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## A DEARTH OF CANDIDATES.

IN some of the old-fashioned, steady-going Lodges, where the advent of an initiate is a matter of rare occurrence, the prospect of a dearth of candidates during the coming season is of little or no concern; but there are Lodges, less firmly established, where the members have been relying on new blood, or new blood's money to put their finances in a better condition. To such as these, a scarcity of candidates may prove disastrous so far as the Lodge itself is concerned, but undoubtedly of ultimate benefit to Freemasonry at large. The desire at the present day, even if has not always been the aim of mankind, is to get everything as cheaply as possible, and not only is this desire predominant so far as commercial affairs are concerned, it is also apparent in less mercenary transactions. Men go to the cheapest market for their merchandise, their luxuries, their comforts and their entertainment; and although it may be somewhat out of place, they frequently go to the cheapest market for their Freemasonry. Knowing this, it is not surprising that among the most popular Lodges of the present day we find many of the cheapest. If we look into the inner life of some of these cheap Lodges we shall find their affairs are carried on in such a manner as to put their expenditure far above their natural income, that is the income derived from subscriptions alone. As a consequence, these Lodges have to rely on fees for initiation or joining in order to maintain their position, and in such cases any falling off in the supply of candidates immediately makes itself felt. Signs are not wanting, say many of those who profess to know something of the subject, to induce the belief that the supply of eligible candidates for Freemasonry will be somewhat short during the coming season, and among the reasons given for this view of affairs is the badness of trade, the reaction which is to be expected after the great additions which have been made to our ranks during the past few years, the effect of so many summer Lodges having been recently established, and, last, though certainly not least, the growing idea in the minds of those least worthy of being admitted to our ranks, that the benefits derived from being a Freemason produce no sufficient return for the expenditure necessary to ensure admission to it in a respectable manner. Without attempting to endorse all or any of these arguments we may devote attention to them seriatim, as each will afford food for discussion at the present time.

There is not much doubt that the state of trade has an influence on the quantity of candidates for Freemasonry; and it is probable that in times of prosperity its ranks may be recruited to a much greater extent than at others when trade is bad throughout the country. But we fear that any benefit which may be apparent at the time of an exceptionally large increase is more than counterbalanced by the falling off in the quality of those admitted, and that it may be found when matters have fairly settled down to their level, that the great increase, so far from being a benefit, only leads to trouble, anxiety and discomfort. Some of the most prominent Lodges of six or eight years back can endorse this view, and if their rulers had their time to come over again they would rather prefer to keep quietly and steadily going along than to advance by the leaps and bounds which they previously looked upon as being evidence of great prosperity. In times of depression it is

only the most reliable who can afford the luxuries of this life, and as we may include Freemasonry in this category, our argument is that in hard times the quality of candidates is likely to be improved. Of course there will always be some—a comparatively few, we believe—who will endeavour to join Freemasonry from mercenary or other unworthy motives, but this class is certainly not more numerous in bad times than at others, and therefore our surmise is not affected by them. On the other hand, in days of universal prosperity candidates spring up, mushroom fashion, and flourish for a time. Having, however, no firm basis on which to exist, they die off; they sever their connection with the Craft, and leave the Lodge in which they were initiated worse off than before they joined it, from the fact that accommodation had been provided for them, and at their secession no candidates were forthcoming to fill the vacancies caused by such retirements. Lodges which flourish for a time only find it much more difficult to resume their old places than those which have never gone from their original lines experience in keeping them; as a consequence, therefore, we feel that excessive increase in numbers can seldom be regarded as an unmixed blessing.

That a reaction must follow the very large additions to the Masonic Order during the past few years is to be expected, but to what extent this reaction will affect Freemasonry it is difficult to determine. Previous to the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England—the date from which we must reckon the most recent period of advancement—the number of Lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England was 1535, now it is 2111, or an increase of 37½ per cent. during the last 10½ years. This great addition to the roll of Lodges must have called for a very large increase in the number of candidates, and while we do not for a moment imagine the supply of young men is, or ever will be, exhausted, there can be no question that other sections of the community have been drawn upon—if not to the fullest extent—at least out of proportion to their numbers.

This must have an effect on the supply of candidates in the future, but possibly the reaction will be so gradual as to be all but imperceptible, while in a few years it will have been entirely outgrown.

The establishment of summer Lodges around London and other large centres has given a new feature to Freemasonry, by placing it among the amusements or recreations of certain classes of the community. Some men will join Lodges which meet at convenient intervals at places a few miles away from their every-day haunts much more readily than they will others which assemble a few yards from spots to which they are chained by the requirements of business; as by so doing they secure double benefits. They not only derive pleasure from the practice of Freemasonry, they enjoy the periodical outings, and these, to men who are engaged in busy offices, are very acceptable. These summer Lodges, too, absorb a large number of the candidates who otherwise would present themselves at the commencement of the winter season; consequently, instead of there being a batch of candidates ready at the resumption of labour, we find the six or seven months' holiday enjoyed by the winter Lodges has been used as a time of harvest by the summer ones. Under existing conditions it becomes necessary to calculate only on the present time in estimating the probable supply of candidates,

as those who make up their minds to seek admission to Freemasonry during the summer find ample opportunities of gratifying their desire, instead of waiting as they otherwise would do until the resumption of the winter meetings. Freemasons will be delighted if the fourth cause of the anticipated dearth of candidates given above is to be realised, and from our experience we think such a desideratum, if not to be expected, is certainly possible. One "mercenary" candidate who retires from Freemasonry in disgust will do more to stop others of his class asking for Masonic light than all the sermonising of the advisers of caution in the selection of candidates. No doubt there are several disgusted Masons about at the present time, telling all their friends that Masonry was a disappointment to them, and no good as a paying speculation. If this is to be the cause of a dearth of candidates we shall be truly pleased, and no doubt the Lodges which for a time may feel the effect of the falling off, will in course join in the rejoicings which such a state must call forth, while the ultimate benefit to the Order will be incalculable.

As we have said, we do not endorse any of the reasons given above, nor are we sure the approaching season will be less productive than past ones have been in the matter of Masonic candidates. We have heard the opinions above expressed referred to in various quarters, and have endeavoured to place them in a connected form before our readers.

### CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

THE Grand Lodge of Kentucky has appointed a committee to prepare and present a constitutional amendment for the consolidation of weak Lodges in that jurisdiction. Past Grand Master Rob Morris, chairman of the committee, in a printed letter of inquiry designed to call out the views of Masonic writers upon some of the questions involved in the proposed movement, clearly shows the need of consolidation in Kentucky. He says: "We have upon our rolls more than five hundred Lodges, but so reduced are they in strength, that the average in membership is less than thirty. In some counties reporting five or six Lodges, the aggregate of Master Masons is scarcely a hundred. This state of things is attributable to the bad custom that prevailed in former years of granting Dispensations for new Lodges in sparsely settled neighbourhoods. The fact that so many of our young men emigrate to other states also has a bearing upon the subject."

With this the condition there would seem to be no question as to what the remedy should be. The feeble Lodges should be consolidated. But in attempting to take this step practical difficulties come in. It may be altogether desirable to effect a union among two or three Lodges not far apart, each of which has but few members and is greatly troubled to maintain a separate existence, but difficulties arise as soon as the consolidation is undertaken. What name shall be given to the new body formed by the merging of several Lodges in one? Shall the name of the oldest Lodge or the one having the largest number of members be preserved? Very likely, also, in some cases, there will be complicated property interests to consider, and the adjustment of these may not be easy. A greater difficulty is liable to arise in regard to the determination of membership in the consolidated organization. The Kentucky committee, assuming that no consolidation is possible except on the basis of a *close ballot* for members, refer to this stumbling block in the following words: "There are few Lodges that do not contain at least one black sheep, who, however his own Mother Lodge may consent to retain him, could not gain membership in another Lodge. To illustrate, take the case of two neighboring Lodges A and B. It is proposed to unite the latter with the former; upon a *viva voce* vote, the majority of both Lodges favour the union; but the secret ballot being spread in A upon the general question of consolidation, black balls appear. The ballot being then taken separately upon each of the seventeen members of B, fourteen are accepted and three rejected. Now in Lodge B, by a similar process, thirty-two of the members of A are accepted, two rejected. How can a consolidation be effected between those two Lodges? Such, we apprehend,

will be the result in nearly every instance where the question of organic union comes up."

Many things are desirable which are difficult of accomplishment. Where there is a will there is generally a way found to reach a desired result, or escape from a troublesome dilemma. So it will be, we think, in this case. If the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has power to decree consolidation it must also have authority to carry out the details of the required union. It may be unable to force a member of one Lodge into the membership of another Lodge against the protest of a single Brother belonging to the last named body, but there can be no doubt that, for the general interest and the largest good, the Grand Lodge may call in the charter of any of its subordinates, making provision that the members of the organization may be eligible to membership in other Lodges. Of course if any Brethren belonging to the Lodges whose organic life is thus terminated fail to gain admission to other bodies they will stand as unaffiliated Masons. Consolidation carried out on this basis might somewhat swell the ranks of those who are already on the outside of Lodge membership, but this would seem to be every way better than to maintain the existence of so many Lodges that have a name to live by and yet are practically dead.

In pursuing the course indicated, there can be no conflict with fundamental principles and vested rights. A legitimate authority may be exercised to close up certain feeble Lodges. The Grand Lodge may give discretionary authority to the Grand Master, or a committee, to take such action, and there can be no question, we think, as to its absolute, binding force. There will undoubtedly be difficulties in proceeding on this line; there will be individual cases of hardship where a deserving Brother may be forced into the ranks of the unaffiliated class; but perhaps there is no better course of procedure if consolidation is to be secured.

We have written the foregoing without any reference to authorities or precedents that may have been made in Grand Lodge legislation. Possibly the inherent power remains with a Grand Body to unite the membership of two or more subordinates, without subjecting the individual members to the test of a close ballot. In equity this would seem a proper course. The case is not as when a Brother presents his dimit and asks to be received by a Lodge; it is rather a matter which affects Lodges in their organic being and relations; and may not the Grand Lodge decree that two of its subordinates, neither of which has strength to stand alone, shall come together, and have their rights and prerogatives merged in one organization. In the common sense application of consolidation such a union would seem to be possible; and we are by no means sure that the Grand Lodge may not by its new legislation bring about such a result.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

### SO-CALLED "CRYPTIC MASONRY."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

OUR American Masonic luminaries have not only distinguished themselves as *Masonic degree* manufacturers, but also in grouping their degrees under different names. Thus, we have "York Masonry," "Scotch Rite Masonry," "Egyptian Masonry," "Capitular Masonry," "Cryptic Masonry," "Concilor Masonry," "Chivalric Masonry," and I believe other kinds of Masonry besides. I have already given an account of Jeremy L. Cross in connection with the "Royal and Select" degrees. I have, however, obtained a number of tracts, containing Proceedings of the Councils held at New York from 1810 to 1874. In one of these, printed in 1861, I find the following report, viz.:

"To the Most Puissant the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York.

"*Thrice Illustrious and Illustrious Companions,*

"Having been selected by you at your last Annual Assembly to collate the History of your Illustrious Body, I beg leave to hand you the manuscript, which I think will afford you sufficient matter whereby you and your sister Grand Councils of the United States may intelligently trace your relationship and origin. Although much more matter might have been interpolated, to have lengthened the production, and given it more seeming importance, I have deemed it unnecessary to tire the attention of the reader, or to add unnecessary expense by burdening your

Archives with useless verbiage and waste letterpress; and I trust, in acting thus, I shall not be deemed guilty of neglect or indolence by your illustrious body.

(Signed) VINCENT W. BATE, Chairman.

Bro. Bate then continued with the following address or report:—

“The Degrees of Royal Select and Super Excellent Master, as conferred under authority of the Grand Council of the State of New York, derive their origin from authority of Frederick II., King of Prussia, who was in 1761 Most Puissant Sovereign, Grand Commander of the 33rd Degree at Berlin, where the Supreme Grand East of the Ineffable Degrees was then held.

“The Ineffable Degrees are those conferred in the Lodge of Perfection, eleven in number, and in which were formerly conferred several Detached or Side degrees, among them the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, Grand Patriarch, Most Excellent Master, and Super-Excellent Master. These degrees (Ancient and Accepted Rite) were introduced into this country by Henry S. Franker, who emigrated from France, having been there appointed a Deputy Inspector-General of the 33rd degree by Bro. Stephen Morin, who, in 1761, was constituted in Paris a Sovereign Grand Inspector General by the Grand Consistory (or Grand Council) of the 33rd degree, held by order of Frederick, King of Prussia, from Berlin, the then seat of the Supreme Grand East.

“Under Bro. Franker's auspices these degrees were introduced into New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The Detached degrees, however, were never cultivated to any great extent in these States, but the Royal and Select Degrees were very extensively promulgated at the South, under the auspices of the Southern Jurisdiction, or Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd degree, at Charleston, S.C., from 1782; the Northern Jurisdiction being stationed in New York City.

“The Northern Jurisdiction did not cultivate the Detached degrees, and hence it was that, in 1807, Franker having been dead several years, Bro. Joseph Cerneau Deputy Inspector General 33rd degree and a member of Washington Lodge, No. 85, conferred the degree of the Royal Master upon several brethren in New York, and by his authority, derived from the Grand Consistory of France, formed in September of that year the Council of Royal Master Masons of the City of New York, and installed Companion Thomas Lownds as first Grand Royal Master. No mention is made of the Select Masters' degree until 2nd December 1821, when a communication was received from ‘the Council of Select Masters,’ informing them that they are willing to be united and come into the Council of Royal Masters. The question being taken, it was unanimously agreed that we accept the proposal, and Resolved—That the fees for the degree of Select Master be two dollars.

“The Council of Select Masters of New York whose members were healed and came into the Council of Royal Masters, under one jurisdiction, owed its origin to Philip Eckels and Hezekiah Niles, of Baltimore, Maryland, who received their authority, primarily, from the representative or representatives of the Grand Consistory at Berlin, and was established in the City of New York in 1820.

“The records of the Grand Council of Royal Masters of New York, 2nd September 1810, say: This Grand Council, by resolution, granted a warrant to Columbian Council, No. 1, for the City of New York, Comp. Thomas Lownds, thrice Illustrious Royal Master, John E. Buckel Deputy Illustrious Royal Master, William Craig Illustrious Royal Warden. From this date to 1821 that of Royal Master was the only regular degree conferred, for which the fee of five dollars was charged. There were, however, Detached Degrees conferred, viz., ‘Knights of the Round Table,’ the ‘Illustrious and Invincible Order of the Knights of the Garter,’ and ‘Knights of St. George of Cappadocia.’ Upon the assumption of the Select Degree by the Grand Council the Detached Degrees were never again mentioned, they seem to have fallen into immediate disuse, and not until 1842, under Comp. Richard Ellis as Grand Master, was the Super Excellent Degree very frequently conferred, and then as a Detached or Honorary Degree, which practice has prevailed ever since, both in New York and in Massachusetts. Although an attempt has been made twice to raise the fee to ten dollars, no more than five dollars have ever been paid for the Council Degrees.”

The above is followed with extracts from the records of

the Council beginning 2nd Sept. 1810, and here are some items from the said record:—

Dec. 5th, 1810. “Resolved, that the Knights of the Round Table meet on the 10th day of the present month Kislen [meant I suppose for Kislev].

Dec. 7th. “A Council of the Knights of the Round Table was opened by the Illustrious Abott Lownds. [Abbott was the title of the chief officer.]

March 4th, 1811. “A Chapter of the Knights of the Honourable Order of the Garter was opened by the Grand Prelate Lownds.

Novr. 3rd. “A Chapter of Knights of the Garter held. Year of the Order 454.

(The general opinion is that the Order of the Garter was created in 1349. Our New York Gartered Knights must therefore have been informed by “Masonic tradition” that it was not established by G.M. Edward 3rd before 1357. Hence, in 1811, it was just 454 years old.)

Novr. 10th, 1811. “A Chapter of the Illustrious and Invincible Order of Knights of the Garter was opened. The following Companions were installed Knights of the Order of St. George of Cappadocia, &c. &c.

June 21, 1812. “More than two candidates shall not be received at the same time in any Council, as there were but two Grand Masters when H. A. B. was” (here the remainder is obliterated by age).

I have another compilation of extracts from the same record, from 1810 to 30th January 1823, containing additional items, such as the names of the illustrious noodles who were dubbed Knights of the various Orders above mentioned. On 3rd of April 1818, I find that over thirty of these were dubbed Knights of the Round Table, and 21st April 1818 nine of them were Round Tabled, and that is the last time that knight dubbing is mentioned in the pamphlet. But I also found that the first time a “Super Excellent” Lodge was opened was on 29th December 1817, when three brethren were made Super Excellents, for which each paid a dollar. On 31st March 1818, 21st August 1818, 31st March 1819, 19th March 1821, 8th April 1821, and 6th September 1821—on the above dates seventeen were Super Excellentified.

I have also a compilation of the Proceedings of the Grand Council from its organisation, on 25th January 1823, containing the Constitution, &c. Up to that time any Master Mason could be Royalled, but the new Code required that the degrees should be conferred only on those who, in addition to the Masters' degree, had also received the degrees of Mark Master, Excellent Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch.

In 1842 it was passed that the words “Super Excellent Master Mason” be inserted in the Warrant of Columbian Council, No. 1, after the words “Select Master,” and that the same power to confer the Super Excellent degree be extended to all Councils.

In 1846, Columbian Council, No. 1, was directed to confer the degrees in the following order—1st Super Excellent, 2nd Royal Master, and 3rd Select Master. This arrangement was not universally followed, for in the Proceedings of the same Grand Council of 1868 I find the following complaint, viz.:—

“It will be observed by the title of the Grand Council of Massachusetts that it classifies the Cryptic degrees in a manner entirely different from any other Grand Council in the United States. . . . This classification reminds us of the dilemma a certain individual was once placed in who put the cart before the horse, and certainly has the appearance of being taken from a system of tactics teaching the movement of ‘advancing backwards.’”

The truth, however, seems to be that neither the Cryptic luminaries of New York nor of Massachusetts know which is cart and which is horse. I was informed by a very intelligent brother that formerly the Cryptic degrees were given in Boston in the following order: 1st Select, 2nd Royal, and 3rd Super Excellent, but about six years ago the Select and the Royal changed places, that is, the Royal precedes the Select. We see now that what the New York Cryptics confer first is in Boston conferred last, and *vice versa*. Whether the routine of the Cryptic degrees has been changed in New York since 1868 I have not ascertained.

In summing up the history of the so-called Cryptic Degrees, I must make a distinction between evidence derived from mere heresay, and evidence substantiated by original records or manuscripts. Hence, all that Bro. Bate said about Frederick King of Prussia, “who was in 1761

M.P.S.G.C. of the 33rd degree at Berlin;" about Henry A. Franker (or Franken) "having been appointed a Dep. Insp. Gen. by Stephen Morin," and that "the Royal and Select Degrees were very extensively promulgated at the South . . . from 1782;" all of which I unhesitatingly put down as pure fiction. Frederick the Great was never a high degreeer, and consequently the so-called "Frederick the Great Charter," under which the Charleston high degree luminaries established, in 1802, their so-called "Ancient and Accepted Rite," has been condemned as a fraudulent forgery. Kloss denounced that Frederick Charter as "the greatest lie of the Order." Rebold, Findel, and Folger have demonstrated the falsity of Frederick's connection with any high degrees whatsoever. All that we know about the origin of the Cryptics and Crypticism is simply this. In 1761 somebody at Charleston, South Carolina, received news from the West Indies of 22 new French degrees, said to have been brought there by Stephen Morin, an agent of a Paris firm of Masonic degree manufacturers, thus increasing the number of degrees to twenty-five. In 1802 the Charleston worthies were in possession of fifty-two degrees, eight of which they tacked on to the French degrees of 1761, making a total of thirty-three degrees, which they variously styled "Scotch Rite," and "A. and A. Rite." The remaining nineteen degrees they called "Detached Degrees." Among these was a "Select Masters' Degree." Messrs. Eckel and Niles, of Baltimore, somehow got hold of that degree. In 1817 they gave Jeremy L. Cross power to establish Councils for the Select Degree. In 1820 the said Eckel and Co. granted a warrant to New Yorkers to open a Council for the Select Degree in New York. And now for the other Cryptic branch.

In New York they had, in 1810, a Council of "Royal Masters." In the same year they gave in that Council a degree called "Knights of the Round Table," and in 1811 they conferred degrees called "Knights of the Garter," and "Knights of St. George," &c. In 1817 they added the "Super Excellent" Degree. In 1821 the Councils of Royals and the Council of Selects united into one Council, and in 1842 this United Council tacked on to the above-named two degrees, the "Super Excellent" Degree, which, as already stated, made its first appearance in New York in 1817. The inference therefore is, that the Select Masters' degree was manufactured in Charleston before 1802, while all the other degrees conferred in the York Council between 1810 and 1821, including even the Royal Masters' degree, owe their origin to one or more New York geniuses. And should the Masonic thirst for more degrees continue, we may again be blessed with the Knights of the Round Table, Knights of the Garter, and Knights of St. George and the Dragon. And why not? Bro. Folger, the Historian of the A. and A. degrees, says, that in 1824 "the degree of Aaron's Band was conferred in New York by power from the Sovereign Grand Consistory." Bro. Rob Morris manufactured some Masonic Orders, among which is one for Lady Freemasons, called the Order of the Eastern Star, consisting of five performances. We have also the Sacred Order of the Mystic Shrine, and several other Masonic Orders and degrees of recent manufacture. I was informed in London during last spring that an agent of the New York Mystic Shriners had been trying to sell Warrants for establishing there his Sacred Order, but he received a cold shoulder from those he met with. But what of it? If Templar-ism, A. and A.-ism, the Cross of Constantine-ism, Cryptic-ism, and other isms find a ready market in England, the Sacred Shrine may also ere long be numbered among English respected Masonic Orders. Indeed, all that is necessary to make a success of it is simply for the Shiner to get an ambitious Lord, a Sir, or even an M.P. to patronise it, and then hundreds, and even thousands, will rush into the concern to be Mystic Shined.

Looking, therefore, at the multiplicity and the still continued rage for multiplying Masonic degrees, I consider it my duty to caution every Mason against rushing into any and all kinds of so-called "higher degrees," for the more degrees he will take the more humbugged he will be.

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## OBEDIENCE.

THE first duty of a soldier is obedience. All the orders of a superior officer must be implicitly and faithfully obeyed; and the soldier refusing to obey such orders, on being tried by a court-martial, shall have no mitigation of his sentence or punishment from the fact that it shall be proven before such court that the orders of the superior officer were not just or legal. If a soldier be aggrieved in that way, he shall obtain redress if he prefer his complaint to the commanding officer, through the captain of his company—but *he must first obey the order and afterwards make his complaint.*

Such was the first lesson we received in our boyhood when we exchanged our liberty for a shilling, "in the name of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria." Such is the opening of the first Chapter of the British Articles of War, which the captain of each company in Her Majesty's service is compelled to read to each man in his company on "muster parade day," that is, the last day in each month.

The first duty of a *Mason* is also obedience. "A Mason is obliged by his *tenure* to obey the Moral Law." Here we find a striking resemblance between the military and Masonic law. Not only is that resemblance to be seen in theory, but in the practice of Masons in Lodge assembled and soldiers on parade. The General draws his plan upon his trestle-board, gives his instructions to his subordinates, who proclaim his will and pleasure to the soldiers, and they govern themselves accordingly. The officers receive the commands of their General with pleasure, communicate them with pleasure, and the soldiers have pleasure in obeying them. The most difficult evolutions of the field are performed in a manner to excite the admiration of the spectator entirely and solely by *obeying* the word of command. A brigade of infantry or a squadron of cavalry will with perfect ease go through the most intricate exercises by obeying the instructions given them. Every man must obey the order. If one individual refuse or neglect so to do, confusion and disorder arise, and beauty and harmony are lost.

How correspondingly obedient should the members of Freemasonry be! They are both the parent and offspring of order; and order, that first of Heaven's laws, they should ever cultivate and practise. The Master of his Lodge is the general of his army—draws the designs and plans—communicates them to his subordinates (the Wardens), and they proclaim them to the Craft, who, in their turn, *obey* them to the letter, and thus peace and harmony, and order prevail.

In some instances we have seen the utmost confusion in the ranks, in consequence of giving the command of a battalion to an unqualified and incompetent officer—the soldiers were willing to obey, and did obey, with reluctance, the orders given them, but instead of beauty and harmony, disorder and chaos were the result. We have seen in Masonic Lodges similar confusion through the inexperience and ignorance of the Master, rendered worse still by the progress the brethren had made in acquiring these qualities, from their Master. An ignorant officer can improve himself by studying his drill books; and I believe an ignorant Mason may very much improve his knowledge of Masonry by studying Masonic literature.—Bro. J. W. LEONARD, in the *Freemason's Repository*.

## ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

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### EBOR COUNCIL, T.I.

A MEETING of this council was summoned on Tuesday, the 18th ultimo, at the Grand Stand Hotel, the Knavesmire, York, for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of St. Lawrence. The Lodge of St. Lawrence was opened in the large room of the Grand Stand, the W.M., Brother W. B. Dyson, presiding. There were also present Bros. A. T. B. Turner I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., Dr. B. L. Mills S.W., H. C. Pickersgill J.W., W. Brown J.D., Major McGachen I.G., and other brethren. Bro. W. Stephenson was admitted into the Order of St. Lawrence, some business was done, and the Lodge closed, and then the party adjourned to the dining room, where a capital banquet had been provided by the host, Bro. W. M. Briggs.

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## HONOURABLE ORDER OF MODERN MASONS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you or any of your readers give me any particulars of the Society of which the above is the title? Until within the past few days I was quite unaware of its existence in our midst, and yet it must be an organisation of both age and importance, for in a recent issue of *Eddowes's Shrewsbury Journal* there are reports of annual anniversaries of two of its Lodges; in one case the celebration being the "third annual anniversary of Lodge No. 171."

As a brief outline of the proceedings of these "Modern Masons" may interest some of your readers, I summarise the following from the paper already mentioned:

The members of the Jackfield Branch of the Honourable Order of Modern Masons celebrated their annual anniversary on Monday afternoon (20th July) at the Half Moon Inn, Jackfield. At 10.30 the members assembled at their Lodge room, and after the transaction of some business formed into procession in the following order:—27 juveniles, bearing flags, &c., followed by four of the tallest members, bearing staffs of the Order, then came the Coalbrookdale brass band, followed by the Committee and members of the Lodge. The procession, which presented a very animated appearance, with flags, bannerets, &c., marched to the Church, where service was conducted by the Rev. Lloyd-Edwards, rector, who preached an able sermon from Proverbs iii. 6. Special hymns were sung for the occasion by the choir. After service, the procession reformed and marched back to the Lodge room, where a most substantial repast was awaiting them. After the withdrawal of the cloth, the Rev. Lloyd-Edwards was voted to the chair and Mr. Meredith to the vice-chair, while among those present was the district Secretary, Mr. Wilcox, of Birmingham, who was asked to give an account of the working and strength of the Friendly Society of which the "Jackfield" was a branch. He was glad to say he had received a very satisfactory report of the working of that branch and that the Society was receiving great success in that part of the district. The auxiliary had proceeded very successfully during the past year, for not only had they increased in numbers, viz., 38 adult members and 16 juveniles, but their funds were very much larger, and these were the things that made a society stable in years to come. It was this that the younger members of the Lodge had to look forward to. Such societies as these were entirely for the benefit of the working classes, who have not the opportunities of amassing wealth to meet an emergency, and so they thought that some means should be provided for them, by which they could lay by for a time of need. He would like to hear in the future that that Society was prospering as well, and better, if possible, than they had in the past, but they were not to let their success lead them into wrong paths; they should always study prudence and economy. The speaker then, at length, advised the Society to treat each member with due respect as a brother, and to steer clear of little grievances. In the Birmingham district they had done very well in the past year. They had initiated upwards of 100 new members, and had established a number of extra branches, which seemed to be doing very well. Their funds were also gradually on the increase. The position of the district was a thoroughly stable one, and everything was working very comfortably, and they were determined in the future to still proceed onward. The cause was a noble one. It was for the benefit of the working classes. They were desirous of seeing them improve their position. They did not expect them to get rich, but they expected them to raise themselves to such a position as would be a source of happiness to themselves and all around them. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given by the chairman, the next toast was introduced as one that they would all heartily respond to. It was the "Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of all Denominations." Previous to drinking the toast of success to the Honourable Order and Members of the Modern Masons, the Chairman said the Society should be congratulated on the progress that had been wrought among them in securing so many new members. Mr. Edwards (Bridgnorth) said he had great pleasure in responding to that toast. He was sorry that they had not a Lodge of the Freemasons in the little borough of Bridgnorth. There were many other friendly societies, and he was sure that, if some influential gentleman was to commence a branch there, it would be warmly supported by the working classes. He hoped, ere long, he should see a Freemason Lodge in Bridgnorth.

The health of the "worthy and respected surgeon" was proposed, and that gentleman's assistant, in acknowledging the toast, said the members of their flourishing society were in tolerably good health. There had not been a single death during the year, and there had not been any serious illness among the members. The health of the worthy and valuable Secretary of that branch was honoured, as also were those of the "Host and Hostess," the "Chairman and Vice-Chairman." A most enjoyable and convivial evening was spent the proceedings being greatly enlivened with some capital selections by the band, and some good songs by several members of the Order.

I am afraid my summary has exceeded the limits of a "brief outline," but I hope you will not find it necessary to still further reduce the extract, as I feel there is very much in the account of the doings of these "Modern Masons" which may be read with profit by my brother members of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. Any member of our Order who may take the trouble to read the above extract cannot but be struck by the similarity between the general

tone of the teachings of the "Modern Masons" and that of our own ceremonies. Although I do not say there is any actual similarity between the two Orders, from the fact that I am wholly ignorant of the system of the "Modern Masons," the expressions of one at least of the speakers would lead me to believe that the "Modern Masons" are really an offshoot of our own Order, "entirely for the benefit of the working classes. . . . by which they could lay by for a time of need." The expressions to which I here refer are those of the gentleman who responded to the toast of "Success to the Honourable Order and members of the Modern Masons," and who is reported to have said, "He was sorry that they had not a Lodge of Freemasons in . . . Bridgnorth." Did he refer to the Order of Ancient Freemasons, or to that of the "Modern Masons"? And if to the former what has become of our Lodge, No. 1621, which according to the *Cosmopolitan Calendar* of the present year, meets on the fourth Friday each month, September to April, at the Crown Hotel, High Street, Bridgnorth? It is clear also from the particulars given above that this "Modern Masonry" is purely of a benefit society character, but as to this and other items of its working perhaps you or some of your readers can enlighten me. I may add that the second report to which I have referred as appearing in the same number of the *Shrewsbury Journal* is a very brief one, simply announcing the fact that the anniversary took place, and giving the names of some of those present. In this case "about sixty sat down to dinner."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

M. J.

## AN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have waited in expectation of seeing some reply to the article inserted in the columns of your influential journal a few weeks ago, on the above subject. But finding the suggestion either flags in interest, or is of insufficient importance to evoke further correspondence, may I venture a remark or two upon it? The very fact of your having adopted the article as "Communicated" proves to me that the opinions therein expressed were not to the fullest degree endorsed by your editorial opinion. Nor need we think far into the suggestion without discovering that it is capable of criticism in a variety of ways by practical men who are in the smallest degree conversant with the ordinary rules of business life. The theory of mutual help may commend itself to most of us as desirable, but whether it could be put into practice in the manner suggested by your *communiqué* and many of your correspondents is doubtful. Masons who have become reduced in circumstances, and who would form the class of applicants at the "Bureau," would be men who have occupied positions in life which must totally unfit them for such employment as it would be in the power of the executive to offer. Light employment at luxurious or even substantial remuneration is by no means so plentiful as to create a demand for such persons as would in all probability figure upon the society's books; and those who have fallen from a previously "high estate" would hesitate, I fancy, to accept "anything menial." For instance, is there any one amongst them who would descend to perform the duties usually appertaining to the position of a commissionaire? Even if he were, such situations are already at a discount, so many are the applicants for every vacancy that occurs. Again, would he feel himself at home in any very subordinate place in a shop or warehouse—of the same class, perhaps, as that in which he had hitherto acted as principal? Is it not natural to expect that, having got over the first feeling of dependence, caused by a continuance, it may be, of adversity, the spirit would rebel, and then as soon as he "felt his feet" once more, he would look out for something better? It is all very well to say that if you have two candidates before you for your service, preference should be given to a brother; but such a principle can only be upheld on the conditions that the merits of the candidates are equal. To accept a "duffer" because he is a Mason in preference to an outsider who is superior in ability and business capacity is too absurd to be entertained even by the most ardent advocate of the "Bureau" arrangement. It seems to me that the idea, though no doubt well-intended, is impracticable, and is not one such as will commend itself to the approval of thoughtful men of business.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

PAST MASTER.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As one who fully endorses the sentiments of "A FREEMASON PURE AND SIMPLE," on this subject, which appeared in your issue of the 15th ultimo, I will, with your permission, give him and "WATCHMAN" a practical example of what is done in the way of finding situations for brethren out of employment in some of our Colonial Lodges. It is now some years since the event occurred, but in this case time is not the essence of the contract, and I have no doubt but that such events frequently happen. The facts are simply these. At a stated meeting of a colonial Lodge a letter was received from a brother desiring employment, much in the same way as appeals for pecuniary aid are frequently received in home Lodges. After discussion a member of the Lodge kindly took the matter in hand, and I have little doubt but that the relief sought was forthcoming.

Could not something of this kind be done in England? I think, with your correspondent of the 15th, that this would be much better than bringing Freemasonry down "to the level of maintaining an official registry office."

Yours fraternally,

TRAVELLER.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. The chair was taken by the retiring Master, Bro. J. A. Robson, who was supported by the Officers of the Lodge and the following Visitors:—W. J. Heath J.D. 766, C. Cox P.M. 1566, E. Williams P.M. 933, J. G. Twinn J.W. 1306, G. H. Stephens W.M. 1623, R. W. Galer S.D. 1366, J. B. Reid 1364, C. Fleming 1981, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, J. Zanzig S.D. 201, E. R. Clynn 2048, V. Jagielski P.M. 534, Thos. Enderson J.W. 606, W. E. Johnson 1763, J. Gibbs 1613, R. Medwin P.M. 1613. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last regular meeting, and those of an emergency meeting held on the 13th ult., were read and confirmed. The ballot was then brought into requisition for the initiation of Mr. George Edwin Lucas, who had for sponsors Bros. Wilkinson and Tyson. A second applicant, who desired to participate in a study of our mysteries, was now brought forward in the person of Mr. Charles Harris, who had secured for his introduction the good offices of the brethren named above, viz., Bros. Wilkinson and Tyson, who undertook the responsibility of supporting his application. The result of the ballot was favourable to both candidates, who were then separately introduced, and inducted into the mysteries of the first degree of Freemasonry. The Auditors' report was next presented; this was eminently satisfactory, and showed a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, after all claims had been settled. The W.M. was presented, and in due course the ceremony of installation was completed by Bro. Robson, who performed the work in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon him. The following brethren were appointed as the Officers of the year:—Bros. H. Seymour-Clarke S.W., Joseph Chamberlain J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. Treas., J. A. Robson P.M. Sec., H. Winkley S.D., Smith J.D., F. J. West I.G., E. J. Haviland D.C., W. Tombs Steward. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, who was complimented on the ability he had displayed in the work during his year of office, and on the satisfactory condition in which he handed the Lodge over to his successor. In acknowledgment, Bro. Robson expressed his determination to do all that lay in his power to sustain the Lodge in its present position. He was very gratified to know that his efforts had met with success, and that what he had attempted had merited approval at the hands of the brethren. Reference was likewise made to the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. H. Winkley, in the capacity of Acting Secretary, and he received the cordial thanks of the members for what he had done. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet, which was presided over by the Worshipful Master, who in due course proposed the toasts customary on these occasions. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the I.P.M., who spoke of the ability Bro. Kimbell had displayed in the various offices and since his initiation in the Lodge. In reply, the Worshipful Master, after thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, assured them he should do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office, to the advantage of the Lodge and the comfort and happiness of the brethren. After a song by Bro. Dr. Jagielski, the toast of the Past Masters was given, and in reply Bro. Robson said his interest in the Lodge was of a permanent character. What he could do to promote the prosperity of the Lodge would be most cheerfully undertaken. Bro. W. H. Myers, who was the next to respond, took a retrospective glance at the career of the Lodge, and said it was gratifying to know there was then just double the number of members on the roll of the Lodge as when they left their old quarters at Dalston. There were but three of the founders of the Lodge now associated with it, but he and his coadjutors in this regard felt the Lodge was never in a more prosperous condition. He anticipated for the Lodge a career of extended and increased usefulness. Bros. Lewis and MacDonald, the other Past Masters of the Lodge present also replied. For the Visitors Bros. Cox, Dr. Jagielski, Williams, Morgan and others responded. Bro. Cox spoke in eulogistic terms of the working and ability displayed in the management of the Lodge. Dr. Jagielski thanked the Worshipful Master for reference to his Lodge—the Polish National,—and briefly sketched its career from the granting of its warrant by the Earl of Zetland. The Initiates' toast was followed by the Entered Apprentice's Song, given by Bro. P.M. Young, the Organist of the Lodge, and was suitably acknowledged by the newly-admitted members. The Officers were also complimented, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual manner. During the evening several songs were given, Mr. Gargett and Miss Thomas (who accompanied the singers throughout) deserving especial praise.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1,834.

THERE was a numerous and representative gathering of the members of this Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Tuesday, 25th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. T. Cunningham as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Westaway Prov. G. Std. B., who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services. The W.M. appointed his Officers as under: Bros. J. W. Westaway I.P.M., I. S. Gardner S.W., C. W. Bevis J.W., S. R. Ellis P.M. Treas., D. T. Rule Sec., W. H. Baker S.D., W. W. Slade J.D., G. T. Ayles D.C., T. F. Wilton Org., R. G. Farland I.G., E. Penney and T. J. Suter Stewards, J. Exell Tyler. Among the visiting brethren present at the banquet which followed were Bros. Aldermen W. D. King and A. Cadlipp, G. Rake, R. W. Beale, J. G. Niven, T. Good, Masou, Gieve, Hill, Dempsey, Naylor, Drake, Lancaster, Rastrick, Long, Backler, Jolliffe, Bond, Williams, J. W.

Gardner, Marshallsay, Blanche, Sylvester, Miles, Green, Gunnell, Croucher, Corke, Boulton, Bainton, &c. The health of the W.M. was proposed in fraternal and felicitous terms by Alderman King, and appropriately responded to by Bro. Cunningham. The usual toasts were given, and the vocal contributions were accompanied by Bros. Miles and Sylvester.

## GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2,096.

THE fourth regular meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday the 26th ult. Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. Langton Treasurer, J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. L. Levey J.D., John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, George Price P.G. Treas. Surrey, W. D. Merritt, W. S. Oates, E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, W. Fraser, J. Rosenberg, A. B. Crundall, J. Klein, W. Lane Tyler. Visitors: W. Grellier I.G. 21, H. J. Smith 1475, R. Conrock 186, G. C. Burry P.P.G.O. Surrey, C. Daniels P.M. 65, E. R. Holton 2021, J. T. Hoerth 1790, A. Daw Kerrell P.M. 145. The W.M. invested Bro. W. D. Merritt P.M. 1000 as acting I.P.M. Bros. Oates, Holdsworth, Holden and Rosenberg, candidates for raising, were entrusted, and subsequently raised to the degree of M.M. Mr. A. B. Crundall, previously approved, was initiated into Freemasonry, this, as well as the previous ceremonies, being performed by the W.M. in his usual faultless style, although suffering from the effects of a severe cold. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested Bro. Oates as Steward, and that brother proposed a gentleman for initiation at the next meeting. The W.M. intimated his desire to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the offer was accepted. Bro. Hobbs S.W. gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that such a sum as the funds of the Lodge would permit, not exceeding 10 guineas, be placed on the W.M.'s list. The W.M. in the course of the meeting drew the attention of the brethren to the testimonial then being got up by the different Surrey Lodges to show their sincere appreciation of the services rendered to the Province by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in April, the brethren retiring to the banquet room, where a very excellent repast was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bentley, the able and courteous manager of the hotel.

Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72.—A new Lodge of Instruction was opened on Wednesday evening, 2nd inst., at Bro. Trew's, Unity Tavern, Strand (adjoining the Opera Comique Theatre). The following brethren were present:—Bros. E. Walker as Preceptor, N. Turner W.M., A. Darch S.W., C. R. Williams J.W., J. D. Simmonds S.D., D. T. Davies I.G., E. W. Lewcock Secretary; Bros. F. H. Williams, C. H. Trew, J. Braham, E. Williams, M. E. Stokes, all of the Jubilee Lodge, No. 72; also Bros. J. Stevens, H. Baldwin, Perkins, T. Brady, W. J. Fernley, J. Jones, &c. The members of the Royal Jubilee Lodge present became members, and the remainder were unanimously elected members of the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Stevens being elected an hon. member. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of a preliminary meeting were read. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed. Bro. Darch was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Officers were appointed in rotation. A Committee was formed for the purpose of framing the Bye-laws. A proposition was unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Turner for his services as W.M. on this the first meeting; as also a proposition that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to those brethren who had so kindly presented furniture to the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Wednesday next, at 8 p.m.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. W. T. Hant Jan. W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Mansfield J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Catt S.D., Prior J.D., Stringer I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings Preceptor, J. W. Freeman, and Bros. J. J. Pitt, W. B. Mansfield, Joyce, Till, Penrose. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. B. Mansfield candidate. Lodge was then called off; on resuming, the questions leading to the degree of Fellow Craft were very well answered by Bro. Joyce. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge resumed, and Bro. J. B. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Bro. Stringer, W.M. of the Royal Oak Lodge, presented to the Lodge a very handsome Masonic carpet, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to him for the same. Lodge was then closed in due form.

## Rose of Denmark Lodge of Instruction, No. 975.—

The ceremony of installation was rehearsed on Monday evening last, 31st August, at the Camden Hotel, Clapham Station, by the able Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. Edw. Ayling P.M. 975, when a good muster of the members rallied round him on the occasion. As a token of the great interest taken in the proceedings, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, consisting of as many as thirteen brethren. The ceremony was rehearsed in a satisfactory manner, Bro. Stranger acting as W.M. elect, and the several addresses were so ably and impressively given as to evoke frequent expressions of approval on the part of the brethren assembled. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Ayling was proposed and carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties that evening. Bro. Ayling, in an appropriate reply, stated that he felt highly gratified to see so many

brethren present, amongst whom he recognised many eminent and distinguished Masons. Thirteen new members were enrolled, and although the Lodge has scarcely been in existence four months, it now numbers nearly sixty members, and gives every promise of becoming a flourishing Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge room placed at the disposal of the Lodge by the worthy proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Shannaw, 975, is without exception one of the most spacious, convenient, and comfortable Lodge rooms in the south of London.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On 24th ult., at the Cook Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Weeden W.M., Parkes S.W., Stockhall J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Jones S.D., Woodman Acting Preceptor, and several others. After preliminaries, Bro. Turner, as candidate for raising, answered the questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the three degrees, and adjourned.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.**—On Saturday, 29th ult., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street-west, Hammersmith, Bros. Wing W.M., Walters P.M. S.W., Wood J.W., Johnson P.M. Secretary, Gardner (Treasurer) S.D., Craggs J.D., Meir I.G., Weeks Tyler, Ayling P.M. Preceptor. Bros. Lannady, Stroud, Coward, Bishop, Burton, Tipper, Mulvay 179, &c. The Preceptor worked the second section of the first lecture, with the assistance of the brethren, after which the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, in a very efficient manner, Bro. Mulvay being the candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and closed to the first. The S.W. was then elected to fill the office of W.M. on the ensuing Saturday evening. Bro. Gardner proposed, and succeeded in establishing a Benevolent Association, to be attached to the Lodge, a Committee being formed of the members present to draw up the rules. This is another step in the right direction, and will tend to a regular and large attendance at this successful Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Mulvay was duly proposed as a member, and was elected unanimously.

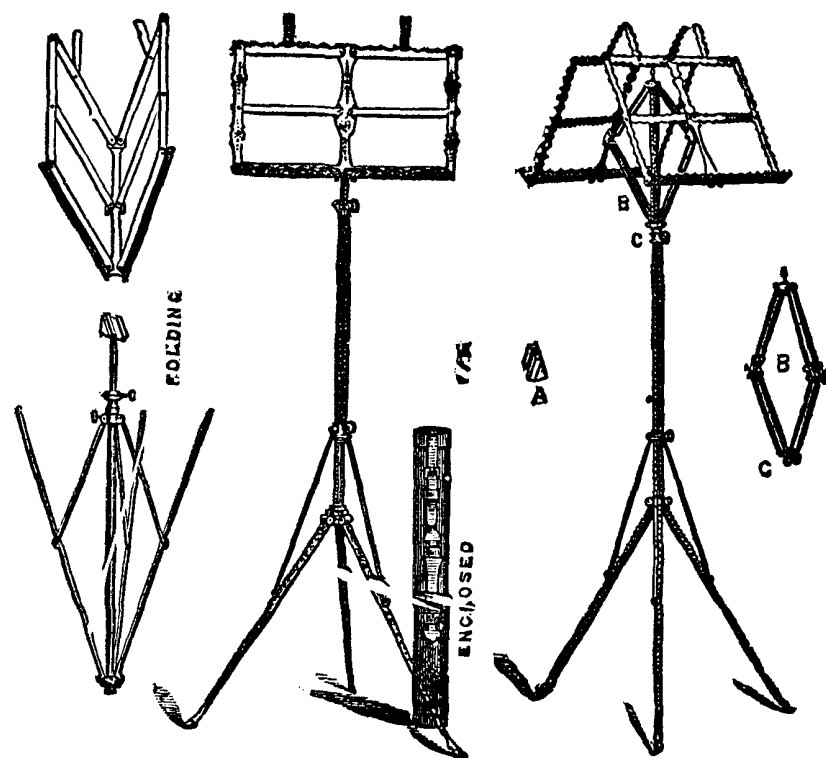
A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N. Comps. Radcliffe M.E.Z., Bird H., Dehane J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Storr P.S. The Companions attended in goodly numbers, and the ritual was ably rendered. A most profitable evening was spent.

We are pleased in being able to offer our congratulations to Brother John G. Horsey, P.P.G.D. of C. Surrey, on the award of a silver medal by the Council of the Inventions Exhibition to Horsey's Patent Broom and Brush Manufacturing Co., Limited, of which Brother Horsey is the Managing Director. This silver medal was awarded to the Company for their exhibit of brooms and brushes, in recognition of their great durability over other brooms and brushes, for their heat-resisting qualities, and for the superiority of their finish. This award must be a source of gratification to our esteemed brother, following as it does honours gained at the Paris Exhibition of 1878, the National Fisheries Exhibition, and the Plymouth Industrial Exhibition of 1881.

Amongst the many improvements that have recently been made in the City, unquestionably that of the widening of Queen-street, Cheapside, may be reckoned in the foremost place; and, taking advantage of the transition now in progress there, we notice that the old and historical restaurant, "Ye Golden Fleece," has undergone a complete and most satisfactory change. Many of the brethren of the "mystic tie" are familiar with the noted vegetarian restaurant, "the Arcadian," which is attached to the house named; and, although the enterprise has scarcely hitherto come up to the anticipations that were formed of it, yet in connection with the opening up of this important thoroughfare, and the infusion of "new blood" into the business, the Golden Fleece promises to retrieve its former popularity as a resort for City men. Under the arrangements which are now in progress by the new proprietor, Bro. E. Smith, vast alterations and improvements are contemplated, and already the hotel and adjoining restaurant present an air of improved patronage and success. By a diligent study of the various tastes of the customers, and a careful supervision of the catering in all departments, the Golden Fleece, under its new management, will rank amongst the most favourite resorts in the metropolis. The re-decoration of the interior has been skilfully carried out by Bro. Snow, of Kingsland, and no expense has been spared in developing the culinary arrangements, and those appliances which will conduce to the comfort and convenience of visitors to this old-established and well-known house. The "shades" on the basement are being entirely renovated and improved, and will be stocked with wines and spirits from the leading shippers, and transformed into a commodious and well-appointed smoking room. We understand that in a few days the re-opening of the Golden Fleece under its new régime will be inaugurated by a dinner and social evening, at which a large number of gentlemen engaged in the City have promised to attend.

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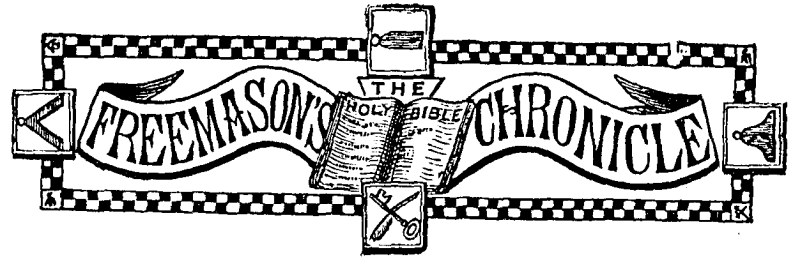
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### TRADING ON FREEMASONRY.

[COMMUNICATED.]

MR. SAMUEL WELLER jun. would have made fine capital out of a conversation I overheard a few days since in the parlour-priced side of a public-house, for although a thread of the story contained all the elements of grim humour, yet there were mingled among them touches of tender pathos to prove the veracity of the old adage, "There's many an honest heart that beats beneath a ragged coat." Not that the conversationalists were ragged in the literal sense of the term; quite the contrary. Both were attired with scrupulous neatness, in sober black, albeit of the "old fogey" cut, with deep-breasted shirt fronts of spotless white, potential cravats, and the old-fashioned seals hanging at their fobs. They had evidently struck up an old acquaintanceship after many years of absence, and addressed themselves in easy terms of familiarity over their evening "nips," as though the pleasure of meeting as they had not done since they were "boys together" was mutual and eminently gratifying. After a sanguinary tussle as to who should have the pleasure of standing the first drink, the chat began, naturally about "old times," now laughing boisterously, now shaking their heads mournfully, the old "cockalorums"—the epithet was mutually applied—ran over the gamut of friends they had known in earlier days, and the scenes through which they had passed together ere Time had laid his "fiery finger" on their brows. The elder gentleman explained that the said Time had been hard upon him, for a stiff attack of "roomatiz" had laid him low for many months, and it was as much as he could do to hobble, even with "two sticks." After the preliminaries to which I have alluded, the junior party, addressing the other with affected juvenility, and a gentle slap on the shoulder, exclaimed, "And now, old gen'lman, how are you getting along?" "Oh! purty well," replied the old 'un, "except for this 'ere sciatica, which bothers me fearfully at times. Can't grumble, you know, for tho' I don't do much in the bizness line myself now, my son Tom is all there at it; and it is only on special occasions as he wants me to help; that is, except for my advice, you know. We had two 'growns' yesterday."



"Two what?" enquired the other. "Don't you know? That's an expression in the bizness, to distinguish the grown-up folk from the infants." From this I gathered that our elder friend was an undertaker. "Yes," he repeated, "we had two 'growns' yesterday, and very nice and purty they was done too, for which I gives Tom credit. Tom's a quiet, steady lad, and if anything happens to me he will carry on the bizness, whilst the other one will have one or two of the houses I have managed to buy." "Oh, then, yours is a money-making game, old boy?" rejoined the other; "buying houses now-a-days is rare amongst any other trade than undertaking." "Well," replied the "old boy" thus addressed, "it ain't quite so brisk as it used to be; there's more on us at it, you see," referring, I suppose, to the increased competition in his particular line rather than to any diminution in the rate of mortality. "Anyhow, I've been able to buy four good houses, and they'll be enough for me so long as I can hobble about; after that they and the bizness goes to the lads." After dipping once more into general topics, he inquired, "And so you live in Hawthorn Square, do you? Ah, I had three 'oaks' from there within the last six months. Real tip-top jobs, them; quite gen'lefolks; and you know one job recommends another." With a touch of grim satisfaction he added, "I never yet conducted a funeral at anybody's house but they was so pleased with my arrangements that they wanted to see me again soon! When I buried poor old Mr. So-and-So's wife, he was so pleased with me that he recommended me to his next-door neighbour, and he in turn recommended me to the parson in the same square, who purty nigh broke his 'eart over that sweet daughter o' his. And so, you see," digging the other in the ribs, and winking slyly, "nothing succeeds like success. If you're dealing with poor folk, you may charge 'em quids, but it ain't decent among the bettermost class, they wont hear nothink except it's guineas. Well, well, I suppose we mustn't grumble, eh? When the dear old parson went away to the Continent to recruit his 'ealth," quoth the old man, "they rose a subscription for him, and I couldn't do much less than send in my guinea towards it; so I did." And here, in proud recollection of the fact, he ordered "two more whiskies, please, miss!" After some further reference to the provision he had made for his sons, the conversation reverted again to family matters, and the younger man observed, "Your sons seem to have been pretty well provided for, but you had a wife; how about her?" "Do you see this 'ere 'at-band, Mister?" "Thought it was part of the bizness," replied the other; "No, this 'ere 'atband's for her," he said, with a deep sigh; and there was a silence between the two for a moment. It was evident that, accustomed as the old man was to arranging for the obsequies of others, Death, who is no respecter of persons, had touched him too. The event had happened quite recently, and it had struck home to the old man's heart. "She wor a good old sort," he went on, shaking his head. "It wor all through that cussed drink; all along of an old charwoman as used to come in now and then to 'elp with the 'eavy part of the work. Lor' love yer, she could'nt do a bit of cookin' without a drop o' gin; she always had a kind o' *sinkin'* in her stomick; and so she persuaded the missus 'twas good for her, too; and so my wife took to it, wuss luck! Then my daughter took to nipping little drops along with 'em, and they're both gone now, all through that cussed drink!" The subsequent dialogue revealed that, although he did fairly well out of the undertaking, the late lamented missus did considerably more in a quiet sort of way by means of a loan office in a small line on her own account, amongst the costermongers and poorer classes, who in times of need would borrow small sums, ranging from half-a-sovereign to a fiver, which they promptly returned with interest. Thus the coster who wanted a little "ready" to go to market with found a friend in the old lady, who acted as a sort of banker and money lender all in one, and enabled these poor traders to tide over many a difficulty, to their mutual advantage. The subject then took another turn, and the old man remarked, "I have been a Forester, you know, for some years, and I've got many a job through belonging to them. And you're a Freemason, they tell me?" "Yes," was the reply. "Well, I'm too old to become one now, I suppose," rejoined the other; "but what might be the cost if I felt inclined to let my son join your Order?" "Well, if you're not extravagant, about £15 at first, and say £5 a year afterwards; you could do very well for

that." A sudden idea seemed to strike the old man as he scratched his head, evidently with an eye to business. "That ain't much," he exclaimed; "suppose I was to make *one* of my sons a Freemason? Do you think it would *pay*? He's a good-looking chap, and always wears nice fitting waistcoats, and everything natty,—clean, white neckcloth, and so on. It's a bad game, Mister, to neglect your personal appearance." The other nodded approvingly, but ventured no reply as to the "paying game" of becoming a Mason. The remark could not but remind me of the too many persons who join our Order through mercenary and other unworthy motives, of whom there are unfortunately such frequent instances in the modern history of the Craft. Our veteran friend was evidently imbued with the idea which, I am afraid, is far too common among aspirants for a participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, namely, that it is a passport, not only to social aggrandisement, but a stepping-stone to pecuniary gain. Consequently, I was pleased to observe that the friend to whom the remark was addressed proved that he had learned the lesson of caution taught him in the earlier stages of his Masonic career, and very little information was vouchsafed his inquirer as to the *paying* attributes of Freemasonry. This only shows how valuable are the precepts which actuate true Freemasons, for once admit of the poor principle suggested by the heading of this article, and away goes the very pith and marrow of the Order whose purity and stability we all so much admire. At this moment the son made his appearance on the scene, and I was curious to hear what might ooze out with respect to the question of which I was itching to learn a little, but nothing further turned upon Masonry. The son was, as his father had proudly described him, a smart-looking young fellow, and he immediately launched into business topics. "Do you know, father, Jack Smith, who has been with us some time? Well, I've given him the sack." "What for?" asked the old man, in evident surprise. "Well, I wanted him to take some trestles up to — Road, in readiness for that funeral to-morrow, and he refused, so I told him he would not be wanted any more." The old man, who listened to the story, replied, "It's not quite right, you know, Tom. Don't you think it would have been better to have offered him his tram-fare? He would have taken the trestles then. Now it will be *more expensive* to send them." Perhaps he was thinking more of his own convenience than of the man who had thus been suddenly thrown out of employment. But though the man lived that way, "he was not going to carry trestles;" to him it was *infra dig.* After the son had passed on, the old man whispered to his companion, "Silly fellow! I've paid that man two pun' eight this week for driving for me." The other inquired, "What? do you pay your men so much as that!" "Well, you see, I pays 'em so much a job, say four shillings each, and we had two every day, which makes up his two pun' eight." "And good pay, too," rejoined his companion. "When he came to me he was only a gen'leman's coachman out of place, and was fearfully hard up; but when he earns money he always gets high and mighty, and proud. That ain't the way to get on, Mister, is it, now? You don't know what you may want to-morrow." After this sage reflection there was a talk about wreaths, and the money that is wasted in the purchase of these so-called "tributes of affection," on the part of sorrowing relatives and friends. But there was a touch of human nature as the old fellow related an instance of a young married woman who had lost her husband, and whose funeral took place at the same hour as that of some richer individual whose bier was "literally buried in flowers," as the reporters say. As the embowered coffin was borne on in front a wreath fell accidentally from it, and our old friend, the "cockalorum," who was superintending both funerals, immediately snatched it up, and surreptitiously placed it on the more humble coffin as it came along in the rear. "She were very fond of flowers, poor dear," he said, "and 'ow she did cry when she saw me put that 'ere wreath on her poor dear husband's coffin, even tho' twer'nt mine to give!" And here the old man took another nip, with proud satisfaction at having done a generous, if not altogether an honest, action. It appears that when remonstrated with by the parties to whom it belonged, he merely replied that he knew it was wrong to take another person's property, and especially one who was dead, but he *could'nt help it*; he had'nt the heart to see one so well provided for, and the other perfectly deficient

of such loving remembrance. "You see, Mister, they wor very poor people, and I was doing the funeral for less than cost price. I had had many a job from the family; they were not long livers any of 'em. Made of bad stuff, I suppose." After a recital of this touching episode, showing that sympathy is not wanting even in the heart of one who is continually face to face with death and its surrounding trappings, the old man said he must get home, and the two cronies separated, with mutual hopes that they should meet again at no very distant date.

### MARK MASONRY.

CÆSAREAN LODGE, No. 74.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stop-fond Road, St. Helier's, Jersey, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. L. Hespivadonx W.M., J. Gray I.P.M., W. Pugsley P.M., T. Leat P.M., W. Chapman P.M., Thomas Le Scelleur S.W., J. E. Hamon J.W., J. W. Tapper Chaplain, C. Naylor M.O., Thomas Stone S.O., P. Bois J.O., J. Poole Treasurer, O. Dodge Secretary, F. D. Wallis S.D., G. Coombes J.D., J. E. Saunders Organist, H. Richer D.C., J. H. Elliott Registrar, H. Ahier I.G., G. H. Rogers, P. Blampied, C. Marrett, T. Moss, J. Maguire, J. Gibbs, and George Rogers Tyler. The usual formalities having been gone through in opening the Lodge, according to ancient custom, the minutes were read and confirmed. There being no candidate present in the ante-room awaiting advancement to the high and honourable degree of a M.M.M., the W.M. utilised the time by rehearsing, in his usual efficient manner, the lecture in the Mark Master Mason's degree, explaining the tracing board, and giving the charge and working tools. Several Grand Lodge communications, and several letters from Brother C. F. Matier, giving many hints and instructions on the working of the authorised ritual of the Grand Lodge, introduced by the present W.M., were read, and accounts passed and ordered to be paid, after which the W.M. rose and proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Miss Hopkins, the daughter of our late and much lamented Bro. Dr. Hopkins, the father of Mark Masonry, to express the heartfelt sorrow of the brethren of this Lodge on his death, which was duly seconded by Bro. T. Leat, unanimously carried, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the W.M. promised to write by the next night's mail to Miss Hopkins. A vote of thanks was also proposed by the W.M., and duly seconded by the S.W., to be passed to Brother C. F. Matier, on account of the great patience and kindness he had shown in keeping up so voluminous a correspondence with the Worshipful Master about the working of the authorised ritual, which was unanimously carried, it being added that the vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, and the Secretary be instructed to write to Bro. C. F. Matier to that effect. There being no other business offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the following Wednesday. The brethren then retired to the banqueting hall, where the usual spread awaited them. The W.M. proposed the toasts, which were duly responded to. Several songs and recitations were given, and thus a pleasant hour was wiled away.

### ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

YORK COLLEGE.

ON Wednesday, the 19th ultimo, the members of this College met at Pontefract for the purpose of viewing the ruins of the great castle, once so formidable, and whose history is of such intense interest. Some years ago the College met at the same place and heard a paper on the subject by Fra. T. B. Whytehead, but since that period extensive excavations have been made on the old site, large portions of the ruins then buried have been exposed to view, and the great internal square of the castle, then used as a garden for the cultivation of liquorice root, has been turned into a recreation ground for tennis, &c., and is surrounded by picturesque kiosks and arbours, the whole forming a beautiful and instructive recreation ground for the townspeople, maintained by subscription and fees for admission. The College was opened at 2 p.m., at the rooms of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, kindly lent for the purpose, there being present Fratres T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX. Chief Adept, J. M. Meek V. Suffragan, T. Trevor III. Celebrant, Dr. B. Langley Mills I. Sec., Col. J. Monk II. P.A., Major R. W. Moore IV. as S.A., W. Brown I. as T.A., A. T. B. Turner III. as Q.A., C. L. Mason V. as C. of N., Major McGachen I. Torch Bearer, G. Locking I. as G.T., and C. S. Lane I. as Medallist. A number of letters of apology were read and ballots were taken for Bros. W. H. B. Atkinson 910, W. Flockton 1042, and J. J. Fretwell 2069. Bros. E. C. Patchitt, W. H. B. Atkinson, and W. Flockton, accepted aspirants, were then duly received into the M.C. It was arranged to hold the next meeting in October, since the prospect of elections in November would make that month inconvenient. Bro. J. Blenkin P.M. 1611 was proposed as a candidate, and a vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of St. Oswald Lodge for the use of their room. The M.C. was then dissolved and the members, accompanied by several brethren of the local Lodge, proceeded to the ruins of the castle, where they were met by Brother R. Holmes P.M. 910, who conducted them over the entire ground, explaining the characteristic points, and finally read them a most interesting and learned paper upon the structure of the old fortress and its history. A vote of thanks was given to Brother Holmes, and the paper was ordered to be printed for the use of the members. The Collegians afterwards assembled at tea with their visitors at the Red Lion Hotel, and in the evening a party of them attended a meeting of St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, where they received a hearty welcome.

### Old Warrants (I).

[No. 153, GIBRALTAR.]

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ALBERT EDWARD G.M.

(Signed) GEO. FRED. CORNWELL D.G.M.  
JOS. F. FRANCERI D.G.S.

To all and every our Right Worshipful Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

Seal.

By His ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter &c. &c. &c. &c.

SEND GREETING.

Whereas it appears by the Records of the Athol Grand Lodge, or Old Institutions, that a Warrant bearing date the 18th November 1777, was issued the Seal of Masoury authorising certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Gibraltar, which Lodge was then No. 202, and which said Lodge in consequence of the Union of the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons on the 27th day of December 1813 became No. 251, by the alteration of the Numbers in 1832 it became No. 178, and by the general closing up of the Numbers in 1863 it became and is now registered in the Books of the United Grand Lodge as No. 153, meeting at Gibraltar aforesaid under the Title or denomination of

No. 153.

INHABITANTS LODGE

And Whereas the original Warrant of the said Lodge is lost, and the Brethren now composing the Lodge have by their Memorial prayed Us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation.

Now Know Ye That We being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request do hereby grant this Our Warrant of Confirmation unto our right trusty and well-beloved Brethren James Cunningham, James Conroy, Russell H. Collins, Henry Evans Batchelor, William Pringle, Anthony Botala, William Isaac Henry, and the other Brethren composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their Successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Gibraltar aforesaid on the first and third Monday of every month or at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear necessary, and be regulated by their Bye Laws in conformity with the general Laws of the Craft. And then and there when duly congregated to Make, Pass and Raise Free Masons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And further at the Petition of the said Brethren We do appoint the said James Cunningham to be the Master, the said James Conroy to be the Senior Warden, and the said Russell H. Collins to be the Junior Warden for continuing to hold the said Lodge under this Warrant of Confirmation until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in Ancient Form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And We do require you the said James Cunningham to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly Made Masons, and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And We do enjoin you to make such Bye Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the Majority of the Members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the general Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such Bye Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the Members of your Lodge and the Names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this Our Warrant of Confirmation shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said James Cunningham are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 10th July A.M. 5877, A.D. 1877.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

(Signed) SKELMERSDALE D.G.M.

JOHN HERVEY G.S.

[We are indebted to Brother B. F. Gould P.G.D. for copy of the above Warrant of the "Inhabitants" Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar. It is, however, only a Warrant of Confirmation, of A.D. 1877. We hope soon to announce that the original Warrant—which has been so long missed—No. 202, of 1877 (now 153), has been traced.—Ed. F.C.]

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master Surrey, Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman P. District G.M. Bengal acted as Deputy Grand Master, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, P.G.J.W. as Senior Grand Warden, while Lieut.-Col. Sackville West occupied his chair of Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand Officers present were: Revs. R. N. Sanderson and G. R. Portal Chaplains, J. W. Woodall Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick Registrar, T. Fenn President of Board of General Purposes, F. H. Goldney J.D., Sir Albert Woods D. of C., C. W. Hammerton Swd. Br., G. P. Brockbank and Butler Wilkins Std. Brs., E. M. Lott Org., Henry Garrod Purs., A. Lucking Asst. Purs. The minutes of the last Communication having been confirmed, the recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were considered, and all but one passed unchallenged. In this case Bro. Sampson Peirce P.G.D. explained that the case had been thoroughly considered at the time it was before the Lodge of Benevolence. Ultimately the proposition was agreed to. The report of the Board of General Purposes (printed in our last issue) was accepted, and then the appeal of Bro. W. H. Pigott was introduced. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, in submitting it, said the motion which the District Grand Master of New South Wales ruled to be out of order was a somewhat lengthy one. It would be in the recollection of Grand Lodge that in the District of New South Wales there were many Lodges which owed allegiance to and held under the Grand Lodge of England. There were other Lodges which were held under other jurisdictions. But a body had been established, or had established itself, within the District of New South Wales, which styled itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In 1881 Grand Lodge of England declined to recognise this as a lawfully constituted Masonic body, on the ground that it was irregularly constituted. The motion of which the brother appealing desired to give notice was—

That in the opinion of this District Grand Lodge it would be for the good of Freemasonry in general and to this Colony in particular that a Grand Lodge should exist in this Colony, that the above opinion be immediately forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England, with an intimation that this District Grand Lodge, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and being anxious to exert its best endeavours to promote the general principles of the art and the good thereof, respectfully prays for the permission of the Grand Lodge of England to hold a conference with the body calling itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with the object of agreeing and uniting with the said body to the formation of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and to negotiate and agree with the said body upon all matters affecting or incidental to the formation of the said Grand Lodge.

The notice of motion was probably given because the District Grand Master had interfered with, and prevented, the discussion in District Grand Lodge of another motion of which notice was given, to the effect that the time had arrived when, in the interest of Freemasonry in the Colony of New South Wales, there should be a union in Grand Lodge of New South Wales of all persons who had been initiated in any Masonic Lodge under any Constitution, and that there should be a Committee of officers and representatives of Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland upon the matter. The District Grand Master interfered, no doubt, on the ground that it was not competent for a District Grand Lodge which derived its authority from the warrant conferred upon him by the Grand Master to discuss a motion of that nature. The brother thereupon withdrew his first notice, and gave the second, which the District Grand Master forbade the discussion of, and the present appeal was brought. It must be evident to any brother who had followed him in reading these motions that the second notice practically brought before the District Grand Lodge the discussion of the same matters as were involved in the first, and it was quite clear that no District or Provincial Grand Lodge could possibly discuss or entertain a proposition of the nature referred to in the resolution, notice of which Bro. Pigott gave. The high authority of a District Grand Lodge was derivative. Recognising other Masonic bodies was a matter on which the Grand Lodge of England acted for itself, with a knowledge of the responsibility which it bore in taking action, and with the full sense of the weight

which that action imperilled. It was an authority which Grand Lodge would not delegate to any other body, and more particularly when, as in the present case, it had declined to recognise the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. It was impossible that Grand Lodge could delegate to any other body the power of discussing a motion with the object of a conference for agreeing and uniting with the said body, which was irregular, and with which Grand Lodge was not in accord. He therefore advised Grand Lodge to dismiss the appeal. Bro. Canon Portal seconded the motion. Grand Lodge had already declared the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to be an irregular body. He was surprised that Bro. Pigott found it in accordance with his Masonic obligation to have given notice of this motion. The appeal was dismissed, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

## THE THEATRES.

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**Her Majesty's.**—That most delightful and wonderful tragical, comical, dancical, historical drama without words, by Luigi Manzotti, which has vivified the solemn seclusion of Her Majesty's with more applause than ever before awoke its somnolent echoes, has prolonged its season, for the best of all reasons. As business waned or vanished at other houses, here it has grown the better with advance of time. "Excelsior" goes as brightly and as briskly as ever, and though we may mourn the departure of lovely Adeline Rossi, she is succeeded as prima ballerina by Signora Limido, one of the most famous dancers of Italy. This lady verily flits and flies, and hovers rather like a winged bird than a human creature. She was encored again and again on Monday night, her first appearance in London. Signor Cecchetti dances with wonderful dash and spirit. There is nothing of that effeminacy so often associated with the "male dancer" of earlier times in his style; his dancing seems an outcome of youth, strength, and vigour,—to adopt the language of some primitive age, when dancing was regarded the fittest exponent of emotion. Signor Montarnar has gained in picturesque variety of expression since we last saw him. The Attack on the Caravan by mounted Bedouins is very dramatic, and the rising clouds of sand that overwhelm the combatants is a wonderfully clever illusion; but the effect would be heightened if the lights in front were lowered. Indeed, many of the finest scenes suffer from the competing brilliancy of the Auditorium. "Excelsior" will depart in October, and those of our readers who have not yet seen it we advise to pay an early visit, and to take any young holiday folks with them. The episodes of the first steamboat, of Volta's electric battery, of the Suez Canal, become as thrilling as fairy stories, and are certainly more impressive than if seen by the light of a school primer.

**The Court.**—Nothing can better prove the affectionate interest "The Magistrate" inspires than the fact that though Mr. Cecil, Mrs. John Wood and Miss Marion Terry are no longer in the cast, "booking" at the Court still goes merrily on, and the popularity of the merry little play seems to defy alike the vacuum of the vacation and the "Jullien" high art in the adjoining parish. No little interest had been felt by the jaded playgoer as to Mr. Beerbohm Tree's rendering of the title part. An actor so conscientious and with so fine a gift for characterisation need not fail to fill the place even of that delightful comedian Mr. Cecil. Mr. Tree gives us a new reading of the part; very consistent, very true, carefully studied at every point—but somewhat heavy from over elaboration; and wanting, we think, in those gleams of an unconscious survival of an early fun instinct, which made Mr. Posket's escapade so much less improbable when he is betrayed to his discomfiture by his enigmatical step-son. Miss Lottie Venn makes a bright and merry Mrs. Posket, while Miss Lucy Roche shows improvement in Miss Marion Terry's part. Miss Norreys cannot be too much praised for the delicate tact with which she treats certain situations, making them wholly humorous and void of guile when in other hands they might easily become offensive. Mr. Eversfield, too, merits commendation for the care with which he keeps within honest school-boy limits, even when the temptation to win ready applause by "suggestion" offers itself. Mr. Sugg as the police constable now excels his first capital bit of "modelling from the life." Mr. Clayton is as vigorous and dignified as ever as the ill-used Colonel, and Mr. Kerr is perfect in his self-possession as destiny heaps new trials on his devoted head.

**Toole's.**—In our last week's notice of "On Change"—in error—we suggested that the piece would keep the bills till Mr. Toole's return in September. December is the month fixed for that gentleman's reappearance.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Weary of life. Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits and repelling the covert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmospheres, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills, and obediently putting them in practice, the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

## 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, 5th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1624—Ecclesley, Crown and Anchor, 79 Rbury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

## MONDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER.

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)  
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
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  
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
1901—Solwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moor<sup>s</sup>  
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple  
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester  
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
1708—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth  
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
M.M. 2—Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

## TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
1269—Staple, Thicket Hotel, Acrey  
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1448—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.39 (Inst)  
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
R.A. 791—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1612—Earl of Camarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Teuro  
181—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
24—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
272—Hartony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
408—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)

473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield  
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead  
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheekhendon  
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  
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidecup  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankov Greenhall, Street, Warrington  
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
1414—Knoke, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks  
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon  
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth  
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge  
R.A. 510—Stuart, Bedford  
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton  
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter  
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth  
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eva Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
1986—Honor Oak, Moor Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)  
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
753—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing  
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford  
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth  
1061—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1209—Lewises, 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, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham  
1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)  
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford  
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple  
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool  
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford  
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham  
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore  
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

## THURSDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
704—Gauden, 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)  
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botolph 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)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1554—D. Connaught, Palmersden Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ludbroke 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)  
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury,  
 at 8. (Instruction)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 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, Spalling.  
 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  
 891—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire  
 1099—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, 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  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester  
 1732—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.  
 R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees  
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 E.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny  
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.  
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

#### FRIDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 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)  
 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)  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Onse-steet, Goolo.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate  
 1097—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton 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. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax  
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 K.T. 126—De Warene, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

#### SATURDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
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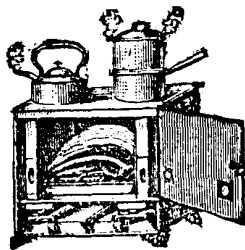
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