and Jenkin Williams (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chase, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with their powers and dignities, as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall, in like manner nominate, chase, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of the Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Seven.

JAS. JONES,

Grand Secretary.



NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. I., Letter A, and bears date March 15th, 1753. } Renewed 25th October 1777.

The present title, No., &c., are, The Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff.

THE WARRANT IS ENDORSED.

Let the within Lodge and Warrant, No. 33, all and every the Members whereof duly registered pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided, be transferred to John Wood, Esq^{re}, the elder, one of our Master Masons, John Wood, Esq^{re}, the younger, his Senior Warden, and John Thackwell his Junior Warden, to be held by them and their Successors at Cardiff or elsewhere, in the County of Glamorgan, all and every of them at all times paying due respect and conforming [here is a word illegible] to the rules and regulations of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, by whom the within Warrant and these Presents are granted.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.
B. PLUMMER, P.S.G.W.

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ROBT. LESLIE, G.S.

20 August 1808.

NOTE.—Brother Gould gives the first date as 6th March 1754, in his "Atholl Lodges," and in the opinion of Brother Hughan that is the correct one, for if originally issued on 15th March 1753, the number would have been 16 or 17, not 33. The error was evidently made by Bro. Jones, G. Sec., on issuing the revised Warrant in 1777.

If Bro. Hughan has any copies of Warrants not printed in the former series, we shall be glad to have them.—[ED. F.C.]

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, 8th NOVEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Totmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
160—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Penbury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burlet Road. (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 9.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick

- R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 86—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, L.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
282—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
557—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
539—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick

- R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

- 46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

- 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
543—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Spauy (Instruction)
754—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Jilly of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
830—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Travellers, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

- 83—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instru)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Welnesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1718—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Viglarce, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 245—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Kington
R.A. 239—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskard
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Waltham
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Shoerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gaily Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners, The Lugart, Pockham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Soutwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Viruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lewinham
117—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, St. Johns Street, Regent Park, at 8 (Inst.)
534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dan Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Bulham Hotel, Bulham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
81—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
883—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppy-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1684—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, My Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-rd., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Bart of Iathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 3 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
116—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
231—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Totmorden
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667—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick

- 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 664—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
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 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lowises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Daiton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1592—Llanidloes, Trewychen Arms, Llanidloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
- R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 21—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
 R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston

THURSDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Viruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 634—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1555—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Midden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
- R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
 R.A. 538—Yanc, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Shaftesbury
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxtheth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
- 035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trealegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1201—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1418—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
 1589—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
 1802—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
- R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 464—Hwifford, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
 R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot

- R.A. 819—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
 R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kings-n-on-Parade
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's street, Day report
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 207—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St. at 8. (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Key Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six bells, Hammorsmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Camberwell, at 8. (Inst.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 193—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1077—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Loughton Buzzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
 K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammorsmith, W. (Instruc.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Penterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
- 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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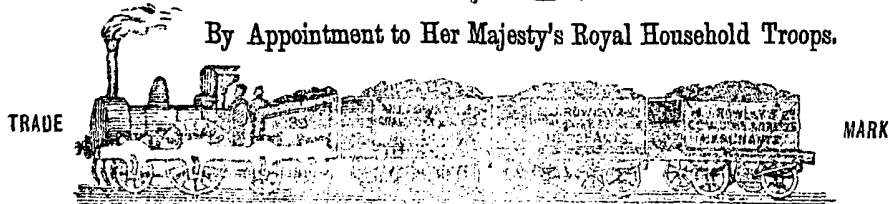
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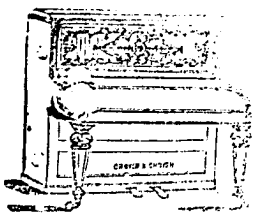
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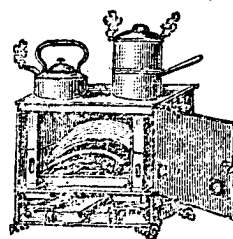
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